

Centennial 209 Newsletter

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June 2002



From the Commander
Charles "Chuck" Zeitvogel

General Membership Meeting.

The General Membership Meeting scheduled for June 20 '02 will not be held. The American Legion State of Colorado Department Convention in Denver is 20 - 23 June. Several Post 209 Officers plan to attend this convention and will not be available for the General Membership meeting. If you have question on this contact me at Ph.# 531-0546 or e-mail: timebird@JUNO.com. If you have not attended a Department Convention previously consider attending this one. Convention information can be found in your Colorado Legionnaire newsletter.

Our recent general membership meetings have featured U.S. Armed Forces recruiters. They have provided members in attendance with current positive information relative to what new military recruits may expect be they enlisted or officer. The meeting May 16th featured Sergeant First Class Alan J. Flinn, U.S. Army Recruiter. His presentation was extremely balanced and informative. Give those individuals you speak with a balanced honest picture of your personal experiences in the military. Then, encourage them to speak with a military recruiter for the most current information relative to their personal situation.

Veterans Serving Veterans.

One of the tenets of the American Legion is veterans serving veterans and their families. Our Service Officer, Tom Morant, has recently received several requests along this line. He has done an excellent job in providing them assistance and information. However, for the most part, those asking for financial aid will be referred to a Department Service Officer or to other community agencies that have the ability to service their needs. Locally, we can provide aid only within our limited resources. The underlining theme here is that the more members who actively participate in Post activities the more likely we will have more aid to provide. Members' time and talent will be highly appreciated. Be a more active member, call and leave a message on the Post's phone voice message system. The number is: (719) 599-8624.

Installation Banquet.

The Installation Banquet was well attended. Many thanks were extended to officers and committee persons that served this past year. The décor and food were excellent due to the care of those involved in making those arrangements. Your Post officers and committee persons are eager to meet the challenges of the New Year and serve you - our membership. (continued on page)

Post 209 Officers

Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
Senior Vice Commander	Norm Moyer
Junior Vice Commander	Greg Andries
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Gideon Diamon
Historian	Bill Marshall
Sgt-at-Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Howard Hornik
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Thomas Morant
Post Exec Committeeman	Neal Thomas

Dues \$ 30.00

Auxiliary Officers

President	Dorothy Dassero
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Marcia Shellhammer
Sgt-at-Arms	Ruth Hornik

Dues \$ 15.00

Meetings

Post Executive Meeting – 1st Thursday –
6:30 P.M. at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste 104.

Post General Meeting – 3rd Thursday
7:00 P.M. at VFW Post 4051,
430 East Pikes Peak Avenue.

Auxiliary General Membership Meeting
1:30 P.M. at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste 104.

Board of Trustees

Chairman (3 yr.)	Neal Thomas
Secretary (2 yr.)	Alton Cyriaque
Finance Officer	Gideon Diamon
Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
3 year	Larry Johnson
2 year	Francis Redington
1 year	Ann Foster

Meets on the 1st Thursday after
Executive Committee Meeting

Membership Eligibility

World War I
April 6, 1917 – 11 November 1918

World War II
December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946

Korean War
June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1956

Vietnam War
December 22, 1961 – May 7, 1975

Grenada & Lebanon
August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984

Persian Gulf
August 2, 1990 – Until the end of Hostilities as
set by Congress



Sick Call

Dot Dassero – The last report is that she slowly
getting better. Keep up the work, Dot.

Alice Hart– She isn't feeling all that spry these days
but is doing pretty good. All who know Alice, send
her a card. Please, keep on sending those cards, they
lift the spirit!

If you are sick or if you know of someone who is
under the weather or in the hospital, please give
a call to Howard Hornik at 719-596-6345.
Information needs to be in the editor's hands by
the 2nd Friday of every month for inclusion in the
newsletter.

BINGO HAS BEEN CANCELED FOR LACK OF INTEREST ON THE PART OF LEGIONNAIRES!

There will be no more support of Youth groups, Boys State, Junior Shooting or Boys Scouts. There will be no more support to fellow Veterans needing our help.

Do I have your attention as the seriousness of this challenge? We need your physical support! Please read this article and take positive action immediately!

Bingo has been the SOLE fundraiser for Post 209 for over a year. It is what has paid the bills and supported our community projects. This has been done with the dedication of the same 8-11 Legion members working every Tuesday evening since last May 12th, 2001. Your help is desperately needed. Training is easy and there is lots of support from those already doing the positions and other managers. Even one Tuesday evening per month of commitment by a multiple of Legionnaires would be a great relief for those giving their Tuesdays for your Post. A schedule could be set up so we would know who would be here each week. Some volunteers could take a week or two or three off. We need people for different positions and you may fill a different position each week (after training) if you would like to help. Most of the positions are customer related and easy. Some of the positions are:

Pull tabs- selling to the customer at either a quarter or dollar per ticket. They are sold at the beginning, during, and after the session. We are done selling all tickets by 10:30, some are done earlier when the customer isn't buying that particular one on that night. Recording of the counted money and tickets according to value is done at different slow times during the evening. Others help where needed and as available.

Selling Specials and Raffles - The Specials are single sheets of game paper sold for fifty cents each and are sold before the Bingo games start and during the games. Both positions consist of walking the floor during the games and selling to the customers that request them by calling or raising their hand for purchasing. This would involve counting back change to the customer and giving them the number of special game sheets/raffle tickets they bought. The money and extra sheets/raffle tickets are turned in before halftime and before the last game of the evening. These volunteers need smiling faces and the ability to count back change.

Selling the Bingo pads and TEDs - This uses some computer training (very little - just don't be afraid of

the computer and be detailed oriented). There are programs entered in to the computer and a wand to make the customer's selection. This is fast paced and has very close interaction with every customer that comes to purchase games pads/TEDs. Money is received and change made to the customer in dollar amounts (no coins). There is a phone number available for support in this position and training before you would be expected to handle it on your own. There is always support available for this position.

Distributing the Bingo pads and TEDs - This is fast paced and needs a smile with the ability to listen to what people are requesting. Also needed is patience to help first time customers. Pads are counted, specials are counted, TEDs pulled, and all three collated with the receipt for the customer. No money handling is done in this position but lots of fast movement with a sharp mind and good hearing. Very gratifying position for customer oriented person.

Bookkeeper - This position handles cashing checks using a computer system. They also record all monies received from Pull-tabs, Specials, Bingo sales, Raffles etc. These people need to be detailed oriented, as they will verify that everything balances at the end of the evening. They will work with the patron and are located in an office area. Entries into the system are made all during the evening as they become available.

Games Manager - This position is one that the person is trained by the state in state scheduled classes and becomes certified. The person handles any challenges from the customer or staff. They also are responsible to handle any questions about our Post's Bingo games to the state.

Floor Caller - Walks the floor and calls out the winning Bingo card numbers to the Bingo caller to verify it as a winner. Distributes the winnings to the customers for each game.

Bingo Caller - Calls the numbers for each game and verifies winning cards using an electronic system. Volunteer needs to be numbers oriented and have a pleasing, outgoing personality, and clear voice. They also need good hearing for the numbers being called from the floor. No money is involved with this position.

PLEASE call **Greg Andries (636-3346)** or the Post and leave a message about how you would like to help support your Post at Bingo. You are always welcome to come play at Bingo Depot on Tuesday evenings beginning at 7:30 to meet the players, see the environment, and volunteer for one or more times a month.

You are very important to our Post and we need YOU!



Calendar Of Events

6 Jun	Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 P.M. Board of Trustees to follow
14 Jun	Flag Day – Display your flag proudly
20 Jun	No General Membership Meeting
20-23 Jun	Department Convention – Aurora
4 Jul	Independence Day
11 Jul	Post Executive Committee meeting, 6:30 P.M. Board of Trustees meeting to follow
18 Jul	General Membership Meeting 7:00 P.M. at VFW Post 4051, 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave
1 Aug	Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 P.M. Board of Trustees to follow
15 Aug	General Membership Meeting 7:00 P.M. at VFW Post 4051, 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave
25 Aug	Annual Picnic

Have you ever come home from work, turned on the TV, looked at the channel guide, and there isn't anything to watch? What to do?

The last child has graduated and moved out and it seems like the house is big and quiet. You're getting tired of sitting in front of the TV with nothing to watch. What to do?

Have you ever thought that since the kids are gone, you would like to do something for the kids or the community? What to do?

You've been a member of The American Legion and/or The American Legion Auxiliary and have seen the newsletters asking for your help and you think to yourself "one of these days I'll go to a meeting or social event" or even thought "I should go to the Bingo hall and see just what is going on"?

Do you find that you have time on your hands and nothing to do? What to do?

You have been a member of The American Legion or The American Legion Auxiliary for a long time and still don't know what we do and how we do it?

If you have answered YES to any of the above questions, it is TIME to get involved.

There is nothing that compares to the smile on a child's face when they are given something that they wanted and couldn't get because of no money.

Nothing makes you more proud than to watch a teenager who has given there all to win money towards continuing their education.

The teenager who, for a week, goes to training sponsored by The American Legion and gets a taste of what he/she can accomplish in college and comes back and makes a name for themselves in their chosen field.

The thrill of watching a child play baseball starting in The American Baseball program and later in life makes it to the major league baseball teams.

What a feeling that you get when you realize that you helped with a program or guided a student to participate and win!

What a feeling of satisfaction when you spend a weekend building a play area for the grade school students of an elementary school.

AS I INDICATED EARILIER, IT IS TIME TO GET INVOLVED.

It doesn't matter what you get involved with, the important thing is to get INVOLVED. The Community needs you, the children need you, The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary needs you. Centennial Post and Unit 209 need you very much. Believe it! It feels good when you get the feeling that you are needed.

Think about it, be on the team that does things. Be a member of the team that puts a home on the property that we own. Be on the team that brings our membership within The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary to an all time high.

Come out and join us.



From the Commander
Charles "Chuck" Zeitvogel
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We look forward to a productive new American Legion year

Bingo Manger.

Last month the need for someone to take over as a Bingo Manager was addressed. Would you believe that not one person called to accept this opportunity? We press on – remember though that many hands make light work and we really do need you to be part of what we do as a Post. Also, besides the work there are social events, read about them in this and future newsletters and attend them even if you cannot work. Your ideas and input are needed and as an American Legion family we need to know one another better.

Committees and Appointments:

There are many committees that are needed in order to operate our Post. Following is a list of committees and the name of the chairman of each committee. If you would like to help on a specific committees, please give that chairman a call or send an email.

Planning/Budget Committee – Chuck Zeitvogel- 531-0546, timebird@juno.com

Program and Social Committee – Greg Andries- 636-3346, plandries@juno.com

Membership Committee – Norm Moyer – 392-3725, normvideo@webtv.net

Americanism & Youth Committee:

- a. Scouting – Francis Redington- 471-3925
- b. Junior Shooting – Francis Redington- 471-3925
- c. Junior ROTC – Francis Redington- 471-3925
- d. Boys State – Bill Marshall- 495-0088
wmarsh6869@aol.com
- e. Oratorical – Bill Marshall- 495-0088
wmarsh6869@aol.com

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee

- a. Veterans Affairs – Tom Morant- 570-1716
- b. Rehabilitation – Howard Hornik- 596-6345
howardhornik@aol.com

Legislative & National Security Committee – Neal Thomas- 392-1510 nealthomas3@msn.com

Public Relations Committee – Chuck Zeitvogel- 531-0546 timebird@juno.com

Club Committee (Land use, Care & Development)
Greg Andries- 636-3346 plandries@juno.com

Post Constitution and By-Laws – Neal Thomas
392-1510 nealthomas@msn.com

Property Inventory Committee

- a. Office – Ann Foster- 228-4170
amfoster@juno.com
- b. Storage Unit – Larry Johnson- 622-0344
john8934@earthlink.net

Donation Requests – Neal Thomas- 392-1510
nealthomas@msn.com

Auxiliary Liaison – open

Sons of The American Legion Liaison – Larry Johnson- 622-0344 john8934@earthlink.net

Bingo Committee – Greg Andries- 636-3346
plandries@juno.com

Newsletter Editor – Pat Andries- 636-3346
plandries@juno.com

Please submit news articles by the first week of the month for following month. (ei: by June 8th for July newsletter)

Send articles as an attachment to the e-mail. Make them 10 pt. Arial in MS Word if possible. Pat can correct spelling & grammar; the main thing is to get the articles to her on time.

Post Cleanup Day:

The Post cleanup day on 11 May was a great success. We had about 7 Boy Scout and their parents as well as about 8 of our Post members and friends.

I would like to thank the Cub Pack from the west side of town and their parents for coming out to help. Speaking of thanks I would like to extend my thanks to the following Legionnaires and Auxiliary members for coming out and helping and giving us the encouragement to continue. Greg and Pat Andries, Larry Johnson, Gideon Diamon, Howard Hornik, Norm Moyer, Francis Redington, Chuck Zeitvogel, Francis Redington and Neal Thomas helped and/or gave food and contributions to buy drinks and food for those who helped.



From the Adjutant
Ann Foster

Thanks to three renewals and one new member we are now at one over for our 110% goal. Give yourselves a big hand, as this is the first time in perhaps a very long time that we have achieved more than our goal! However, we won't be able to rest on our laurels for too long. July 1, the start of the membership drive for 2003, will be here before you know it. Thus, you will have new opportunities to help us maintain our membership. The first beneficiary is yourself and after that comes your fellow veteran members. In this election year it is very important to remain the largest veterans service organization where you have a voice with our legislature.

On May 1, Past Commander Francis Redington and I attended the Mitchell High School Junior ROTC Awards ceremony where Francis presented the following American Legion awards: The American Legion Freshman Citizenship Bronze Award to Cadet Samantha Lane; The American Legion Sophomore Citizenship Award to Cadet Sarah Woodman; The American Legion Junior Citizenship Silver Award to Cadet Chris Rocha; The American Legion Senior Citizenship Gold Award to Cadet Cristian Gill; and The American Legion Scholastic Award to Cadet Lacey Hanner, Group Academic Award.

On May 8, Past Commander Francis Redington and Sgt-At-Arms Robert Rydell attended the Widefield High School Junior ROTC Awards ceremony where Francis presented the following American Legion awards: The American Legion Freshman Citizenship Bronze Award to Cadet Anthony R. Fournier; The American Legion Sophomore Citizenship Bronze Award to Cadet Harold A. Keeter; The American Legion Junior Citizenship Silver Award to Cadet Louis C. Vissepo; The American Legion Senior Citizenship Gold Award to Cadet Nicholas L. Enyeart; and The American Legion Silver Marksmanship Award to Cadet Giovanni Velazquez.

On May 16, Francis went back to Mitchell to the Senior Awards night. He was there to present Cadet Sandra Kimball, a senior, The American Legion Military Excellence Award.

An important upcoming event is the grand opening of the 415 S Weber Street housing unit for the homeless veterans going through programs at the VA Outpatient Clinic. The Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition is buying the unit. The Coalition has been working very hard for this day and we are very glad it has finally come. There will be more specific information in the public media soon. Everyone is invited to come.

Don't forget the Department Convention will be in Denver CO at the Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec St, June 20 - 24. Please consider attending as a way to enhance your knowledge of The American Legion and meet fellow veterans.

Centennial 209 Annual Picnic:

The date is 25 August from around 11:00 A.M. until about 4:00 P.M. The picnic will held at Palmer Park located on the corner of Academy Blvd and Maizeland. Mark it on your calendar, and plan to come and bring the kids.

The Post will provide the meat, condiments, buns, and the sodas for everyone's pleasure.

All we ask of you is two things: 1). Give Greg Andries a call at 636-3346 or send him an email at plandries@juno.com and let him know how many adults and how many kids will be attending. 2). Please bring your favorite dish to share.

We will be next to the playground, in the vicinity of the baseball diamond and volleyball courts and there is a rumor that we will be putting together a horseshoe contest. There is a nice pavilion for us to enjoy a Sunday picnic and have some fun.



From the Jr. Vice Cdr
Greg Andries

Flag Day 14 June 2002.

This is a day that we all should take extra pains to display our Flag with Pride.

Commentary on the Pledge of Allegiance

by *Red Skelton*

As a schoolboy, one of Red Skelton's teachers explained the words and meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance to his class. Skelton later wrote down, and eventually recorded, his recollection of this lecture. It is followed by an observation of his own.

I - - Me; an individual; a committee of one.

Pledge - - Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

Allegiance - - My love and my devotion.

To the Flag - - Our standard; *Old Glory*; a symbol of Freedom; wherever she waves there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts, Freedom is everybody's job.

United - - That means that we have all come together.

States - - Individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose. All divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that is love for country.

And to the Republic - - Republic - a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands

One Nation - - One Nation—meaning, so blessed by God.

Indivisible - - Incapable of being divided.

With Liberty - - Which is Freedom; the right of power to live one's own life, without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.

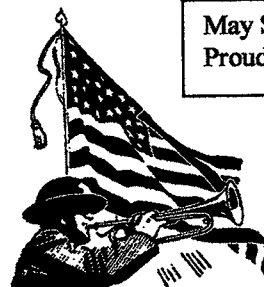
And Justice - - The principle, or qualities, of dealing fairly with others.

For All - - For All—which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

And now, boys and girls, let me hear you recite the Pledge of Allegiance:

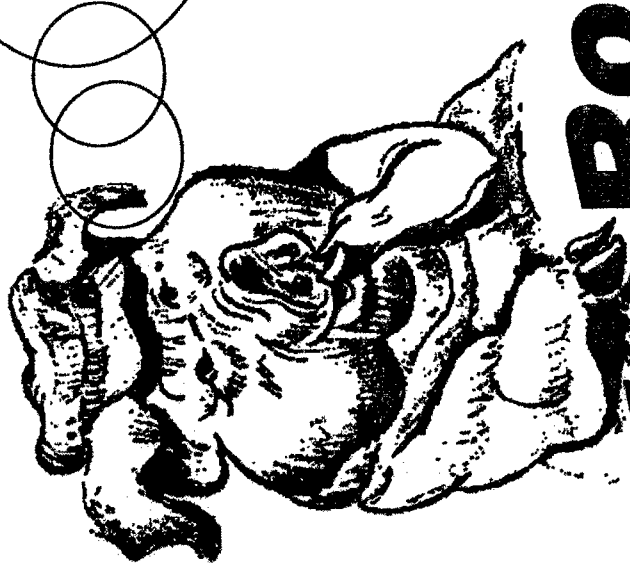
I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic, for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country, and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance: **Under God**. Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer, and that would be eliminated from schools, too? Red Skelton



May She Wave
 Proudly and Forever

Article submitted by Bill Weeks



I must say, if I'm going to
be roasted I can't think of
a better bunch of people
to be roasted for.

Sunday, 2 June 2002— 2:00 P.M.

Donation of \$5.00 per person

Pig Roast

American Legion Post 1980

**@ Thunderhead Inn
1100 Rampart Range Road,
Woodland Park**