



American Legion
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ITEM I

Our new Post home is gradually shaping up, but there is still quite a bit of work to be done. In my last Newsletter, I stated that a work effort would be undertaken weekly on Saturday. There is a change to that schedule due to the restaurant having to be ready to operate early Sunday morning for breakfast. Therefore, the weekly work schedule has been changed to Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. Why not break away from the boob-tube and come out and help put your Post home in tip-top shape? Contact John Kovar or myself and let us know when you are available to work and we will set up a schedule. This way everyone will not show up at one time. If you are off during the week, check with John to see what needs to be done.

ITEM II

We have made giant strides in membership thus far, but not nearly as well as we possibly could. I am still receiving names of DMS Members who have not been recruited into our Post. All you need to do is ask them to join us as they are already paid up members without a local Post home. Let's recruit them before they lose interest.

ITEM III

Bingo - Last week's turnout of Bingo workers was pathetic. We cannot expect to continue our Bingo game without workers. Bingo is the life support system of our Post; if you don't come out and help keep it going,

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this Post will be down the tubes in very short order. It's sad to see a Post with 73 paid up members unable to get 10 Bingo workers per week. We will be expecting to see you at the next Bingo game, THURSDAY NIGHT, 7 P.M., at Chapter 26 DAV Hall, located at the corner of East Palmer Park Blvd and Peterson Road.

ITEM IV

Permanent Membership - As reported in an attachment to last month's Newsletter, we are authorized to process Permanent Memberships at a reduced rate on a one time basis. The allotted period to initiate this permanent membership was from 1 April to 31 May 85, after which it would once again cost the normal rate. If you are interested in permanent membership rather than the annual hassel of dues notices, contact Post Adjutant Wally Lonsinger at 596-0194 or better yet, come out to the next meeting.

ITEM V

Conventions - On 28 April 85, District 7 Spring Convention was held at Post 5. Our attendance improved- we had five (5) members of Post 209 present. The Department of Colorado Annual Convention will convene June 20 - 23, 1985 in Breckenridge, Colorado. I hope we make a better showing in attendance at this one.

ITEM VI

Election of Officers - At our regularly scheduled meeting on 16 April 1985, we held an election of officers for the Legion year 1985-1986. (See list of elected officers attached) Since I was re-elected as your Commander, I will be contacting all of you in search of Committee chairmanships and Committee workers. Don't dream up too many excuses, after all, the benefits you are enjoying now as a result of the GI Bill of Rights were not achieved without dedicated, working Legionnaires---But they will rapidly disappear without dedicated, working Legionnaires. Let's get involved and leave a legacy for our offsprings as our forefathers did for us.

ITEM VII

Deceased - On Friday evening, 3 May 1985, a member of our Post passed. Legionnaire Jessie Moore, Jr. died of heart failure. Jessie was Director of the Veterans Outreach Program in Fountain and a member of our Post for the past 2 years. The Post shares in the family's bereavement with heartfelt sympathy. Pray for his family.

ITEM VIII

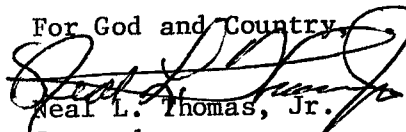
Sick and Shut-Ins - There have been no reported sick or shut-ins since our last meeting.

ITEM IX

Meeting- In lieu of our regularly scheduled meeting this month, we will have our Installation of Officers on 21 May 1985. The Planning Committee for Installations decided on this date due to the conflicting schedule of Leadership College (5/18-5/19) and the upcoming Memorial Day weekend (5/25-5/27). The cost will be \$10 per person. The Installation will take place at the Post home, Bronco Restaurant, 3032 E. Platte Ave. There will be a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. We are expecting a good turnout. We will need your reservations no later than 18 May 85. Please RSVP by contacting Gym Reese at 591-8960 or Wally Lonsinger at 596-0194. If you cannot reach either of these, you may contact me at 473-6220. Don't forget by 18 May 1985! The menu is: Steak and Shrimp, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Roll & Butter, Salad, Coffee, Iced Tea, Desert!

Let's get off to a good start this year. Invite a prospective new member or new DMS member to attend. Let's make this:

"The Little Post--Going Places and Doing Big Things" slogan, come true this year!

For God and Country

Neal L. Thomas, Jr.
Commander

CENTENNIAL POST 209 - 1985/1986 OFFICERS

Commander - Neal Thomas

Sr. Vice Commander - Joe Rodriguez

Jr. Vice Commander - Larry Johnson

Adjutant - Wallace Lonsinger

Finance Officer - Loren Eberhart

Service Officer - Melvin Cooper

Chaplain - William Battin

Sgt-at-Arms - Robert Morris

Historian - June Reid