



A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION

## CENTENNIAL POST 209

JUNE THOMAS, COMMANDER

### 'A LITTLE POST GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS'

#### May 1992

On Memorial Day, May 25, 1992, we will take time to remember those loved ones, friends and acquaintances to whom we are close. In addition, it is the time to remember those who gave so much of themselves.

At Memorial Park, at 11:00 A.M., there will be services to honor those men and women who gave so much for us to maintain what we have today.

All veterans and their families are invited to attend this ceremony sponsored by the Pikes Peak Veterans Council and DAV Chapter 26.

Following the services, Open Houses will be held at VFW Post 4051, TREA Chapter 1 and DAV Chapter 26.

At 1:00 P.M., the senior ground forces commander in Desert Storm will uniquely honor all U. S. military personnel who participated in the Persian Gulf war.

Lt. General Calvin A. H. Waller and U. S. Senator Hank Brown will dedicate a bronze memorial to the Desert Storm armed forces during a colorful military ceremony at the Veterans Honor Court of the Shrine

of Remembrance Mausoleum.

The public is invited to the ceremony on Monday, May 25, at 1:00 P.M. at 1730 East Fountain Blvd.

General Waller was selected to be the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the allied forces deployed to the Persian Gulf with headquarters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He was second in command of the Persian Gulf allied forces and coordinator of the ground campaign plan.

General Waller and Senator Brown will unveil the large bronze plaque at the traditional Memorial Day program. The plaque is a focal point of the Veterans Honor Court at the mausoleum. The ceremony will be similar to the military pageantry usually seen only at the grave of the unknown soldier at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

Military Honor guards and a cannon salute with a wreath-laying ceremony is included in the program with units from Ft Carson and Peterson Air Force Base and the Ft Carson Division Band.

The famed Colorado Springs Chorale will provide a patriotic music program, including the song "America the Beautiful" written in Colorado Springs 99 years ago.

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<b>FINANCE OFFICER</b>	<b>HARRY JOHNSON</b>
<b>SGT AT ARMS</b>	<b>ALTON CYRIAGUE</b>
<b>CHAPLAIN</b>	<b>TOM HABAN</b>
<b>HISTORIAN</b>	<b>GLENN HART</b>
<b>SERVICE OFFICER</b>	<b>HOWARD HORNIK</b>
<b>JUDGE ADVOCATE</b>	<b>FLOYD BUCKIN</b>
<b>POST EXEC COMMITTEEMAN</b>	<b>NEAL THOMAS</b>

**MEETINGS**

**3RD THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.  
POTLUCK DINNER 8:00 P.M.  
DUES \$20.00**

**AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>BARBARA JOHNSON</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDNET</b>	<b>FLORENCE SPIEWAK</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>DOROTHY DASSERO</b>
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<b>CHAPLAIN</b>	<b>DONNA WYKINS</b>
<b>HISTORIAN</b>	<b>HILDA PIFER</b>
<b>SGT AT ARMS</b>	<b>NANCY HART</b>
<b>PARLIAMENTARIAN</b>	<b>FLORENCE SPIEWAK</b>
<b>JR MOST PRESIDENT</b>	<b>MARGERY JOHNSON</b>

**MEETINGS**

**3RD THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.  
POTLUCK DINNER 8:00 P.M.  
DUES \$12.00**

**MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

**World War I**  
Apr 6, 1917 to Dec 31, 1918  
**World War II**  
Dec 6, 1941 to Dec 31, 1945  
**Korean War**  
Jun 25, 1951 to Jan 31, 1955  
**Vietnam War**  
Dec 22, 1961 to May 7, 1975  
**Granada & Lebanon**  
Aug 24, 1962 to Jul 31, 1964  
**Panama**  
Dec 20, 1968 to Jan 31, 1980  
**Persian Gulf**  
Aug 2, 1990 till the end of hostilities

**EDITOR**

**DOROTHY DASSERO**

**FROM THE COMMANDER**

Hi Legionnaires:

I would like to welcome all new post members and salute the candidates who were initiated at the September and April meetings. We had a total of 32 members initiated this Legion year. I hope each of you will continue to be active in this Post.

Let's keep in mind, we are "Veterans helping Veterans" and let this be our main objective in fulfilling the goals of the American Legion.

Please support us in honoring our National Commander, Dominic DiFrancesco, on the 19th of this month at Security Post 38.

Remember, there is strength in Unity...and together, we are winners.

**JUNE THOMAS  
COMMANDER**

**FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**

Our membership continues to grow! As of our April 16 General Membership Meeting, we had 403 members, a gain of 20 new members since the last report. I thank each of you who brought those new members to our Post and especially want to welcome them into our family and ask that they participate in our activities, as well as solicit other new members.

Our Building Committee has advertised a Notice of Request for Architectural Services in the newspaper for design and development proposals on the new Post Home. To date, we have had numerous companies pick up the requirement packages so that they can get their proposals back to us for review at our May 23 meeting. We have kicked the ball and the game is in progress toward our new Post Home - NOW - we need everyone's support toward our goal.

Membership is the lifeblood of the American Legion and in these critical times of our growth, the lifeblood of our Centennial Post 209.

Therefore, I am again enclosing copies of the membership application and request that each and everyone of you sign up new members as soon as possible.

Come in and visit our present club facilities now so that you will be able to tell prospective new members what we have to offer. It is good now but will be great when we get the new Post Home in November of 1993. So, please do your utmost to help us continue to grow.

**BILL WEEKS**  
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

#### **FROM THE ADJUTANT**

Elections of officers have come and gone and the new officers for 1992-1993 are:

Commander	Floyd Bufkin
Senior Vice Commander	Bill Weeks
Junior Vice Commander	Al Cyriaque
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Howard Hornick
Chaplain	Tom Haban
Sgt-at-Arms.....	Al Lender
Historian.....	David Grant
Service Officer....	Theodore Riddle
Judge Advocate....	Larry Johnson
Post Exec Committeeman	Neal Thomas

Congratulations to all of the new officers. I know that they will have a good year with the help of each and everyone of us.

**LARRY JOHNSON**  
ADJUTANT

#### **FROM THE AUXILIARY**

If you didn't attend the April meeting, you missed a tasty

potluck with main dish provided by the Post. We had election of officers for the coming year. Congratulations to all our new officers.

Upcoming is our part of the TFA fundraiser, "Tribute to the American Veterans," to be held in Acacia Park May 9 & 10 and 16 & 17, 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. As you know, we voted to provide food to be sold during the program. We need baked goods, cupcakes, brownies, cookies, etc. We need ladies to help sell these at a table in the park. Donated goodies should be brought to the Post and Lois will see to it they get delivered. Lois also has a sign-up sheet for those who can work any of these days. She can give you the information or call me at 596-9261.

May is also cookie month for Ft Lyons. We donate cookies for our veterans there. Last year we sent 108 dozen. We need your help here too. Bring them packed and labeled as to kind and amount before our May 21 meeting. There will be no potluck at this meeting. May is also Poppy month. Wear a poppy for our veterans.

Lots of important and interesting things are coming up in May: May 3 - District Convention at Unit 25, Florence; May 6 - Executive Meeting at the Post; May 19 - National Commander's visit at Post 38, 7:00 P.M., everyone is invited; May 23 - Installation Dinner, \$7.50 per person. 6:30 P.M. Cocktails, 7:00 P.M. Dinner, Dance and video cassette recorder drawing following.

Many thanks to our own Dot Dassero, editor of the post newsletter and to our ladies, Florence, Vi, Dot, Donna, Ireana (me sometimes) for their time in labeling and sealing the newsletter and Ann Foster, Larry Johnson, Commander June and the rest of the Post members for making the newsletter possible.

We hope to see you in May. We need you...we want you to join us in our effort to do our bit for our Unit, Post and veterans.

BARBARA JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT

**CLUB ACTIVITIES**

All members are encouraged to attend the installation dinner for new officers scheduled for May 23rd, with cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00. Dinner will include Baron of Beef, choice of mashed potatoes/gravy or rice pilaf, vegetable medley, tossed salad, rolls and dessert. Cost is \$7.50 per person. Plan on enjoying dancing after installation.

You can make reservations by calling the club at 591-2272 or signing the roster at the bar. Reservations will be taken until May 20th. Show your support of the new officers by attending this special function!

The drawing for the MITSUBISHI HS-U34 Video Cassette Recorder will be held this evening. Donations are \$1.00 per ticket or six for \$5.00. You need not be present to win but we'd like to see you at the dinner/installation/dance.

**FROM THE OFFICE** of Ann Foster, Administrative Assistant: Due to the high expense of printing and postage, the files of the Legion and Auxiliary will be edited. Only one newsletter per household will be mailed, unless you request otherwise.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Due to limited seating, the first one hundred who sign up and pay their \$7.50 will have reserved seating.

LARRY JOHNSON  
CHAIRMAN

**8&40 INSTALLATION**

Salon 422, 8&40, will hold its installation dinner on May 18, 6:00 P.M., at the Sizzler, 8th and Cimarron Streets. Call Betty Andrews with your reservation. Please dress in our colors of white with red for an impressive installation ceremony. The Salon will then be dark until September.

**RUMMAGE SALE**

Remember the Rummage Sale at the Post Home on May 16-17. The Building Fund needs your cooperation. It's springcleaning time so clean out your closets and garage. Bring items to the Post or call for transportation. Volunteers are needed...your assistance is requested.

**STEAK FRY AND DANCE**

On 6 June, a steak fry and dance will be held at the Post. Steak cooked just the way you like it (you cook it). Baked potatoes, baked beans and the fixings. Cost will be \$7.50 per person and a dance will follow the cookout. Call the Post and let us know how many will be in your party. This is a great way to start out the summer. See you there.

LARRY JOHNSON  
CHAIRMAN

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\* **BET ON A WINNER** \*  
\* **SUPPORT OUR OWN** \*  
\* **JUNE THOMAS** \*  
\* **FOR DEPARTMENT** \*  
\* **SENIOR VICE COMMANDER** \*  
\* **1992-1993** \*  
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# April 26 - June 6

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## CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 26	Apr 27	Apr 28 7:30 PM AMVETS MEETING	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	May 2
May 3 12:00 PM DISTRICT 7 CONVENTION FLORENCE CO	May 4	May 5 7:00 PM MOMS MEETING	May 6 7:00 AM EXEC MTG 5:45 PM CIVITANS MEETING	May 7	May 8 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	May 9 TFA SUPPORT ACACIA PARK
May 10 TFA SUPPORT ACACIA PARK	May 11 8:00 PM 40/8 PROMENADE POST 5	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	May 16 9:00 AM WACS MEETING RUMMAGE SALE POST HOME PARKING LOT TFA SUPPORT ACACIA PARK
May 17 RUMMAGE SALE POST HOME PARKING LOT TFA SUPPORT ACACIA PARK	May 18	May 19 7:00 PM MOMS MEETING 7:00 PM NAT'L CDR VISITATION POST 38	May 20 5:45 PM CIVITANS MEETING	May 21 GEN MBERS MEETING NO MEETING	May 22 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	May 23 6:30 PM INST- ALLATION OF OFFICERS
May 24	May 25 11:00 AM MEMORIAL DAY ACT AT MEMORIAL PARK 'THE ROCK'	May 26 7:30 PM AMVETS MEETING	May 27	May 28 7:00 PM GUN CLUB	May 29 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	May 30
May 31	June 1	June 2 7:00 PM MOMS MEETING	June 3 7:00 AM EXEC MTG 5:45 PM CIVITANS MEETING	June 4	June 5 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	June 6 6:00 PM STEAK FRY & DANCE

POST OPENS 11:00 AM

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