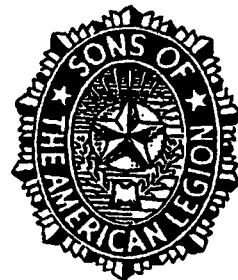
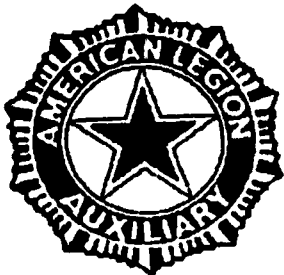


*CENTENNIAL POST 209*  
*THE AMERICAN LEGION*



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*JUNE 1995*

*FROM THE COMMANDER - HARRY JOHNSON*

THE CARDINAL PRINCIPLE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION IS THE REHABILITATION OF DISABLED VETERANS, THE CARE OF DEPENDENTS OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED THE FINAL CALL, EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN, AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION.

The American Legion year, 1995-96, starts for me as Commander after the Department convention in June. I promise to abide by the guiding principles of The American Legion. I will do what is required to insure the successful operation of this Centennial Post 209. We will operate under the sunshine principle, making no commitments not properly approved by the Executive Committee and/or the general membership. All transactions will be made in the light of day, no closed or unscheduled meetings.

We will support our veterans, their dependents, and children and youth. That was the founding principle of the Legion. We will also try our best to have a little fun along the way as "all work and no play" makes for a very boring situation.

I will need the help of all officers

and membership, including the Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion. The officers installed have promised to do their jobs and I'm sure that they will be the best elected group of Post officers in the Department of Colorado. One of the main jobs for the Post, as I see it, is to go forward with planning and building a Post Home, as soon as possible.

I'm sure that most of you know that our annual budget is over \$100,000 per year but you may not know that most of the funds come from our Bingo game. We could not operate, under our present situation, without the Bingo game. We need the help of anyone who has any time to spare to run our Bingo game.

This is your Post, you members of the Legion, Auxiliary and the Sons. You can make it work or you can let it fail. It is really up to you, the membership. We, as elected officers of the Post, can do our jobs only with your support and help. I call upon all the members to do your part by attending the general membership meetings. Let your views be known and offer any constructive suggestions you have about your Post.

POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER HARRY JOHNSON  
SR VICE COMMANDER HARRY MCFADDEN  
JR VICE COMMANDER CHUCK CLABBERS  
ADJUTANT ANN FOSTER  
FINANCE OFFICER LARRY JOHNSON  
HISTORIAN J. C. SHELLHAMMER  
SGT-AT-ARMS JEFF NEW  
CHAPLAIN HOWARD HORNIK  
JUDGE ADVOCATE WALLY LONGSINGER  
SERVICE OFFICER  
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN NEAL THOMAS

DUES \$25.00

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

World War I  
Apr 6, 1917 - Nov 11, 1918  
World War II  
Dec 7, 1941 - Dec 31, 1946  
Korean War  
June 25, 1950 - Jan 31, 1955  
Vietnam War  
Dec 22, 1961 - May 7, 1975  
Granada & Lebanon  
Aug 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984  
Panama  
Dec 20, 1989 - Jan 31, 1990  
Persian Gulf  
Aug 2, 1990 till end of hostilities

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT BARBARA JOHNSON  
1ST VICE PRESIDENT  
2ND VICE PRESIDENT  
SECRETARY/TREAS DOT DASSERO  
HISTORIAN  
CHAPLAIN MARCIA SHELLHAMMER  
SGT-AT-ARMS RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$12.00

*MORE BY COMMANDER HARRY*

Starting with the July newsletter, we will publish a listing of all members offering a product or service which you may need. We assume no responsibility for the information. We are not recommending or guaranteeing the product or the service but publish the list as a convenience. If you wish to have your product or service, along with your name and phone number, published on this list, please come to the July meeting and we will allow you two minutes to present yourself (time permitting).

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.  
834 Emory - TREA BLDG

EDITOR

DOROTHY DASSERO, NALPA

*VA GUARANTEED LOANS*  
*From: NCOA Newsletter*

*A number of veterans think that VA Guaranteed Loans are only for the purpose of buying a house. The loans are for that purpose but may also be used to procure townhouses, condominiums, to build a home, or to repair, alter or improve a home; to buy a manufactured home with or without the property lot; buy and improve a manufactured home or to improve one; improve the veterans home heating/cooling system or add energy efficiency measures. Remember, VA guarantees bank and financial institution loans for a variety of purposes but the process starts with the veteran qualifying for the loans; VA is not a money lender.*

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## VA HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department of Veterans Affairs awards scholarships to nursing, nurse anesthesia and occupational, physical and respiratory therapy students, and for the first time, physician assistants! Awards are intended for students in the final year of an associated degree in nursing or respiratory therapy, or the final two years of a baccalaureate or master's degree in nursing, occupational, physical and respiratory therapy, or physician assistant program. Recipients receive tuition, education expenses, and a monthly stipend of \$767.00. In exchange, participants agree to serve as a full-time VA professional in a VA health facility for a period of two years. Requests for applications may be made March 1st to May 19th (for next year) by calling 202-535-7528.

### ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - ANN FOSTER

Membership is now at 343. We only need eight more to make 70%. If you are following any of the Congressional news these days, you know that we are in for some drastic changes with respect to health care and other issues. The American Legion is the largest veteran service organization, and its record of service to the veteran is excellent. However, the more members we have increases our ability to have our voices heard on the issues that matter.

Department convention will be in Sterling, June 23-25. At this time, your delegates will be Harry Johnson, Ann Foster, Larry Johnson, Howard Hornik and Neal Thomas. If you wish them to find out about anything while in attendance, please let them know.

### MEMO FROM WM. M. DETWEILER, NATIONAL COMMANDER

National has learned a special account has been established for victims and their families in Oklahoma. The Department of

Oklahoma has requested anyone wishing to contribute to this cause to send contributions to Jerry Askins, Adjutant, Department of Oklahoma, P. O. Box 53037, Oklahoma City, OK 73152. Information concerning injuries to members of the Legion family is still being collected but preliminary information advises five known members were injured during the blast.

### AUXILIARY REPORT

Congratulation to Barbara Johnson who was installed as President of our unit at the installation dinner. Should be fun having our Commander and President from the same family. Dot Dassero assumed the dual office of secretary-treasurer, Marcia Shellhammer as Chaplain and Ruth Hornik, Sgt-at-Arms. We know for sure that the Auxiliary will be behind Harry (or beside him) in implementing the plans he develops for the Legion in the coming year.

The Auxiliary does not schedule a meeting for the month of June because of Department Convention. However, our meetings for July and August will be held at the office of the Post on Austin Bluff Blvd. At those meetings, we will decide whether to continue holding our monthly meeting at that location or return to the TREA or elsewhere. We hope you will voice your opinion.

Vi Herath wants to thank Jim Shellhammer, Florence Spiewak, Alice Hart and Donna Watkins for helping her distribute poppies this year. It's been a rainy week for this project and yet these people showed up to assist with the Auxiliary project. Half of the funds collected go to VA&R and half to Children & Youth. We appreciate you guys!

Congratulations to Ireana Campbell who was recently installed as Chapeau for Salon 422, 8&40.

# June 1995

## CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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4	5	6	7 7:00pm EXEC MTG	8	9 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	10
11	12 8:00pm 40/8 MTG	13	14 Flag Day	15 110% TARGET DATE TO DEPT 7:00pm GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REA #1	16 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	17
18 Father's Day	19 7:30pm 8 & 40 MTG POST 5	20	21 Summer begins	22 DEPT CONV- ENTION	23 DEPT CONV- ENTION 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	24 DEPT CONV- ENTION
25 DEPT CONV- ENTION	26	27	28	29	30 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	

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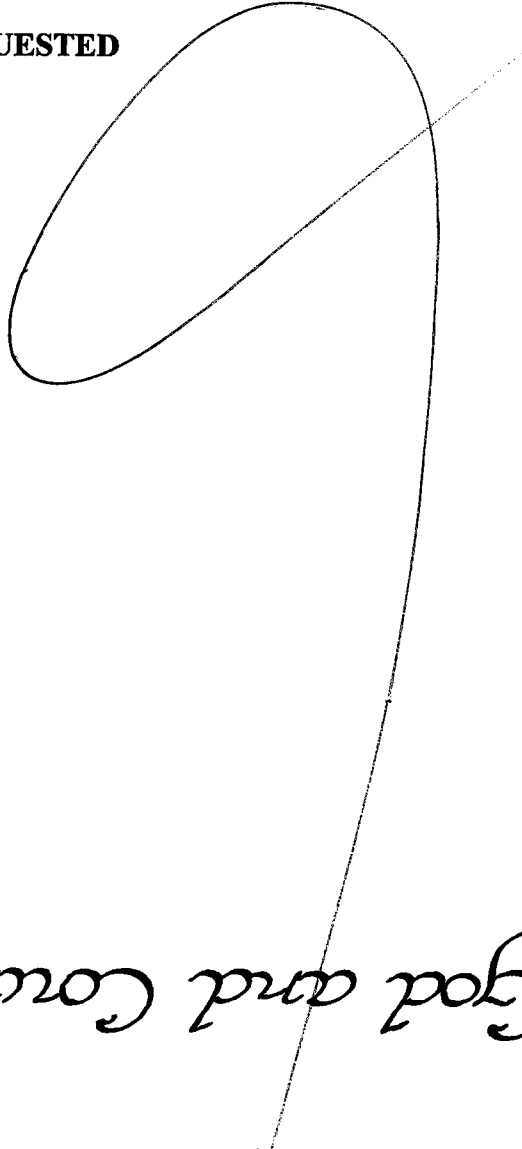
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