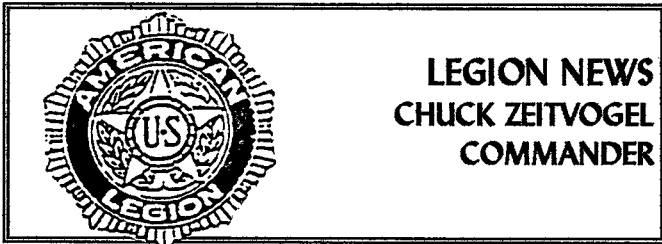


CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

AUGUST 2001



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:
These meetings are a good opportunity for members to meet, exchange information, and develop friendships and otherwise network. Post officers are available to hear from members, their needs and opinions, and in turn, better serve those needs and opinions.

General membership meetings are the third Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:00 P.M. at VFW Post 4051, located at 430 East Pikes Peak Avenue. In addition to the business portion, special events for each meeting are being considered. For example, the next four months include the following:

16 August - Meals Ready to Eat (MRE), what replaced "C" Rations
20 September - TBA
18 October - Member Initiation
15 November - District 7 Officers visit

STRENGTH IN UNITY: A concept and motto used in other organizations. Organizations with large numbers

are heard in the marketplace and in government at the local, state and federal level. Your membership in The American Legion and Post 209 is important. Your early membership renewal and recruitment of new members is appreciated. Keep up the good work!

PICNIC: Sunday, August 26 is the date. This will be a fun event. See the attached flyer. Please call the contact people and let them know how many will attend.

VETERANS STAND DOWN: This is an event to assist homeless veterans in the local area. It takes place August 29, 2001 at the Colorado Springs Municipal Auditorium. Harry Johnson, President, El Paso County Homeless Veterans Coalition is the person to contact for details and to volunteer to assist. His phone number is 719-596-9261.

BINGO: Support Post 209 bingo fundraising efforts. Attend and play bingo or help work the games. Games are 7:30 Tuesday nights and 9:30 Saturday mornings at the Bingo Depot, 3958 N. Academy Blvd. Questions? Call the office and leave a message or bring them to the games.

POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER	CHUCK ZEITVOGEL
SR VICE COMMANDER	LARRY JOHNSON
JR VICE COMMANDER	NORM MOYER
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	GREG ANDRIES
HISTORIAN	HARRY MCFADDEN
SGT-AT-ARMS	ROBERT RYDELL
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	AL CYRIAQUE
SERVICE OFFICER	TOM MORANT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

POST OFFICERS AS ABOVE
PAST COMMANDER FRANCIS REDINGTON
POST MEMBER ELECTED NEAL THOMAS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

POST COMMANDER	CHUCK ZEITVOGEL
POST FINANCE OFFICER	GREG ANDRIES
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PREV POST COMMANDER (2 YR)	HARRY MCFADDEN
PREV POST COMMANDER (3 YR)	FRANCIS REDINGTON
PREV POST COMMANDER (3 YR)	AL CYRIAQUE
PREV POST COMMANDER (1 YR)	NEAL THOMAS

DUES \$30.00

STANDING COMMITTEES

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MEMBERSHIP	LARRY JOHNSON
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CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS REVIEW & UPDATE
NEAL THOMAS, AL CYRIAQUE, ANN FOSTER
BINGO COMMITTEE GREG ANDRIES
PROPERTY INVENTORY ANN FOSTER, LARRY JOHNSON

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	DOROTHY DASSERO
SECRETARY/TREAS	BARBARA JOHNSON
CHAPLAIN	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
SGT-AT-ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

DUES \$15.00

AUXILIARY MEETING THE THIRD THURSDAY EACH MONTH
AT THE POST'S OFFICE ON AUSTIN BLUFFS PKWY
1:30 P.M.

MEETINGS

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

EDITOR

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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
JUNE 25, 1950 - JAN 31, 1956
VIETNAM WAR
DEC 22, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975
GRENADA & LEBANON
AUG 24 1982 - JUL 31, 1990
PERSIAN GULF
AUG 2, 1990 - UNTIL THE
END OF HOSTILITIES

PROPERTY NEWS: The seven and a half acres Post 209 owns has much potential. The property is located at the intersection of Old Farm Road and Austin Bluffs Pkwy. An offer to purchase four and a half acres of it was received this past month. It was not accepted. Current thinking is to retain all of it for Post 209 use.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Our Post is like most other organizations in that volunteers are needed to infuse new enthusiasm, talent, and thoughts at all levels. This is an open invitation to you - our members - to become actively involved in your American Legion Post. However and whatever your time and talent will allow, it will be welcomed. Each of the various committees listed elsewhere in this newsletter will welcome your participation. Please contact the chairman of the program you may be interested in or contact me for more information.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
Larry Johnson

As I write this article, you have already turned in over 50% of our goal for the upcoming year. Our goal, as depicted by the Department of Colorado, is 271 for the year 2001-2002.

As I stated, membership has been coming at a rate which has exceeded fifty percent of our assigned goal. This is a direct result of your concern for The American Legion programs and the continuing life of The American Legion and Centennial Post 209.

In the near future, I, and members of the Post, will have to get down to the hard work in regard to the Post's membership program. We will be calling, sending letters and if needed, visiting our members in the hopes that you will renew your dues. For those who haven't renewed, you could help us by taking a few moments to send us a check and mailing it to the Post.

You can help by recruiting new members. A lot of us work with someone who has served in the military. It could be a family member- a co-worker or a member of the church. Whichever, we need to bring those veterans into The American Legion.

I know you have heard this many times before but we could double our membership this year and every year if every member would bring one new member into the Post.

Again for those who haven't renewed, take a moment to do so. WE need each member to accomplish the various plans and programs we are involved in. Hope to see you at the next general membership meeting 16 August.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
NORM MOYER

Time is getting close for the Annual Summer Picnic as the attached Flyer and Map indicate. This year's picnic will be held at Palmer Park on the Northwest corner of Maizeland and Academy Blvd. The map indicates that the picnic will be in the Council Grounds Trailhead, approximately four tenths of a mile straight up

from the entrance of the park. (Arrow pointing to site "D". We will have our own parking area and the restrooms are in close proximity to the picnic pavilion.

Mark your calendar NOW to come and join us on Sunday, August 26 at NOON. The Post will provide the meat pork ribs, hamburgers and bratwurst), condiments, buns and sodas; we ask you bring your favorite dish to share with at least ten people.

PLEASE CALL NORM MOYER AT (H) 719-392-3725 OR (Cell) 719-332-3701 OR Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344 by Wednesday, August 22.

**ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS
ANN FOSTER**

We have received notice of our goal for the membership year of 2002 and it is 271. Thanks to 142 members who have renewed, we are over 50% and need only 8 more to reach 55%. Let's keep up the good work. The sooner we reach our goal and even go beyond it, the more time we will have to work on our programs for the benefit of our fellow veterans and families and our community.

My next challenge is for those who had indicated they would be willing to help us at Bingo. Now is the hour, the time, etc. you know who you are. Please come to session that would be easiest for you to observe those of us who are working. Tuesday night around 6:00 or Saturday morning around 8:00, are the times we work now in order to raise the money we need for our Legion programs and a Post home.

When you see how simple it is to do this, you should be able to make a commitment for a time that will fit into your schedule. If we do not get some help soon, we may have to cancel all together. The following members: Greg Andries, Pat Andries, Francis Redington, Chuck Zeitvogel, Larry Johnson, Norm Moyer, Tom Morant, Robert Rydell, Gideon Diamon, Bob Unruh, Barbara Nelson, Janae Sneed, Esther Redington, Margery Johnson and yours truly Ann Foster, are feeling the effects of not having the help we need. The future of this Post is in your hands. If you want a Post home, then you need to come out and help if you are able to do so. We know there are many who are not able to do this for perfectly valid reasons. However, the rest of you need to decide when you would be able to help once a month at least. The ventilation system in this hall is outstanding and the non-smoking room is very nice.

We have two other events coming up in the near future you might be interested in helping with, rather than Bingo. The first is The American Legion Junior Shooting Program National Finals held right here at the Olympic Training Center shooting building 7 - 11 August. Please call Francis Redington at 471-3925 if you can help with this fascinating event.

The second is the annual Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, 8 - 12 August, at the Penrose Equestrian Center. We receive money from the Rodeo proceeds for helping to take tickets at the North gate. There are evening performances Wednesday through Saturday. The matinees are Saturday and Sunday. This is a fun event and during the slack

time you can watch part of the rodeo. Please leave a message for me at 228-4170 if you can help with this event. If you don't call me, I might call you, so please see if you can work one time with me. That's it for me this time. Thanks for listening.

AMERICAN LEGION SHOOTERS' COMPETITION

6 August is the date of the National American Legion Shooters Competition and as in the past it will be held at the Olympic Training Center.

This program is beginning to make a definite impact on kids who compete. The Olympic Center is looking at these kids and their shooting ability and seeing how they could bring these kids over to the other side and train the kids to be Olympic shooters.

Almost all of the shooting is done during the day with meetings held in the evening.

As usual we could use some volunteers to help with scoring, escorting, etc. If you would like to help or would like more information, please give Francis Redington a call at 471-3925.



PIKES PEAK OR BUST RODEO

The Pikes Peak Rodeo will be held August 8 - 12. The proceeds of this rodeo are used to help active

duty personnel and veterans in the local area. The reason they can do this is that the veteran's organizations and others volunteer their time to perform the duties which would normally require payment to someone else. Post 209 has supported this activity for the past 10 years and for that participation we are provided some of the money.

The other nice thing is that you also get to watch the rodeo throughout the performances. If you should happen to work all of the sessions, you could possibly be awarded the patch of the cowboy reaching the newspaper to be attached to your cap or vest.

If you would like to volunteer and see the rodeo, please call Ann Foster at 228-4170 and leave a message, or Larry Johnson at 622-0344.

THE AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT 7 FALL CONFERENCE

The District Fall Conference has been set for Sunday, 7 October at 1:00 P.M. at The American Legion Post 38, 6685 Southmoor Drive in Security.

This conference is open to all Legionnaires and Auxiliary members. It is an opportunity to meet Department Officers as they lay out the programs and goals. This also is a great opportunity to learn what some of the programs are and meet some of the people who are involved in making these programs a success.



HOMELESS VETERANS STAND DOWN

For the past four years the El Paso County Homeless Veterans Coalition has conducted a Stand Down to help homeless Veterans. This year it will be on Wednesday, 29 August, at the Civic Auditorium.

The participants will be offered a shower, hair cut, and possibly some light dental care. They will also be afforded the opportunity to register with the Veterans Administration and set appointments to get help. They will be able to get clothing from the assortment we have for that purpose and be able to talk with representatives from Social Security and the Unemployment office to try to get permanent employment leading to their being able to get off the streets.

We are experiencing a couple of problems and you may be able to provide solutions. We are in need of men's pants in larger sizes. We are also looking for shoes/boots in sizes 10, 10½ and 11. If you have some taking up space in your closet and they are good condition, we could use them.

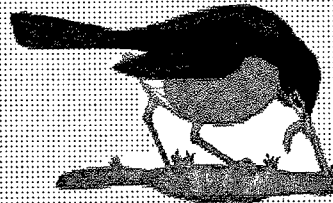
There is a tremendous need for volunteers to escort the veterans from station to station, as well help in sorting clothing and other duties. If you need additional information and would like to volunteer, please call Harry Johnson, 596-9261

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS

At our General Membership meeting 18 October, we will perform an initiation of new members.

This is an impressive ceremony designed to provide you with a demonstration on The American Legion symbol and what each section means, as well as other bits of information on The American Legion and its programs.

If you have not been initiated and would like to attend, please give Al Cyriaque a call at 495-4032 or Larry Johnson at 622-0344.



EARLY BIRD DINNER

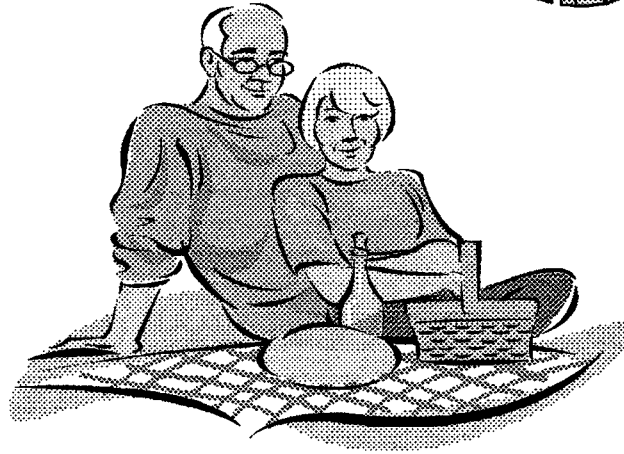
During the month of November we will host a dinner for all members of the Post and Auxiliary WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP BEFORE 31 OCTOBER, for the year 2002.

More information will follow when plans are firm. Make plans to attend. You will be sorry if you don't.

Centennial 2009

Annual Picnic

Family Day



Come on out and enjoy a day of relaxing activities such as talking with friends, badminton, volleyball etc.

The Post will provide the meats (pork ribs, hamburgers, hotdogs, and brats) the condiments, buns and soda's – We ask that you bring your favorite dish to share (please prepare for 10 people)

Please call Norm Moyer at 719-392-3725 or Larry Johnson 719-622-0344 and let us know how many in your party and how many will be children by 22 August 2001

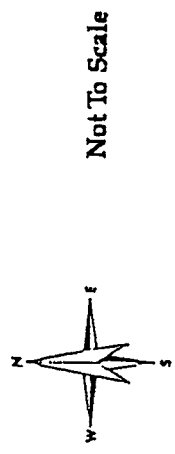
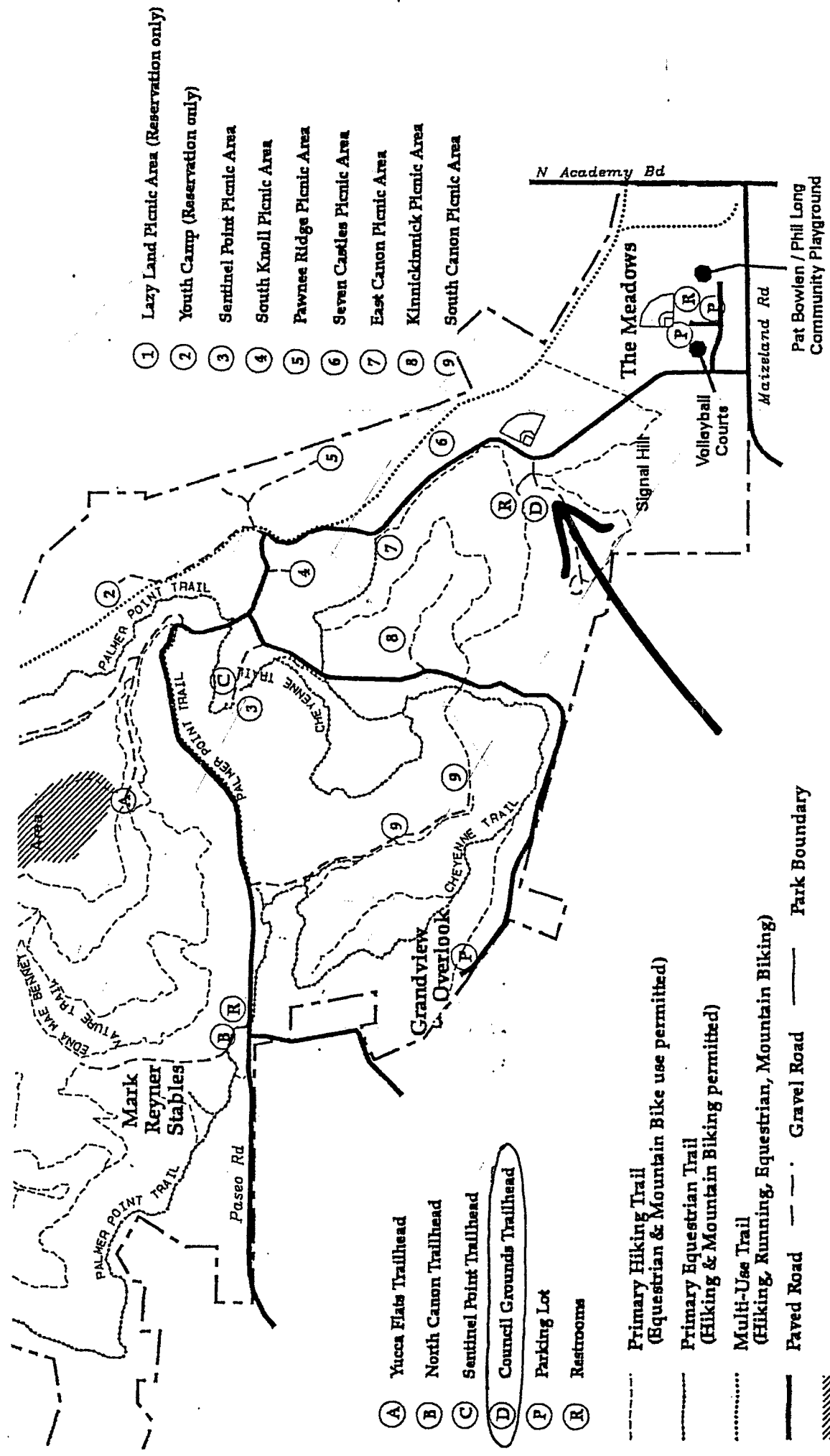
This is a free event, come out and enjoy

Sunday, 26 August 2001 eat at 12:00 noon

SEE YOU THERE

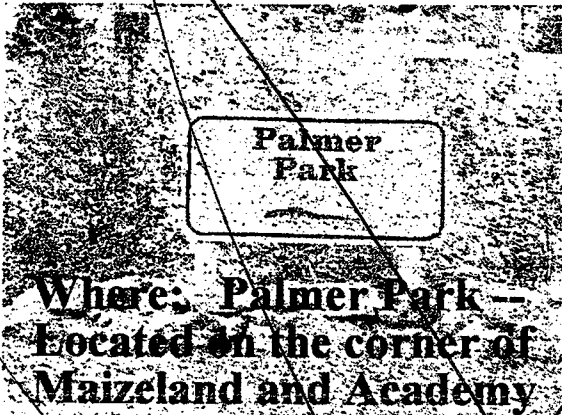
Palmer Park

Park Hours: May 1 to October 31: 5am - 11pm



2009

Annual Picnic



WHEN Sunday, 26 August 2001 12:00 P.M.

The Post will supply the meat (Pork Ribs, Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Brats, the bread and condiments as well as the soft drinks. You bring a side dish of your choosing (please prepare for ten people)

We will also have a volleyball/badminton setup available for your pleasure. In addition, we have the best company a person could ask for.

Make plans on attending, all that is needed is for you to call Norm Moyer at 719-392-3725 or Larry Johnson at 719-622-0344 by 22 August and let us know how many adults and how many children if any will be attending.

Mark your Calendars and make plans
on attending

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

**American
Legion
Centennial Post 209**

**B I N
G O**

Saturday Morning at 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday Evening at 7:30 P.M.

**Bingo Depot
3958 N Academy Blvd
591-7835**