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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: A meeting of the Post Executive Committee Meeting will be conducted at 7:00 P.M. on 11 July 1989, at the Post Home Located at 1337 North Academy Boulevard,

POST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A meeting of the Post General Membership will be conducted at 7:00 P.M. on 20 July 1989, at the Post Home, Located at 1337 North Academy Boulevard.

I N D E P E N D E N C E D A Y

We will celebrate our Independence on the 4th of July, with barbecues, parties, and fireworks to name a few. I urge everyone to stop sometime during your celebrations and reflect on what it has cost this country to maintain our Freedom and Independence. We have fought two World Wars, participated in the Korean War and the Viet-Nam war in order to preserve this Independence.

In addition, I urge everyone to exercise caution during these holiday activities, especially when dealing with pieces of equipment or fireworks that could explode very easily. I would like to see everyone at the next General Membership Meeting.

M E M B E R S H I P

The 1990 membership cards are at the Post and for everyone who would like to obtain the much desired "EARLY BIRD" stamp. You can obtain this stamp by renewing your membership before the 30th of October. If you would like you can mail in your membership renewal now or you could wait until you receive your notice of renewal from National next week. Either way, I urge everyone to take a moment and mail in your membership NOW.

During the months of July to December the Department of Colorado's Permanent Membership plan is open for everyone to participate in. There are some advantages to having a Permanent Membership and a couple of them are, 1). You will not receive another renewal notice again, 2). If you participate in the American Legion Insurance Program you will not have to renew every year

3). If dues are increased, you will not have to worry as the Permanent membership will take care of that. If you would like further information on the Colorado Permanent Membership Plan please feel free to call me anytime and I will get the information out to you.

L O U N G E H O U R S

Our Post Home Lounge is open for use by our Members and their Guests from 11:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. TUESDAY THRU THURSDAY, and 11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. on FRIDAY AND SATURDAYS. In addition on any night that there is a crowd we will stay open until your leave or when 2:00 AM arrives which is prescribed closing time. We are planning some activities in the futre and I would like your comments if you would take the time to read and replay. We would like to have a Pool Tournament, Dart Tournaments, Membership evenings, or if you would indicate what you would really like to see going in the club maybe we can arrange that too.

P O S T A C T I V I T I E S

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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

4 JULY	INDEPENDENCE DAY
11 JULY	POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 P.M.
20 JULY	POST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:00 P.M.
23 JULY	District Meeting Post 25, Florence, Co.
8 AUGUST	POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
17 AUGUST	POST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER	FALL CONFERENCE, POST 38,, SECURITY, COLORADO COME AND MEET THE NEW COLORADO DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.
SEPTEMBER	PROJECTED OPEN HOUSE, POST HOME

At the writing of this newsletter the Unit President Margery Johnson is enjoying a two week vacation visiting relatives in North Dakota. She will be back for the Unit meeting in July.

Before she left she asked me to relay a message of safebeing for all of the members of the Unit and the Post and hopes that everyone enjoys a safe and fine holiday weekend.

Al brought forth a warning or proposed warning that a change to the Permanent membership program for the Age 65 and over would be required in order to keep up with the requirements of the program. More information would be provided to the Executive Committee at the Mid-Winter Conference in November.

A report on the Boys State Program was presented by the retiring Director Ray Mc Crae and Past Department Commander Ovie Vernon. There were 300 plus boys in attendance at this years Boys State which was held in Pueblo, Co. The Boys prepared for presentation to the Department Executive Committee a house bill that was designed to allow the Boys State Commission to acquire a flag that would be used strictly for Boys State. The House Bill was read and a detailed discription of the flag was presented. The Executive Committee was appraised that there was money in the Boys State Program that had been collected over the years and that it had been earmarked strictly for the acquisition of a Flag and that that was the only way the money could be utilized. A motion was offered and seconded that the Boys State Commission be given permission to acquire the flag for use by Boys State. This motion was approved.

Stan Hanson, Chairman of the Convention Committee presented the Executive Committee two (2) bids for the upcoming conventions for the years 1991 and 1992. Aurora Post 23 (the Action Post) presented a bid for 1991 for Aurora Colorado, and Estes Park Post 119 presented a bid for either 1991 or 1992. The bids were accepted and voting will take place during the mid-year Conference in Denver.

Dates of November 2-3-4 1990 were submitted to the Executive Committee for approval for the Mid-Year Conference. A motion was presented that the dates of 2-4 November 1990 be accepted and that the Conference be conducted in Colorado Springs. this motion was seconded and approved.

National Executive Committeeman Pat Smith presented to the Executive Committee a proposal for the replacement of the Service Officer. Clint Wilson the current Service Officer is not feeling in the greatest of health and will retire as the Service Officer after the first of the year. But would be retained as the assistant service officer for as long as he wished. He further propsoed that a committee be formed to screen applications and to help the Department Adjutant in the selection. A committee was appointed and the Department Adjutant was instructed to send letters of vacancy to all the 50 American Legions Departments in the United States. The special committee was also instructed that they would report at the Mid-Year Conference in November on their work and finding.

The Convention was called to order by Commander Neal Thomas at 8:00 AM 23 June 1989 in Sterling, Co. A possession of Department Commanders and Department Auxiliary Presidents from the past was conducted and the current officers were introduced to the delegates present. Presentation of Distinguished guests was performed by Past Department Commander and National Executive Commiteeman Pat Smith.

Jack Forrest, Past Commander of Fort Carson, and the first Director of the Space Foundation, and member of Post 209 was the key note speaker for the Convention.

There wer Fifteen Resolutions presented to the Delegates at the Convention. three (3) were referred to committees and incoming commander for consideration and opinions, three (3) were received and filed, and nine (3) were adopted by the convention.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

2 August 1989 Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M. at Post Home
17 August 1989 Post Meeting 7:00 P.M. at the Post Home

4 September 1989 Labor Day
9 September 1989 Fort Lyon Visitation, Everyone come and enjoy a good time.
6 September 1989 Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M. at the Post Home
21 September 1989 Post General Membership Meeting 7:00 P.M. at the Post Home
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED Fall Conference at Post 38, Security Colorado/

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