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AMERICAN LEGION NEAL THOMAS JR. CENTENNIAL POST 209

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We associate ourselves together...

FROM THE DESK & MIND OF THE COMMANDER

Aloha!

I hope you had a great Independence Day celebration with friends and families. We had an awesome celebration to include a Flag Disposal ceremony and a potluck at Post 209. It is my pleasure and honor to be part of this wonderful American Legion family, here in Colorado Springs. During the Flag Disposal ceremony, we had the honor of watching The American Legion officers perform the ceremony to include members and guests presenting the tattered and worn flags to be burned and disposed of properly, as our own Post 209 Honor Guard Team presented the Colors with Steve Hayes playing "To The Colors" on the Bugle. After the ceremony we got the opportunity to taste all of the different food and desserts prepared by the families. As you all know, it was scorching hot and we had two awesome Legionnaires, Steve Hayes and AJ Carter who sustained the hot sun cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers. Thank you everyone who participated in this fabulous event! If you have any ideas on making this event better, let one of our Post officers know. The American Legion Organization is the nation's largest war-time era Veteran Service Organization, dating back to March 15, 1919. We are celebrating its 100th Year Anniversary. Our main objective is to assist and help the Veterans in our Community, State and Nation. When we volunteered in the military, we took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. Let us continue that commitment to help serve those Veterans and families who are having a difficult time adjusting to civilian life. We are all volunteers. There is no rank among us. We are all equal from the Commander to the newest member. Please treat each other with respect and kindness. You really don't know what that person is going through that day. We all have our good and bad days. We are here for the fellowship and camaraderie with our brothers and sisters who served in the military and their families. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Legionnaires and their families who have joined or transferred to Neal Thomas Jr. Centennial Post 209 Legion family. If you would like to participate in any of the programs, please contact any of the Post officers. I encourage you all to take time to meet and greet our new members and establish a relationship to make them feel at home. As many of you are aware, 2020 membership renewals are upon us. Senior Vice Commander Joseph Schmidt will be organizing the membership program this year. I challenge each member to sign up one new member to the Post. Remember the 3R's: **Recruit** New members, **Retain** Existing Members and **Rebuild** for the Future. Currently, the membership count is at 200. Which includes new members, renewals and PUFL members. Keep in mind, when you sign up a new member or renew your membership prior to October 12, 2019, you are eligible for a free Early Bird Dinner which will be on October 18, 2019. To learn more about The American Legion, you can go to <https://www.legion.org/alei> and take Basic Training course. There is a small 40 question quiz at the end of the course. Once you complete the quiz you will receive a certificate plus an opportunity to purchase a lapel pin commemorating your achievement. All you need to do is get 31/40 correct. I look forward to seeing you all at the Post this month and getting to know you!!

For more information on events within the Post, Log into www.legion209.org

Lino Calica
Post Commander

S.A.L.T. – Serving and Learning Together





“AMERICA WAS NOT BUILT
ON FEAR. AMERICA WAS
BUILT ON COURAGE,
ON IMAGINATION AND
AN UNBEATABLE
DETERMINATION TO DO
THE JOB AT HAND.”

– HARRY S. TRUMAN



FROM THE DESK OF THE SR VICE COMMANDER

We as the American Legion are built on our membership, nothing happens without the “Blue Cap Legionnaire” from the G.I. Bill to collecting food for less fortunate families it all starts at the Post. Our members are the most important part of who we are. You are the lifeblood of this organization. Everyone has talents and we need you to come and share those with the Post. If it’s just leading a hand at the flag disposal ceremony or going to city hall to advocate for Veterans and their families, we need you.

As of the last U.S. Census Bureau report El Paso County is home to over 80,000 veterans, yet District 7 only has about 3,000 American Legion members with Post 209 making up over one-third of that number. Why is that? Maybe because they have never heard of the American Legion or maybe because they just have never been asked to join. How can we as Legionnaires not only sign up the other 77,000 Veterans but engage them in such a way that ensures their future renewal? The answer is simple, by Working the Programs.

Our programs are where the real “magic” happens, they not only help our community, but give the member the sense of purpose for which they signed up. If there is a program or activity you want to be involved in please, all you have to do is ask. If we currently have a standing committee, we will direct you to them. If it is a program we have never done before WE WILL DO IT! We need you to share your passions, talents, and interests. Our newest program at the post, The Ham Radio Club started with an idea and now has grown into being a great success. They not only educate about the recreational use of a ham radio but stand ready to be the voice over the air in the event of a national disaster. You can make the difference!

Post 209 continues to show time and time again that we are committed our Community, State, and Nation. Last month I only asked everyone to bring in one new member to so we can continue our growth and maybe even double in size; there are great awards & incentives from the Post all the way to the National Level for those who wish to go above and beyond that challenge.

All American Legion Post 209 Members who renew by October 14th, 2019 will be invited to attend the Early Bird Dinner. This Dinner is COMPLETELY FREE to show our appreciation for those who took the time to renew early and show support for our local post.

Individual Recruiter Awards:

- 3 Members - Gift from the Post Sr. Vice Commander, Call from the Department Commander, and a National Membership Recruiter Pin.
- 5-10 Members - Membership Recruiter Pin & Certificate, Entry into Department Paid Up for Life
- Membership Drawing.
- 11-15 Members – Gift from Post Sr. Vice Commander, Department Membership Coin & Certificate
- 16-20 Members – Department Commanders Coin & Certificate
- 25+ Members – Eligible for Department & National Recruiter of the Year, Silver & Gold Brigade

Awards are for Recruiting New Members into the American Legion

**The Absolute Key to Membership Success:
WORK THE PROGRAMS!**

Joseph A. Schmidt
Post Sr. Vice Commander



Renew Your American Legion Membership Today!



Benefits Include:

- Maintaining the 4 Pillars
- A Continued Voice in Washington D.C.
- Exclusive Member Only Discounts
- American Legion Magazine Renewal
- YOUR SUPPORT FOR VETERANS!

Ways to Renew:

- Online @ legion.org/renew or legion209.org
- By Mail
- In Person

All Early Bird Renewals are Invited to a FREE Dinner October 18th!!!!

Renewal must be in by October 14th 2019 to be eligible for the Early Bird Dinner

Mailing Address: American Legion Post 209, 3613 Jeannine Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80917

If you have any questions Contact the Sr. Vice Commander or Post Adjutant

The people like the American Legion Post that gave us a chance to play. A place to play and a chance to play.

Dave Winfield



FROM THE DESK OF THE POST JR VICE COMMANDER

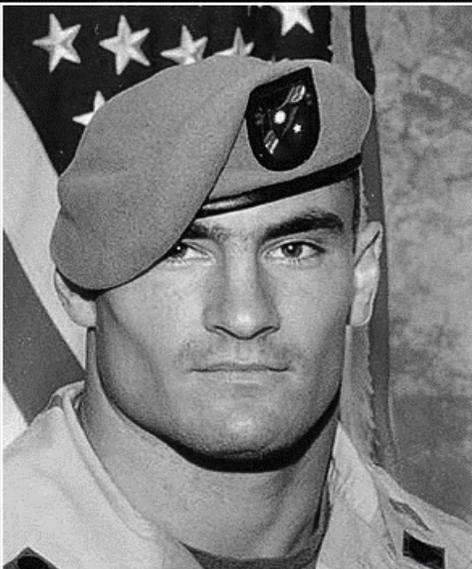
Happy August Post 209 Family! This year has flown by so quickly! Can you believe we are within weeks of National Convention? Speaking of National Convention, I am so proud of our Post 209 Family. We have the most members of any Post within the Department of Colorado attending this year. That is pretty amazing!! I know that all of you who are going will come back refreshed and ready to hit the ground running and ready to work hard for this great organization. For those of you who this is your first time going to National Convention, I can tell you

from personal experience that you will be blown away!! This is where you get to see the hard work that has been put in all year from all of the Departments come to fruition. It's truly and eye opening and liberating experience and you will leave energized and excited. To all going for the first time, drink it in and enjoy every moment!

We have had a lot of new members join our Post in the past month so please be sure to make them all feel welcome. We all know how awkward it can be at first coming into this organization for the first time, so I encourage all of you to extend a helping hand and engage the new members. I also encourage you all to engage existing members as well. I am sure that there are members you see all the time but have never spoken with. Let's change that! You never know, you may have a lot in common that you would have never known if you didn't talk to them. Or on the flip side, you may possibly make their day. We never know what is going on in others lives and just that moment of someone taking time out of their day to say hi and ask how you are makes all the difference in the world.

As the largest post in the Department, the only way to maintain that title is to maintain and grow our membership. If you read Sr. Vice Commander Schmidt's article, you will have read that working the programs is truly the key to success. And that is very true. It's not setting up a booth outside the grocery store or putting an ad in the newspaper. It's being present in our community and showing the people who we are and what we have to offer them. Once they see how valuable we are to the community they will want to be a part of this. But how can we do that unless we participate? We do a lot as a Post and it seems like we have the same people volunteering every time. Why not take one event a month and come out and help? We all joined this organization to continue serving right? So, let's get out and serve our community! You are a member of the largest and greatest Veterans Service Organization in the world. Why did you join? We all have a why. We all have a reason. You have an opportunity to truly make a difference. Every member is important, and every member has something to offer. So I ask you, what kind of member do you want to be? A sit on the sidelines and just pay dues and let those who show up be your voice type of member? Or a hands-on member who helps make a difference and has a voice and shares their gifts type of member? The choice is yours. Have an outstanding August Post 209 Family. I look forward to seeing you all and engaging you at the Post!

Desire'e E. Guerra
Post Jr. Vice Commander



Somewhere inside, we hear a voice.
It leads us in the direction of the
person we wish to become. But it is
up to us whether or not to follow.

— Pat Tillman —



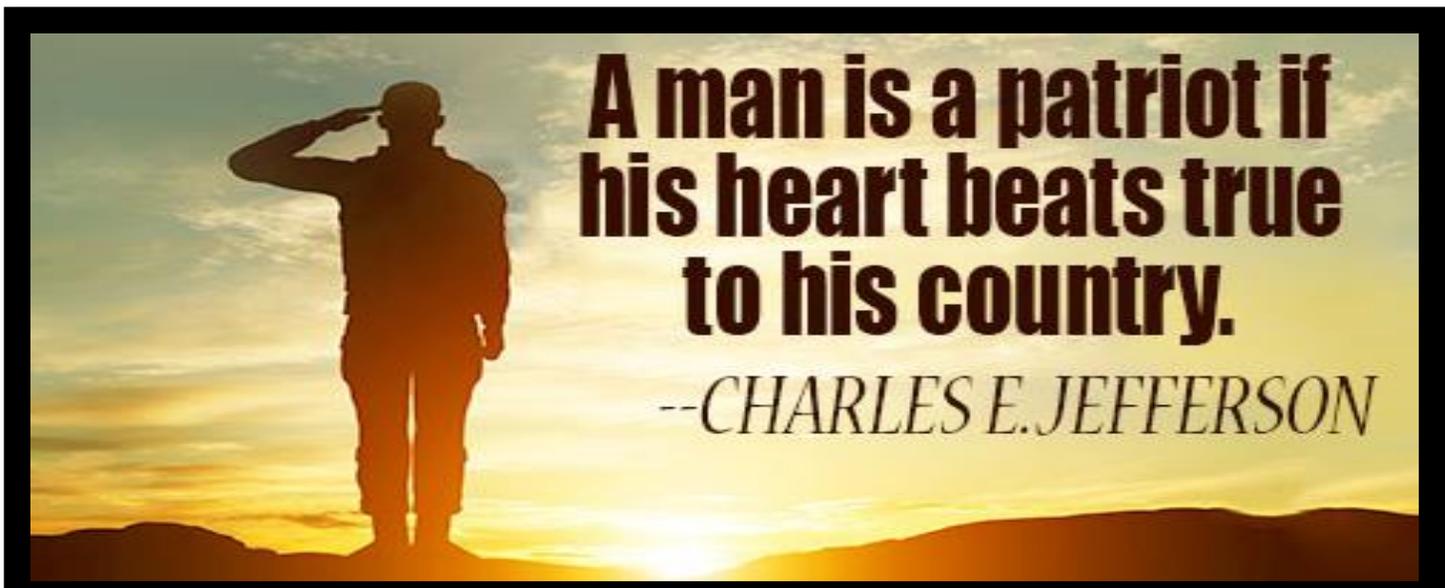
FROM THE DESK OF THE FINANCE OFFICER

Well, it's been a while since you've seen an article from the Finance Officer, so I figured I would inform you of some things going on with the financial side of the Post. As most of you know by now, Rusty has been removed from this position and I was asked by the Commander if I would step up and take this challenge on. The Commander's first request was if I could come up with a budget by the May executive board meeting, which was in 3 days. I ran through all the numbers, worked with our bill collectors and have determined that in order to keep this Post running. We would have to budget \$24K a year. This includes a couple of thousand as overhead. In case things come up that were not budgeted for.

I have worked with Colorado Springs Utilities and was able to get us on budget billing. Meaning we pay the same amount over 12 months. If we overpay, our bill would be adjusted and lowered for the next year. If we underpaid, our bill for the next year would go up. With the installation of new windows in July, I am hoping this will help with the heating and cooling side of the house. Now we have a number to work with. As for the cable bill, I worked with Xfinity (Comcast) and got us into a new 3-year contract at a savings of around \$80 a month. We then looked at our trash bill and seeing that we paid \$239 a month for service. We went out shopping and was able to find a company that would do our trash for \$39 a month, for \$200 savings. We're in the process of cancelling our snow removal contract because we purchased a UTV with a blade so we can take care of the parking lot ourselves. That will be a huge savings also. A new shed will be in place in August (which was fully funded by the Legion Riders), so we can store the UTV in it. As for the building insurance. It has been paid in full already this year.

A part of the budget is to pay ourselves back and put \$384 back into our savings on a monthly basis so when it comes time to pay it next year, we will have the funds available to pay it and not have to ask Art for money from the club account. Art will still transfer money to us when needed. For the month of June, we were \$1793.81 in the black. But I guarantee you we will be in the red for July with the cost of the windows being purchased and installed. Another positive thing we're putting into place is we'll now be accepting credit cards for folks that want to pay for their Friday night dinners and/or beverage bill in the lounge, along with us using this feature for those that rent the Post. We'll begin taking credit cards in August, so if you're short on cash or don't have an ATM card, we'll still be able to assist you. It's my hope that with these little changes and a budget to work the numbers, we'll be able to keep this Post up and running for a long time. We still need to find ways of raising money to keep this Post solvent, but I firmly believe if we can somehow raise \$15K a year, we can keep our head above water. If anyone would like to see the monthly expense report, feel free to reach out to me and I'll gladly show it to you.

Mike Barger
Post Finance Officer



**A man is a patriot if
his heart beats true
to his country.**

--CHARLES E. JEFFERSON

Has God been good to you?



FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAPLAIN

As I write this article, we have not had our first meeting of the New Year yet. But I know that all of the newly elected officers will be doing their best to make this year a great one.

In this article I would like to talk about God's Love for all of us. YES! All of us who are sinners. 1 John 4: 7 – 2 says: "Dear Friends, we should love each other, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has become God's child and knows God. Whoever does not love, does not know God, because God is love." Then there is Romans 8: 37 – 39: "But in all these things we have full victory through God, who showed his love for us. YES! I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angles, nor spirits, nothing now, nothing in the future, no powers, nothing above us, nothing below us, nor anything else in the whole world will ever be able to separate us from the love of God, that is in our Lord!" Psalm 89: 8 –14: "Lord God, all – powerful, who is like you? Lord, you are powerful and completely trustworthy. Your kingdom is built on what is right and fair. Love and truth are in all you do." Romans 5: 6 – 8: "When we were able to help ourselves, at that moment of our need, Christ died for us, although we were living against God, He shows His great love for us in this way. Christ died for us while we were still sinners."

Here is something that Max Lucado wrote which I think really helps us to understand what God's love all is about. My child's feeling is hurt, I tell her she's special. My child is injured, I do whatever it takes to make her feel better. My child is afraid, I won't go to sleep until she is secure. I'm not a hero, I'm just a parent. When a child hurts, a parent does what comes naturally. He or she helps. Why then don't you let your Father do for you what I am more willing to do for my own child? Many times, we will not allow God to help us. We are too proud to ask for help. I for one am guilty of this many times over. And I'm sure that there are many of you reading this are the same also. God is always there to help us. All we have to do is ask HIM for his help. Keep in mind that God never leaves us. Many times, we just never look for HIM when we should. Always keep God in front of you and you will never go wrong. Keep the faith in HIM and Trust in HIM, this way you will always be in HIS good grace. Remember that HE never leaves you side and is always next to you.

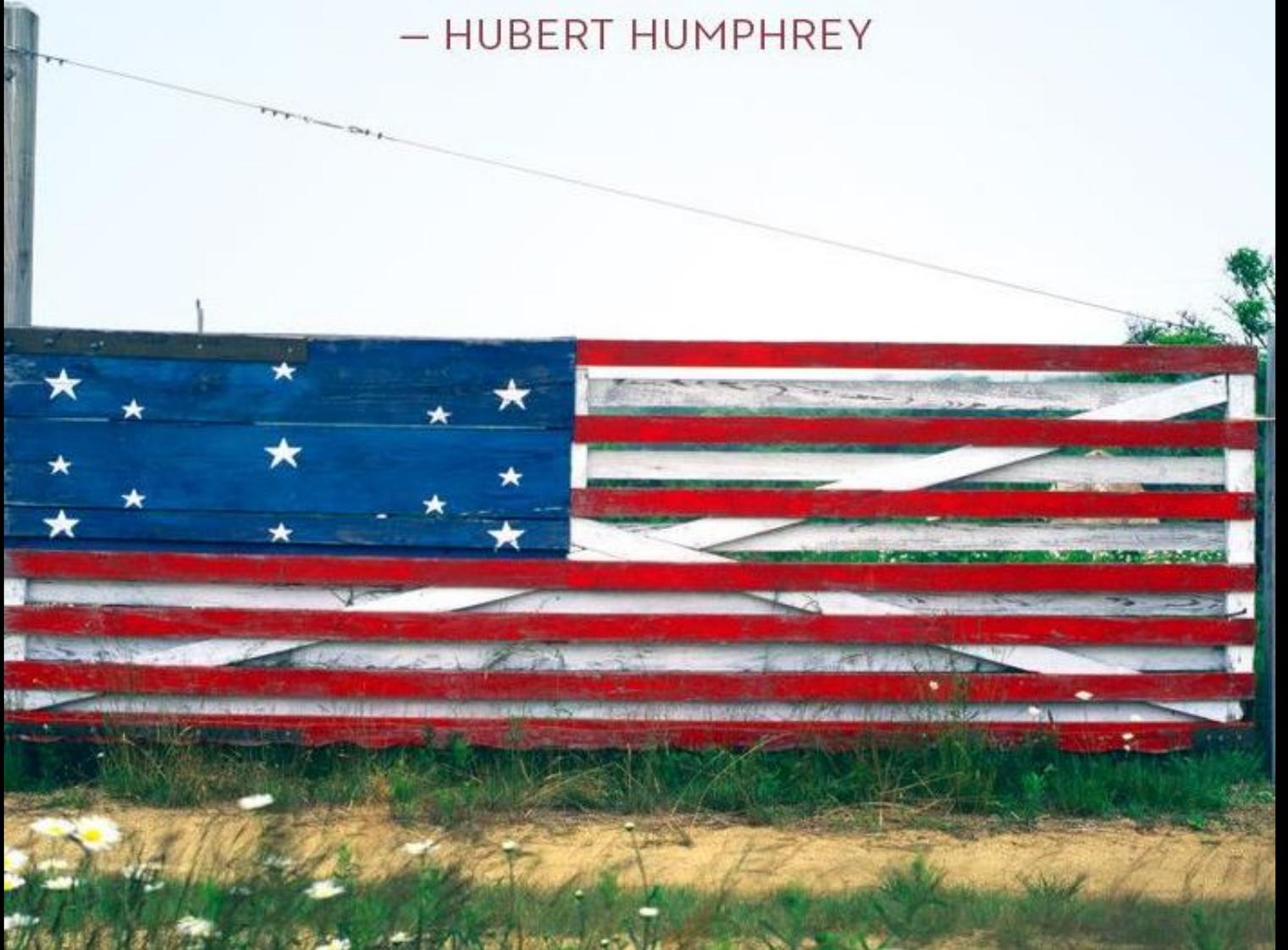
MY LAST THREE WORDS TO ALL OF YOU: **GO TO CHURCH!!!**

Pastor Stan Hamamoto
Post Chaplain



“WHAT WE NEED ARE
CRITICAL LOVERS OF
AMERICA – PATRIOTS WHO
EXPRESS THEIR FAITH IN
THEIR COUNTRY BY
WORKING TO IMPROVE IT.”

– HUBERT HUMPHREY



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FROM THE DESK OF THE SAL COMMANDER

As the newly elected Commander of Sons of the American Legion Squadron 209, I get to choose my Commander's Project for the 2019-2020 year. I wanted something that really fit in with our pledge to serve the community, state and nation. What better endeavor than that which supports one of the Four Pillars of the American Legion: Children and Youth. Therefore, my project this year will be the Child Welfare Foundation. Here's a little background on the CWF:

"Established in 1954, The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation was developed as a repository of funds from individuals who wished to contribute to the betterment of children in this country..."

"Not all American children grow up inside the comfortable definition of normal childhood development. For thousands, each day is a challenge marked by pain, prayer and perseverance. Many of these children require specialized care. To overcome their obstacles, they need help from you and The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation."

With grants usually in the range of \$10,000 to \$25,000, and some in the \$50-\$60k range, where does our money go? As an example, here is a very abbreviated list of the groups and projects supported by the CWF:

American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, Ky. • Children's Hospital and Medical Center Foundation, Omaha, Ne • Children's Organ Transplant Association, Bloomington, In. • Father Flanagan's Boys Home, Boys Town, Ne. • Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, St. Petersburg, Fla. • National Autism Association, Portsmouth, R.I. • Our Military Kids, McLean, Va. • Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, Asheville, N.C. • St. Vincent Hospital Foundation, Indianapolis, In. • United Through Reading, San Diego, Ca.

A more comprehensive list of the projects awarded grants for 2019 can be found here:

<https://www.legion.org/childwelfare/243400/american-legions-cwf-awards-766761-grants-2019>

We are not waiting around. SAL Squadron 209 is already under way in this endeavor, hosting a very successful fundraiser dinner at Post 209 on Friday night, July 12th. All proceeds went to the CWF, and there will be more to come as we work towards our annual monetary goal, culminating in the Child Welfare Foundation Dinner on April 4th, 2020. I have "volunteered" Squadron 209 to host this banquet at our Post. Everyone is welcome to attend, and I will be putting the word out later in the year regarding tickets, dinner menu, etc.

So, here's a big Thank You in advance to the Legion Family for helping Squadron 209 in this vital endeavor. It is just one more reason why the American Legion is America's premier Veterans service organization.

Eric Testorff
SAL Squadron Commander





BRINGING A LITTLE SOUTH TO THE WEST

Growing up in suburbia, we had plenty of room to play outdoor games. Back in the day before cell phones, beepers and personal computers, kids actually played outside until well after dark. They normally went home just in time for their evening bath and then off to bed. Part of the reason we chose the outdoor playground was because most of the time we didn't care for what was being televised on one of the only four TV stations; CBS, ABC, NBC, or PBS.

We didn't have sidewalks in our neighborhood, and for several years we didn't even have streetlights. I was initially saddened when they were installed, but it turned out to be just another source of play and sometimes even mischievousness for us kids. But it really didn't matter whether it was day or night, we played outside from the time we finished our homework (during school year) until it was time to go home for the night.

I recently started thinking about some of the games we played and thought I'd share some of those memories. How many have you played?

Our favorite daytime games included things like Baseball, Football, Horseshoes, Steal the Bacon, Red Rover, and the deadly game of Dodge Ball. Steal the Bacon was one of my all-time favorite games. The more people you had to play, the more fun it became. We'd choose up sides with one person being the "caller" or judge. We'd line up side by side, number off and face the other team about 20 yards away. The caller would call out a number and those two people would run out to the center of the field where the "Bacon" laid. That's where the skill came into play. The two people would stop at the "Bacon" and dance around much like boxers watching each other and looking for that opportunity to "Steal the Bacon" and run back to their side without being touched. If they made it to home base, they got a point. If they were tagged, the other team got the point. We had a predetermined number of points needed to win the game. It was great fun.

Another fun game was "Red Rover." As with "Steal the Bacon," the more people you had to play, the better. We would once again choose up sides into two teams and face each other about 10-15 yards apart. We would stand side by side with our hands or arms interlocked. Each team would take turns yelling, "Red Rover, Red Rover, send (insert the name of an opposing player) right over!" The person whose name was called would take off and run toward the interlocked hands or arms of the opposing team in an attempt to "break the chain." If the player was successful breaking the chain, you could choose one of their players to return to your side with you. If you did not break the chain, you became a member of that team. I would always try to find the weakest link in the chain. The game ended when all players were on one side.

I think I've mentioned this in a previous article, but our favorite game to play at night was "Kick the Can." That was much like "Hide and Seek" with the can as a twist to the game. Someone would be chosen to be "it." We'd get an empty Pet Milk can or Pinto Bean can (16 ounce) and put it in the middle of the street. Our neighborhood side street didn't have much traffic, so it was the perfect place to play. Someone other than the person who was "it" was designated to make the initial kick. We'd kick the can as far and hard as possible then everyone would take off running to hide. The person who was "it" had to retrieve the can, return it to its original spot, place their foot on top of the can, hide their eyes and count to 50.

After the count, the person who was "it" started hunting for everyone hiding. There was no limit to where you could go, but you obviously didn't want to get too far away from the can. If the person who was "it" found you, he/she would run back to the can, put their foot on top of the can and yell "1, 2, 3 on (insert the person's name)!" If caught, that person would have to come in and stand near the can and wait. You could be saved by another player if they could run up and kick the can before the person who was "it" got to there first. If you could run up and kick it, everyone who had been found was free to hide again. The game ended when the person who was "it" found everyone.

We didn't need PCs, cell phones or pagers to have fun. And we didn't have time to get lazy. All the outdoor games we played kept us in pretty good physical shape. You had to be if you wanted to beat the "it" to the can and kick it before being called or beat the other person after "Stealing the Bacon." Man, I miss those games. I taught my boys and grandsons those games and would play it with them when there were small. If you have kids or grandkids around you, teach them how to play some of those games. They'll love it, and you might want to join them. If you need more players, give me a call. I'll even be "it!"



**Intro to Modern Style
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Free Open House
Thursday - September 5th 2019
7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Are you bored? Is your nest empty? Too much time on your hands?

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Yes, please contact me about this event! *

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Waggin Wheeler's Square Dance Club (Non-Profit Organization)



AMERICAN LEGION POST 209 EXPANDS ITS REACH

Through the efforts of a few conscientious members, Post 209 has expanded its notoriety nationally, and perhaps even globally. Amateur radio operations will now be **IN THE HOUSE!!**

Extensive efforts by Jon Davis and Jim Harris have resulted in the acquisition of donated HAM equipment and Federal Communications Commission station licensing. Our awesome station call sign: KO(that's a zero) TAL!

This movement will result in not only the sharing of this incredible hobby with Post members but will also enable an emergency communications capability at our location. In January 2005, the Legion signed an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security to support emergency disaster preparedness.

A board of five Legion members has been formed, and a monthly Post club meeting schedule has been established. The club plans to support Boy Scout radio merit badge efforts, as well as the annual Jamboree On-the-air.

For more information contact: Club Secretary, Harvey LeCato
Phone: (719) 331-1212 Email: mbca@comcast.net



POST 209 FUNDRAISER - WHISK(E)Y 101 GUIDED SESSION **Saturday, 28 September 2019, 5:30pm to 8:30pm**

If you've ever been interested in discovering more about the wide world of whisk(e)y, broadening your knowledge or just figuring out what all the hype is about, this SPECIAL Post Fundraiser is for you. Tied to cultures for centuries, through this fun and information packed 3 hour guided session you will learn about the basics & fundamentals of the historical & resurgent spirit, from



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how it was invented, produced, crafted and aged to the essential differences between American Bourbon, Irish and Scotch Whiskies, blends and single malts. End up learning the mechanics of how to sensorially evaluate, nose & taste different whiskeys and their different palates through a guided session of a selection of 2 each Irish, Scotch & American whiskies specially selected to exhibit the immensely diverse range of whisk(e)y expressions. With this knowledge you can enjoy a greater appreciation and become a more informed consumer of this historic spirit.



In addition to being a Colorado Springs Real Estate Agent for almost 20 years, Post 209 SAL member Brian L. A. Wess is Colorado's First Executive Bourbon Steward, a Whisky Ambassador and a whiskey aficionado having received multiple certifications for proficiency in Irish, Scotch & Bourbon whiskies. Brian has been actively training with and being guided by Master Distillers, Master Blenders, Ambassadors and Whisk(e)y Experts in the trade for over 20 years through private sessions, classes, tours and visits to over 60 distilleries in Ireland, Scotland and the United States where the world's finest whiskies are crafted. He

has also received specialized training to be able to help guide others and expand the appreciation of this wonderful spirit, its heritage and the dedicated, detailed craftsmanship it takes to produce it.

Brian is volunteering his time to guide and teach this special private session to raise funds for the support of Post 209 with all proceeds after expenses being donated to the Post. This session is limited to a maximum of 30 people and pre-paid reservations are \$35 per person through the Pay Pal link at www.WhiskeyHeritage.com by going to the "Guided Sessions" tab.

You may contact Brian with questions at 719-528-6672

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“MAY WE THINK OF
FREEDOM, NOT AS THE
RIGHT TO DO AS WE
PLEASE, BUT AS THE
OPPORTUNITY TO DO
WHAT IS RIGHT.”

— PETER MARSHALL

Keeping with the aims & purposes of The American Legion...



August 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm	2 Price Varies with order Hamdogger 6:00pm	3
4	5 Pikes Peak Honor Gd. Meeting 6:00pm	6	7	8	9 \$9.00 Meal ALR Dinner-6:00pm RSVP Required!	10 Membership Meeting Breakfast - 9:00am Meeting - 10:00am
11	12 Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm	13	14	15	16 \$14.50 Meal Steak Night! - 6:00pm RSVP Required!	17
18	19 Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm ALR Exec. Board 6:00pm	20	21	22	23 \$10.50 Meal Chef's Choice! - 6:00pm RSVP Required!	24
25	26 Post Honor Gd. Training 6:00pm	27 ALR Monthly Meeting 6:30pm. Social 5:30pm SAL 5:45pm	28	29	30	31

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