



CENTENNIAL POST 209
THE AMERICAN LEGION



JULY 1995

FROM THE COMMANDER - HARRY JOHNSON

The Department Convention was held on July 22 to 25 at Sterling, Colorado and Post 209 had six members in attendance. The meeting covered a wide range of topics which were very informative. The new Department Commander is Ed Wearing. Jack Tarpey, of Post 38 in Security, was elected Sr Vice Commander.

Our annual trip to Fort Lyon will be September 9. We will leave the Post Home at 7:30 A.M. and return about 8:30 P.M. This is one of the highlights of the year, and our opportunity to help our comrades in need who are unable to provide for themselves. If you have not cleaned your closets yet this year, now is the time to do it. Bring any useable item of clothing to one of our meetings, to the Post Home, or call me and we will arrange to pick it up. The need is great for any items...pants, shorts, shoes, etc. Last year your Post gave 150 sets of T-shirts, shorts and socks at a cost of \$500.00, \$500.00 in cash to the general fund, and about \$1500.00 of useable items to Fort Lyon.

Boys State was just completed last

week and your Post sponsored 10 boys at a cost of \$2180.00. They joined about 300 other boys for the four day program which develops leadership and instills a sense of pride in the American way of life, provides a structured course of study in the complicated governmental process of city, county, state government - election and voting procedures, and provides the knowledge that American democracy and freedom are priceless achievements.

American Legion baseball has started for the summer, and your Post is sponsoring a team. This year we purchased new uniforms at a cost of about \$400.00 and paid the sponsor fee of about \$600.00. This helps youth to learn sportsmanship and teamwork in place of learning about drugs and guns.

Our annual picnic will be held in August and the committee is working on a site and planning the event. More in next month's newsletter.

The House of Representatives recently passed a resolution that would have dire results for Veterans. Existing programs as

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JUDGE ADVOCATE	WALLY LONGSINGER
SERVICE OFFICER	
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

DUES \$25.00

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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

DUES \$12.00

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
834 Emory - TREA BLDG

EDITOR

DOROTHY DASSERO, NALPA

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

MORE BY COMMANDER HARRY

follows would be affected:

1. Freeze funding for the VA health care system at the 1995 level for the next seven years;
2. Totally phase out construction of new VA facilities by 1999.
3. Freeze VA's general operating expense budget at the 1995 level for the next seven years.
4. Redefine disability for compensation purposes to cover much smaller groups of conditions and grant service connection for only those disabilities which are directly caused by the performance of military duties.
5. Phase in higher prescription co-payments for Veterans.
6. Extend cost-saving provisions in current law which are due to expire.
7. Increase the amount the service member must contribute to the program for the Montgomery GI bill.

There are other provisions, but this gives you some idea of the drastic cuts planned. You will find in the newsletter the names and addresses of your congressional representa-

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Commander Detwiler also noted how important all the Legion programs are to our purpose of founding. "Veterans helping Veterans." We have indeed been honored to have such a talented Legionnaire as the National Commander this year.

**THE AUXILIARY - PRESIDENT
BARBARA JOHNSON**

I have just returned from the 75th Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, held in Sterling, Colorado. As expected this was an interesting and informative meeting. I always learn new things at these meetings, and it is also fun to see friends I haven't seen for awhile.

Election was held for 1995-96 Department Officers. Mae Dillon was elected Department President, Elaine Ryan, First Vice President, Alma Smith, Second Vice President, Gayle Land, Department Chaplain, Lavone Thomas, Historian, and Penny Miller, Department Sergeant at Arms.

I am looking forward to our Auxiliary's new year with hope that you all will become involved. We need chairmen for our committees and hope when you are called on, you will say yes and help where you can.

We still need members to serve as First and Second Vice President and Historian.

The next regular meeting will be July 20. We will be meeting at the Legion Business Office at 4291 Austin Bluffs, #104, the next two months. Time 7:00 P.M. Hope to see you there. (Ed's Note: This is a non-smoking building for all of you with allergies.)

Salon 422, 8 & 40, will host the Departemental de Colorado, Salon #45, Departemental Marche, on July 9. The proceedings will begin at 10:00 A.M. at Post 5.

SHIPS' REUNION

Joint ships reunion of the U.S.S. Attu (CVE 102) and the U.S.S. Mugford (DD 389) will be held 12 September through 17 September, at the Doubletree Denver Southeast, 13696 E. Iliff, Aurora, CO 80014. Contact Marie Moore, 286 Moore Road, Hackberry, LA 70645, phone (316) 762-4656 prior to 5 August.

**1995 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP
WORKSHOP**

This fall, (September 22-24) members of the Post, Unit and Squadron should attend the 17th Annual National Leadership Workshop. This meeting will provide professional instruction on Flag Education, Shooting Sports, Missing Children, Teen Suicide, Disability Compensation and Pension, dealing with the media, Leadership, signing up new members, and much, much more.

The meeting begins with a General Opening Session Friday evening at 6:00 P.M. Beginning Saturday at 9:00 A.M., there are separate all-day programs with the workshop concluding on Sunday morning with a General Closing Session beginning at 8:00 A.M., highlighted by a professional motivational speaker.

One of the very best ways to build and maintain a strong and active American Legion is to have a membership that is well-informed on issues, goals, and programs important to this organization. The future of the Legion depends on this.

The registration fee is only \$10.00, payable at the Workshop Registration Desk at the hotel. The workshop is being held this year at the Riviera Hotel & Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Blvd., South, Las Vegas, NV 89109. Room rates are \$49.99 Single or Double. Check with the Post Adjutant for a copy of the hotel reservation form.

tives. Contact them and voice your opinion. It is very important. Did you know that of all Legion members, only about 30% of us vote. Your elected officials know, and they react accordingly. Be sure you register and vote your views in every election. You were in the service of your country to protect this way of life; now it's just as important to participate in this important function.

**SENIOR VICE COMMANDER -
HARRY McFADDEN**

Recently I had the privilege of attending a couple of activities as representative of the Post and acting as temporary Service Officer for a funeral service.

On Wednesday, June 7, I attended the POW/MIA Stamp Presentation at the South Academy post office and on June 10, the flag-burning ceremony at Post #38. It was quite interesting but we need more Legion members to take interest. I acted as Service Officer in support of the spouse of a fallen comrade, Ed Kelso.

Part of my task as Sr Vice Commander is membership. I hope that we can have a membership drive at the post office located at Fountain and South Academy during the 4th of July weekend. Then several more drives, possibly at two King Sooper locations. We are trying to work one in at the Citadel Mall. There will be publicity in the newspaper and other Posts invited to join with us. Other dates projected to do this would be Labor Day, September 4, and during an Army or Navy game at the Air Force Academy. This would depend upon our Post's discretion and how much our fellow Legionnaires would like to see us grow in membership. The Executive Committee has approved these membership drives.

I am really looking forward to

members of American Legion Post 209 having a great year, being involved with all the community activities which fight against drugs, gang wars and crime.

Remember, you make the difference as a member, in supporting your American Legion Post and your community, because you care.

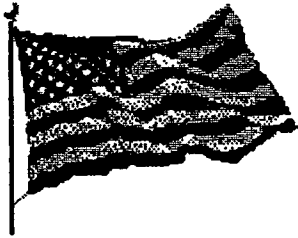
ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - ANN FOSTER

It looks like we will be ending the 94-95 Legion year with a membership of 347. That is a bit more than 65%, but not quite 70% of our goal for the year. We now have a chance to start out fresh with the 95-96 year. I know we can do much better, because we have the talent in this year's Executive Committee. I also know that deep down, you all care about your fellow veterans. You just need to be reminded that one of the ways you show you care is by helping with membership.

We were privileged to have the National Commander, William Detwiler, at Department Convention. He was the banquet speaker Saturday night. He gave us a very informative account of the accomplishments at the National level this Legion year. One example is the display of the Enola Gay at the Smithsonian. He was permitted a preview, and he said it will be well worthwhile to see.

The Citizens Flag Amendment should pass in the House and was only two votes away in the Senate.

He attended the groundbreaking for the "Women in Military Service to America" memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. The American Legion was the only veterans' group so represented. He met a WWI Navy Yeomanette who is 94 and has been a Legionnaire for 76 years. She told him her story and how important this memorial is to all women who served.



**Colorado Commemorates
the WWII 50th Anniversary
August 12, 1995**

May 1, 1995

**Commander
American Legion Centennial Post #209
P. O. Box 15461
Colorado Springs, CO 80935**

Dear Commander:

On August 12, 1995, the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs, the City and County of Denver, and the Colorado National Guard are sponsoring the COLORADO COMMEMORATES WORLD WAR II 50TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE AND CEREMONY. The objectives of this commemoration are to pay tribute to our WWII veterans, provide an opportunity for them to revisit their finest hour, and educate the public. The Parade, with an emphasis on authenticity, will be in the Denver Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Ceremony will be at the Colorado Veterans Monument at the State Capitol from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

The budget for the Parade and Ceremony is \$48,750 which must be raised entirely through private donations. After looking at our donation schedule, if your organization would like to make a contribution, please send it to: WWII 50th Anniversary, %Tim Drago, 3210 South University, Denver, CO 80210. If you need more information, please call me at (303) 756-0338 (business) or (303) 756-1817 (home).

When we were building the Colorado Veterans Monument at the State Capitol, you stepped forward with a donation. We need your help again.

Sincerely,

**Tim Drago
Chairman, WWII 50th Anniversary
Member, Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs
Founder/President, Colorado Veterans Monument**

A GRATEFUL COLORADO REMEMBERS



POST PICNIC

The annual picnic has been scheduled for the 19th of August 1995.

The Commander has declared the place for the picnic to be on the property that we own located at Austin Bluffs and Old Farm Road.

This will be the perfect opportunity to see what the property looks like and will give everyone a idea of what the Posts owns and what could be done with property.

The menu for the picnic has not been fully decided but I do know that it will be a good one.

The Commander has established a potential cutoff date for reservations and that date is 10 August 1995. Please call the Post at 599-8624 or Larry Johnson 590-1369 if you are interested in attending.

CHUCK CLABBERS
JR VICE COMMANDER

POST FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

The Post has only one fund raising activities at this time and that is the BINGO GAME THAT IS CONDUCTED FRIDAY EVENINGS AT THE RETIRED ENLISTED ASSOCIATION at 834 EMORY CIRCLE.

We are doing fantastic, however, we are in need of volunteers. I do not know what else I can tell you except that without you we could be

forced to close the Bingo game down as the workers we currently have are getting very tired. We need new Blood. In addition, if we are to build a post home on our property we are going to need your help.

At the Installation of Officers I made a statement that The American Legion was not established to work the game of bingo or to provide a place for low cost drinks but rather a home from which we could conduct the activities of the American Legion and its program. It is a place where cub scouts and girl scouts could meet to work on their various projects and activities. It also could be a community center for community activities and that Bingo is a means to build that building and a place to accomplish our own activities. When you decide that you can volunteer four a month towards the goals of the Post please call me at 590-1369

LARRY L. JOHNSON
BINGO CHAIRMAN

How to contact elected officials

President William Clinton — D
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
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(202) 456-1414/256-7639

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You can contact any member of Congress by calling the Capitol Hill switchboard, (202) 224-3121.

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Letters to any state senator or representative can be sent to: State Capitol, Denver, CO 80203

Main telephone switchboards:
State House of Representatives:
(303) 866-2932
State Senate: (303) 866-4865
(Leave message)

Information on bills in the Legislature can be obtained by calling: Bill Information, 303-866-3055.

LOCAL OFFICIALS

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Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Phone: 520-6444

District 1

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District 2

Loren Whittemore — R

District 3

Chuck Brown — R

District 4

Jeri Howells — R

District 5

Ed Jones — R

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Colorado Springs, CO 80901
(Voice mail: 444-2222)

Mayor Robert Isaac

Phone: 578-6600.

Vice Mayor Leon Young, District 3

Phone: 633-2621

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Colorado Springs, CO 80903
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Lisa Are Cook (at large)

Phone: 632-8421

John Hazlehurst (at large)

Phone: 389-0900



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