



*CENTENNIAL POST 209  
THE AMERICAN LEGION*



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*APRIL 1995*

*FROM THE COMMANDER - AL  
CYRIAQUE*

At our last General Membership Meeting, the Nominating Committee presented the nominees for office in 1995-1996. The election will be held at our General Membership Meeting on April 20. I urge everyone to attend this very special event so they may nominate and elect the Legionnaires whom they would most like to see in office. I feel that if you don't attend the meeting, and vote for the people you feel are best qualified to run the organization, you really don't have much cause to complain when things aren't done to your satisfaction.

For those who would like to participate more in decisions affecting the Post, this is your chance. Come to the meeting and run for office. Get involved!!!

**NEWS FLASH!**

The Seeds For Sight have just come in. They are a \$1.00 a packet and will raise money for The Foundation Fighting Blindness and The Child Welfare Foundation. Those wanting to sell please call, 599-8624, so we can get the packets to you.

*FROM THE PRESIDENT - DOT  
DASSERO*

The nominating committee will be presenting its slate of officers at the next general meeting. We need every member who can attend to do so. Our membership has dropped and if we are to keep our Auxiliary active, we must have more members attending the meetings and being willing to hold office.

A quilting session was held here at the Post's office this week. The Auxiliary makes lap robes for the veterans at the Florence Nursing Home. They are much appreciated, and an old-fashioned quilting bee is fun.

Children and Youth Chairman, Vi Herath, is planning a program for the next meeting. Chris Alexander, Administrator for the Griffith Center, will be the guest speaker.

My thanks to all the Legionnaires and Auxiliary members who sent cards, called and kept in touch following my recent surgery. It is surely nice to know that friends care. I'm not climbing mountains or dancing jigs yet but improving daily.

### POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER	ALTON CRYIAQUE
SR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
JR VICE COMMANDER	ED MITTAGE
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	J. C. SHELLHAMMER
SGT-AT-ARMS	NORMAN HARPOLE
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	ERNEST KELLY
SERVICE OFFICER	HARRY MCFADDEN
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

DUES \$25.00

### MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

World War I  
Apr 6, 1917 - Nov 11, 1918  
World War II  
Dec 7, 1941 - Dec 31, 1946  
Korean War  
June 25, 1950 - Jan 31, 1955  
Vietnam War  
Dec 22, 1961 - May 7, 1975  
Granada & Lebanon  
Aug 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984  
Panama  
Dec 20, 1989 - Jan 31, 1990  
Persian Gulf  
Aug 2, 1990 till end of hostilities

### AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	DOROTHY DASSERO
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
TREASURER	BARBARA JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	ROSALIE FRICKE
CHAPLAIN	FLORENCE SPIEWAK
SGT-AT-ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$12.00

### MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.  
834 Emory - TREA BLDG

### EDITOR

DOROTHY DASSERO, NALPA

### *MORE BY HARRY JOHNSON - SR VICE COMMANDER*

Don't forget to mark your calendar for May 13, the Installation Dinner. There will be a cash bar from 6:30 to 7:00 P.M. Dinner will be served at 7:00 with installation to follow. The menu will be herbed baked chicken, potatoes au gratin, cauliflower polonaise, tossed salad and dessert. The cost will be \$6.50 per person. Reservations must be made by May 8 so call Harry Johnson, 596-9261, or the Post Home and leave word on the machine. The dinner will be held at 430 E Pikes Peak Avenue, the VFW Post 4051 Building.

If you have not yet renewed your membership this year, it is very important that you do so now. The election of new officers for the coming year will be April 20, and you may not vote if your membership is not paid. If Post 209 is to continue to grow, it is important that we have input from membership as to the course that you want this post to take. Remember, if you don't participate in these activities, then you should not complain about the way the post is run. One very important item we will be discussing in the next meetings will be in regard to building a post home. We will need your input on this matter.

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COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80918  
719-599-8624

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - ANN FOSTER

Membership is now at 322. Four more will put us at 65% of our goal. The American Legion has had several recent accomplishments which speak to the importance of membership. One of these was insuring that the exhibit of the Enola Gay by the Smithsonian Institute did not desecrate the memory of those who fought and died in WWII. Another example is taking the lead in the protection of our flag. The Department of Colorado has a resolution which is going before the the Base Realignment and Closure Committee that demonstrates the value of not closing Fitzsimons Hospital. The American Legion at all levels has continually been in the forefront in addressing veteran issues before Congress and the State Legislature. It is due to strength in numbers that The American Legion has been able to speak so well in support of veterans. However, the clout of the past will not be there unless we bring up the numbers for the future. Just remember that when we lose our COLAs or we are not able to get medical care at either a military treatment facility or the VA, it may be due to the lack of concern by those who did not renew their membership or those who do not see any value in joining as new members. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED RIGHT NOW! SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER AND/OR ENCOURAGE A FORMER MEMBER TO RENEW!!

Tickets for the District 7 Ball are still available from Harry and Barbara Johnson. They are \$10.00 each. Purchase by April 5 so Post 38 will know how many to prepare for. This is a fun evening so give a call if you would like to join in.

Last month I mentioned that Jeff Hillman was point of contact for a proposed trip to Post 1919 at the Florence State Veterans Nursing Home. The plan was to go there on 20 May. However, that has been

changed to Saturday, June 3 due to a conflict with a New Officer Orientation by Department scheduled for 19 and 20 May at Post 1 in Denver. The Florence event will be an afternoon picnic from approximately 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., and is open to everyone in District 7. We hope you will put this on your calendar. Please leave a message at the Post, 599-8624, if you can join us.

**"WALK FOR CHILDREN" - TARRY JOHNSON**

The dates of 21 March through 22 April should be designated as the month of the children. As you know, our children today are going to be the future of this nation, and as a result, we should be doing everything we can in order to ensure that children grow normally and are given the best care possible.

Towards that end, the members of this Post, Unit and Squadron are being asked to give a little. All we need from you is a little bit of time and help. What we are asking you to do is to contact the Post and arrange to pick up a Sponsor sheet (a copy of which is also included in this newsletter) and take it through your neighborhood and place of work and ask people to make a pledge towards this worthwhile project.

I will be walking the "WALK FOR CHILDREN" on Saturday, April 22. If you would like to walk with me as a team, please give me a call at 590-1369, after 4:00 P.M. I would like the company. All pledges are to be turned in by the start of the Walk at Palmer Park.

**BINGO**

The last couple of months I have been trying to inform you of the impact that the game of Bingo has on this Post.

The game provides the Post the

funds needed to help our veterans, as well as providing support for the many American Legion programs and other activities in which we are involved.

In addition, it is also providing the funding which is going to be needed in order to build what some of the members have been dreaming of: "OUR OWN POST HOME."

This is an important dream as the Post Home will bring together members of The American Legion, as well as the American Legion Auxiliary, and provide a place to gather, make new friends and reacquaint ourselves with old friends.

I ask you to please find the time to donate to this project and help the Post at the same time.

When you come, I'm sure you will meet new friends and have fun at the same time. When you decide that you have the time, please call me at 590-1369 after 4:00 P.M. and let me know when you will be out to work.

LARRY JOHNSON  
BINGO CHAIRMAN

#### **VA TO BEGIN COMPENSATION TO SICK PERSIAN GULF VETERANS**

MEMO FROM CARROLL WILLIAMS,  
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS  
AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION

The Department of Veterans Affairs has published in the Federal Register a final rule on compensation payments to chronically disabled Persian Gulf veterans with undiagnosed illnesses.

Under the new regulations, Persian Gulf veterans may be eligible for compensation if they have chronic disabilities resulting from undiagnosed illnesses that became manifest either during

service in the Southwest Asia theater or within two years thereafter. A disability will be considered chronic if it has existed for at least six months.

A list of 13 categories of undiagnosed illnesses has been included as a means of identifying the kinds of conditions for which compensation may be paid. The categories are representative of the wide range of signs and symptoms most frequently noted in the first 17,000 completed and analyzed examinations of participants in VA's Persian Gulf Registry, which was established in 1992 to identify any patterns of illnesses among Gulf veterans. The 13 categories are not exclusive, and other signs and symptoms could qualify for compensation purposes.

In a letter to more than 39,000 veterans currently on the Persian Gulf Veterans Health Registry, Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, said VA will reopen previously denied compensation claims and urged veterans who have not filed claims to do so if they believe they are entitled to benefits.

Persian Gulf veterans or their families can contact the nearest VA regional office by calling 1-800-827-1000 for information and assistance.

Veterans or their families can also call VA's new Persian Gulf Informatio Helpline at 1-800-PGW-VETS (1-800-749-8387) for information on medical care and other benefits available from VA. The Helpline, which was activated February 2, is headquartered at a new Persian Gulf Information Center at VA's St Louis Regional Office and staffed by Persia Gulf War benefit specialists who are availale weekdays from 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. (CT).

# April 1995

## CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY

MONDAY









TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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<b>2</b>  Daylight Savings			<b>5</b> 		<b>7</b>  7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE		
<b>9</b> Palm Sunday	<b>10</b> 				<b>14</b> Good Friday 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE		
<b>16</b>  Easter	<b>17</b> 		<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  7:30pm ELECTION OF OFFICERS	<b>21</b> 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	<b>22</b> WALK FOR CHILDREN	
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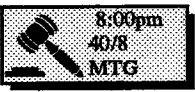


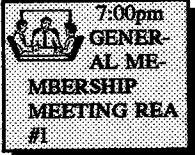
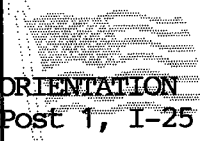

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7	8  8:00pm 40/8 MTG	9	10	11	12 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	13 6:00pm INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
14  Mother's Day	15  7:30pm 8 & 40 MTG POST 5	16	17	18  7:00pm GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REA #1	19 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE NEW OFFICER TRAINING AT and Yale St.	20 Armed Forces Day  ORIENTATION Post 1, I-25
21	22	23	24	25	26 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	27
28	29  Memorial Day (Observed)	30	31			

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**INSTRUCTIONS! PLEASE READ!**

1. Please print with capital letters; use a blue or black ballpoint pen.
2. Be sure to tell sponsors they are making a fixed pledge or donation.
3. If you do not collect your sponsor's money as a Team Walker, tell them they will receive a pledge notice in the mail.
4. Ask sponsors to please PRINT their complete name and address.
5. Thanks! Remember you are a lifesaver to children, youth & families!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

WALK FOR CHILDREN

IF MAILING TO POST SEND TO:

4291 Austin Bluffs Pky Ste 104  
Colorado Spgs CO 80918-2944

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