

CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

APRIL 1996



LEGION NEWS

The Board of Trustees has decided, after reviewing the plans for our new Post Home, that we will not include a Bingo Hall at the present time. A one level building will be built. We will continue holding our Bingo games at the TREA Building. If the gaming commission decides in favor of Bingo being under the Secretary of State's office, we will take another look regarding building a Bingo Hall.

The Legion Birthday party was held last Saturday night. We served 37, and everyone had a very good time. Sorry you missed it.

Ovie Vernon, Past Department Commander and Past NEC, had a massive heart attack and is in St. Mary Corwin Hospital. Cards and letters can be sent to his home, 2121 N. Greenwood, Pueblo 81003. Al Dillon, Past Department Chaplain (Department President Mae Dillon's husband) had a stroke and is in the Rehabilitation Hospital in Colorado Springs. Cards and letters to 11430 Cranston Drive, Peyton, CO 80831.

The District 7 Ball will be April 13, at Post 38 in Security. Menu will be stuffed pork chops and the Bill Boyt band will play. The cost is \$10.00 per person. If you have not yet bought your tickets and want to attend, call 596-9261.

Department Commander Ed Wearing has temporarily withdrawn from his position due to health and family problems, and Sr. Vice Commander Jack Tarpey has assumed the duties of Commander until Ed is able to return.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to be sure you are registered for the election in November, and that you plan to get out to vote. This may be the most important election for Veterans in many years. Your rights are being taken away by the present politicians. You owe it to yourself and your fellow Veterans to find out who supports Vet's rights and vote for those people.

Our April meeting is very important to our Post because we will elect new officers for the coming year. If you are interested in running for an office, please let us know, and come to the meeting on April 18th at the DAV Post Home. There will be a potluck at 6:00 P.M., meeting at 7:00 P.M. We encourage you to attend and participate in the meeting.

HARRY JOHNSON, COMMANDER



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

**SPREAD
the word!**

OFFICERS

COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
SR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY MCEADDEN
IR VICE COMMANDER	CHUCK CLABBERS
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	I. C. SHELLHAMMER
SGT AT ARMS	JEFF NEW
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	WALLY LONSINGER
SERVICE OFFICER	
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
JUN 25, 1950 - JAN 31, 1946
VIETNAM WAR
DEC 22, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975
GRENADA & LEBANON
AUG 24, 1982 - JUL 31 1984
PANAMA
DEC 20, 1989 - JAN 31, 1990
PERSIAN GULF
AUG 2, 1990 UNTIL THE
END OF HOSTILITIES

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	BARBARA JOHNSON
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY/TREASURER	DOT DASSERO
HISTORIAN	
CHAPLAIN	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
SGT AT ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$12.00

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - ANN FOSTER

We finally broke the 70% barrier with 319 members. We need 20 more to reach 75%. Our District 7 is the lowest percentage-wise. It would be nice if we could show our support of our Department Senior Vice Commander Jack Tarpey, from District 7, by achieving 100%. April is election month for the coming Legion year, and May will be installation of officers.

If you want to have any say about the new Post Home, and/or those who will be charged with making that happen, I recommend you consider attending upcoming meetings.

There are many levels of membership in The American legion. The first level is a member who pays dues, supporting Legion programs and receiving Legion publications.

The second level can be a member who participates in other organizations, such as Scout leader, which participation can be counted towards Legion programs.

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.
DAV POST #26 PALMER PARK & PETERSON RD.

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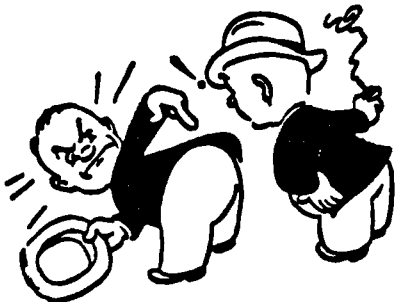


AUXILIARY NEWS

The next level can be a member who attends meetings and social events. The final level is a member who is willing to choose further involvement, such as being a committee member, chairperson or officer. I used the word choose for a particular reason! The current executive committee of ten people has four fulltime working people, three part-time working people, and three retired people. All of these officers have family obligations and other organizational/church/etc. obligations. All of us could say we do not have time to give to The American Legion. The difference is that we choose to give our time and talents to The American Legion because we believe in VETERANS HELPING VETERANS.

I am perfectly aware that there are valid reasons for some to stay at lower level participation until they are able to find time to advance in Legion participation. However, I cannot believe this is true of all members not currently visible at a higher level. I suspect it is easier to choose to remain at the lower levels rather than accept the challenge to find some way to be of service, no matter how small the task. Whether you care about others is one thing, but you should care enough about yourself, as a veteran, to want to do something in an organization which is trying to help you.

As we approach our own election of officers, as well as the elections this fall for President, Vice President and members of Congress, I challenge you to think about what you can offer in the coming year to better life for yourself and your fellow veterans.



At our March 21 meeting, it was recommended by the nominating committee that the same officers from this year be nominated for the 1996-97 year. However, nominations from the floor will be accepted at our April 18th meeting. We would welcome any lady who is interested to please take an office. New faces and new ideas are always welcome.

We will also have initiation of new members before the election. Any member who has not been initiated is invited to attend.

We will have a short program by Chris Alexandar of the Griffith Home for Boys preceding the meeting. Those Legionnaires attending the Legion meeting will be invited to sit in on this presentation. The Auxiliary has made a cash donation to the Home as its Children and Youth project for this year. The money was designated for clothing for the boys at the Home.

Our thanks as well go to Alice Hart and Betty Romano for the amount of bibs they made for Ft. Lyon Medical Center and the Florence Nursing Home. These are much appreciated by the staff of these two facilities.

My thanks to the Legion for a fantastic birthday dinner and dance. The food was wonderful and the music good. The cake donated by our Auxiliary was, as always, yummy. Thanks also to helpers Jim and Marcia Shellhammer, Alice Hart, Vi Herath and Dot Dassero.

BARBARA JOHNSON
PRESIDENT



ACTIVITIES & OTHER SIMILAR STUFF

HEALTHCARE NEWS

A Retiree Healthcare Briefing will be held on 4 May, 8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M., McMahon Theater, Ft Carson.

A Town Meeting on issues relating to prostate cancer is being held on Tuesday, April 23 at Temple Events Center Uptown, 1595 Pearl Street, Denver. This 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. event is open to the public and admission is free. It will feature Len Dawson, an NFL Hall of Famer and host of HBO's "Inside the NFL" who is a prostate cancer survivor.

Larn about new advances in the diagnosis and treatment and the importance of early detection.

APRIL ACTIVITIES

Coming up in April:

April 3 - Executive meetings

April 13 - District 7 Ball - for tickets call 596-9261

April 18 Meetings - Election of Officers, Auxiliary Initiation - The potluck dinner will be at 6:00 P.M. with meeting at 7:00 P.M. Bring a covered dish and join us for a good meal and fellowship.

April 27 - Florence Nursing Home Birthday Party, 2:00 P.M.

FUNDRAISING

According to the Secretary of State (a member of The American Legion), anyone who is a member of the Legion or its licensed Auxiliary, and has been a

member more than three months may call the game of Bingo. Right now, we are hurting for callers. If you would like to learn to call the game, come on down and within a couple of weeks, you will be able to call.

During the past month, we averaged \$2,500 to \$3,000 per game per week. Post bills are roughly \$3,000 monthly so it takes about one week of Bingo to pay the bills. The rest goes towards building our Post Home. We need you.

FINANCE OFFICER - LARRY JOHNSON

The balances in our various accounts are as follows:

ASSETS

BINGO ACCT	50,712.43
BLDG ACCT	39,743.28
CLUB ACCT	31.41
DAILY CASH FUND	408.81
FUND RAISING ACCT	501.73
GENERAL ACCT	7,678.68
POST SAVING ACCT	1,082.65

TOTALS \$100,158.99

OTHER ASSETS

CD #1 POST	\$1,104.98
CD #2 POST	1,786.34
CD #1 BLDG FUND	4,898.04
CD #3 POST	1,000.00
LAND	75,000.00
T-BILLS	9,333.70

TOTAL ASSETS \$193,282.36

If you have questions concerning this report, please attend the General Membership meeting.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Intallation of officers will be May 19 at the VFW Post 4051. The evening will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a social hour with dinner at 6:30 P.M.