



THE AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL POST 209

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April 2004 - Newsletter

From Commander, Chuck Zeitvogel

Election of Officers.

Election of officers to lead your Post 209 for this next Legion year will take place at the Saturday morning April 10th General Membership Meeting. Report of the Nominating Committee is presented later in this newsletter. Please note that no one was nominated for Post Historian.

Nominations by the Nomination Committee are noted later in this newsletter. Should you believe that others might be good candidates to serve, an opportunity to make nominations from the floor will be provided prior to the elections.

Keep in mind that this is an important election. Every member is urged to attend this meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 10th, and vote for who you want lead Post 209 in 2004/2005.

Duties of Officers.

Attached to this newsletter are the "Duties of Officers" as quoted from Post 209 current Constitution & Bylaws. Read them so you know what to expect from your officers.

Installation of Officers.

An installation ceremony and breakfast meeting is being planned for Saturday, May 8th, at the TREA in the Auxiliary Room facilities. The event is in the planning stages. It is expected to be a breakfast meeting. Details will be provided in the May newsletter. Plan now to attend, mark your calendars and day minders for this event.

An invitation is all so hereby extended to Post 209 Auxiliary members to have their installation of officers at this event. Contact the Post Commander so that accommodations can be made if interested.

Newsletter Editor.

A new newsletter editor is needed.

Volunteer your talents to make your Post 209's newsletter one of the best in the Department of

Colorado. Contact Commander Chuck Zeitvogel if interested. Your name will be passed on to the new commander when elected.

Post 209 Bylaws Change.

Post 209's Bylaws Article X, Meetings, Section 5 that read: "*Ten percent of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at a regular or special meeting*"

Was changed to read: "*At least twelve or more members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at a regular meeting and three of the twelve must be elected members of the Executive Committee.*"

This change was voted upon by a quorum of members at the March 13, 2004 General Membership meeting.

Members Are Needed.

Members are still needed to attend official business meetings regardless of the above Bylaw change. Input by members is need for the Executive Committee to meet member expectations. Make it your business to attend meetings.

Post 209's E-mail Address.

The e-mail address for Post 209 is al209@pcisys.net, please make a note of it. Use it to send your comments and other input to the office. The officers of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustee members will be pleased to hear from you.

Use al209@pcisys.net to stay in touch with your Post 209 officers.

Donations to Post 209.

Fourteen (14) members as of this writing have donated \$1,770.00 to benefit Post 209's operations.

All members are being asked to consider making a donation of \$10.00/month or \$120.00/year in lieu of working in a fund raising project.

I don't like having to ask for donations, but donations by all will help solve our funding needs. Please consider it and make your donation check out to Post 209 and send it to the office address above.

Think about it. The financial obligations of Post 209 can be met if all members donate the requested amount. There will be no need then for members to work in other on going fund-raising projects This can be a win-win solution for all concerned.

Many thanks to you, who have already given. Thank-you! Thank-you

From Adjutant, Ann Foster

As of this writing we have one new member and one renewal for 2004. Last month I advised that we only need thirteen new members to reach 100% of our goal. Surely you all know someone who needs the benefits of belonging to The American Legion and more specifically our Post. There are individual benefits as well as overall benefits. Some of these are various group insurance plans that may meet your needs; discounted moving services with North American Van Lines and Global Van Lines; car rental discounts with Avis, National, and Budget; a significant savings at various motels; a new program called Veterans Holidays; ADT Security Services special pricing;

The American Legion Wireless cell phone program; the Eye Care Plan of America with savings up to 40% or more; the RX America Discount Prescription Drug Program; and benefits from the First National Bank of Omaha. Overall benefits include the comradeship of fellow veterans; service to veterans; service to the community; and the support of the many programs of The American Legion that support our country, our veterans, our children and youth, etc. If you need more information about these benefits, please write or call, 599-8624, the Post. Please ask one person to join!

Cub Pack 24.

Our Post is the organizational representative for this thriving group of young boys. They are blessed with a dedicated group of parents and other volunteers who work hard to help insure their children receive all of the benefits to be derived from their membership in the Scouting program. It is a distinct pleasure to watch the growth that is taking place in each and every member of the Pack. If you would like to join me in this endeavor, please call and leave a message at the Post, 599-8624. The next big event for the Pack will be a booth at the Frontier District Scout show on Saturday, May 15th, at the Youth Outreach Center on Union Blvd. The Pack booth will exhibit leatherwork. They will also

have a hands-on leatherwork project in which other Scouts can take part. Since the Frontier District includes all Scouts in School District 11, there will be many booths and many chances to see what Scouting does for this segment of our community. Please plan to drop in to see our Pack booth and the other activities of the other Packs and Troops. There will also be a District Pinewood Derby at this show. The top three winners from each Pack are invited to compete. Eric Dech, David Ferrier, and Albion Budney are our Pack winners. Come cheer them on. If you would like more information about the show, please call the Committee Chair, Dianne Godwin, at 447-073

The U.S. Flag

The things that the flag stands for were created by the experiences of a great people.

Everything that it stands for was written by their lives.

The flag is the embodiment, not of sentiment, but of history. It represents the experiences

made by men and women, the experiences of those who died and lived under that flag.

Woodrow Wilson

June 14, 1915

From: **Patriot Hearts, An Anthology of American Patriotism**, by Major William T. Coffey, Jr.

From Finance Officer. (Open)

Commander Chuck Zeitvogel reported expenses and income information at past Executive Committee and General Membership meetings.

Senior Vice Commander, Greg Andries, offered to chair a committee of volunteers who would be willing to conduct fund raising raffles to benefit Post 209. Please call the office to contact Sr. Vice Commander Andries if you are willing to help raise funds through a raffle program.

Fund raising is necessary to meet the on going expenses. Every ones help is needed in

Bowen, Clotilde D.
Delahanty, Joseph T.
Foster, Ann
Hyde, Donald B.
Kobelt, James P.

Kortemeyer, Henry A.
Marshall, Penelope A.
Martinez, Patricia
Miller, R. Kim
Nilles, Fredrick E.

Paulus, Donald
Rydell, Helen
Rydell, Robert
Zeitvogel, Charles

From Chaplain, Howard Hornik

Members reported ill/sick or in the hospital: *None*
Members who have passed since the last newsletter: *David L. White.*

I appreciate being nominated to serve as chaplain for another year. However, I have served in this capacity for about ten years, and now due to my wife's health concerns must decline the nomination to serve another year.

From Historian, W.W. Bandler

I would like to thank our Legionnaire members for their cooperation in providing pictures of events this past year for inclusion in our Post yearbook.

One last call if there are any other pictures of interest for the yearbook. I am in the final stages of completing the yearbook

April General Membership Meeting.

The General Membership meeting for April will be held in the TREA Auxiliary Room, Saturday morning, April 10th starting at 10 A.M. Our Post 209 officer elections will be held at this meeting.

It is important that as many members attend as possible. Please mark your calendar/s now and plan to attend.

Where is the TREA located? It is located at 834 East Emory Circle, Colorado Springs.

Should you have questions call the office at 719-599-8624 and someone will return your call.

Membership! Membership!

Serving current members and recruiting new members was and still is one of many objectives of the American Legion. Why? For one reason The American Legion is made up of volunteers with a few exceptions. And, at the local level, as in our post, what is done is determined to a great extent by what the members are willing to do. The hands that reach out to help individual members in need often come from our own membership.

As a member driven organization from time to time we might remind ourselves to perpetuate service to one another we need to recruit new members and encourage them to take an active roll in our local post activities.



April & May General Membership Meetings.

Both of the April and May meetings are important. Elections of officers will take place at the April 10th meeting as well as reports of current Post activities.

At the May 8th meeting the annual report to members is given by the Commander, and installation of new Post 209 officers by a Department of Colorado officer representative will take place.

Plans are also in the works for the May 8th meeting to be a breakfast meeting.

This will definitely be a special event! All members are asked to make reservations and to pay in advance the nominal charge asked for the breakfast.

Post 209 is on the move and ready to build for the future. You will definitely want to be there to witness this launching!

Nominating Committee Report.

Neal Thomas, as chairman, with members Tom Morant & Robert Rydell served on the Nominating Committee. Legionnaire candidates they are offering for the officer positions are listed below. If elected they will serve for Post 209's Legion year of June 2004 thru June 2005.

Commander	Bill Marshall
Sr. Vice Commander	Greg Andries
Jr. Vice Commander	W.W. Bandler
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Norm Moyer
Sgt. at Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Mario Taracena & Howard Hornick
Historian	(No Nomination)
Post Executive Committeeman	Neal Thomas
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Tom Morant

Note: The that the *Judge Advocate* and *Service Officer* are appointed by the new Commander with consent of the Executive Committee

District 7 Convention

Did you know that Post 209 is in District 7 of the Department of Colorado? Well, it is, and District 7's Convention will be held May 16, 2004 at Post 13 in Canon City. All American Legion members in District 7, and Post 209 are invited to attend.

The convention will start at 11:30 a.m.. There will be a lunch break and business sessions to follow.

April General Membership Meeting

This April General Membership meeting will be Saturday morning April 10th starting at 10 A.M. in the TREA Auxiliary Room. This is an important meeting to elect new officers for your Post 209. Try to be there. As many members as possible should attend to elect new officers for Post 209!

The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA), Chapter 1, is located at 834 East Emory Circle, Colorado Springs.

Call the office at 719-599-8624 if you have question and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

April 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Board of Trustees Meeting Executive Committee Meeting	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Articles for May Newsletter due	10 General Membership Meeting & Election of Officers.
	12	13	14	15	16	16
18	19	20	21 Cub Pack 24 Meeting: 7:00 pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 May Newsletter Mailed	

May 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Installation Dinner for New Officers
2	3	4	5	6 Board of Trustees Meeting Executive Committee Meeting	7	8 General Membership Meeting, Installation of officers & Breakfast at TREA
9	10	11	12 Cub Pack 24 Meeting: 7:00 pm	13	14 Articles for June Newsletter due	15
16 District 7 Convention at Post 13/Canon City: 11:30 a.m.	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	7	28	29
30	31 Mail June Newsletter					

Duties of Officers (Ref. - Article IV of Post 209's Bylaws)

Section 1 - The Post Commander is the chief executive officer of the post and shall preside at all meetings of the post and have general supervision over the business and affairs of the post. He shall approve all orders directing the disbursement of funds, and shall make an annual report covering the business of the post for the year and recommendations for the ensuing year. This report shall be presented at the annual meeting, and a copy thereof immediately forwarded to the department adjutant.

Section 2. - The Senior and Junior Vice - Commanders are the principal assistants to the Post Commander, and shall assist the Post Commander as directed in the discharge of his duties. In the event of the death, resignation or disability (declared by the Executive Committee to exist) of the Post Commander, the Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders, in order of precedence, shall succeed to the office and have all the powers and duties of the Post Commander.

Section 3 - The Adjutant shall have charge of and keep a full and correct record of all proceedings of all meetings; keep such records as the department and national organizations may require; render reports of membership annually or when called upon at a meeting; and under the direction of the commander handle all correspondence of the post.

Section 4 - The Finance Officer shall have charge of all post funds and see that they are safely deposited in a local bank, and shall report once each month to the Executive Committee and to the general membership on the financial status of the post. He shall sign all checks disbursing the moneys of the post. He shall furnish surety bond in such sum as shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.

Section 5 - The Historian shall maintain a historical record of events of the post and of its members, and shall perform such other duties as may properly pertain to the officer as determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 6 - The Chaplain shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of the post and its members, and will offer non-sectarian divine services in the event of dedications, funerals, public functions, etc., adhering to such ceremonials rituals as are recommended by national or department headquarters.

Section 7 - The Sergeant at Arms shall preserve order at all meetings, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section 8 - The Post Service Officer shall be responsible for bringing to the attention of all members and their dependents the rights and benefits available to them by law, and for assisting all veterans and their dependents in applying for such benefits. He must be familiar with laws and regulations governing veterans benefits, and with the service available from The American Legion Department Service Officer and from other community agencies.

Section 9 - The Executive Committeeman is a voting member of the post Executive Committee which is entrusted with the government and management of the post. It shall be his responsibility to represent the interests of the general membership on the Executive Committee.

Section 10 - The Judge Advocate shall be responsible for auditing post finances in accordance with the post Constitution. He shall also be responsible for interpreting the Constitution and Bylaws of the post, and when called upon to do so by the Commander or other officers of the post, to rule upon the legality of proposed actions or decisions.

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Post 209 Executive Committee

Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
Senior Vice. Commander	Greg Andries
Junior Vice. Commander	Bill Marshall
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Position Open
Historian	W. W. Bandler
Sergeant at Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Howard Hornik
Post Executive Committeeman	Neal Thomas
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Tom Morant
Past Commander	Vacant

Board of Trustees

Neal Thomas	Chairman (2yr)
Alton Cyriaque	Secretary (1yr)
Position Open	Finance Officer
Chuck Zeitvogel	Commander
Larry Johnson	Member (2yr)
Vacant	Member (1yr)
Ann Foster	Member (3yr)

Committees

Planning & Budget	Chuck Zeitvogel	531-0546
Membership	Greg Andries	636-3346
Program/Social Activities	Bill Marshall	495-0088
Americanism/Youth/Scouting/Jr., ROTC / Marksmanship.....	Ann Foster	599-8624
Boys State & Oratorical	Bill Marshall	495-0088
Legislative & National Security	Neal Thomas	392-1510
Veteran Affairs	Tom Morant	570-0843
(Club) Land Use, Care & Development	Greg Andries	636-3346

Ad Hoc Committees

Constitution & ByLaws	Neal Thomas	392-1510
Property Inventory:		
-Office	Ann Foster	599-8624
-Storage Unit	Larry Johnson	622-0344
Auxiliary Liaison	Chuck Zeitvogel	531-0546
Sons of The American Legion	Larry Johnson	622-0344

Auxiliary Unit Officers

President	Dot Dassero
Sec. Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	<i>Vacant</i>
Sgt. at Arms	Ruth Hornick

No Comments provided for this Newsletter

Think about it!!

VOTING! It is not just a privilege. It's a responsibility that good citizens should exercise.

This year register to vote. Get informed on the issues and vote when the time comes.