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Post 209 Commander, Steve Hayes (right) presenting a plaque to Immediate Past Commander Marvin Weaver, Jr. for a job well done over the past two years.

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From the Desk of Our Commander

Welcome to August! The year is going by so fast, it is hard to believe the end of Summer is so near. August is always a month of transition. School starts up again, Summer weekend events begin to wind down, and Legionnaires gather for the National Convention (In New Orleans this year!). For Colorado, August is also the anniversary of our Statehood. Colorado became the thirty-eighth state on August 1st, 1876, during the U.S. Centennial year. This is why Colorado is known as the Centennial State. Another 100 years later, in 1976, Neal Thoms Jr Centennial Post 209 was established. That is why we have 'Centennial' in our name in honor of Colorado's centennial year!

We have a lot of things going on at the post. We are currently working an audio-video upgrade to improve our WIFI access, provide display capabilities in each meeting room, enable audio-visual push throughout the post and install DJ quality audio capability in the dining/ballroom area of the post. This effort should make it much easier to set up for meetings and events, allow us to adapt audio-visual support and entertainment to better suit events and audience, enable attendance at meetings by Zoom conferencing, and make the post much more appealing for rental events. Thanks to George Sedlak, Lino Calica, Chris Cicchi and Lorenzo Trotter for stepping up to help with this effort.

As discussed at the July membership meeting, it is that time of year when we update our committees, to include finance, program planning, welcoming, membership, Americanism and youth, veterans' affairs & rehabilitation, public relations, gaming, club, house, oratorical, children and youth, and Boys State committees. There are two new committees that we are forming. The first is the post faith and spiritual support committee chaired by the chaplain. If you are interested in learning the ropes for what it takes to become a chaplain, helping with support to sick or hospitalized veteran families, or with veterans in hospice, see your chaplain to discuss helping with that committee. The second is the facility maintenance planning committee. This committee, staffed by members with expertise in construction, roofing, HVAC, code or similar skills, will be charged with developing a timeline, scope and expense estimates for major expense items that will eventually be required in order to properly maintain our facility for the long term. This planning will support the Finance committee for budget planning and funding requirements into the future. We have an awesome facility, and we want to ensure it stays that way for the long haul. If you have interest in any of the committees or skillsets that would be useful, please reach out to me for more information.

I hope you all enjoy a great Summer month. See you at the Post!

Steve Hayes
Post 209 Commander





From Our Adjutant

Thank you to those who have already renewed for 2025. If you have not yet renewed, please send in your renewal. The best way to stop receiving the notices is for you to send in your renewal as soon as you receive the notice. I will get them processed as quickly as possible. If you have a friend that is a Veteran and is not a member, talk to them about joining. We already know the benefits of being a member, but your friend may not so let them know what we do. Most people when asked say the only reason they are not a member is because they have never been asked; so, ask.

You can use the provided envelope that will come with the renewal notice, or you can renew on National's website after logging into your MyLegion account. Or you can come on down and see me on most Monday's when I am at the Post or even a Friday meal. I cannot process credit cards at the Post, but I can go online at one of the sources noted above and help you process it there if you wish. If you are NOT opting into a multiyear option you can renew through the Post website at legion209.org, that will cost \$3 more to cover most of the PayPal service charge. There are SO many ways to renew, the only thing is for you to do it. Just a reminder, beginning July and going forward, membership dues increased to \$55/year. This was the first increase in more than eight years and was needed to offset inflation that unfortunately steadily rises.

A reminder that the Post has a meal every Friday of the Month. The first Friday is our Hamdogger, the second Friday is provided by the ALR or the SAL Squadron (the menu changes each month but we try to get it into the newsletter each month), the third Friday is Chicken Fried Chicken, and the fourth Friday is provided by the Auxiliary with the menu changing each month. There a few exceptions during the year, the first being if there happens to be 5 Fridays in a month (This meal is normally a fundraiser dinner). The other would be if a conflict arises with the schedule. But we try to get notice out in the newsletter and by email if this happens. Come on down one of these Fridays and see what we have going on.

Thanks for all you do to help Veterans and the Post.

Marvin Weaver, Jr.
Post 209 Adjutant



From Our Senior Vice Commander

I hope everyone reading this is doing well. By the time you receive this newsletter, the first month of the second half of year 2024 is over and you all should have received your American Legion dues renewal notices for year 2025. I'm not sure why, but The American Legion National office did not mail them out as early as is customary. You can renew online at **legion.org** or **legion209.org** and while you're doing that, why not choose to renew for multiple years.

I promised last month that I would be calling as many of you as I am able to and I still intend to do just that, but I need to get an updated roster.

Jerry Hopper

Senior Vice Commander



From our Sons of The American Legion Commander

July was a remarkable month for our squadron, marked by two significant events that showcased our commitment to community service and camaraderie. We held a blood drive that received overwhelming support from our members and the community. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to collect a record number of blood donations, which will go a long way in saving lives. Additionally, we supported the Legion Riders Poker Run by providing lunch for the participants. It was a fantastic day filled with fellowship and fun, as we rallied together to support a great cause. Your enthusiasm and participation in these events truly exemplify the spirit of the Sons of the American Legion.

As we enter August, we have several significant occasions to commemorate. Each of these dates holds a special place in our hearts as we honor the brave men and women who have served our great nation. Here are the important events for this month:

Coast Guard Birthday - August 4, 1790

On August 4th, we celebrate the establishment of the United States Coast Guard. For 234 years, the USCG has safeguarded our shores, performed search and rescue missions, and maintained maritime law. Let's take a moment to recognize their dedication and unwavering service.

Purple Heart Day - August 7, 1782

Purple Heart Day on August 7th honors the courageous service members who were wounded or killed in action. Established by General George Washington in 1782, the Purple Heart is a symbol of the sacrifices made by our military personnel. Let us remember and honor the valor of these individuals who have given so much for our country.

Marine Forces Reserve Birthday - August 29, 1916

On August 29th, we mark the birthday of the Marine Forces Reserve. Since 1916, the Marine Forces Reserve has been a crucial component of our national defense, providing support and augmenting the active-duty Marine Corps. Their readiness and commitment to our nation's security are commendable.

As we reflect on these important dates, let us also acknowledge the continuous efforts of all our members in supporting our veterans and active-duty service members. Your dedication to our cause is what makes our organization strong.

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

Monthly Meeting - Our next squadron meeting will be held on 27 August at 1730. Please make sure to attend as we will be discussing upcoming activities and events.

Monthly SAL Dinner - August 9: We are organizing a community service project on [date]. Volunteers are needed, so please sign up if you are available.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Sons of the American Legion. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those who have served our country.

Chris Hollingsworth
SAL Commander



THIS JUST IN!!!!

Just as we were going final with this edition, I received word that one of our Scouts, Ben Dallies completed his Eagle Scout project. With the help of some friends and family, Ben put up a fence along the south side of our Post and refurbished the horseshoe pits. Congratulations Eagle Scout Ben, and thanks to all for helping him complete this project!



The completed project! Lookin' Good!!



Part of Ben's team. Ben is the 8th person from the left in the red tee shirt.



We're "Zooming" Right Along!

The Post is now able to offer remote video and audio meeting capability in the main meeting room via Zoom. Obviously, we'd MUCH prefer your attendance in person, but we know there are times when that's not possible. This way, you can still stay connected to what is happening at our Post and in our community. Just keep in mind you won't get to eat our yummy breakfast through Zoom!

To virtually access a monthly meeting conducted in the main meeting room, go to:

- Web Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88157713484?pwd=SpUNbbjHxzruvaCfqmoS4BG0QVJ2L1>

- Dial In: 719-359-4580; Phone or Zoom App Meeting ID: 881 5771 3484, Passcode: 834801



From our Post Historian

August was a contentious month during the twentieth century, in which acts of various foreign nations provoked the start of major conflicts which would ultimately involve American military forces. Germany invaded Belgium this month in 1914 which prompted the First World War, then twenty-five years later, its troops were positioned along the Polish border, prepared for the 1 September 1939 invasion that would initiate the Second World War. Six years later, the American use of two atomic weapons in early August 1945 forced the surrender of Japan, ending this deadliest of human conflicts.



USAAF Crew of the Enola Gay



Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara presents the events in the Gulf of Tonkin

A North Vietnamese attack on the USS *Maddox* in August 1964 prompted the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which authorized the President to "take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the United States and to prevent further aggression" – the precursor to eight costly years of U.S. military involvement in Vietnam.

And this month in 1990, Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces invaded and annexed Kuwait, which resulted in the U.S.-led Desert Shield and Desert Storm defeat of Iraq six months later.

In August 1782, during our nation's War of Independence, General George Washington established the Badge of Military Merit (later designated the Purple Heart Medal) as America's first military decoration, awarded only to enlisted soldiers for "instances of unusual gallantry, extraordinary fidelity and essential service."



4 August (1790) – U.S. Coast Guard birthday

5 August (1943) – Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) established

8 August (1921) –The U.S. Veterans Bureau (forerunner of the Veterans Administration) established, due in large part to the considerable influence of The American Legion.

29 August (1916) – U.S. Marine Corps Reserve birthday

Kurt Skinner
Post Historian





From Our American Legion Riders

Resilience. We have all seen the word and more than likely used it on occasion. So...What does it mean? Webster defines it as “The capability of a strained body to recover its size and shape after deformation caused especially by compressive stress. Or an ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change.” Believe it or not, resilience can be taught and learned, and motorcycle riders have long championed riding a motorcycle as their main path to stress relief and building on their resilience. Riding a motorcycle requires attention, focus and thousands of hours and miles under your seat to advance beyond a rookie. Take it from me, riding that motorcycle has decreased stress, anxiety and has increased my ability to recover from everyday stressors and some of life’s more tragic events. Riding a Motorcycle Improved Metrics of Focus and Decreased Stress Biomarkers, according to a neurobiological study conducted by a team of three researchers from UCLA’s Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior yielded pioneering scientific evidence revealing the potential mental and physical benefits of riding. In 2021 Harley-Davidson funded a study that found motorcycling increased focus and attention, and decreased relative levels of cortisol, a hormonal marker of stress. Researchers recorded participants’ brain activity and hormone levels before, during, and after motorcycling, driving a car, and resting. While riding a motorcycle, participants experienced increased sensory focus and resilience to distraction. Riding also produced an increase in adrenaline levels and heart rate, as well as a decrease in cortisol metrics – results often associated with light exercise and stress-reduction.

Results Highlights:

- Riding a motorcycle decreased hormonal biomarkers of stress by 28%
- On average, riding a motorcycle for 20 minutes increased participants’ heart rates by 11 percent and adrenaline levels by 27 percent—like light exercise
- Sensory focus was enhanced while riding a motorcycle versus driving a car, an effect also observed in experienced meditators vs non-meditators
- Changes in study participants’ brain activity while riding suggested an increase in alertness similar to drinking a cup of coffee.

We didn’t really need a bunch of scientists to tell us that riding a motorcycle is the epitome of calm and happiness, but the validation feels as good as riding the open road. Bottomline...riding a motorcycle makes you happy.

Sean Cope

President, American Legion Riders



From our Color/Honor Guard Captain

There is not anything particular to report this month. The Honor Guard continues to work very hard support our veterans and our community...but, as always, we **NEED YOUR HELP!** We are the largest Post in the State of Colorado, yet we have less than 1% of the membership making

up the Honor Guard, which is a highly visible team supporting Final Honors in Colorado Springs and representing Post 209 in the Community. A large portion of the team have full time jobs, or are otherwise not available, there are only a handful of team members supporting the majority of all events. Unfortunately, this has led to the team denying requests to support Final Honors at veterans' services due to not having the minimum three members available. This means veterans are not receiving the Final Honors they both earned and deserve; which is something each of us have earned and should expect when it is our turn. Please, read the next paragraph and ask yourself – “Do I have a few hours each month to support even just one event?”

And now for the standard ending of my newsletter article – Want to be part of a great team? The Honor Guard needs to gain more new team members in order to ensure we are able to continue supporting our veterans and our community. Understandably, not everyone has much time to participate in the Honor Guard. In reality, all someone needs are a few available hours: about an hour to participate a night for a training meeting (check the newsletter calendar or the calendar on the Honor Guard website - <https://legion209.org/honorguard209/>) and up to a couple of hours for an event. So around three hours a month for a meeting and just **ONE** event is all you need to make a difference in helping support our veterans and our community. Members of The American Legion, the Sons of The American Legion, and The American Legion Auxiliary are all eligible to be members of the Honor Guard with all uniform items provided except Legion family-specific cap and shoes. If you or someone you know might be interested in supporting the Honor Guard, please reach out to me at: (719) 482-4496 or honor.guard@legion209.org.

Like and Follow Post 209 Honor Guard” Facebook page. The link is at the top of the Honor Guard website: <https://legion209.org/honorguard209/>

Joel W. Haas
Honor Guard Captain



From our Junior Shooting Sports Program

The Young Guns Basic Course provides youth ages 10-18 years old (boys and girls) the opportunity to learn about firearms safety and basic shooting skills. During Young Guns, credentialed National Rifle Association (NRA) Basic Rifle Instructors teach the safe handling of firearms, shooting positions (prone, kneeling, and standing), how to zero a rifle, and how to score targets. At the end of the course, the youth have a competition shoot against the others in the course in order to show off the skills they have learned. The Marksmanship Course provides graduates of Young Guns the opportunity to further develop their shooting skills. If you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, neighbor kid, etc. interesting in learning about firearm safety, contact the Post 209 JSSP at: jssp209@gmail.com

The Fall 2024 Junior Shooting Class flyer has been posted on the Young Guns website. The Young Guns brochure, Basic Course Application (new shooters), and Marksmanship Course Application are also available on the website. The cost for students is \$30. It is never too early to sign up, so send in your youth's application today! The Fall 2024 classes start with Marksmanship on Wednesday September 11 and Young Guns on Thursday September 12.

The JSSP needs volunteers, Instructors and Range Safety Officers (RSOs), to support the program which ensures quality instruction and a safe range for the students. A schedule has been set for holding NRA Basic Rifle Course, and an NRA Basic Pistol Course is looking to be scheduled in September. The course schedule is based on interest and number of student signups, a minimum of four students are needed for the course at least two weeks prior to the course date (to allow for ordering materials from the NRA). The cost for each course is \$60 and covers: all materials, range time, firearm use, ammunition, and lunch. The course schedule is:

- NRA Basic Rifle Course
07:30-17:00 (07:30-15:00 at Post 209, 15:30-17:00 at a range TBD)
Sunday August 18 (Sign up by August 2)
- NRA Basic Pistol Course
07:30-17:00 (07:30-15:00 at Post 209, 15:30-17:00 at a range TBD)
TBD September (Sign up by TBD)

A JSSP Instructor and Volunteer Meeting will be held 5:00pm - 8:00pm Wednesday, September 4. Topics to cover: Range setup/teardown, Range procedures, Instructor and volunteer responsibilities, and more.

If you are interested in one or more courses, volunteering, or just learning more about the Post 209 JSSP, please email: jwhaas.jssp209@gmail.com.

Like and Follow "Centennial Post 209 Young Guns Shooting Sports" Facebook page. The link is at the top of the Young Guns website: <https://legion209.org/young-guns/>

Joel W. Haas
JSSP Instructor



Salty Dog

Mail Buoy Watch

Seasoned Sailors will send a boot sailor on the mail buoy watch, particularly if they are experiencing bad weather. A sailor is outfitted in the appropriate weather gear, including a helmet and life jacket. They are also harnessed to a safety line on the weather decks topside near the bow and given a large hook. They are told that the mail plane (COD) arrives with all the mail. However, the sailor is told that this cannot be done due to the weather, so he must use a pair of binoculars and watch out for a mail buoy. They will need to hook onto it and bring it aboard.

They are also advised that if they fail to do so, the crewmembers will not be happy with them. Usually, the seasoned sailors took photos of the sailor's "get up" before they headed to the fo'c'sle (the most forward part of the ship) and waited in the inclement weather, often for extended periods, to spot the buoy. However, the "mythical" mail deliverer will never arrive!

The victim of this prank usually realizes at some point that they have been had. If not, one of the seasoned sailors will likely take pity on them at some point and let them in on the joke. To

this day, many sailors have been victims of this prank whereby they stand on mail watch for buoys that never arrive!

Marvin Weaver, Jr.
Post 209 Adjutant



Bringing A Little South to the West

There are many parents today who do not believe in corporal punishment. It's pretty easy to pick those parents out. Their kids are running around everywhere, ignoring commands to behave. Growing up, we never heard of the term corporal punishment. We did however, know the meaning of getting a spanking, or whooping!

There is a huge difference between getting spanked and getting beat. My parents spanked all four of us kids (well, maybe three of us), some more often than others (yeah, I'm talking about me and Bubba). But they never beat us. And I don't recall a single time I was spanked that I didn't deserve it. Matter of fact, there were several occasions I should have gotten a spanking, but didn't for some reason. Maybe their arms were tired.

Two occasions come to mind. The first was for something Bubba (a.k.a. Eddie) and I did that I don't even remember. Mom handed down the punishment that day. I was first and used a tactic I learned early on...crying as soon as her hand hit my butt. Normally, that ended the spanking. Bubba, on the other hand was a slow learner. When it was his turn, Mom hit that butt about three times and paused. Bubba turned his head to see what was going on and noticed Mom looking at her hand. Being the genius that he was, he said, "I hope you blistered it." Mom glared at him, took off a shoe and said, "I'm going to!" And she did.

Another time was when we were staying with one of our grandparents on their Arkansas farm. This was a normal visit during summer vacation so we could help in the cotton fields. While it didn't happen often, we did occasionally do something that warranted a spanking. And Granny kept the tools handy to use when the time came. She had an empty paper towel roll stapled at the bottom to the back door molding. Inside the roll is where she kept a few hickory switches. Most were about two feet in length and pretty slender. On this particular day, I again can't remember what we did, but we did it. Granny's weapon's stash was empty, so we had to go outside the house and cut our own switch. That's like handing the executioner a bullet for his gun or sharpening his axe. Anyway, I purposely selected a very thin switch, believing smaller would be less painful. Wow, apparently Bubba is not the only one with genius tendencies. Man, did that little switch hurt. But a valuable lesson was learned that day. It wasn't to never do whatever it was we did to earn the spanking, it was if I ever again had to again cut a switch, make it too fat to fit inside the paper towel holder.

Funny (not really), I don't remember my little sister Debbie ever getting spanked. I do remember my older sister Dee getting spanked once. Bubba and I made up for the times they didn't get a

spanking. That sounds like discrimination to me. Of course, the girls would probably argue they didn't do anything to receive a spanking. I think they were just better at not getting caught.

Those parents who do not believe in corporal punishment say it has long-term effects on the kids and their development as an adult. I agree, but not the way they think. Our spankings didn't make me or Bubba into monsters. We grew up recognizing there are consequences for our actions. We understand we must be held accountable and when you do something wrong, it hurts. And it should hurt. We both grew up to be responsible citizens, successful business-men, and knowing right from wrong in business and in life.

So for me, I support Corporal punishment for Major infractions. But never on General principal. You see what I did there?

Jay Bowen
Past Commander



Don't Wait! Renewal Now!!

As you know, we've begun our 2025 Membership push. Please don't wait until you get 3 or 4 notices before you renew. Help us save money that can be used to support a veteran in need or further our great youth programs.

Contact our Post Adjutant for assistance getting renewed. He can and wants to help!

Be an Early Bird, and get a free dinner in October!

Now, let's "git 'er done!"

UPCOMING EVENTS



**1st Annual
 Neal Thomas Jr.
 Memorial Golf Tournament**
Where: Antler Creek Golf Course, Falcon, CO
When: Monday, 9 September, 2024
Time: Player Check-in 7:00 am
 Shotgun Start 8:00am – Scramble Format



**Play “Hooky” or take a PTO day and support a GREAT cause!
 Better still, invite the boss to come along and play. Join us for a fun
 day of Golf and support our local area Veterans!**

This will be played in a 4-person Scramble format, followed by lunch and an awards ceremony. The entry fee is \$125 per-person which includes; **Green Fees, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Team Ball, Range Balls, Golf Cart, Lunch, Door Prizes, and Awards.** Team/player check-in will begin at 7:00am, followed by a “shotgun” start at 8:00am. Teams/Players must pre-pay for the event. Payments can be by cash, check, or credit card. **The Registration form and payment must be received by Sunday, 1 September, 2024. Contact our Committee Chairman to arrange payment and registration, or mail your check, cash or money order with this form to; American Legion Post 209, 3613 Jeannine Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80917. Please put Golf Tournament in the memo section of the check.**

This is a charitable fundraiser event sponsored by our Post. Proceeds will be used to offset costs associated with American Legion travel and project/program support for our volunteers. The American Legion works within our local communities to promote our four pillars; support for veterans and their families, continuing education of our youth, promoting Patriotism and Americanism, and advocating for a strong national defense.

Player Representative POC: Jay Bowen
 Phone: 901-484-7193
 Email: legionnairejay@yahoo.com

TEAM NAME:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Entry fee</u>
			\$125
			\$125
			\$125
			\$125

*Asterisk Team Captain / Main POC.

Total: _____

Thank you for your support!

Jay Bowen, Golf Committee Chairman
legionnairejay@yahoo.com
 (901) 484-7193



JOIN US IN A 9-11 REMEMBRANCE WALK

Post 209 will be conducting our 3rd Annual 9-11 Remembrance Walk in Memorial Park on September 11th, 2024 at 1700 Hrs. (5PM) and all Legion Family Members, friends, and family are invited to join us. It is a paved 2.5-mile route encompassing the GWOT, Fallen Firefighter, and Peace Officers memorials. What a fitting way to honor those involved in our safety at home and abroad.

Please meet us at the Veterans Memorial in Memorial Park off S. Union Blvd., ready to kick off at 1700. This is not a supported competitive event so bring your own water and whatever else you may need for the weather.

Also bring a flag to fly on the way around. We want to get people's attention so that they remember it is not just another Wednesday, it's *Patriot Day!*





SAL



SAFETY INITIATIVE

Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 209 will replace and install
smoke detector batteries at no cost for
veterans in financial need or with
physical limitations

Contact SQ 209:
Rob Barry
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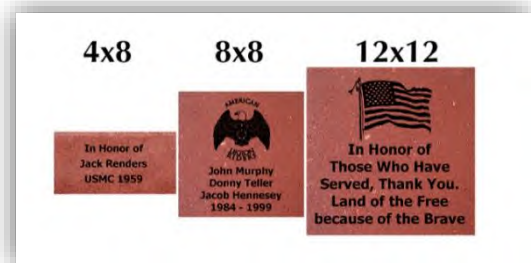


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Walk of Honor



- **What are the costs for the individual bricks?** Prices vary depending on size, style, and lettering desired but typically range from \$75 to \$200, depending on size.
- **What are the costs for the corporate/veteran supporter bricks?** Again, prices vary depending on size, style, and lettering but typically range from \$125 to \$500.
- **What is the difference between individual and corporate bricks?** Individual bricks are for veterans and family members wishing to purchase a brick to honor their veterans. The corporate bricks are for our veteran-friendly supporters and businesses who want to show their continued support for our nation's heroes by purchasing a brick.
- **Is the brick purchase restricted to members of the Post 209 families?** No. We encourage members to buy a brick for themselves for their veteran loved ones or to show their support for our veterans.
- **Where do I go to buy a brick?** We have a link on our website. Just visit legion209.org and click on "Walk of Honor." Or, you can visit <http://polarengraving.com/ALPost209> to buy your brick. The site is user-friendly and will walk you through the design and purchase. In addition, you will see a preview of your brick before finalizing the purchase.
- **How do I pay for the brick?** We have the site set up to accept payment via PayPal or check. PayPal is an extremely safe way to purchase a brick, and you don't need a PayPal account to use it.
- **Where will the brick be shipped?** All bricks will be sent to the post. We will notify you when it arrives, and you are welcome to stop by and see the brick you have purchased.
- **What will become of my brick?** It will be placed near the flagpole at the post in the area we call the Walk of Honor.
- **How long will this fundraiser effort last?** We plan to continue selling bricks until the Walk of Honor is covered with personalized bricks.
- **Will I have an opportunity to buy a brick later?** Quite possibly, depending on what is decided/approved for the next phase of our project.



Order your brick(s) now to ensure you get one in Phase One of our projects. If you buy multiple bricks, let our Adjutant know, and we will ensure they are all placed together.

Celebrate

At
American Legion
Neal Thomas Jr. Centennial Post 209

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*Additional cost may apply

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Young Guns



NRA-Accredited members of Sons of The American Legion are sponsors and instructors for the Young Guns program. This basic rifle safety and marksmanship course are offered to boys and girls ages 10-18. Shooting is indoors, using air rifles.

<https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionCentennialPost209/>

Scouting Programs

The Post 209 family is the charter partner with the following Boy Scouts of America (BSA) units:



- Cub Scout Pack 24 (Boys and Girls): p24@legion209.org
- Scouts BSA Troop 77 (Girls): t77@legion209.org
- Scouts BSA Troop 79 (Boys): t79@legion209.org
- Scouts BSA Troop 187 (Boys): t187@legion209.org
- Venture Crew 762 (Young men and women ages 14-20): c762@legion209.org

Boys and Girls State



Boys State and Girls State are for high school juniors going into their senior year with at least one semester left.

- BOYS STATE www.colegionboysstate.org/
- GIRLS STATE www.alacolorado.org/girls-state

Oratorical Contest



This Nationwide contest is designed to develop a more profound knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students.















www.colegionoratorical.org

Eagle Scout of the Year


























The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year nomination window is from **1 November to 1 March**. Nomination packets must be received by each applicant's respective The American Legion department (state) headquarters no later than 1 March.

<https://legion209.org/Scouting/>

August 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Exec. Cmtee Mtg 6:00pm  Venture Crew 7:00pm 	2 Price Depends on Menu Hamdogger Night! 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	3  Honor Bell Meeting 10:00am
4	5 Troop 77 Mtg. 6:00pm	6	7	8  Venture Crew 7:00pm	9 Price TBD SAL Dinner 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	10 Membership Meeting B'fast - 9:00/Mtg - 10:00  
11	12 Troop 77 Mtg. 6:00pm	13 Honor Gd. Trng 6:00pm 	14	15  Venture Crew 7:00pm	16 \$15/person Chicken Fried Chicken 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	17
18	19 Troop 77 Mtg. 6:00pm	20 ALR Exec. Mtng ALR 6:30pm. 	21	22 Honor Gd. Trng 6:00pm  Venture Crew 7:00pm	23 Price TBD TAL National Convention ALA Dinner 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	24 Healing Warriors! 9:00am-1:00pm
25	26	27	28	29	30 Price TBD	31
The American Legion National Convention - New Orleans						
	Troop 77 Mtg. 6:00pm	ALR/SAL Monthly Mtng SAL 5:30 ALR 6:45pm  		 Venture Crew 7:00pm	Troop 77 Fundraising Dinner 6:00pm RSVP Required!	

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day Labor Day Holiday!	3	4 JSSP Instructor and Volunteer Mtg. 5:00pm-8:00pm 	5 Exec. Cmtee Mtg 6:00pm Venture Crew 7:00pm  	6 Price Depends on Menu Hamdogger Night! 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	7  Honor Bell Meeting 10:00am
8	9 Troop 77 Mtg. 6:00pm Post 209 Golf Tournament Antler Creek GC	10 Honor Gd. Trng 6:00pm 	11 Patriot Day Marksmanship 4:45pm-8:00pm 	12 Young Guns 6:15pm Venture Crew 7:00pm  	13 Price TBD ALR Dinner 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	14 Membership Meeting B'fast - 9:00/Mtg - 10:00  
15	16 Troop 77 Mtg. 6:00pm	17 ALR Exec. Mtng ALR 6:30pm. 	18 Marksmanship 4:45pm-8:00pm 	19 Young Guns 6:15pm Venture Crew 7:00pm  	20 \$15/person Chicken Fried Chicken 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	21
22 Start of Fall	23 Troop 77 Mtg. 6:00pm	24 ALR/SAL Monthly Mtng SAL 5:30pm ALR 6:45pm  	25 Marksmanship 4:45pm-8:00pm 	26 Honor Gd. Trng 6:00pm Young Guns 6:15pm Venture Crew 7:00pm  	27 Price TBD ALA Dinner 6:00pm RSVP Required! 	28 Healing Warriors! 9:00am-1:00pm
29	30 Troop 77 Mtg. 6:00pm	Notes:				