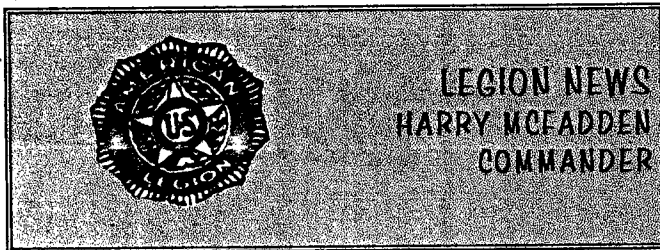


CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

JUNE 1997



We have begun another year of activities. It started with the activity at Memorial Park to remember our fallen comrades on Memorial Day. Then on to the Shrine of Remembrance at 1:00 P.M. We took part in the raising of the flags, and appreciated those Legion members who showed respect by being there.

Within the next few days your Post Commander will be visiting several elementary schools, Falcon Middle school and Centennial School, to hand out 700 American flags and flag etiquette books.

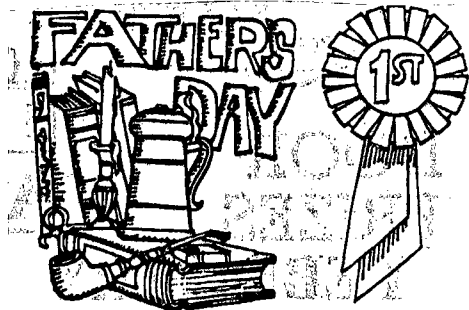
We appreciate those who attended the installation of officers on the 24th. The reality of the new year is of great concern to our veterans and we must be vigilant. We hope to have a new Post Home soon, and in keeping with the format of our great organization, will start each meeting with the posting of the colors and prayer by our Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance.

As your newly installed Commander, I promise to keep in mind the three C's, standing for communication, commitment and compassion. We need to have a good attitude in leadership towards each other leading to success and happiness. Most of all integrity is in order for a successful Post. A sign of good leadership is one who knows the way, shows the way and goes the way.

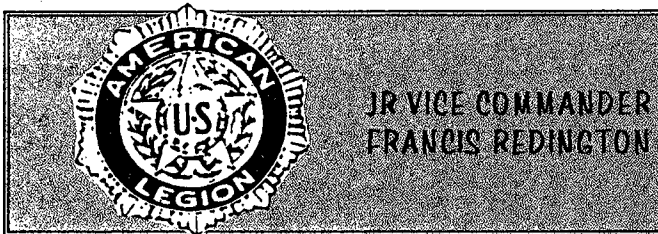
I thank you for your confidence in electing me as your Post Commander, I do admit that I am not perfect but hope that I will be forgiven for any mistakes.

On June 20-22, I will be at the Department Convention in Fort Collins, and on June 4, the Board of Trustees meet at 6:30 P.M. with Executive meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Help is need to move some items into storage on June 1 and possibly again on June 8. We would appreciate any assistance. Thank you.



Memorial Day ceremonies at Memorial Park and the Shrine of Remembrance were blessed with good weather, good speakers and good attendance. These events help us to remember that freedom is paid for by all who have served in the military and who are still serving. Some of us are here to share that with others and some have already paid the ultimate price by death in battle or later from wounds. Let us hope we never forget to teach those coming behind what it means to be living in such a wonderful country which has been kept that way by its citizen soldiers.



There are two things I need to share with you. First the Annual Picnic is scheduled for 19 July on our property. Please put this date on your calendar if you would like to share a good time with your fellow members. We will give the details in the next newsletter.

Second, The National American Legion Jr Shooting contest is to be held at the Olympic Training Center, August 6-10. My wife and I have been involved with this for several years and find it to be a worthwhile program.

Often the National Headquarters brings volunteer staff to do the following three things to make this contest happen: a Block Officer, Target Carrier and Scorer. This year they would like to see more of the volunteers come

from the membership of Colorado Legionnaires and/or Auxiliary. In order to help you decide whether or not this is something you might enjoy, I am going to describe duties and outline time commitments.

The Block Officer has the responsibility of monitoring 4-6 shooters to insure they don't touch fired targets. Upon completion of shooting, the Block Officers gives the targets to a Target Carrier. Usually 6-8 Block Officers are needed but more allow for more flexibility and less time commitment.

The Target Carrier is responsible for transporting fired targets to the scoring bay. Usually 2-4 are needed for this task.

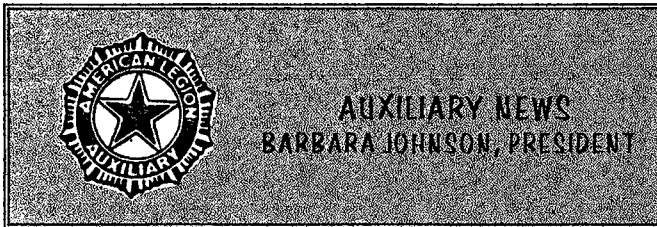
Usually 6-8 Scorers are needed and work in pairs. Beginners normally work with experienced scorers. A target is scored twice. If there is disagreement, a third person will score.

Following is a timetable using this year's dates. On 5 and 6 August, participants and staff arrive. Participants can practice the afternoon of the 6th and there is a supper that night for everyone involved. Briefings are held afterwards so everyone knows what to do and what is expected. On 7 and 8 August, the contest takes place at 8:00 A.M., usually ending 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. Box lunches are provided these days. On the 9th there will be a shoot-off for the finalists in the morning. The afternoon is reserved for a tour or activity for participants. That evening will be the Awards banquet at the Colorado Opry with entertainment

to follow. Participants return home on the 10th. Some staff attend an after-action breakfast before departing. Participants will stay at the Roadway on Pikes Peak Avenue. On shooting days Block Officers arrive between 7:15 and 7:30 A.M. Target Carriers need to arrive around 8:30 A.M. and Scorers around 9:00 A.M.

If you might be interested in any of the above, please call me at 471-3925

I realize the people who work the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo will not be able to do both but there may be some of you not rodeo-minded and would like to do something different. More volunteers means less time spent. Give it some thought and let me know if you can help with a worthwhile activity.



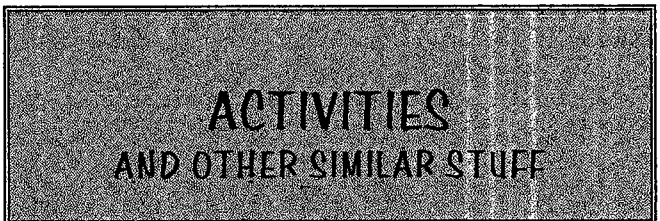
The Auxiliay, following the constitution and by-laws of Department and National do not change officers until after the Department Convention but President Barbara has asked me to fill you in on the results of our Auxiliary year. Membership exceeded the goal set for us by Department by one. When the Post Home closed, we lost over half of our members but since then have been slowly building back up again through the efforts of our membership, and some Legion members. Thanks to those who have assisted us in increasing membership to 51, 101% of our goal. Hear that, Legion, 101%. We hope

that in the ensuing year more wives, daughters, grand daughters will join with us.

At the installation dinner, President Barbara thanked those faithful members who have attended meetings and have been available to give the assistance necessary for our existence. She gave personal thanks to Ruth Hornik, Marcia Shellhammer and to myself.

Poppies have been mailed out with a letter telling the history of the poppy and a request for donations. Please be generous to help the Auxiliary continue its Children and Youth and VA&R programs.

The Post decided at the last general meeting that the property owned by the Post would be sold and the money received banked for the purchase of another property or building. It is hoped this will happen soon so that we will have a meeting place, a place to gather to enjoy and to plan and executw the various activities designated for the Auxiliary.



Coming up:

- June 4: Executive meeting - 6:30
- June 19: Regular meeting
- July 19: Annual Post Picnic



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ADJUTANT'S ANNOTATIONS - ANN FOSTER

Membership for 1997 is now 313. We need 20 more to equal last year. More importantly, 20 more members would help Commander Tarpey and the Department of Colorado reach 100%. If this occurs before August 4, it will help Colorado be among the top for membership at the National level. We are 12th at this time. It sure would be nice to be the top in our Division and possibly number one nationally. Let's see if we can show everyone else that Colorado is tops!

MEETINGS

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

EDITOR
DOROTHY DASSERO, NALPA

The New Officer's Orientation at Post 111 in Louisville was very informational. Even though I have attended these sessions before, I came away learning more new things. It was also a pleasure to meet the incoming National Commander, Tony Jordan, from Maine. He will be a very able representative of The American Legion during the coming year.

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FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

Our fund raising activity is doing fairly well.

Right now we are averaging about 140 to 170 players per night at Bingo. We are hurting for workers and once again I must inform you that I am in desperate need of a caller again.

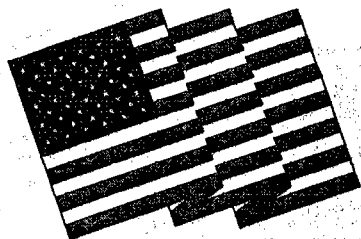
We had another caller, Floyd Bufkin, who answered the call last time but because of job scheduling cannot call anymore. Congratulations on the job Floyd.

From the 19th of June to the 14th of July and 15 August to 24 August I will be out of town. As a result I am going to need at least two callers per night.

There is time to train callers, if you would like to be a caller please come on down Friday evening or give me a call at 590-1369 and I will arrange a time for you come and learn to call.

I would love to see you at Bingo.

**LARRY L. JOHNSON
GAMES CHAIRMAN**



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June 1997

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ACTIVITIES:

A FUN FILLED DAY OF VISITING WITH FRIENDS AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS, VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON, AND HORSESHOES



MENU

THE POST WILL PROVIDE THE CHEF WITH, HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, CHICKEN, A RIBS. AONG WITH CONDIMENTS, SODA'S AND BREAD. WE ARE ASKING EACH FAMILY TO BRING THEIR FAVORITE SIDE DISH OR DESERT.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME, IN FACT WE ENCOURAGE THE WHOLE FAMILY TO COME ON OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN. THIS IS FREE TO LEGION MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. COME OUT AND ENJOY THE DAY.

IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD FOR ALL PLEASE CALL FRANCIS REDINGTON AT 471-3925 OR LARRY JOHNSON AT 590-1369 AND TELL US YOU ARE COMING.

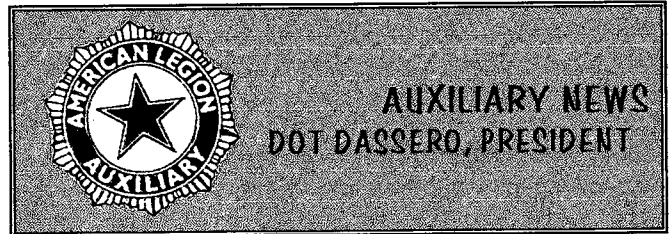
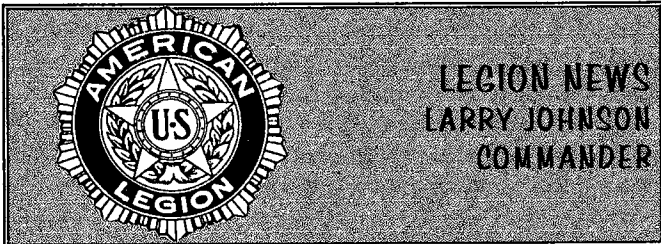
SEE YOU THERE !!!

CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

THE LITTLE POST GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS

JUNE 1997



As we ring in the new Legion year of 1998-1999, there is one very important thing I would like everyone to remember. That is that we are The American Legion Family, and as such, I address The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of The American Legion and the American Legion Junior Auxiliary.

In order to be a true American Legion family, we need all of the organizations of which I have spoken.

I do not believe that everyone is aware but we do have all of these organizations in Centennial 209. The Sons of The American Legion Squadron has been formed but has fallen in the past years as has the Junior Auxiliary. I want to see these organizations up and running.

In addition to this goal, we are facing some other challenges. The first is to increase the participation at the various meetings, as well as as the social

As we begin a new year, we are facing some hurdles which we must pass. The first is in participation. The second is getting out the information on the Auxiliary programs to the community, and the third is recruiting more members into the Auxiliary and the Junior Auxiliary. The fourth hurdle is to have fun while we do it.

I cannot do this myself, it has to come from you members. This is your organization. As President, I can only try to guide it.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is an article about Boys State. For your information, Centennial Unit 209 is as usual sending two girls to Girls State.

Since the first session of Girls State in 1948, an estimated 14,775 girls have attended Colorado Columbine Girls State. Forty-nine girls have been elected Governor of Girls State, and ten of them were chosen to become delegates to Girls Nation in Washington D.C.

From the Commander (cont'd)

functions which we have. The second challenge is to increase membership in The American Legion family. The fourth challenge is to build/buy a Post Home where we can hold our social functions and conduct the programs of The American Legion. The last challenge is to increase our monetary worth in order to support the programs and functions of our American Legion Family.

You have heard the challenges and goals, the question which remains is HOW are WE going to accomplish them?

We cannot meet the challenges or achieve these goals without the help of each and every member of Centennial 209.

I would be more than happy to sit down with any of you at the Post's office, or even better at the next general membership meeting on 18 June at Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Post 26, located east of Powers Blvd on the corner of Palmer Park and Peterson Road at 7:00 P.M. If you have ideas or suggestions on how to meet the challenges and goals I would be happy to hear them.



FLAG DAY
14 June 1998

Flag Day is the 14th of June this year and I would like to ask

everyone to Fly the Flag, fly it proudly and with enthusiasm

As you know, The American Legion is sponsoring legislation to protect our Flag. We can protect it only if you will join in the fight to save it. Enclosed is an article regarding our Flag:

"Fellow Americans, before you is unfurled our country's flag! It is not in a spirit of boastfulness, but rather in a sense of justifiable pride, we would have you remember that flag never has known defeat. It has ever gone forward victorious and triumphant! Not like the Roman Eagle or the Crescent of the Saracen to conquer and to crush, but to make men free. No symbol epitomizes so much suffering and devotion, and radiates more hope than that flag. It is the symbol of your noble heritage, your kingly prerogatives, and your civic duties as American Citizens. We call you to an exercise of those prerogatives -- with prudence and nobility of purpose, and to the performance of every day duty with unfaltering spirit. We here solemnly pledge you to an unquestioning obedience to the mandates of that flag. Should your country command, you obey! Give to your country your service, your purse, and even your life, if necessary, to the end that our nation may ever go forward upon its lofty mission, and stand in the Congress of the Nations of the world - the champion of an ever free, nobler, happier humanity." -- Roy H. Sheperd

The next article is from Al Lance, Candidate for National Commander, taken from his testimony before Congress.

"The definition of treason which I am familiar with is the offense of attempting by overt act to overthrow the government to which the offender owes allegiance. The physical desecration of a nation's flag was a rite routinely performed by a conquering enemy. Allies don't physically desecrate the national banner of its alliance members."

I ask each of you to join me in obtaining signatures to send to our Congressional representative and senators to save our FLAG.

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From the President (cont'd)

by The American Legion Auxiliary, perhaps none have enjoyed the success of the Girls State Program in Colorado. Girls State has reached into every corner of our state and has touched the lives of thousands. Of all the programs undertaken the Girls State program was designed to teach high school girls in their junior class about government and to give them insight in the workings of our democratic process.

But Girls State has done more than teach about government. It has given girls an opportunity to meet other girls from throughout the state, taught them how to cultivate new friendships, organize campaigns to run for office and to become a part of city, county and state governments.

Girls State has done much to encourage girls to become active in civic government and to make a contribution to the community in which they live.

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BOYS STATE

Boys State saw its beginning with the Department of Illinois in 1935. It was mandated by the National Convention of The American Legion in St. Louis that this become a program of The American Legion.

At Boys State, boys become acquainted with the rights and privileges of a citizen and are instilled with a sense of the duties and obligations of citizenship.

Only high school juniors are eligible to attend. Each boy is sponsored by a Legion Post or some other patriotic, civic, fraternal or religious organization.

Citizens of Boys State are instructed in the duties of the various public offices -- they learn the function of each office, its power and limitations. They set up their own state government, elect a governor and staff of state offices, name appointed officers, establish a state Supreme Court and other courts, and organize the legislature and all other divisions of government.

This year Centennial Post 209 sponsored 13 boys to Boys State, with another 8 sponsored by Post 38. The week of June 8-12 these boys will join with others at UCS in Pueblo. During the week two boys will be elected as Senators to represent Colorado at Boys Nation in Washington. They will meet and interact with elected state officials and meet the President.

ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SIMILAR STUFF

**** Every Friday Night Bingo ****
3 June - Board of Trustees Mtg
6:30 P.M., Post and Aux Executive
Mtg 7:00 P.M.

8 June - 40 & 8 Promenade Post 5
8:00 P.M.

18 June - Post and Auxiliary
General Mtg DAV Post 26 7:00 P.M.

July

1 July - Board of Trustees Mtg
6:30 P.M., Post and Auxiliary
Executive Meeting 7:00 P.M.

4 July - Independence Day

13 July - 40 & 8 Promenade Post 5
8:00 P.M.

16 July - Post and Auxiliary Gen
Mtg 7:00 P.M.

August

ANNUAL PICNIC - DATE TO BE
ANNOUNCED

ADJUTANT'S ANNOTATIONS ANN FOSTER

We have 311 members. We only need five more for 100%. This will help District and Department as well as the Post. Please help us!

We have the Department Convention coming up during the week of June 25-28. The convention will be held in Estes Park and promises to be a huge success with many new faces. The department Hotel and Convention site will be the Holiday Inn. If you need additional information, please call the Post and leave a message.

PROOF OF SERVICE
PROJECT REPORT:

Thanks to those listed below who have sent us their proof of service. We now have 119 forms, but we need 118 more. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR FORM SOON, SO WE CAN CLOSE OUT THIS PROJECT!

Judith A Anderson
Audrey Arseneau
George Ausmus
Norman Avery
Douglas Ballard
Paul Bankes Jr
Harley Beckstrand
Lee Berlage
Walter Boring
Dr Clotilde Bowen
Ernest Brown
Floyd Bufkin
William Burnes
Robert Cancellieri
George Carnes
Keith Carter
Pierre Charbonnet
Dale Christ
Myron Cobb
John Davies
Martin Davis
Paul Davis
William Dockery Jr
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Ann Foster
J P Ladyhawk
Freeman
Harold Fricke
Harold Garber
Jerome Gardels

Charles Gardner
Cynthia Gardner
John Garver
Roy Gray
Victor Green Jr
Randy Gulley
Lawrence Hall
Troy Hanson
Norman Harpole
William Hayman
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James Hennie
Robert Hinshaw
Herman Hoggenmiller
Harold Holmes
Howard Hornik
Robert Hudson
James Hulterstrom
Albert Hurley
Donald Hyde
Benny Johnson
Eddie Jones
Darrell Jorgenson
Virginia Keifer
James Killion
Robert King
Michael Knaub
John Kneur
Henry Kortemeyer
Francis Landry
Paige Lanier
Herman Lauck Sr
Wallace Lonsinger
Richard Lorenz
William Lynch
Daniel Maiurro
John Mapstone
Ronald Marshall
Kenneth Mayer
William McClinton
Harry McFadden
Edward Mesch
Ben Miller
Therese Miller
Edgar Mills

William Mook
Norman Moyer
James Mundt
Robert Novotny
Bart Obra
Daniel Ogan
Glenn Olson
Frank Parisi
Robert Patterson
George Patterson
Donald Paulus
Waldo Pendleton
William Pifer
Clarence Porter III
Francis Redington
Ted Riddle
Louis Romano
Lloyd Rowe
Helen Rydell
Robert Rydell
Tiofilo Sandoval
Norman Schwartz
Glenn Setser
J C Shellhammer
Eleanor Shepperdson
John Shults
Ann Sitiko
William Smith
Joseph Smith
Marlow Sorge
Lindy G Stone
Donald Stovall
Neal Thomas
June Thomas
Charles Ulmer
Ross Vigil
William Weeks
Cosmas Westrich
David White
Hal Williams
Lee Wilson
William Wohlleb
Roy Wytzka
Stephen Zakaluk
Charles Zeitvogel