

CENTENNIAL POST 209  
THE AMERICAN LEGION



"A LITTLE POST GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS"

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JUNE 1993

FROM THE COMMANDER  
FLOYD BUFKIN

I and several other members of the Post and Auxiliary recently attended the Department of Colorado Convention in Estes Park. We had a wonderful time. I would like to congratulate our own June Thomas on her election as Department Commander. As many of you know, June recently underwent back surgery, and is still recovering; however, she handled the rigors of the convention with grace and courage.

My Adjutant, Ann Foster, informs me membership renewals are starting to come in. It is almost a certainty that the National Organization will increase membership dues this year. The new rate will probably be \$25.00 beginning in January of 1994. Renew early and beat the increase. If you have been considering Permanent Membership, now is the time to sign up before the dues increase, which will also increase the cost of a Permanent Membership. Please call the Adjutant for details on how to become a Permanent Member.

I hope all of you had a happy Fourth of July weekend as we

celebrated the birth of this great nation. I am looking forward to seeing you at a General Membership meeting soon.

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CLUB NEWS - Harry Johnson

Effective July 1, 1993, I will no longer be Club Manager. Commander Bufkin will announce my replacement. I will serve as Jr. Vice Commander this year.

The committee has tentatively planned the following activities for the Post for 93/94.

July There are no planned activities in July.

August The annual picnic is scheduled for August 21st at Iron Horse Park at Fort Carson. This year there will be a \$3.00 charge for adults and \$1.00 for children 6-18 due to the increased charge for the use of the park. We will serve chicken, ribs, hamburgers and hot dogs. The post will also provide soft drinks and beer, bread and condiments. Each family attending is asked to bring a dish of its choice.

POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER	FLOYD BUFKIN
SR VICE COMMANDER	AL CYRIAQUE
JR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	KENNETH ANDERSON
SGT-AT-ARMS	AL LENDER
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	GEORGE CARNES
SERVICE OFFICER	TED RIDDLE
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

DUES \$20.00

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	DOROTHY DASSERO
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	LOIS EGNOR
SECRETARY	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
TREASURER	PATTI HABAN
HISTORIAN	HILDA PIFER
CHAPLAIN	MARIA SANDOVAL
SGT-AT-ARMS	IREANA CAMPBELL

DUES \$12.00

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 p.m.  
POTLUCK DINNER - 6:00 p.m.

EDITORS

DOROTHY DASSERO  
LARRY JOHNSON

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September Our annual trip to Fort Lyon will be on September 11th. We will have a booth again this year. If you have not made this trip, you have missed one of the highlights of the year. Our main goal is to help veterans in need and this is helping the most needy veterans.

October October 30 will be the Harvest Ball and Halloween Costume Party. We will have a band and awards will be made for the best costume.

November There are no planned activities for November.

December This year we will have two Christmas parties. December 11th will be the annual Children's Christmas Party. The children's party will run from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. on the 11th and the adult's dinner party and gift exchange will start at 7:00 P.M. on December 18th. The gift exchange will be limited to \$5.00 per gift, marked male or female.

December/January There will be a New Year's Eve Party and dance. Breakfast will be served about 1:00 A.M. Toast the New Year.

February A Sweetheart Dance will be held on February 12. It will be the post party.

April April 30th is the date of the annual Tex/Mex Dinner and dance. More later on this event.

May May 21st is installation of officers. More later on this event.

**ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - Ann Foster**

It is hard to believe that we are off and running on our 1994 Membership Drive. The new Legion year started 1 July 93 and we are already over 10% of goal. Keep the renewals coming in at that rate and we will get more awards than we did this year.

Speaking of awards, we brought home several thanks to the efforts of many of our members. We received a 100% membership ribbon for our flag, a plaque for All Time High Goal Post 1993 and a plaque for 32K Award 126.78% plus the individual awards of jackets and T-shirts.

As Commander Bufkin mentioned, we will likely have an increase in dues due to rising postal and paper costs and decreasing interest rates. National Convention delegates will be voting on an increase in September. Since there has not been an increase in dues in eleven years, it is probable that it will pass.

At this time, Colorado Permanent Membership rates are \$130 for 65 and over and based on our current dues, the rate is \$310 for those under 65. Should the Permanent Membership committee decide to leave the rate chart as is and we raise dues to \$25.00 in January 1994, the rate for those under 65 could be \$372.50. A savings of \$62.50 could be realized by purchasing a Permanent Membership before 31 December 93. For those who would like to make payments, we will keep a record and send in the application as soon as payment is complete. A Permanent Membership includes all per capita fees, administration fee, membership card and permanent membership cap pin. You could avoid ever having to pay dues again!

I concur with Commander Bufkin's assessment of the success

of Department Convention. I particularly enjoyed hearing the Department Oratorical Contest winner and also the thoughts of Boy's State and Girl's State Governors. We really need to support these programs. They are our future and need all the help they can get.

After the mailing of the last newsletter, we were charged \$1.74 postage for those members who moved and did not tell us. This may not seem like much, but it does mount up. PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE US WHEN YOU SEND OUT YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS! We need to be responsible stewards of your money and need your help in doing that.

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**JOCKO'S SUNDAY COOK-OUT**

Jocko sez: Remember the July 18th cook-out - from 1:00 to 6:00 - steak fry at \$6.50 - Hamburgers and hot dogs \$3.50 with a choice of potato salad or French fries. August 1 is beef/pork ribs at \$4.50 and August 15th, New York Strip at \$6.50. Meeting night, August 19th, meat loaf!

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**GOLFERS GOLFERS GOLFERS**

Post 5 will host a golf tournament July 18 at Peterson AFB; tee time is 12:00 P.M. Check in with golf committee by 11:30. We are limited to 30 golfers. Sign up at Post 5 or call 934-9905 and add your name to the list. After golf, Post 5 is hosting a steak fry - reservations required. Golf awards will be made at this time.

- Chairman Roy Brooks

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TASK FORCE OMEGA announces the following ceremonies honoring POW/MIAs: July 1, Lester A. Hansen; 9th, Gerald Green; 15th, John A. Lavoo, 19th, Delvin L. Kohler.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

### **BARBARA JOHNSON - PRESIDENT**

I have just returned from attending the 74th American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Annual Convention in Estes Park. Dot Dassero and Marcia Shellhammer also attended as delegates and Dot served as a Page. I want to congratulate June Thomas on her election as Department Commander. I am so proud of her and wish her much success and good health in the coming year.

I am proud to tell you our History Book, put together by Hilda Pifer, won the First Place "Bettie Moerbe Award." Hilda, as always, did a beautiful job. She took over as Historian late in the year and through much effort gave us this lovely book.

We also were given recognition for the efforts of our Past President Parley (Ruth Hornik, Chairman), our beautiful Chaplain's book (Marcia Shellhammer), 100% membership (thanks to Dot), VA&R (lots of work by Chairman Florence Spiewak), plus Home Service, Public Relations and Unit Activities.

Our efforts to help the Fight Against Blindness - National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation, Inc., with the distribution of Kellogg coupons on June 4th and 5th at King Soopers was a huge success. We distributed 2100 coupons. A special thank you to the volunteers who helped me - from the Legion, Don McGruder, Ann Foster, Harry Johnson, Cynthia Bailey and Valente Rocha; from the Auxiliary, Margery Johnson and Ruth Hornik and Don's friend, Sue Farrell. This was a joint national project of the American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and Kellogg U.S.A.

I hope to see you all at our

July 15th regular meeting. We will have pot luck dinner at 6:00 P.M. and meeting at 7:00 P.M. Executive meeting will be 7:00 P.M. on July 7.

July 31 Birthday Party for veterans at Florence Nursing Home - 2:00 P.M.

August 4 Executive Meeting

August 19 Regular Meeting - salad and dessert

August 21 Annual Post Picnic, Iron Horse Park at Ft. Carson. \$3.00 adults, Children 6-18 \$1.00. (The charge is due to the large raise in fee for the park.)

Looking ahead to September:

September 1 - Executive Meeting

September 11 - Ft Lyon's All Patients Day

September 16 - Regular meeting - pot luck

Special events in October:

October 30 - Florence Nursing Home Birthday Party

October 30 - Harvest Ball - Costumes and dancing.

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### **MEMBERSHIP - DOT DASSERO**

CATS - Create Auxiliary Team Spirit - is the theme of our new Department President, Roberta Morrow. Her pin shows a cat with the emblem. Each District is named for a different cat. District 7 emblem is the Jaguar. Renewals are beginning to arrive and we already have some new members. Get your dues sent in before you put that card away and forget it. It was voted at the Department Convention not to raise dues this year but we accepted a special assessment in place of the increase.

Congratulations to all of you who made possible the awards listed by Barbara. We do need to keep better track of our activities to qualify for more of these recognitions. Come to the meeting and get a full report.

# July 1993

## CENTENNIAL 209 EVENTS

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WEDNESDAY

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SATURDAY

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<b>4</b>  Independence Day <b>1:00pm JULY 4TH COOKOUT</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  7:00pm EXEC MTG	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:00pm 40/8 MTG	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00pm GUN CLUB MTG	<b>15</b> 6:00pm GEN MTG POTLUCK	<b>16</b> 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	<b>17</b> 9:30am NO WAC MEETING
<b>18</b> 12:00pm POST 5 GOLF TOURNAMENT <b>1:00pm COOK OUT</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00pm NO 8 & 40 MTG THIS MONTH	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	<b>24</b>
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# August 1993

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