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From the Desk and Mind of the Commander

Jay Bowen

There was an article published in the *Colorado Springs Gazette* on Sunday, 13 April on the front page of the Springs Military Life Section that bothered me. In bold letters, the article headlines stated that "Legion post honors Peterson airman." It was written about a brand new American Legion Post in Brandywine, MD who decided to name their Post after Airman 1st Class Matthew R. Seidler. It is common for an American Legion Post to choose the name of a former military person who died in Service of our Country. I applauded them for choosing Airman 1st Class Seidler for their Post. It is an honor and from all accounts, very deserving.

What bothered me were a couple of items referenced in the article. First was a quote from 1st Vice Commander Henry Turner. He stated that in recent years The American Legion has earned the reputation as an "old white man's organization..." How very sad he would make that statement about this great organization. His point may be true in Brandywine, or Maryland, but I can assure you it is the furthest thing from being true in Colorado and my home State of Tennessee. I make that assertion based on my travels across the State and my involvement at the Department level. Our Post's latest election results (April's membership meeting) can attest to part of the statement. Several of our newly elected officers are 40-something year old, including the incoming Commander, Greg Smith. We have many members in their 20's, 30's, and 40's, some still serving on Active Duty. And our Post is not unique in any of that. And a "white man's organization?" Please! As everyone reading this is probably aware, we currently have a female Veteran as our Department Commander, and she is not the first (and certainly won't be the last). We have had (and currently have) what is



commonly referred to as minorities serving at the Post, District, State and National levels including Commander. It's an insult to make that statement and potentially harm our efforts at recruiting. Again, it may be true in Maryland (and I pray not), but it is certainly not true about our organization as a whole. I will tell you the only colors The American Legion sees and differentiates are Red, White, and Blue!

The other reference that bothered me although not nearly as much as the first one was when they reported, "For example, the nation's newest American Legion Post is the first to offer online membership..." What? Again, this may be true for Brandywine and maybe even Maryland, but certainly not true nationally. We've been offering online membership applications for about four years. Our Department and many other Posts across the State and Nation also offer online membership. The article appears to suggest they are the only Post in the country that offers this to their membership.

I guess the take-away from this article should be that anything printed can be taken out of context. I don't believe these Veterans intended to portray our great organization as bigoted or backwards, but they did. Maybe they were not aware it would be posted 1,700 miles away from their Post home, but it did. I am extremely proud of my association in The American Legion and don't appreciate seeing it falsely painted in a bad light.

We are The American Legion! You, me, and all the other 2.4M+ Veterans make up the largest wartime Veterans organization in the country. We represent all Wars and conflicts and come from all walks of life and cultural backgrounds.

For God and Country,
Jay Bowen



Auxiliary President Jackie Bowen

Let's welcome our newest member, Susanna (Susan) Calica. Susan is eligible through her husband, Marsilino. Welcome Susan.

Our new officers for 2014-2015 are President – Kari Ann Smith, Vice President – Theresa Wieder-spahn, Secretary – Lynn Thomas, Treasurer – Donna Testorff, Sgt-at-Arms – Becky Hall, Chaplain – Joan Ciani. The position of Historian is still open so if you would like to volunteer for that position please let us know. We will install the new officers May 12th at the banquet/dinner. Officially they do not take office until after the Department Convention in June.

My thanks goes out to all that helped make our Butter Braid fundraiser a success. Be looking for the announcement in the newsletter, November timeframe, for the next one.

Please make sure you have a Poppy for Memorial Day. We have them displayed on the shelf in the dining room at the Post.

For those of you that may not know, the Auxiliary Units have to send in reports annually for all their volunteer hours. These reports are made up of all member's volunteer hours. In order to keep our status with the IRS they want to know how we are supporting our Veterans and communities. This doesn't mean you have to go somewhere to get volunteer hours. **Examples: National Security-** this includes you turning your porch light on. If you do it every night then you would multiply the number of hours it's on by the number of nights per year you do this. **Americanism-** this is things like the hours spent folding pocket flags and/or observing patriotic holidays like marching/riding in the Veterans Day parade. Did you know that displaying a flag in your yard would count as some of these hours? I have sent out a form via email for the members to keep track of their hours. I will also have some copies in the Auxiliary meeting room at the Post. If you would like one please let us know. All of this helps us with our reporting.

Instead of our monthly meeting in May we will join the Legionnaires, SAL, and ALR for our installation of officers banquet May 10th at 1600 (4:00 pm). We will have installation of officers for the Legion family then we will enjoy a wonderful meal that Art will prepare for us. Please check the newsletter for more information.

Serving Our Veterans Proudly,
Jackie Bowen



Centennial Post 209 The Historian Corner

Hello Fellow Legionnaires and Legion Family Members,

Just a quick note to let you know that we are looking for any Legion related photographs, news, or stories. Our Facebook page has been up and running and is named *American Legion Centennial Post 209*. We can upload events, notices, and pictures and get information you want posted in our newsletter or on Facebook. We also have the AL Post 209 website which can be found at <http://www.americanlegioncoloradosprings.org>. The website contains our community calendar, Post Officer information, a link to our newsletter, and other related items. As our Post continues to grow, I need your help getting important information and other forms of media to our members. Please feel free to contact me at al209historian@yahoo.com. You can also forward any newsletter related information to al209newsletter@yahoo.com.

Robert Johnson
AL 209 Historian

!!Change to our May Meeting Schedule!!

We will not have our regular membership meeting this month on 10 May. Instead, we will perform an Installation ceremony for newly elected/appointed officers of the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and our new American Legion Riders Post, followed by a banquet. The Installation ceremony will start at 1600 on Saturday, 10 May. The Chicken Fried Steak banquet will begin at 1800. The cost of the banquet is \$10/person and is casual unless you are an officer being Installed. We have requested that officers dress in business casual attire (slacks and dress shirt). **We are requiring RSVPs for the banquet only, not for the Installation ceremony.**

We are changing this month's meeting schedule because in accordance with our Post Constitution, I am required each May to present a "State of the Post" report to the general membership. I feel that everything we have accomplished over the past year (and previous years) were the result of our Post family's support, not just the Legionnaires. If I am to "sing the praises" and list our accomplishments over the past year, it should be done in a joint environment because it tells a great story about all of us, not just a select few.

Please plan to attend the banquet to hear the good news and Installation ceremony to properly congratulate and welcome our newest Post family leadership. See you there!

For God and Country,
Jay



Young Guns of Centennial Post 209



On 7 November 2013, the Young Guns of Centennial Post 209 applied for a grant from the NRA Foundation Grant Program. We received a letter from Brad Dreier, NRA Colorado State Field Representative, that we will be receiving a check for \$2,750! The money will be used to upgrade our air rifles and related equipment, such as, a co2 filling tank, co2 adapter assembly, and refillable co2 cylinders. We want to thank the Colorado Friends of the NRA for making this possible. It will greatly improve the experience our Young Guns shooters will have in the Jr. Shooting Program. The Colorado Friends of the NRA do a great job of promoting gun safety and the shooting sports in our area. The Young Guns Program is very grateful for their support.

On 27 March, we were privileged to attend the Colorado Springs Friends of NRA banquet. The Young Guns of Post 209 were able to purchase two complete tables, thus helping to make funds available for next year's grant program. If you are interested in helping the Friends of the NRA, you can find a listing of their upcoming events at www.friendsofnra.org or on Facebook at the Colorado Friends of NRA page. Your support is greatly appreciated by our Young Guns of Post 209, as well as the Friends of the NRA.

Junior Shooting Committee:

Ken Taylor 719-495-8190 adjutantsal209@gmail.com (Chairman)

Rick Kettering 813-967-6680 commandersal209@gmail.com

Rusty Bower 682-478-9122 financesal209@yahoo.com

Gunny Raines 719-597-4766 gunnyr1@yahoo.com

Bill Weeks 719-597-4670 (No Email)

Chuck Sorrels 724-249-4849 (No Email)



From The SAL Commander Centennial Squadron 209

Rick Kettering

Our Squadron is growing, but we need to continue growing. The Officers are committed to have our Squadron grow and be a vital part of Post 209. We still have Squadron members who have not renewed for 2014. The renewals are just as important as new Members, and to some degree more so because they represent stability for our Squadron. Our goal was 52 members and I am glad to report that at the time this is being written we are at 61 for 2014. We don't want to stop. I am proud to say we are starting to get younger members in the Squadron, but we need more to be stronger. I would like to see the younger ones working on The Ten Ideals so they can be recognized and rewarded for their efforts. I also would like to see the older members work towards getting the Five Star Award.

I know that many Legionnaires of Post 209 are dual members; since we now have an American Legion Riders group at 209 we also are gaining triple members. Again, this month I would like to encourage any Post member that is eligible through their Father or Grandfather to think about joining Squadron 209. The dues are only \$20.00 per year and you can renew online or send a check or money order to PO Box 25334 Colorado Springs CO 80936-5334 or you can join/renew online from our Post website. The address for the website can be found on page one of this and every *Centennial* newsletter edition. If anyone has questions please ask me or our Squadron Adjutant and we would be happy to provide any answers to your questions.

Elections have passed and we filled all positions except the office of Vice Commander. If anyone is interested or have any questions, please contact me. No experience required. We will help you learn the job.

The Child Welfare Foundation Annual Dinner was held 12 April at Post 32 in Longmont. The Sons of The American Legion is a huge supporter of this program nationwide. Prior to the Dinner, the Detachment of Colorado had donated over \$10,000.00 to the CWF. Donations and the Silent Auction generated over another \$12,000.00 in just one night. Our Squadron had committed ourselves to raise \$1000.00 for the 2013-2014 donation year ending in June this year. We presented checks from Post; Auxiliary; & Squadron 209 at the Banquet totaling \$1000.00.

Another program we are involved with is our Young Guns Junior Shooting Program. We now have 6 new NRA certified Rifle Instructors. With the increased staff, we are planning on having a Summer Young Guns class. Anyone interested can contact Ken Taylor (adjutantsal209@gmail.com) or myself (commandersal209@gmail.com). This program teaches Boys and Girls from 10 to 18 the safe and proper use of firearms. After completing the course the top shooters can join our Post match shooting team. We conduct the classes at Post 209. At this time we are full for the spring class, but we will continue to accept application for the fall class. To promote our Young Guns program, we are holding another gun raffle; the tickets are 1 for \$10.00 or 3 for \$25.00. We will have the drawing on the 23rd of May at our Friday Fish Fry dinner. We would like to thank Sportsman's Warehouse for being a sponsor of this program.

As Memorial Day is fast approaching, we all need to remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice, as well as the past, present, and future members of all Military Services. Thank you all for your service.

Rick Kettering
SAL Commander

AMERICAN LEGION POST 209 YOUNG GUNS 2ND ANNUAL RIFLE RAFFLE

DRAWING 23 MAY 2014

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON THE DAY OF THE DRAWING
\$10 PER TICKET 3 FOR \$25



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BROWNING .308 BLR
TAKE DOWN LEVER ACTION RIFLE
WITH REDFIELD VARIABLE SCOPE AND
LEUPOLD MOUNTS**

*****WINNER MUST PASS A COLORADO BACKGROUND CHECK****

Submitted on Behalf of Legionnaire Willie Brezell

Recently, a group of citizens came together to discuss the establishment of a Buffalo Soldier Community Memorial in honor of those soldiers who helped to tame the west but are largely unknown. After the Civil War, Congress authorized the establishment of six negro regiments in the summer of 1866. It recognized the military merits of blacks by authorizing two segregated regiments of black cavalry, the Ninth and the Tenth United States Cavalry and the 38TH, 39TH, 40TH AND 41ST Infantry Regiments. Orders were given to transfer the troops to the western war arena, where they would join the Army's fight against the Native Americans. These soldiers were called Buffalo Soldiers by the Native Americans. Colorado is the last known home of the only documented female Buffalo Soldier known as Cathay Williams, A.K.A. William Cathay.

It is the goal of the Buffalo Soldier Community Memorial Committee to educate the community on a somewhat unknown piece of western history in Colorado Springs. For additional information, please contact Co-Chair Henry Allen, President of the Colorado Springs NAACP; Co-Chair Director Jim Mason, School District 11. Contributions are tax deductible in accordance with IRS 501 (c) (3) guidelines. Donations should be directed to Buffalo Soldier Community Memorial (BSCM) or the Pikes Peak Community Foundation, ATTN: Sara Barad, 730 N. Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, www. ppcf.org, 719 389-1251 or <https://sites.google.com/site/csbuffalosoldiermemorial2>.

Dinner/Events RSVPs

Please note the number to send your RSVPs is located at the bottom of each page.



FROM THE ADJUTANT LARRY L JOHNSON

ANNUAL REPORTS

One of the requirements for us to keep our Post Charter is to submit an annual report of what we as members of the Post have accomplished. Please send us information (hours, donations, org. etc.) on any community service you supported over the past year. If in doubt whether it counts, send it.

VOLUNTEERING

If you have volunteered your time for Americanism, Children and Youth, with another Veterans Organization, etc. please let us know by sending us a card.

MEMBERSHIP

If you plan to renew your membership for 2014 with the Post but have kept putting it off, now is the time to renew. We need to have all memberships turned into Department by the 15th of May.

Speaking of membership, are you aware that the Post has a total 940 members as of this writing?

So far this year we have recruited a record 91 new members for 2014 and we are still going.

Our goal was 788 Legionnaires for 2014. The neat thing is that we aren't done. The Post right now is setting in the number 2 position in the Department and we are only 70 away from being number 1 in the Department.

Department needs 160 members in order to beat the goal as set by National.

What all this means is that everyone should give themselves a pat on the back. We have recruited 91 new members and 849 have renewed their membership for 2014. We have seen member participation in the online renewal process. Last year at this time, we had 46 and this year we are setting at 170. These numbers do not count transfers into the Post this year of which we had 104.

When you look at the total numbers of the Auxiliary, the SAL, our programs such as the Young Guns and The American Legion Riders, it is amazing to see how quickly we are growing.

I would like to see more of you get involved with the various committees and activities that make our Post a success.

MOVING

Are you moving? Are you contemplating moving? Please keep us in mind and send us a change of address. It will save the Post money and we will be able to keep you informed on what is happening.

SENATOR BENNET VISITS THE CEMETERY SITE

By Legionnaire Vic Fernandez

On 26 March, Senator Michael Bennet visited the site of the Veterans Cemetery about a mile east of Marksheffel Road on the south side of Drennen road. Although he had never visited the site, he had joined the Colorado congressional supporters for the cemetery months ago.

I was accompanied by the committee treasurer, Paul Darrow, USMC, Retired. We briefed the Senator with a map we had put together, and explained that the cemetery was very much needed to serve the large Veteran population of southern Colorado and the largest concentration of active duty military in the entire Rocky Mountain region. We emphasized that Pueblo was the "Home of the Heroes" and home of four living Medal of Honor recipients. We also ensured that he fully understood that the Ft. Logan National Veterans Cemetery is more than 100 miles from most of the Veterans of southern Colorado, and hard to find in Denver.

He noted that although the site was presently a plot of vacant land with tumbleweeds, and surrounded by barbed wire, it is not just any old site. It will soon be a monument, and a symbol of the selfless service of our Veterans. We pointed out to him that the horizon visible to the west of the site was punctuated by the iconic backdrop of Pikes Peak. It was a clear day, and we were also able to see the Wet Mountains and the snowcapped Sangre de Cristo range.

We all came away with the warm pride of what will be the future resting place for our heroes.

We hope that you all will take the time this year to attend one of the many Memorial Day ceremonies and/or parades planned in southern Colorado. These ceremonies and parades are intended to remember those who have served, and especially those who gave their all for America!

IT'S ALL FOR THE VETERANS!

Passing of a Legionnaire

I regret to say that as a Post we have lost many comrades this year. Unfortunately, we find out someone has passed because of the obits and it is sometimes hard to distinguish because the names can be mistaken. If you know of a member of the Post, Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, the American Legion Riders who have passed, please let us know. You can send an email to centenni-altwozeronine@yahoo.com or send a letter/post card to American Legion Post 209, PO Box 25334, Colorado Springs, Co 80935 or call us at 719-599-8624.

L.E.A.D. TRAINING

Your Post will be sponsoring the L.E.A.D. Training on Saturday 17 May. The training will be done by personnel from National and will begin at 8:00am (coffee and donuts at 7:00am) and will go until about 4:00pm. This is a great opportunity to learn about the American Legion as well as meeting members from the Department. There is a registration fee of \$15.00 that covers all materials and lunch at the Post. Make plans to attend. Call the Adjutant Larry Johnson for further information.

.357 Drawing

If you are going to participate in the .357 Pistol drawing that will be held at the Department Convention in June of this year, the deadline for signing up a new member is 20 May 2014.

Remember, all you have to do is recruit 1 new member and your name and the recruited member's name goes into the drawing. You can earn multiple entries for the drawing each time you recruit a new member.

EASTER EGG HUNT

I want to thank all the people that helped make this event such a success. We had 28 children participating in the Easter Egg Hunt. My heart filled with pride to see such a great turnout because this means our Legion family is growing with not only members but family participation. It is a blessing. We had children sharing their eggs with others that didn't find any eggs and I feel it was a tremendous success.

Serving Our Veterans and Families Proudly,
Jackie



Newsletter

Have something you'd like to see in the next issue? Newsletter submissions are due no later than the 15th of every month and can be mailed to Jay or to al209newsletter@yahoo.com for approval and submission.



Rusty Bower's column brings a little "salt" to the Post.

Origin of NAVY Terminology



Three Sheets to the Wind

We use the term "three sheets to the wind" to describe someone who has too much to drink. As such, they are often bedraggled with perhaps shirttails out, clothes a mess. The reference is to a sailing ship in disarray, that is with sheets (lines -- not "ropes" -- that adjust the angle at which a sail is set in relation to the wind) flapping loosely in the breeze.

Rusty Bower
NAVY Senior Chief (Retired)



From the Senior Vice Commander, Greg Smith 2014 and beyond

Centennial Post 209 has achieved its 2014 annual goal of 789 members. In addition, we have exceeded that goal and as of this writing are sitting at 928 members. WOW! What an exceptional accomplishment to those members who network with Veterans, talk to Veterans in the community, and demonstrate the need to become a member of our Post family. As the second largest Post in the Department of Colorado, we have become a model and a voice of our Veterans.

A critical role over the next few months is to continue with our membership drive and work to talk to more Veterans daily, especially those coming back from overseas, those that are serving on active duty, and those that have a common interest within the American Legion. The more members that there are, the more help we can offer our Veteran members through events, scholarships, fundraisers, services, color guard, and comradeship.

I, again want to challenge all of our members to find a Veteran and ask them to become a member of the American Legion. We have many needs in our Veteran community and with your help we can provide for several of those requests.

Volunteerism is another need within the Centennial Post 209 family. It does not matter if you have one hour or several hours. Each of these opportunities lets the community of Colorado Springs know what we can do to help our Veterans. This is our charge for being part of the American Legion Centennial Post 209.

I am so very proud to be a member and leader within the Centennial Post 209. Thank you for this opportunity.

759th Military Police and Centennial Post 209 *Postponed, but not forgotten*

Centennial Post family,

I spoke this week with the CONOP members and due to military requirements and mission essential duties; the Organization Day (Loyalty Day) event scheduled for 21 May has to be **postponed**.

I want to personally thank each Post member who volunteered his or her time to visit with the active duty soldiers at this event. I know this is a sad day, but I assure you we, the leaders of the Post and those at Fort Carson, truly plan on rescheduling this event in the near future. Be on the lookout for the rescheduled date.

When it does get rescheduled, the Family Readiness Group will support the event and assistance will be provided to those members who need help across the areas.

Our goal will be to static display stations, which may include Weapons (M4; M203; M9; M249; M240; MK-19; and MT-4), Night Vision devices, Communication equipment (ASEP; HARRIS; and HIIDE), military vehicles (M1151; ASV; MRAP; and MATV), and personal gear (ACH; IOTV; M40; Ruck Sack; and deployed gear).

Thank you for your support and representation of the Centennial Post 209 family.



American Legion Riders—Post 209



Our meetings for ALR Post 209 are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. They start at 6:30 pm at Post 209. Please come and discover what the ALR Post 209 riders are doing and what community events we are participating in each month.

All of our events are posted on the Post 209 website calendar. Find a ride(s) that meet(s) your needs and our mission; “Ride for Veterans.” Our goal is to ride and show the community we represent Veterans in all that we do in our lives.

Our next general membership meeting is May 27th. Please join us. I look forward to meeting you and introducing you to the ALR officers. These folks have volunteered to lead our American Legion Riders into the future. The 2014/2015 elected leadership team for the ALR Chapter 209 is as follows:

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| President | Andrew Gilbert |
| Vice President | Gregory Smith |
| Secretary | John Duenas |
| Treasurer | Rusty Bower |
| Sergeant at Arms | Lino Calica |
| Road Captain | Mike Barger |

We, as a group, ride one scheduled ride a month; ride a short notice ride a month; and have three recommended rides, which supports participation and active membership. The scheduled rides are on the Centennial Post 209 calendar. We currently have the Canon City 1 (June 8th), and Fairplay 1 (July 20th) rides scheduled. The required rides are July 26th (McCandless State Veterans Home), August 9th (Colorado Springs’ Posts Scavenger Hunt), and August 16, 2014 (POW/MIA recognition). We understand life and family, so we can support your needs.

The American Legion Riders email is alrpost209@yahoo.com. If you have any questions or comments, please email us so that we can assist you in being a member of the American Legion Rider Post 209. Our dues for the year are \$35 (annually) and the patch set is \$40 (one time fee).

Since our inaugural ride (March 1st, 2014), we have supported the BACA (Biker Against Child Abuse), McCandless State Veterans Home (Biker’s Ball and Ride), and Run for the Wall. The ***Run For The Wall recognizes the sacrifices and contributions made by all Veterans who have served our nation.*** What a fascinating experience. At this time, we have members riding the Angel Fire, NM to Goodland, KS leg and another riding the East Coast to Washington, DC leg.

New Feature Coming Soon to *The Centennial*

As I wind down my 4+ years serving as your Commander, I will soon lose my page 1 “blog.” Because several of you have requested I continue to contribute to *The Centennial*, I will be offering a feature called Bringing a Little of the South to the West. In this, I will share with you some of the culture (yes, we have culture in the South although for some it is hard to identify it), history, traditions, memories from a transplanted Southern boy. It is my intent to often keep it light and shorter than my page 1 (if possible), plus I welcome and encourage any member to send contributions to *The Centennial* of their experiences below the Mason/Dixon line to include in this new feature. Look for the first installment in the July edition because I get one more shot at the front page in June.

For God and Country,
Jay



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Centennial 209 Family Calendar of Events



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| 5 Jun | Post Exec Mtg 6:30 pm |
| 6 Jun | Hamdogger 6:00 pm |
| 14 Jun | Breakfast 9:00 am Legion/Auxiliary Meetings 10:00 am SAL Mtg 11:30 am |
| 19-22 Jun | Department Convention - Lamar |
| 20 Jun | Steak Night! 6:00 pm RSVP REQUIRED |
| 24 Jun | ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm |
| 27 Jun | Fish Fry 6:00 pm RSVP REQUIRED |
| 3 Jul | Post Exec Mtg 6:30 pm |
| 4 Jul | Hamdogger CANCELLED Independence Day! PICNIC 1:00 PM |
| 12 Jul | Breakfast 9:00 am Legion/Auxiliary Meetings 10:00 am SAL Mtg 11:30 am |
| 18 Jul | Steak Night! 6:00 pm RSVP REQUIRED |
| 22 Jul | ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm |
| 25 Jul | Fish Fry 6:00 pm RSVP REQUIRED |
| 1 Aug | Hamdogger 6:00 pm |
| 7 Aug | Post Exec Mtg 6:30 pm |
| 9 Aug | Breakfast 9:00 am Legion/Auxiliary Meetings 10:00 am SAL Mtg 11:30 am |
| 15 Aug | Steak Night! 6:00 pm RSVP REQUIRED |
| 22 Aug | Fish Fry 6:00 pm RSVP REQUIRED |
| 26 Aug | ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm |
| 1 Sep | Labor Day! |
| 4 Sep | Post Exec Mtg 6:30 pm |
| 5 Sep | Hamdogger 6:00 pm |
| 13 Sep | Breakfast 9:00 am Legion/Auxiliary Meetings 10:00 am SAL Mtg 11:30 am |
| 19 Sep | Steak Night! 6:00 pm RSVP REQUIRED |
| 23 Sep | ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm |
| 26 Sep | Fish Fry 6:00 pm RSVP REQUIRED |

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | | 1 Executive Committee Meeting 1830 hrs.  | 2 Hamdogger; 1800hrs RSVP not Required  | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Young Guns 1830-2030  | 8 | 9 | 10 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary, ALR Installation; 1600 Banquet 1800hrs RSVP for Banquet required  |
| 11 Mother's Day!  | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Steak Night 1800 hrs. RSVP Req'd  | 17 L.E.A.D. Workshop Post 209; 0800hrs  |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Fish Fry 1800 hrs. RSVP Req'd  | 24 District 7 Convention Post 209; 1100hrs  |
| 25 | 26 Memorial Day!  | 27 ALR Post 209 Meeting 1830 hrs.  | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

Reservations and RSVP go to Jackie Bowen (574-1223) jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com, or Lynn Thomas at 439-6268