

CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

JULY 2000



As the year starts to pick up steam, so does this Post. WE have just completed the Boys State program by sending seven young men into a program which produces the leaders of tomorrow.

Everything is starting to fast forward for US. It seems as if before we get through one crisis WE have another one confronting the Post Officers. WE are coping with each event as they come up. This is where YOU as MEMBERS could help by contacting US and let us have your input. So PLEASE help us out and make the path WE travel a little smoother.

Along those same lines, there was a mention some time back that General Elections are a reality come November so please get registered to vote. And then be sure to get out and VOTE.

By the time you get this newsletter the 4th of July will have completed the 224th year as a Nation, a country surviving that

long must have some something right. But it had to have the people involved in its main scheme of survival.

We are beginning to plan work sessions to get OUR property in compliance with city codes. Otherwise, it will cost US over \$200.00 in fines to have the city do the weeds for us. If you can help in any way, contact the officers and let them know. Thank you.

The Legion Picnic/Sox baseball game is the 30th of July. It has always been a fun event, so please plan on attending. Further information is contained later in this letter.

One more time the General Elections are getting closer. Please get registered and get out and VOTE. We cannot be happy with the direction OUR benefits are taking, and the only way to turn it around is to VOTE people into office who are veterans themselves. Let's put them in office where they can do the most good for US.



OFFICERS

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DUES \$25.00

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

WORLD WAR I
APR 6, 1917 - NOV 11, 1918
WORLD WAR II
DEC 7, 1941 - DEC 31, 1946
KOREAN WAR
JUN 25, 1950 - JAN 31, 1956
VIETNAM WAR
DEC 22, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975
GRENADA & LEBANON
AUG 24, 1982 - JUL 31, 1984
PANAMA
DEC 20, 1989 - JAN 31, 1990
PERSIAN GULF
AUG 2, 1990 UNTIL THE
END OF HOSTILITIES

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	DOROTHY DASSERO
SECRETARY	PAT ANDRIES
TREASURER	BARBARA JOHNSON
CHAPLAIN	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
SGT-AT-ARM	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$15.00

CHUCK ZEITVOGEL
Sr Vice Commander

The Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion states: "For God and Country, we associate ourselves for the following purposes: to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the Master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness." Just a reminder of the ideals we strive for.

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
VFW POST #4051, 430 E PIKES PEAK AVE.
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

EDITOR

DOROTHY DASSERO, NALPA

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As Sr Vice Commander allow me to share with you two primary concerns and responsibilities designated to me. They are membership and membership building. My feelings are that we are here, first and foremost within our Post's resources, to meet the concerns, desires and needs of our current membership.

If a situation is beyond our resources, it may be necessary to refer it to other echelons of The American Legion or other community resources. More directly our Post is here to serve our membership. To serve a member, however, it is necessary for the member to make his concerns, desires and needs known. Our Post's office address and telephone number are on page two of this newsletter. Call or send a note to the office with your concerns, desires and needs so they may be addressed.

Having said the former, as we serve our members (your) needs, it is also of the utmost importance that we strive to maintain and increase our membership. Invite your eligible friends and associates to join The American Legion. Many of them are just waiting to be asked to join. Let them know of the benefits, including opportunities to relax and have fun. It's not all work and no play! For example, the annual Post Picnic is scheduled for July 30th. Food, fun and games for the whole family, then a Sky Sox baseball game. Come out and enjoy this event. Contact Norm Moyer, Picnic Chairman (392-3725 or cell 332-3701) with how many you will be bringing.



PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT AND REWARDING LARRY JOHNSON

Attendance in school is very rewarding as my daughter can attest. As a result of her attendance in school she received a very nice award to recognize her accomplishment.

I can't guarantee that if you had perfect attendance at our General Membership meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month that you would win a car and money. But I can assure you that you will be part of a movement to make things better in the community through your participation in the various programs of The American Legion.

I can assure you that you would meet, and through your continued attendance, would get to know some very good men and women. Men and women who share similar ideas, thoughts, feelings and goals that you do. Men and women who have experienced many of the same type experiences that you have in time of war and conflict, as well as peace, and can understand what you are feeling.

The feeling of accomplishment felt when you look at the project just completed and knowing that you were a part of it. Knowing that so many people will derive pleasure from what you have created with a few hours of your time and talents.

Right about now, I would hope that you are asking yourself, "what is he talking about?" I am talking about YOUR involvement in the Post and its programs and activities. Four hours a month of your time in the programs of The

American Legion is worth more than the \$50.00 you might give to various organizations you receive requests from because you can see the results of your donations of time.

If you don't believe me, come out and see for yourself what your time and participation means. Come out to All Patients Day Activities at Fort Lyon VA Medical Center at Fort Lyon in September. Come out the Veterans Nursing Home in Florence. Go out and visit the various nursing homes and hospitals.

YOU are the only thing standing in the way of Success. Without your participation, we can't get anything accomplished. Come to our next meeting on July 20th at 7:00 PM and see how you can make a difference.



**DOT DASSERO
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**

Hi Gals! I was so pleased to receive a letter last week from a young lady we sent to Girls State that I decided to read it to you...

Dear Ms Dassero and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 209:

I cannot thank you enough for giving me the opportunity to attend Girls State. I truly had an amazing time. The experience of Girls State taught me a lot about myself and hundreds of other girls. I must admit...I was reluctant to attend Girls State when I was first accepted. I went to Gunnison not knowing what to expect and with the hope that it would all be over with quickly. However, when it was time to say goodbye to the girls that I had spent the last week with I had a

very difficult time leaving. Girls State was an amazing experience and I'm glad that I decided to attend.

While I was at Girls State I learned so many new things. For example, I learned all about proper parliamentary procedure, which I honestly didn't even know existed before I attended Girls State. I found it very interesting that there is such a strict structure to the way people have to address their party chairman, or other people of high rank. I also learned a great deal about the entire legislative system and the specific process that a bill goes through before it is passed. I really enjoyed the three legislative sessions that we had. It was refreshing to hear the powerful debates on various issues, and to be able to stand up for what I believe in by simply saying "aye" or "no."

But perhaps most importantly I learned a lot about myself as a person. While I was at Girls State I was forced to become friends with 17 complete strangers. This was a goal that I imagined would be impossible to Accomplish. However, while at Girls State I made innumerable friendships that will last forever. I also learned that I'm not as afraid of public speaking as I had once thought, and that college dorm food is actually somewhat edible.

Once again, thank you for the wonderful opportunity to attend Girls State. I had an amazing time and I will remember it forever. Sincerely, Jessica Shull"

Now ain't that just fine and dandy to receive a tribute like that? Worth the bucks it cost our Auxiliary.

Centennial 209 Annual Picnic

And an afternoon with the Sky Sox Baseball Team sponsored by and paid for by Centennial 209.

WHEN: SUNDAY, 30 July 2000

TIME: 11:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M.

WHERE: Palmer Park (located on the corner of Maizeland and Academy Blvd.)

MENU:

The Post will provide the meat (ribs, hamburgers, brats), bread products, sodas. We ask that everyone bring a favorite side dish or desert and an appetite for a good time.

We will have a covered area next to a playground for the kids and space available to set up a volleyball, badminton and some other type of games for your enjoyment. After the picnic, we will have tickets for those who would like to watch a baseball game with the Sky Sox playing Omaha.

We ask that you call Norm Moyer at 719- 392-3725 or call the Post at 599-8624 and leave a message telling us how many will be attending the picnic, how many kids, and if you would be attending the ball game **BY SATURDAY, 15 JULY 2000**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND
MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND AND
HAVE FUN. GIVE US A CALL NOW !!**