

CENTENNIAL POST 209
THE AMERICAN LEGION



AUGUST 1994

**FROM THE COMMANDER - AL
CYRIAQUE**

To all the members who attended last month's meeting, thank you for coming out, and I look forward to speaking to you again this month. If you think about it, call a friend and remind him/her that our meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month and invite your friend to come out.

To all the members who didn't make the picnic, Boy! did you miss it. There was plenty of food, drink, etc. We had horseshoes, badminton, basketball, music, dark clouds and yes, even a little rain. But we enjoyed ourselves anyway. The wife and I felt all the preparations were well worth it.

Now you have read before in this newsletter that the Bingo supports our post and all the activities of the post. We need Bingo workers. Come on out to the TREA on a Friday evening and meet the people who support your post. I guarantee you'll enjoy yourself. I do just visiting with the players.

In closing I want to thank Dot Dassero for doing the Commander's letter last month.

Hope to see all of you on the 3rd Thursday. Potluck at 6:00, meeting at 7:00.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT - DOT
DASSERO**

It was fun seeing so many of you at the picnic out at Al Cyriaque's home. The directions were easy to follow and everyone arrived safely.

Our membership drive has started. Don't know if you've received your renewal notice from National yet but your dues are now due for 1994-1995. Barbara Johnson is acting as membership chairman so you can send them to the address of the post, earmarked for Barbara...still \$12.00.

Thanks to Rosalie Fricke for "volunteering" to fill the office of Historian; now if we could just find a vice president or two.....?!

Remember that our meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at Calvary Methodist Church, almost across the street from the post. Don't forget the potluck supper before the meeting...it gives us time to practice our camaraderie, get the gossip over with, compare food dishes and get recipes and just enjoy being together.

**BRING YOUR OWN
TABLEWARE AND
DISHES - THE
AUXILIARY DOES NOT
FURNISH THEM.**

POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER	ALTON CRYIAQUE
SR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
JR VICE COMMANDER	ED MITTAGE
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	J. C. SHELLHAMMER
SGT-AT-ARMS	NORMAN HARPOLE
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	ERNEST KELLY
SERVICE OFFICER	HARRY MCFADDEN
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

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
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	DOROTHY DASSERO
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
TREASURER	BARBARA JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	ROSALIE FRICKE
CHAPLAIN	FLORENCE SPIEWAK
SGT-AT-ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$12.00

CRIPPLE CREEK TRIP

We are planning a bus trip to Cripple Creek on September 17, 1994. We will leave the parking lot at the office at 4:30 P.M., and return at about 10:30 P.M.

We will be going to Womacks in Cripple Creek. Each person who plans to attend will be required to make a deposit of \$10.00 by the cut-off date of September 7, 1994.

You will be given your \$10.00 back when we arrive at Cripple Creek (in coins) and a free dinner at Womacks.

We can order off the menu this time. The menu has steak, chicken, fish or pasta dishes. The facilities are much better, and we should have no trouble being served in a timely manner; they have a large diningroom.

There will be other fun book deals. I hope both tvs will work this time.

MEETINGS

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

EDITOR
DOROTHY DASSERO

FORT LYON TRIP - Harry Johnson

Once again we will be visiting Fort Lyon on 10 September 1994. If you have never taken one of these trips, you should make time and go. The bus will depart from the Post Home at 8:00 A.M. and return about 9:00 P.M. The bus has room for only 24, so if you plan to go, please let me know as soon as possible. You can phone your reservation to the Post's answering machine, 598-8624, or phone me at 596-9261.

To see the Legion at work, don't miss this trip. Cutoff for reservations is 29 August.

There is an Alzheimers ward, a psychiatric Ward and treatment facilities for alcohol and drug abuse, just to name a few of the facilities available to veterans and dependents..

Many of the patients arriving at Fort Lyon have only the clothes on their backs and nothing else. In many cases, patients have no money or families to offer them support, monetary, physical, emotional or moral and many will never be released from the hospital.

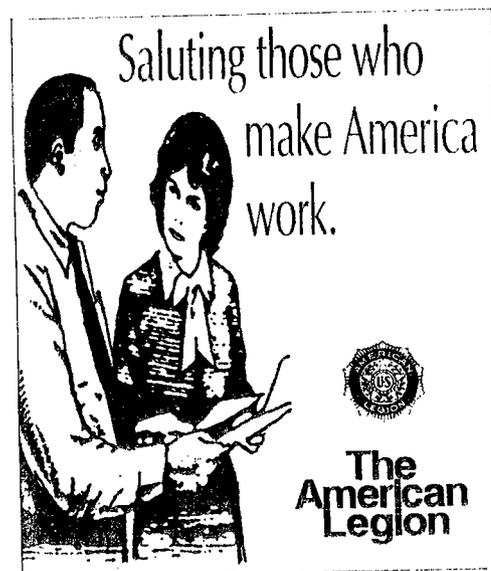
The purpose of the All Patients Day Activities is to provide those types of game prizes to fulfill the patients' physical needs (t-shirts, socks, shorts, etc.) while entertaining the patients and also giving them a sense of dignity. Other booths set up by other veterans groups or fraternal organizations provide soft drinks, food, melons or other kinds of prizes.

Remember, the bus leaves the Post parking lot of September 10 at 8:00. It usually makes a rest stops at La Junta and shopping at a small fruit stand is a benefit

thrown in and planned on for many of our members. The whole trip is very gratifying.

Salon 422 of the Departemental de Colorado held its annual Marche at Unit 5 in Colorado Springs on July 24. Betty Andrews of Post 5 was re-elected Chapeau for the Departemental and Dot Dassero, Unit 209, was again appointed as La Secretaire/Caissiere. Congratulations to these two officers. Monthly meetings will resume the third Monday of September, 7:00 P.M. at Post 5.

Watch for news of the Fall Conference. Date is September 18...time and place to be announced later.



ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - Ann Foster

I am very happy to report that we have 150 members for 1995. That is 25% of our goal and we are only 15 away from 30%. Target dates for the Department of Colorado are as follows:

- 30% - August 11, 1994 - Early Bird Contest
- 40% - September 15, 1994 - Autumn Festival
- 50% - October 14, 1994 - Oktoberfest
- 70% - December 8, 1994 - Pearl Harbor Day
- 90% - February 17, 1995 - Big Twelve Competition
- 95% - April 7, 1995 - American Legion Birthday
- 100% - April 28, 1995 - May Day
- 110% - June 15, 1995 - Flag Day Salute
- August 2, 1995 - Delegate Strength

If we could meet each of the above dates, it would really be WONDERFUL!! We would also be able to continue our important Legion programs such as Boy's State, All Patient Activity Day at Fort Lyon, etc. But, most important is the increased numbers of our voices to tell Congress that we expect our sacrifices as veterans to be remembered and our benefits to be retained.

In the Gazette-Telegraph, Tuesday, July 19, 1994, was an article entitled, "Gulf war vets encouraged to participate in screenings." In the event you may know anyone who served in this time frame and did not get a chance to read this article, I have extracted the most important parts below. We would appreciate your passing on this information to anyone who may be need it.

"Nearly 100 veterans, civilians and their families have complained to area military health clinics of maladies they believe may have their origins in the 1991 war against Iraq. Doctors from Fort Carson, Peterson AFB, and the Air Force Academy asked others to step forward, saying the military wants to get to the bottom of the mysterious illnesses that have plagued some gulf war vets.

Anyone who served in the war - either as a member of the armed forces or as a civilian and members of their families are eligible for an exam and treatment at their local military health clinic. It's all part of a militarywide effort begun in late June to screen and treat anyone suspecting their ailments are linked to gulf war duty. Before the Pentagon's new push to screen gulf war vets, a soldier's treatment usually stopped with the primary care doctor. But, now physicians can send confounding cases to Fitzsimons Army Regional Medical center in Aurora for a closer look by specialists. Case information will be compiled from throughout the military in hopes that patterns will become evident, giving clues to the causes of the perplexing illnesses."

Upcoming Executive Committee Meetings are 3 August and 7 September at 7:00 pm, at the Post Office. General Meetings are 18 August and 15 September at Calvary UMC.

August 1994

CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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LET'S GET OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR '95' IN

7/30/1994

September 1994

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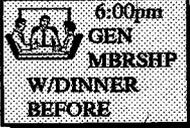
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