

CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

AUGUST 1999



Turman Elementary School is undertaking a playground project and they are asking for community support. Monetary and sweat equity are needed. There are many projects, such as benches, rock climbing, swings, slides and various other structures to put in. We are currently deciding which item we can fund for them. A few officers have already decided to take part in the installation. If you or anyone you know would be interested in coming out to help build this playground, please contact any Executive Board member and let them know date, time, and type of physical support you will contribute. The date set for this activity is September 17 through the 19th. If you have a specialty you work at, you might use that skill to help. Please help your Post in a worthwhile community project.

We have lost our general membership meeting place at the

DAV. We tried to get back into the church across the street but they have already committed the third Thursday of the month to another organization. If anyone knows of a place we can meet, please let us know. If we come up with more than one suggestion, it will give us a chance to be selective as we try to finalize the new meeting place. This is one of those areas where you can help the Post. Thank you.

For further information about anything, please call the number listed under Francis M. Redington 719-471-3925.

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS

Ann Foster

Thanks to our Permanent Members and a few early signups we are 35 members for the year 2000. Our goal is 270. The Commander and I plan to do some personal visitations this coming Legion year to get better acquainted with you and to take note of any assistance you may need as a veteran and member of the Post 209 family.

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DUES \$25.00

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DUES \$15.00

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
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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

Adjutant Annotations (cont'd)

Your last Newsletter indicated Larry Johnson would continue doing some membership processing which I was unable to do from September 98 to about June of this year. I am happy to report that the personal situation that necessitated that has been resolved. The new roster is ready and so am I so send in your renewals as soon as you can.

I attended a Membership Training held at Post 161 in Arvada on Saturday, July 17. Jim Fiedler, of the National Membership Department, was our speaker and he was excellent. We covered a lot of areas dealing with membership but we need to hear from you about activities that we do or that you would like to see us do. This is your Post, so put on your thinking caps and let us know how you feel. We will share some things with you when we come to visit. The Department Adjutant, Pat Smith, said renewal notices were mailed on or about July 13. Thus you should be getting them.

We have some important events you may want to put on your calendar.

First is the Post picnic on August 1. I believe most of you have already received a flyer about it. Second is the Junior Shooting finals for The American Legion at the Olympic Training Center. The actual competition days are August 5 - 7. That will be all day Thursday and Friday, and Saturday morning. You are welcome to attend as a volunteer or spectator. The next week is the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo from Wednesday, August 11 through Sunday, August 15. I will be attending the preparation meeting on Wednesday night, August 5 at Post 5. If you could help with this event, please let me know before I go to the meeting so that I can let the Volunteer Chair know who to expect from our Post. August 21 has two events scheduled. One will be Retiree Appreciation Day at Peterson AFB and the other will be the annual POW/MIA event at Cripple Creek. All Patient Activity Day at Fort Lyon will be September 11. Please call 599-8624 if you wish to participate.

CONVENTION REPORT

LARRY JOHNSON

The following is a condensed report of the recently held Department Convention held in Montrose in June.

It was reported that the Legion Insurance Trust donated \$23,000 to the Department of Colorado. This donation is a result of the many Legionnaires in Colorado who have insurance with the Legion Insurance Trust. The presentation

went on to suggest using the free \$1000 Accidental Death Benefit as a membership recruiting tool. All that is needed to receive this benefit is to fill out the insurance paperwork insuring that a beneficiary is listed and sent it to the company. The only thing required is that every TWO years a renewal has to be done. In addition, the member must renew his/her American Legion membership. If the member has not renewed before January of each year he/she will not be covered. If the Legionnaire renews after the first of the year, he/she will have to go through the process again. There are other insurance policies available. There will be another mailing of insurance information to all members in the near future.

The Department of Colorado has been trying to sell the Department Headquarters Building and as of this time, the building is under contract. Closing is scheduled for August 31. They will have until February to vacate the building.

It was reported that Department is looking at several locations but the prime one they are looking at is on the old Lowery Air Force Base. The building was an old photo lab on the base. It has 23,000 square foot and is divided into 4 sections. Three of the sections have leases of between 5 to 10 years, a source of income to help the Department procure the new Department Headquarters.

Membership for Department is at 95.4 percent. The Permanent membership program is having problems contacting those members. If you are a Permanent Member and

receive a letter from Department, please respond or that membership will not be continued.

Boys State reported that there were only 194 participants and 27 counselors for the 50 year old program. They stated that these boys were probably the smartest bunch they have ever had. The lowest grade point average was 3.2. The boys passed an amazing 21 bills during their session. The requirement for each year is a total of 7.

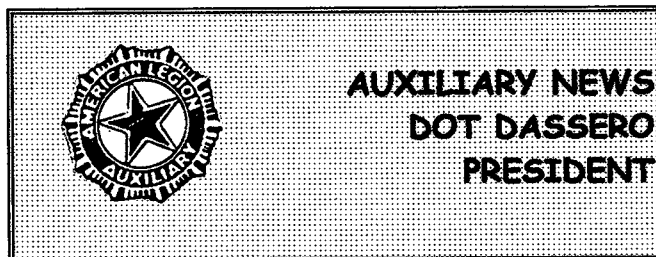
Last year it was voted to host the Department Mid-Year conference in Golden this coming January. However the hotels and meals were priced too high and it was decided to find another place. We will hear more of that later.

Longmont received the nod for the Convention in 2000.

It was reported that the VA Budget has a shortfall of about 1.9 million dollars in order to provide the required support for veterans. Those present were asked to contact their Congressman and let them know we need support.

The Oratorical Contest will be conducted during the weekend of March 3-4. Local Posts will not have to host a contest unless it wants to. All contests will be done over that weekend by Department. A fee of \$100.00 will be required for each contestant. Posts are to contribute the monies they would normally use to fund their contest, as well as scholarship monies, to Department. It is expected to cost Department \$15,000 to conduct this contest, including travel, rooms, meals, etc.

The Colorado Legionnaire, the Department newspaper will be published as it was originally, 10 issues a year.



It was a shock show up for a meeting and to find that our meeting place was canceled. We moved to the Post's office, the little storage room, and held a brief meeting. If you have any suggestions for a meeting place, be sure to call the Commander and pass them on.

Esther Redington, our delegate to Department Convention was unable to make it. However Larry Johnson brought our convention booklet back for us. We did receive mention in that we exceeded our membership goal for the year.

Lavonne Thomas was elected as National Executive Committeewoman, and Donna Thompson was elected Department President. Chris Harvey is 1st Vice President and Elizabeth Demming as 2nd VP.

We will be working on a budget to be presented to the membership for the upcoming year.

Barbara has the membership cards for the year 2000. While renewal notices are not out yet, you can send your dues in now.