

A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION

CENTENNIAL POST 209



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FROM THE COMMANDER:

For the past two (2) years, I have had the privilege of serving you as the Post Commander of this Post and I would like to thank each and every one of you for the hours that you have dedicated to the American Legion ideal and it's programs. We have had a very successful two years in that we have seen our one and only money making endeavor continue to provide us with funds that allow us to host our programs of the American Legion as well as provide help to veterans in the VA hospital and the veterans and children of our community.

The past year has been very successful. First of all we started this year off with a bang. Our membership started coming in and it has not stopped. We had a goal of 255 members for the 1991 Legion year and currently we have 308 members within our post.

I asked for help to accomplish tasks at the Post home and I am happy to say a bunch of you responded in the way only you can contribute.

When the National Organization of the American Legion started the American Legion Hotline we were called upon several times to provide assistance to families of Desert Storm troops and we did provide the help required. We helped families moving from Fort Carson store their belongings so that they could go home and be with their families. We

helped other families by providing assistance and information as well as giving them a place to go to get help and to help them solve their problems. Without the support of you Legionnaires and Auxiliary members this could never have happened.

One of the most important facts, if you will, is that if an American Legion post is active and progresses forward just as we have done, you will also find a very active Auxiliary Unit supporting the American Legion programs and activities and this is just the case. The ladies of our unit has proven time and time again that they are more than willing and capable of not only providing assistance in our endeavors but just as capable of hosting their own programs at the same time. I do know that there has been many times that I called upon the Auxiliary to do something for the Post and myself and they always did. One of the best things that I can say is, the Legion and the Auxiliary Unit have a terrific relationship going and I hope that it will continue to do so in the future. I would like to take a minute and thank the President Betty Mikulecky and all of the wonderful ladies who have done so much the past two years. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

We saw the formation of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) during the past year. I will say this, the Sons of the American Legion I am sure will become a vital ingredient to this Post just as the Auxiliary has. The Sons of the American Legion have many programs which compliment the Legion and the Auxiliary and, if given a chance, I am sure they will also grow just as we have.

It has not been all fun this year as we did have a member of the Post, Thomas J. McCardle, who was called to the Supreme Legion Post. We also lost a long time friend of our Centennial Post 209, one D.H. "JIM" Chandler, who was the District Commander when this post was formed in 1976.

We have truly shown the District as well as the Department of Colorado that Centennial Post 209 is a Post who (if I may quote Past Post Commander Neal Thomas) is a small Post going places and doing BIG things. The only request that I could possibly have at this point is that everyone who has supported me during my two years as Commander of this Post to please provide just as much or more support to the Incoming Commander June Thomas as well as the Commanders who will follow in the years to come.

The month of June is a very important month in that on the 14th of June is Flag Day. Now we all know that the flag is to be flown everyday to honor our country and the ideals that we fought for. But, this nation decided that one day out of the year should be set aside to display our dedication and to honor the flag of this great nation. I hope that everyone will fly their flag on this day and every day of the

year.

In addition, June 20th through 23rd is the Department Convention in Aurora, Colorado. I would like to see everyone come up to Denver to the Convention, meet new people, and have a good time while learning about some of the programs of the American Legion. Centennial Post 209 will not have our regular monthly meeting in June due to the Convention which is expected to keep our officers busy in Aurora during that time period but I look forward to seeing you at our July meeting.

On the 4th of July, Colorado Springs, will host a WELCOME HOME PARADE AND SALUTE to our Nation's soldiers and veterans. There will be a parade as well as many other activities that day. I would like to call upon all Legionnaires, Auxiliary Members, and Sons of the American Legion to come out and participate in this grand affair. We will host a meeting on 12 JUNE 1991 at 7:00 PM. at the Post Home to decide how we are going to participate. We could, of course, just form a marching unit made up of everyone or we could put together a float and let people ride on it, that is just two of the ideas that have come up so far. So come on down to the Post on the 12th of June and let us hear your ideas, call the Post, or write them down and mail them to us. Better yet, just drop them off at the Post.

This is my last letter as Post Commander, and I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for your great support for the past two years. However, you will not get rid of me that easy as I will become your Adjutant. See you real soon and THANK YOU again.

LARRY L. JOHNSON
COMMANDER.

FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:

HI LEGIONNAIRES:

We have really showed the Department of Colorado what this LITTLE POST CAN DO! We have increased our goal of 255 members to a fantastic total of 308 members to date.

There are still a few members who have not yet renewed and WE STILL NEED YOU to retain your membership. You cannot be replaced regardless of the number of members we gain. Come out and help us in our growth of Centennial Post 209.

There will be no JUNE meeting but be sure to come out to our regular July meeting. There will be a June 12th meeting to plan for the big 4th OF JULY parade. This parade will be the WELCOME HOME to ALL veterans. COME OUT AND BE COUNTED....

I want to thank you again for the confidence in me which you demonstrated by your votes. I love the American Legion and it's programs and this is a great honor for me. God Bless each and every one of you.

JUNE THOMAS
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

FROM THE JR. VICE COMMANDER

We are having our STEAK FRY and DANCE on 1 JUNE 1991 and the price will be \$8.00 per person. Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM and the band will start up at 9:00 PM. Tickets will be available at the bar. The band will be a 5-piece band and the music is expected to be excellent.

Since this is my last activity as JR. VICE COMMANDER, I want to thank everybody that helped me through this past year. I could put all the names in here but it would indeed be a lengthy list for the newsletter. So, with this in mind, I say THANK YOU ONE AND ALL, and I hope you give the new Jr. Vice Commander the good support you have given me.

LOU MIKULECKY
JR. VICE COMMANDER.

FROM THE UNIT:

Thank you once again to the delegates for the Department Convention. They did a beautiful job on salads and desserts. The cake of the American flag done by Eleanore McNeil was the highlite of the table. The dinner was really good. Many thanks to Dick and Sheila Wilson, Jesse and Jose Romaro, and last but not least - our chef Don Miller.

I am looking forward to serving Unit 209 as your Unit President again this year and I know it will be a bigger and better one.

Several ladies have come to me and have asked why we do not have any fund raisers?? They have made some suggestions such as Spaghetti Dinners, Fish fries, Box Social Auctions, and Bake sales. These are proven money making projects and there are enough ladies willing to work. We need to form committees to plan these things. So, Ladies, put on your thinking caps and be ready for a real busy year. There is no reason we cannot have one function a month and build up our treasury.

Come on down June 6th for our meeting and we can plan something for July.

BETTY MIKULECKY
UNIT PRESIDENT.

***** EVENTS *****

1 JUNE	Steak Fry and Dance. \$8.00 p/person	6pm - 1 AM
5 JUNE	Legion Executive meeting	7:00 PM
6 JUNE	Auxiliary Executive/General membership Meeting. Ladies only. NO DINNER.	6/7:00 PM
12 JUNE	4TH OF JULY PARADE PLANNING meeting.	7:00 PM
	Anyone interested - please come in.	
20-24 JUNE	Colorado Department Convention - Aurora CO, Holiday Inn at I-70 & Chambers Rd.	
2 JULY	Executive Meeting	
4 JULY	PARADE - 430 E. Pike's Peak Ave.	10:00 AM
18 JULY	General Membership meeting Post 209	7:00 PM

FROM THE CLUB:

Starting June 1, 191 we are going to open at 11:00 AM. We are trying a different menu each week of the month. If you have time to stop by and have lunch with us we are sure you will find our menu selections appealing and delicious for a real good price.

JUNE MENU

In addition to our usual daily selection of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, soups, hotdogs etc.. we will offer the following SPECIAL daily selections. It's a great place to have lunch, come down and check these out.

JUNE 3-9	Hot turkey sandwich w/fries	\$2.00
	Bicardi Breezers.	\$1.00
JUNE 10-16	Corn Beef (Hot or Cold) w/slaw on light or dark rye w/cheese.	\$2.25
	A bottle of regular Coors or Miller's Genuine Draught.	\$1.00
JUNE 17-23	Chef's salad w/choice of dressing.	\$2.00
	Your choice of Tom or Vodka Collins.	\$1.00
JUNE 24-30	Italian Sub Sandwich w/slaw.	\$2.00
	Lois' Special Wine Cooler or Seagram's Black Raspberry Wine Coolers.	\$1.00

THE CLUB MANAGER

MEMBERSHIP

As some of you know, our membership drive runs according to the calendar year - 1 JANUARY to 31 DECEMBER. However, our membership RECRUITING drive starts immediately after the Department Convention in June.

When the incoming Adjutant, Larry Johnson, returns from the convention on the 25th of June he will have the new membership cards for our American Legion year 1992. If you would like to renew your 1992 membership at this time, the cards will be available.

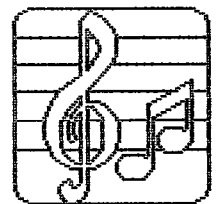
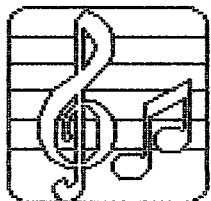
If you have any questions, please feel free to call Larry Johnson at work (579-5798/5672) or at home (590-1369) or just call the Post and I will get back to you.

During the General Membership meeting in July, Frank Mohr from the county Veterans Affairs office will be present. He will be bringing in some of the changes to our benefits and we will be able to ask questions. Frank is a member of Post 209 and, as his job implies, he performs services to Veterans on a daily basis.

ATTENTION STEAKFRY

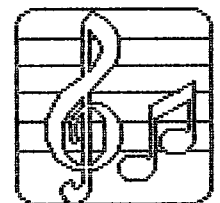
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DANCE



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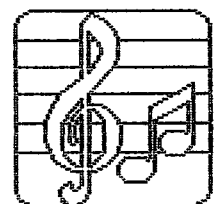
STARTING AT 6 pm.



9 oz. STEAK

BAKED POTATOE, CORN ON COB

BAKED BEANS AND SALAD



\$8.- per. person

Tickets available at the Lounge

NEW HOURS

EFFECTIVE 1 JUNE 1991

MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

11:00 AM TO 10:00 PM

SUNDAY

12:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

**WE WILL STAY OPEN

LATER IF THERE IS A CROWD

COME ON DOWN AND ENJOY

YOUR POST HOME

TODAY !!!

**WE ARE HAVING
A PARADE
JULY 4th, 1998**

**Please
make a commitment in
behalf of your organizations
participation.**

**LET'S SHOW OUR
TROOPS WE REALLY
CARE!**

