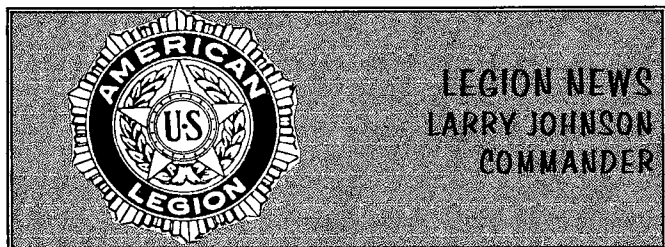


CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

August 1998



July and August seem to be the busiest times of the year when you are trying to get things done.

We have been very busy trying to figure out how we are to increase participation in our activities, such as the membership meetings, bingo workers and volunteers we can call on to help with special projects. We have had some ideas suggested but so far none of them seem to help.

Could you help us to better the Post and The American Legion Family? If you have some ideas you think could help us, or you have something you would like to see happen in the future, please let us know.

Judging by the renewal notices we have received, if I counted right we are up to 110, I feel that there is an interest in The American Legion and its programs.

At the Post Executive Meeting on July 1, I informed the officers of

the Post that in all communications with Post members and prospective new members that we would talk about what we could accomplish with your help and support. Some examples of this are: WE could cover more schools to get the word out about The American Legion High School Oratorical contest wherein 9th through 12th grades compete to win one of four scholarships ranging from \$18,000 to \$20,000. We could get the word to more students about Boys State and Girls State. This could mean the difference of going to one of the Academies. I know that in two instances the only reason why a student got the appointment to the Air Force Academy was because he had attended Boys State and the other student had not. But WE can only reach a few of the students as YOU aren't involved

Remember school starts in August. I urge everyone to please slow down and allow the future of our country to live and provide the guidance that it will need.

Our General membership meeting is Thursday, August 20 at 7:00. We meet at the DAV Post No. 26, on the corner of Palmer Park and Peterson Road. We would love to have you and your ideas at the meeting.

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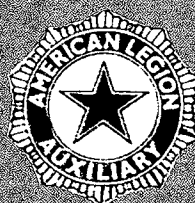
MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

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

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DUES \$15.00



AUXILIARY NEWS
DOT DASSERO, PRESIDENT

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.
DAY POST #26 PALMER PARK & PETERSON RD

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Renewal notices have been mailed by our National Auxiliary. Please attach your check and mail as soon as possible. Treasurer Barbara said she received her notice last Saturday and in the mail today are checks from two of our members. Would that all of you were as prompt. How nice it would be to have that over with before the first of the year.

Adjutant Ann Foster just called the office to tell me that Legionnaire Lee Berlage passed on to Post Everlasting on July 22. We extend our condolences to his family.

But this reminded us that we need to remind you that Post Chaplain Howard Hornik (596-6345) and Auxiliary Chaplain Judith McFadden (591-7606) need to be notified

whenever you know of a member who is ill or deceased. Our chaplains visit the sick in hospitals. They take flowers or fruit baskets and send cards to people ill at home. However, they need your input to keep up with these matters. Please call them if you know of someone who should be contacted by our chaplains. It will be helpful and appreciated.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

FRANCIS REDINGTON
SR VICE COMMANDER

The past four or five years, many things have been accomplished by Centennial Post 209. Boys State has seen many young men come into their own through Boys State participation.

However, in the Oratorical contest our efforts to produce a National Candidate have come very close the last two years. We have sent four youngsters to the Department finals, with two finishing as 1st runner-up.

Many things are involved in securing young people to compete and WIN. The basic desire of any person to excel in public speaking is paramount. Direct contact is the best tool for finding this type of person. If we work as a team, maybe this Post can produce a WINNER. Your assistance is needed in locating candidates. If you know of a person who would like a scholarship to help in attending college, please let us know by calling Post 209 at 599-8624 or Francis Redington at 471-3925. Let's pull together and produce a national champion.



HARRY JOHNSON
JR VICE COMMANDER

The annual picnic this year will be on Sunday, August 23. It will be a tailgate party which will begin at 12:00 p.m. until about 2:30, at which time we will go watch a Sky Sox game.

Because of the activity planned, the Post will provide the full meal, chicken, baked beans and fixings. We will also provide sodas (you cannot take into the ballpark). THE POST WILL ALSO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR THE GAME. Your only cost is the parking fee of \$3.00. Come on out and enjoy a family activity with The American Legion. We ask that, if you plan on attending, you call Norm Moyer at 392-3725 or Larry Johnson at 590-1369.

FORT LYON VA MEDICAL CENTER ALL PATIENTS DAY

On Saturday, September 12, the Post and Auxiliary will be making its annual trip to the Ft Lyon VA Medical Center.

The purpose of this trip is to bring some fun into the lives of the patients there.

For anyone who doesn't know the history of the facility, it is the drug and alcohol rehab for Colorado. In addition it has a good Alzheimer's treatment

facility, as well as being a medical facility. Most of the patients who reside there will never leave the grounds. They do not have families nor do they have an income. Patients who arrive for the drug and alcohol rehab programs usually arrive with just what they are wearing.

The program is designed to provide a fun atmosphere consisting of veterans' and fraternal organizations conducting a carnival atmosphere in which the patients do not lose at any game. A variety of prizes for the patients to win consist of toothbrushes, toothpaste, and various pieces of clothing such as socks, T-shirts and shorts. Our post conducts such a booth, the penny pitch (we use washers) and we give shorts and T-shirts.

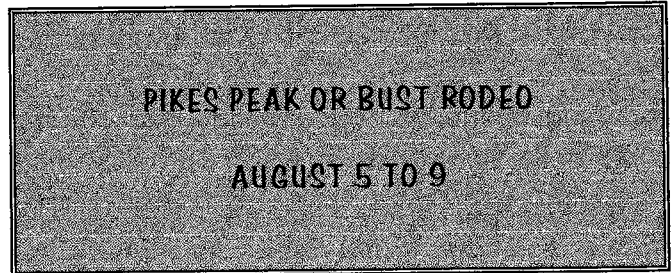
Besides the carnival activities, the hospital conducts tours of grounds and facilities. Luncheon is served at noon (barbecued beef, baked potato, veggie and melon). Time is set aside for organizations to provide donations to the hospital for specific activities or its general fund. Our Post give a donation in memory of Past Post Commander John Gaillard. The carnival begins at 1:00 pm and lasts until around 3:00 when the Avenue of Flags is dismantled by volunteers and we prepare to leave. On our way back we are invited to a picnic sponsored by local veterans as a thank you for our time and efforts.

If you have old items (clean and useable) which you would like to donate, you can bring them to the Post. Call Commander Larry to

make arrangements to drop them off.

If you would like to participate, some members have stated they would lend the use of their vehicles, plus we will be taking the Post station wagon down.

Norm Harpole
Community Service Chairman

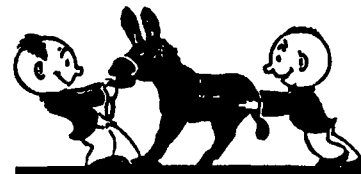


Yes, it's time again for the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo.

The Rodeo is very important to the Veterans of the community. The profits derived from the Rodeo are split up between the active duty installations in our area and the veterans of Colorado Springs. Volunteers from all of the veterans organizations, including Post 209, provide most of the help during the Rodeo, from selling programs to seating guests.

If you would like to be involved, call Ann Foster at 599-8624.

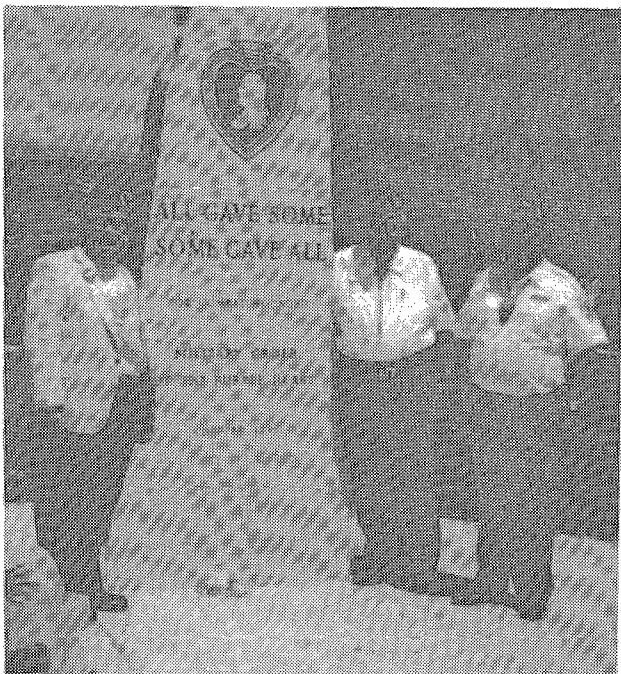
Ann Foster
Committee Chairperson



FLAG EDUCATION

PAST COMMANDER
HARRY MCFADDEN

On July 3, Francis Redington and I, along with Auxiliary Chaplain Judy McFadden and granddaughter Judith, represented the Post in demonstrating proper Flag Etiquette tradition of saluting the flag, removing it from the pole and properly folding it. If you are interested, Post 209 has a video copy and I'm sure the Post Commander Larry Johnson would not mind if you take it for viewing.



Dedication of Memorial for Combat Wounded: L - R, Harry McFadden, Co-Chairman of Flag ceremony Bill Woolsey, Chaplain MOPH Chapter 423, and Ernest Kelly, co-Chaplain and Flag Etiquette Co-Chairman

July 24 was Specialist Four Donald W Evens Jr. Day, the namesake for Evans Army Hospital. Evans gave his life during the conflict in Vietnam to save three of his comrades. Elsia Evans read this poem about "What the Flag Represents."

"I speak my word for myself and recognize that I am proud to be an American. As we celebrate the 4th of July it reminds me of what our flag represents:

F for Freedom: To honor all veterans and servicemen and women who have, are now, and will serve this glorious country.

L for Liberty: The power of choice and all the rights and responsibilities that go with liberty.

A for Allegiance: Loyalty to my country.

G for God. The choice to celebrate God in any church, temple, synagogue or mosque that I choose.

We are one nation under God but allowed to express that in whatever faith we choose. Just as Spirit is everywhere, I know I am in charge of my life and that I am blessed to live in this country that allows freedom of expression. I bless our leaders and know that this same Spirit is flowing throughout each one of them expressing as wisdom, intelligence, and divine right action for our country and all who live here. We are a country filled with many people of different backgrounds, but we share a common goal of living in peace, joy, love and good health. Each one of us is a unique child of God expressing our freedom in our own unique way."

Post 209 has in its yearly budget a fund of \$600 to purchase Flag Etiquette books and flags. These are given to elementary school children. Last year Falcon Middle School and Cen0tennial school received the books and flags. This year flags will be placed on graves of veterans who served God and Country.

On July 23 at the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 423, we asked them to join us in support of this project. We also replace larger flags at nursing care centers, some churches and to people who cannot afford to replace a torn one.

On November 11 at the Shrine of Remembrance located at 1730 E Fountain Blvd., there will be a Retirement of Unserviceable Flags ceremony. If you have such a flag, make arrangements to drop it off with Post #38 (392-9901), Post 209 (599-8624) or MOPH Chapter 423 (391-7794).

ACTIVITIES

**FUND RAISING (BINGO)
EVERY FRIDAY EVENING**

August

- August 5 - Board of Trustees meeting 6:30 pm
- Executive Committee meetings 7:00 pm
- August 20 - 40 & 8 Promenade, American Legion Post 38, Security, 8:00 pm
- August 20 - General Membership Meeting, Post and Auxiliary, 26

August 23, Annual picnic, Sky Sox Stadium 12 Noon

September

- September 2 - VJ Day
- Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 pm
- Post and Auxiliary Executive Committee meetings 7:00 P.M.
- September 7 - Labor Day
- September 14 - 40 & 8 Promenade American Legion Post 5 8:00 PM
- September 17 - Post and Auxiliary General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
- September 21 - 8 & 40 Salon 422 meeting Post 5 7:00 PM

October

- October 7 - Board of Trustees meeting 6:30 PM
- Post and Auxiliary Executive Committee meetings 7:00 PM
- October 12 - 40 & 8 Promenade American Legion Post 5 8:00 pm
- October 15 - Post and Auxiliary General membership meetings 7:00 pm
- October 19 - 8 & 40 Salon 422 meeting Post 5 7:00 pm



OOPS! Did You Forget Your Membership Applications?