

**THE AMERICAN LEGION – CENTENNIAL POST 209**  
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**APRIL 2006 – NEWSLETTER**

# **HAPPY EASTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2006**

**\*TREA, Breakfast 9 AM, Membership Meeting 10 AM  
Program--Nomination and Election of Post Officers and  
Board of Trustees  
Officers' Comments**

## **COMMANDER – Bill Marshall**

It is that time of year to elect your officers for 2006-2007. It is important that you attend this meeting to nominate and elect members to lead this Post into the future. Please plan on attending and make your voice heard.

It is not too late to renew your 2006 membership. Although you do not attend meetings, for whatever reason, you are a vital part of The American Legion and the programs we support: Boys State, Oratorical Contest, baseball and Scouts, just to name a few. You may not realize it, but you were a contributor to The American Legion being able to lobby congress against the doubling and tripling of premiums for TriCare, as well as the co-pay for prescription drugs. There is no change for those over 65 with TriCare For Life. The 2.7 million memberships form a loud voice and we were heard. You and your family are very important to us and we will always be there for you. Thank you for all your support in the past, and I know you will help us in the future.

## **Officers Nominations For 2006-2007**

As submitted by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, the below listed members are hereby nominated for the following offices:

Commander-W.W. Bandler  
SR. Vice Commander-Phillip Larson  
JR. Vice Commander-Richard Brandt  
Adjutant-Ann Foster

Finance Officer-Norm Moyer  
Sgt-at-Arms-Robert Rydell  
Chaplain-Mario Taraceno  
Historian-Curtis Wash

**The floor will be open for further nominations.**

**\*TREA-is located on Emory Circle one block East of Murray off Galley RD.**

**SR. VICE COMMANDER – W.W. Bandler**

From the desk of Post 209's entertainment director-

We have secured the special room at the new Country Buffet at 7665 North Academy Blvd. (between Office Max and Best Buy) for our annual Christmas luncheon. It will be held on December 16, 2006 from 1130 to 1500 hours. The buffet is all you can eat for seniors at \$7.29 per person. The facility has been completely remodeled. Door and table prizes will be drawn. This year there will be more prizes.

A reminder - Our annual summer picnic will be held on July 8, 2006 from 1100 to 1600 at the Palmer Park pavilion. Bring your lawn chairs, drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers, etc., and a dish to share. **Mark your calendars now for both fun events.**

**ADJUTANT – Ann Foster**

**Membership**

We are currently at 90% of our 2006 goal, 15 more for 95%, and 31 more for 100%. Obviously, we are close, and I encourage those who have not yet renewed to please do so. It is not necessary for you to wait upon a renewal notice from National. Just check your card and if it says 2005 and you know you have not paid for 2006, just send a check for \$30.00 to The American Legion Post 209. To those who have already paid for 2006, please remember that if you receive an additional Renewal Notice and your card reflects 2006, you may disregard if you have already paid your 2006 dues. Please remember that National is daily processing dues renewals for a membership of close to 3 million. There are 55 Departments in The American Legion sending in dues. Everything is done in the order in which it is received, so there can be a time lag given the volume. Just keep that in mind after you check your card and it says 2006.

**Cub Pack 24**

The Pack meeting for April is the 19th and will be a special time for the boys, who have been working hard all year. The Webelos II boys will cross over into Boy Scouts. The other boys will move up in rank. Many of the final awards will be handed out. This summer will be a good time as well for those who are able to attend Day Camp in July. The top three winners of our Pinewood Derby will be participating in the Frontier District runoff on 29 April. We wish them a lot of luck. There will also be a Scout Show at the Citadel Mall on 22 April, between 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. If you are out and about that day it would be an excellent opportunity to see today's Scouting in action.

**CHAPLAIN – Mario Teracena**

**EASTER**

Easter is a special time for Jews and Christians. To commemorate Israel's deliverance from the Pharaoh's bondage, God commanded the Jews to keep the "Feast of the Passover," celebrating

that the angel of destruction passed over the homes of the faithful before they departed Egypt (Exodus 12).

For Christians it means the commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is an opportunity to meditate on the ministry and events of the sacrifice (atonement) that culminated with the crucifixion and conquering of death by Jesus Christ.

The scriptures tell us of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as the Messiah (Redeemer) in Math 2: 1-11. The Jewish rulers and chief priests feared the prominence of Jesus and they conspired persistently together for His death. They were encouraged in their wicked plots by Judas Iscariot. After a shameful trial, Jesus was sentenced to death by crucifixion. He was required to brutally and inhumanely carry His cross. At Mount Calvary in the most lingering and painful form of execution, Jesus addressed His Father saying: "Father into thy hands I commend my Spirit."

Jesus Christ died, but not until all things were accomplished as had been appointed: that all mankind might repent from their own sins and come to salvation, that is, back to the presence of our God. John 3:1-5 and John 3:16

### LEON W. ASHTON

"To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8) Leon entered life March 26, 1904 and he entered eternal life on Friday, March 3, 2006, just a few days short of this 102nd birthday. Leon lived a full and honorable life. He was an educator, school administrator and systems engineer. He served the U.S. Army during WWII. His wife, a son, 3 daughters, 9 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren survive him. His memorial services were held at the First Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs.

#### **Programs Supported by Post 209**

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| -Service to Veterans                  | -Pikes Peak Veterans Council |
| -Memorial Day & Veterans Day Parade   | -Scouting                    |
| -Boy's State                          | -Jr. ROTC                    |
| -Crawford House for Homeless Veterans | -Jr. Shooting Program        |
| - Stand-Down for Homeless Veterans    | -Oratorical Contest          |

#### **Coming Events**

- Apr 6---Executive Comm. Meeting
- Apr 8---Membership Meeting, election of Post Officers and Board of Trustees
- Apr 9---Palm Sunday
- Apr 14---Good Friday
- Apr 15---Tax Day (actually due by Monday Apr. 17)
- Apr 16---Easter Sunday

### **2005-2006 Ad Hoc Committees**

Constitution and Bylaws – Neal Thomas, 719-392-1510

Property Inventory

-Office – Ann Foster, 719-599-8624

-Storage Unit – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344

Auxiliary Liaison – Bill Marshall, 719-495-0088

Sons of the American Legion – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344

### **2005-2006 Board of Trustees**

Chairman – Neal Thomas

Secretary – Alton Cyriaque

Finance Officer – Norm Moyer

Commander – Bill Marshall

Member (3yr) – Alton Cyriaque

Member (3yr) – Chuck Zeitvogel

Member (2yr) – Ann Foster

Member (1yr) – Neal Thomas

Member (1yr) – Larry Johnson

### **2005-2006 Meetings**

Post Executive Committee meets 1<sup>st</sup>

Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Ste. 104, at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Ste. 104 immediately following Post Executive Committee Meeting.

### **2005-2006 Post 209 Officers/Executive Committee**

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Commander             | Bill Marshall   |
| Sr. Vice Commander    | W. W. Bandler   |
| Jr. Vice Commander    | Open            |
| Adjutant              | Ann Foster      |
| Finance Officer       | Norm Moyer      |
| Historian             | Curtis Wash     |
| Sergeant-at-Arms      | Robert Rydell   |
| Chaplain              | Mario Taracena  |
| Judge Advocate        | Larry Johnson   |
| Service Officer       | Tom Morant      |
| Post Ex. Committeeman | Neal Thomas     |
| Past Commander        | Chuck Zeitvogel |

### **2005-2006 Auxiliary Unit**

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| President           | Dot Dassero     |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Barbara Johnson |
| Chaplain            |                 |
| Sergeant-at-Arms    |                 |

### **Calendar**

| <b>April 2006</b> |               |                |                  |                 |                |  |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>Monday</b> | <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Friday</b>  | <b>Saturday</b>                              |
| 30                |               |                |                  |                 |                | 1  |
| 2                 | 3             | 4              | 5                | 6 E.C. Mtg.     | 7              | 8 Post membership Mtg., Election of Officers |
| 9 Palm Sunday     | 10            | 11             | 12               | 13              | 14 Good Friday | 15 Tax Day                                   |
| 16 Easter         | 17 Taxes Due  | 18             | 19               | 20              | 21             | 22   |
| 23                | 24            | 25             | 26               | 27              | 28             | 29   |

# **HAPPY EASTER**