

CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

MAY 1997



LEGION NEWS
HARRY JOHNSON
COMMANDER

ADJUTANT'S ANNOTATIONS - ANN FOSTER

At the April membership meeting, it was voted to sell the present property and put the money in the bank, then decide what should be done regarding a new post home. I have been told by Realtors we should list the property for at least \$3.00 per sq ft. The Board of Trustees will report to the membership meeting the first Wednesday of May (our regular meeting time).

Election of new officers for the coming year was held; elected were: Commander Harry McFadden, Senior Vice Commander Floyd Bufkin, Junior Vice Commander Francis Redington, Adjutant Ann Foster, Finance Officer Harry Johnson, Chaplain Howard Hornik, Historian Larry Johnson, Sgt. at Arms Norm Harpole, Executive Committee Neal Thomas. We need other members to fill the job of service officer and other committees. Good luck to the new officers. I wish them well.

We will not have a meeting in May or June due to the installation and Department Convention.

Membership for 1997 is 306, only two more than last month. We need 27 to equal what we had last year. Department needs 1703 by 15 May for 100%. Whatever we can do will help both the Post and Department so please help.

New Officers Orientation will be at Post 111 in Louisville 23-24 May. Cost is \$12.00, including lunch and a copy of The American Legion Extension Institute course. If you want to go, please let us know at 599-8624 so we can provide a count for the meal. Tom Jordan of Maine, the incoming National Commander, will be present at this event. He will be an enjoyable person to meet.

The current National Commander Joe Frank, will visit Department Convention the first two days, 19-20 June. If you are planning to attend, plan your arrival accordingly. The Banquet is \$15.00, not the \$25.00 as is in the current copy of the Colorado Legionnaire. Department apologizes for this error.

OFFICERS

COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
SR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY McFADDEN
JR VICE COMMANDER	JEFF NEW
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	
SGT AT ARMS	ROBERT MYNATT
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JUDGE ADVOCATE	WALLY LONSINGER
SERVICE OFFICER	
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

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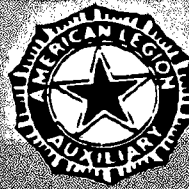
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2ND VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY/TREASURER	DOT DASSERO
HISTORIAN	
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AUXILIARY NEWS

BARBARA JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
DAY POST 126 PALMER PARK & PETERSON RD.

EDITOR

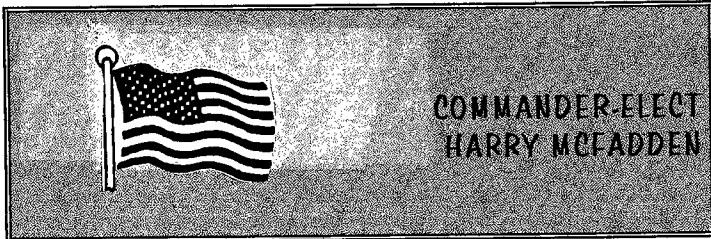
DOROTHY DASSERO, NALPA

OFFICE

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Another Auxiliary year is fast coming to an end. I want to tell you how proud I am of the things we accomplished. Oh, we did good things. We donated funds to Ronald McDonald House, the Carousel Riding Club, Dare and the Make a Wish Foundation. We will send one girl to Girls State. We had a birthday party at Florence Nursing Home. We went to Ft Lyon for All Patients Day and gave Canteen books to the Veterans and sent money for cookies to Ft Lyon. Alice Hart made bibs for the patients. We donated money to the Satellite Clinic, a special donation to its coffee fund and furnished a cake for one lunch. We proudly donated a 3x5 Flag to a Brownie troop and paid our obligations to Department and District. We bought poppies in honor of our Veterans but we failed to have many of you attend our meetings.

It has been very hard to carry on without your support and attendance at meetings. I am asking you to support our new officers -- yes, they are the same ladies but in different offices...did you volunteer? It is not too late for you to help.



In starting a year of change in commandership of Centennial Post 209, I appreciate the wisdom I have gained from my past commanders.

Keep it short and to the point. Keep within the Post's budget and always remember it's in God's hands always.

Our preamble states "For God and Country." My faith is in God's hands as is that of the newly elected staff officers. We should uplift each other and all veterans we associate ourselves with.

We need to work together as a team. My motto can be yours too. The three C's I learned as an NCO in the military and as chairman of the Evans day Committee: to have better commitment, communication and compassion amongst ourselves in support of each other. I recall 20 year ago as the first Commander of American Legion Post 1 in Anchorage AL, that I received a book by John Wayne, entitled "America Why I Love Her." Here is a few lines from that book:

"Face the Flag, son or daughter and face reality. Our strengths and our freedoms are based in unity.

The Flag is but a symbol, son or daughter, of the world's greatest Nation.

And as long as it keeps flying, there's a cause for celebration.

So face the Flag, son or daughter...and thank God it's still there."

We need to unify our newly elected officers and members, our fellow veterans who call for help and those families of veterans needing assistance.

Just recently I had the pleasure of supporting a son of a military veteran so he could go to college. He was granted \$200.00 from the DECA fund of Sierra High School. Ret. Gen. Colin L. Powell stated, "A large number of our young people are not being prepared for the future. They are losing faith in the promise of American."

Let's support our Oratorical chairman by volunteering in support of our youth, as well as informing local schools what is available. This year I plan an agenda with a fishing tournament, and being involved in a community project and to work with a local club called Rampart Range Sertoma.

I will need your support to show our youth that we do care.

Our newly elected officers, as well as our Auxiliary, hopefully will get involved to get a Post Home as well as care for the welfare of our fellow veterans.

Please remember that if a problem should arise in which you need assistance, do not hesitate to phone the adjutant at 719-599-8624. For special information on a health situation or burial need, our Post Chaplain or Service Officer can sit

phone the adjutant at 719-599-8624. For specific information on a health situation or burial need, our Post Chaplain or Service Officer can sit down with you to aid whatever situation you have. We do need a service officer however. This is a volunteer task

We also need volunteers who at least TRY twice a month to support Bingo. Only your support as well as mine can make this a reality.

As your newly elected commander, I pledge to my fellow Post Officers, that I will be available should a need arise.

NORM HARPOLE
INCOMING SGT AT ARMS

Norm asks us to review the following information from the Officer's Guide before our next General Meeting in July. Observation of these courtesies will enhance the conduct of our meetings.

1. Come to order at once when the commander opens the meeting.
2. Give thoughtful attention throughout the business meeting and the program.
3. Rise to address the Chair, and wait to speak until recognized by the Chair.
4. Sit down at once when someone else has been given the floor.
5. Rise to make a motion, but remain seated in small assemblies when seconding the motion.
6. Write a long or involved motion and give to the adjutant, when asked to do so.
7. Rise when a rising vote is requested and remain standing until the vote is taken.

8. Vote on every question.

9. Limit their remarks to their rightful share of the time of the meeting and do not infringe upon the rights of others. The floor should be given to one who has not spoken on the question, in preference to one who has spoken, if there is any question as to precedence.

10. Rise to make reports, remain seated during the discussion of the report.

11. Refrain from conversation during the meeting.

12. The courtesy of the floor may be granted to one who is not a member when it is desired to have such a one speak during a business session.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS :

The installation of officers will be conducted on 24 May 1997 at the Smugglers Inn, located just west of Circle Drive on Fountain. (across from the Dairy Queen).

Social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and the installation will follow.

This year we have four selections to choose from: prime rib, top sirloin, shrimp, or chicken with baked potato or rice, salad or soup and beverage.

The cost for this meal has been set at \$14.00 per person.

If you plan to attend, please give Larry Johnson a call at 590-1369 or Francis Redington at 471-3925, so we can give the restaurant a total count.

See you there !!!



FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

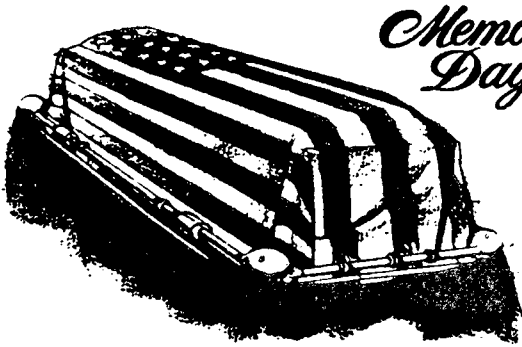
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One of the workers brought up the topic of workers and how nice it would be if we could get enough volunteers to form teams. That way we would only have to work one night a month. That surely would be a dream come true.

If you would like to help, please feel free to call me at 590-1369.

Larry I. Johnson
Bingo Chairman

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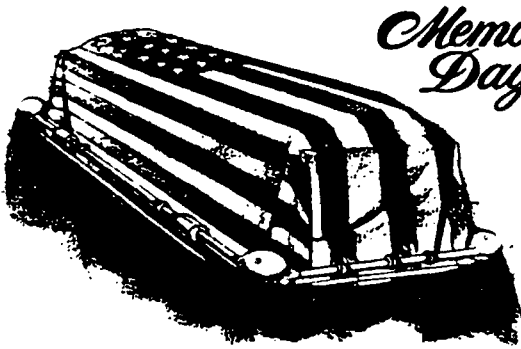
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Monthly Planner

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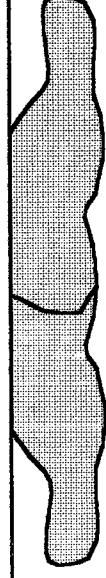
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SIRLOIN, SHRIMP, OR CHICKEN
WITH CHOICE OF POTATO OR
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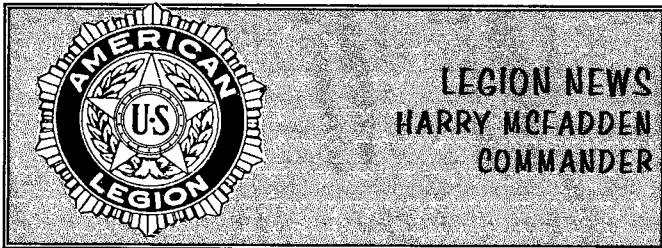


**COST IS \$ 14.00
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CENTENNIAL POST 209

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My fellow Legionnaires, after Department Convention my time as your Post Commander will come to an end. The installation of new Post and Auxiliary officers will bring in a new year. The installation will be held at VFW Post 4051 at 430 E Pikes Peak. See the enclosed flyer for details. I ask you Legionnaires to offer to your new Commander both commitment and communication.

On April 25, some of Post 209's Legionnaires and Auxiliary took part in the dinner for the visiting National Commander, Tony Jordan.

April 24 was Volunteer Appreciation Day at Fort Carson and your Commander was given three awards. The first was for the Chaplaincy, second was for Ironhorse Sertoma Club involvement in the community, and the third was from Major General John M. Riggs for Meritorious Service of Exemplary Commitment to New Hope in the Rockies Ministry. On April

29, another award will be received from the Red Cross. These will be on display at the installation on May 23, along with pictures to be placed in our Post History book.

On May 25 will be two events for Memorial Day, remembering our fellow veterans who gave their lives serving God and Country. At 10 AM on Monday is the service at Shrine of Remembrance; at 11 AM the second ceremony will be in Memorial Park. Both events are sponsored by veterans of the Pikes Peak Council.

Please remember that there will not be a membership meeting on May 21 because of the installation on May 23.

My closing words, "Leadership is great when the team believes in its Leader."



SHOW YOUR COLORS

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SR VICE COMMANDER	FLOYD BUTKIN
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FROM THE INCOMING COMMANDER:
LARRY JOHNSON

I would like to thank the members of Centennial Post 209 for their trust in my leadership through the upcoming year.

We are facing several challenges during the upcoming year: A. that of building or buying a Post Home; and, B. increasing the participation of the members of this Post in the:

1. General Membership meetings
2. Getting input from the members of the Post;
3. In the programs of The American Legion;
4. In support to veterans, widows and children and youth of our community;
5. Help in the fund-raising activities;
6. Increasing membership;

MEETINGS

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

EDITOR

DOROTHY DASSERO, MALPA

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Some of the challenges are going to be difficult to accomplish and the reason for this is that, for some reason, membership will not respond when asked in the Newsletter, special mailings, etc.

One of the facts of life that everyone seems to forget is that we all joined this organization because we wanted to make a difference. We believed in The American Legion and its programs. We wanted to be able to socialize with others with whom we have something in common, because a friend asked us, and yes, because our mother or father said "you will join because I belong" and there are a multitude of other reasons. But it boils down to one thing, and that is that without you we cannot do anything. I will be calling you via a letter asking you to serve on a committee. Please, don't tell me no, but, instead, become a part of The American Legion and learn more about what our goals and objectives are and what The American Legion does.

One of the things important to any organization is membership, and in order to continue to grow and function, we need ideas; we need help, plus we need to bring in new and younger members. Without new and younger members, the programs which were established after World War I will be for naught. We cannot allow that to happen. Already we veterans have lost many benefits, including health care benefits, and if we continue to allow that to happen, there won't be anything for the veterans of tomorrow.

It has been at least four years since we have been within spitting

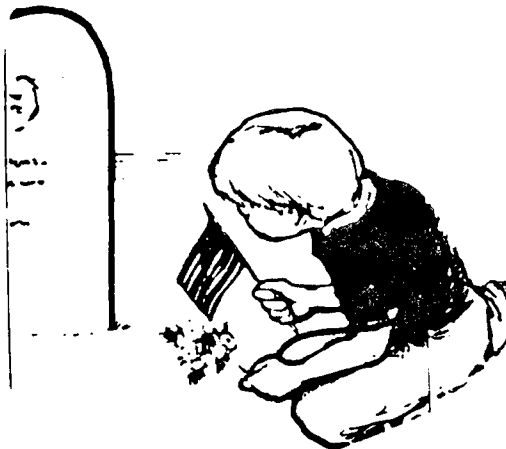
distance of achieving the membership goals set by The American Legion. We need sixteen members in order to make one hundred percent. If we don't make it this year, I know that with your help and dedication that we will next year.

Please note that the installation of officers for Centennial Post and Unit 209 has been set for the 23rd of May, at VFW Post 4051 (see the flyer). The cost will be \$12.00 per person for this affair. If you would like to attend, please give me a call by the 15th of May in order to reserve your seat. This would be a fine time to meet new people and maybe make new friends, and to renew old friendships. I hope to hear from you and see you at our installation of officers.

Your elected officers for the year 1998-1999 are:

Commander	Larry Johnson
Sr Vice Cdr	Francis Redington
Jr Vice Cdr	Harry Johnson
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance	Al Cyriaque
Chaplain	Howard Hornik
Service Officer	Tom Morant
Judge Advocate	Wally Lonsinger
Sgt at Arms	Norm Harpole
Historian	Norm Moyer
Committeeman	Neal Thomas
Imm Past Cdr	Harry McFadden

Memorial Day





AUXILIARY NEWS
DOT DASSERO, PRESIDENT

As with the Legion, the Auxiliary has not made its quota for this year. We are in need of a few new members also. If you Legion members have a wife, a daughter, a granddaughter, please call us for an application blank that we may make our quota. Junior members count in our quota.

At our general meeting in April the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. I was re-elected as President of the Auxiliary, Barbara Johnson accepted the office of Treasurer, Anita McFadden is the new secretary, and Judy McFadden is Chaplain. Ruth Hornik accepted the office of Sgt at Arms.

Installation of these officers will be held in conjunction with the Legion's installation on May 23rd. Do join us.

ACTIVITIES
AND OTHER SIMILAR STUFF

- May 6 - Executive Meeting
- May 21 - NO GENERAL MEETING
- May 23 - Installation of Officers
VFW Post #4051
- May 25 - Memorial Day - Shrine of
Remembrance and the Rock
- May 23 - Installation of Officers
- June 25-28 - Department Conven-
tion, Estes Park

ADJUTANT'S ANNOTATIONS
ANN FOSTER

Membership is now 308 and we only need 8 more for 100%. I know we can do this if we try. Let's make this our first 100% year since we left our home at Rustic Hills Mall. It means something to our District and to Department as well as the Post. The better membership Department has the better seating at National Convention.

The National Commander Anthony "Tony" Jordon was in our area 25 April 1998. His first stop in District 7 was lunch at Post 5. From there he went to Cripple Creek to install new Officers for Victor Post 171 at The Virgin Mule Casino. This was most likely a first and was very interesting. Victor Post 171 has been inactive the past several years, but now is able to renew itself thanks to more people in the area as a result of limited stakes gambling. Pueblo was the next stop for a short visit before returning to Post 38 for dinner. Commander Jordon gave an excellent talk after dinner about change in The American Legion while at the same time remembering our mission of veterans helping veterans and their families. It was indeed a full day for the Commander and for those in our District and was very much enjoyed by all in attendance.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
23 MAY 1997**

VFW POST 4051 LOCATED AT 430 EAST
PIKES PEAK AVE (DOWNTOWN)

MENU:

**PRIME RIB, BAKED POTATO,
SALAD, VEGGIES AND A
MYSTERY DESERT**

CALL LARRY JOHNSON 590-1369 AFTER 4:00
P.M. FOR RESERVATIONS BY 15 MAY 1998.

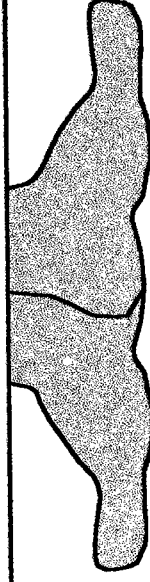
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