

CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

JUNE 1996



LEGION NEWS
HARRY JOHNSON
COMMANDER

You make your own decision of the success of our past year. I feel we had a successful year.

Our budget was \$94,611 and, of the total budget, \$82,227 came from Bingo. I want to say that again...\$82,227.00 of our income came from Bingo. We have about 12-14 people who run our Bingo every Friday night, and they are very dedicated to the success of this Post. We need more dedicated people like that. This is not to say they are the only dedicated people but they certainly donate the most time and effort to allow us to achieve the success we enjoy.

We need participation from all our membership. Why not join us at the July meeting at the DAV Post Home, corner of Palmer Park and Peterson Rd at 7:00 P.M. We will have potluck at 6:00 and the meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. Hope to see you there.

The winner of our recent raffle was Lois Egnor. The drawing was held at the Bingo on May 24. Lois is an Auxiliary member. Congratulations, Lois.

Dear Comrades:

In the last few weeks, we have provided you with information about building the new Post Home. We will start construction this summer. We have had to apply for a change in zoning, and that is in progress now. We must now turn our attention to the money side. I have had contact with a lender who feels it can make the loan (\$350,000) to construct the building. They tell me that the interest rate will be in the 8 to 9% range. I've had a talk with our attorney, and he informs me that if any member would like to make a loan to the Post (this is the way TREA financed its building), we could accept the money and pay the same interest rate we would have to pay a mortgage banker, i.e., 8 to 9%. We would rather pay our own members interest than a mortgage banker. If you are interested in this, please give me a call, and I will arrange to get together with you and explain how this would work. The loan would be secured by the new building and the property. The property is valued at about \$350,000, and the building completed will be valued at about \$450,000. This would be a very secure loan.

If anyone would like to make a tax-free donation to the Post Home (as several have done), we would like to talk to you about that also.

For information, you can reach me at 596-9261.

Harry Johnson, Commander

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 LONSINGER
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

JUN 25, 1950 - JAN 31, 1948

VIETNAM WAR

DEC 22, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975

GRENADA & LEBANON

AUG 24, 1982 - JUL 31 1984

PANAMA

DEC 20, 1989 - JAN 31, 1990

PERSIAN GULF

AUG 2, 1990 UNTIL THE
END OF HOSTILITIES

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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

DUES \$12.00

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - ANN FOSTER

We now have 328 members and could be at 75% if we could get 10 more. This is better than last year but we still could do even more to show we care about our fellow veterans. Signing up new members gives them a voice whenever The American Legion speaks to Congress.

Even though you will receive this after Memorial Day, I would like to ask you to remember the

following members who have entered the Post

Everlasting this 1995-96 Legion

year: Lee

Baker 5-21-96;

Lanny D. Beatty

4-1-96; Laurence

L. Bloxson 1-30-96;

Kenneth L Foster 8-20-95; John Greco

11-3-95; George E. Hanson 1-14-96 Duane

A. Huisenga 1-12-96; Rufus J. Johnson

9-26-95; Joshua Joiner 1-4-96; Don B.

Keeton 12-12-95; Samuel Lindt 4-18-96;

Edward H. Mayer 8-7-95; Francis A. Mohr

1-21-96; and Joseph Zedack, Jr. 12-3-

95.



MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.

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AUXILIARY NEWS
BARBARA JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

Here we go again. The same officers as last year were installed May 18.

I want you to know how hard we tried to interest other ladies in becoming involved in our Auxiliary. Not a one would do so.

One thing you can be sure of. The officers who have been elected care enough about Centennial Unit #209 to carry on in its behalf.

Please do not say "it is always the same people." If it weren't for those same people, there would be no Unit 209.

I can tell you we do our best and will continue to do so - don't think we are not honored to be your Auxiliary officers because we are - but it sure would be nice to know we have your support and help.

I am planning on attending Department Convention in Grand Junction. I should be able to bring back interesting news about next year to share with you.

Have a great summer. Hope to see you at our July 18th meeting. Potluck at 6:0 P.M., Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

POPPY CHAIRMAN - VI HERATH

Vi Herath sez --

Thank you Dot Dassero for helping to open poppies and for working all day Monday, the 20th.

The following persons worked each a half day: Barbara Johnson, Ruth

Hornik, Florence Spiewak and my friend, Donna Watkins. I thank these ladies. My thanks goes to Legionnaire Jim Shellhammer for volunteering in the event I needed him.

We had great weather and this was the most profitable year. We grossed \$703.89. After paying for the poppies and giving 25% of the net profit to Department, we came out with \$493.00 for "Children and Youth" and "Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation."

ACTIVITIES
AND OTHER SIMILAR STUFF

It looks as if the Auxiliary will be ending its year with 48 members. We are grateful to all who renewed and to those Legionnaires and Auxiliary members who helped to bring in some new members.

We acquired two life members this year...one who reached the age of 65 and paid \$100 to pay her membership for the rest of her life. We had another member become a VIM cardholder. Her dues were paid for the rest of her life through the national organization.

Life membership is available to all. If you plan to remain in Colorado, the cost is a little less than through national but if you move about, as in the military, VIM (Very Important Member) status is wisest. It can be transferred to any other Auxiliary unit world-wide.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 27-30 - Department Convention, Grand Junction - No June meeting
July 3 - Executive Committee Meeting
July 18 - General Meeting & Potluck
July 27 - Florence Nursing Home - Birthday Party
August - Annual Picnic