

*CENTENNIAL POST 209*  
*THE AMERICAN LEGION*



*"A LITTLE POST GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS"*

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**SEPTEMBER 1993**

**FROM THE COMMANDER  
.....FLOYD BUFKIN**

**ACTIVITIES**

During previous newsletters of this 1993-94 Legion year, I have advised you of our project for a new Post Home, the need for Bingo volunteers and the current state of our finances.

In this issue, my Adjutant is outlining the importance of committees in The American Legion. All of these areas are worthy of your consideration if Centennial Post 209 is to continue as "A Little Post Going Places and Doing Big Things."

Please consider where you might be of some help and thereby enhance the meaning of your membership in The American Legion and our post in particular.

An additional benefit of membership is to meet with Legionnaires from other Posts and share experiences which are common to veterans and members.

There are two events coming up which will provide you this opportunity. First, the District 7 Fall Conference, September 15th at Post 5 and second, the Department Leadership Conference, October 8 - 9 at the Denve Hilton South. I encourage your attendance.

The annual visit to Fort Lyon is September 11, 1993. We will leave the Post Home at 8:30 A.M. We make one stop on the way down for anyone who desires to purchase produce.

We will return to the Post Home at about 8:30 P.M. This is one of your best opportunities to fulfill one of the main objectives of The American Legion...to help our Comrades in need. The sign-up sheet is in the Post Home. The bus will only seat 24 so be sure to sign up now.

October 30 will be the Harvest Ball and Halloween Costume Party at the Post Home.

There will be a dance band and we really need your support for this event. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and we plan to have some interesting events.

A total of 55 attended the picnic at Ironhorse Park and we had a fun day.

Thanks to Larry Johnson and his helper, Don Hensley, for the excellent job of cooking for the group. Good job, Larry and Don!

**Harry Johnson  
Jr. Vice Commander**

### POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER	FLOYD BUFKIN
SR VICE COMMANDER	AL CYRIAQUE
JR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	KENNETH ANDERSON
SGT-AT-ARMS	AL LENDER
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	GEORGE CARNES
SERVICE OFFICER	TED RIDDLE
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

DUES \$20.00

### 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	BARBARA JOHNSON
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	DOROTHY DASSERO
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	LOIS EGNOR
SECRETARY	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
TREASURER	PATTI HABAN
HISTORIAN	HILDA PIFER
CHAPLAIN	MARIA SANDOVAL
SGT-AT-ARMS	IREANA CAMPBELL

DUES \$12.00

### MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 p.m.

POTLUCK DINNER - 6:00 p.m.

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### ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - Ann Foster

The good news is that we are at 40% of our goal for the coming year. We have 217 members and we needed 209 for this goal. The bad news is that we need 44 more members by 14 Oct to reach the Department goal for 50%. Renewals and new members have trickled down to a few! If you need to renew, why not do it now and get it over with? Membership is the lifeblood of The American Legion and we all need to do our part! If everyone signed up at least two members, we could easily accomplish our goals.

New member recruiting is sluggish with only 16 signed up thus far.

DON'T LET THAT  
MEMBER GET AWAY.  
ASK THEM!



However, if we would all follow Jocko Marketto's example, we would do very well in this

area. He has already recruited six new members. Commander Floyd Bufkin and Ann Foster are close behind with three each. The following have each recruited one new member: George Carnes, Larry Johnson, Neal Thomas and Walter Keene. Let's all get together and support Department Commander June Thomas so that she can have a good year by being able to reward the members of her Post for their efforts.

Earlier, I said that membership is the lifeblood of The American Legion because without members we cannot accomplish our mission as stated in the Preamble to the Constitution quoted as follows: "For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; To maintain law and order; To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; To make right the master of might; To promote peace and good will on earth; To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

Now that we have reviewed what the mission is, we have to know how to carry it out. The American Legion does this through committees. A listing of committees, with a brief statement of purpose, which we have or would like to have as a Post are on a separate sheet in this newsletter. We would appreciate your keeping it as a reference while you determine how you may participate, or may already be participating, in the mission. For example, you may be helping with Bingo, driving for Silver Key, working with Scouts, contributing to the Christmas baskets, etc. All that we ask is that you keep me advised of what you do and how many hours you do it. This way we can make sure that this is included in our annual report and you can realize the satisfaction which comes as a result of your volunteer efforts. Please give this some thought because the few cannot do everything for the many, but many

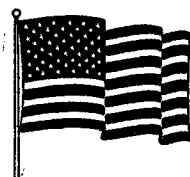
working together can do more than they might think possible! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call at 591-1952.

There will be an Initiation Ceremony at the October general meeting for all new members or those not previously initiated. Please call and let me know if you would like to participate in this very meaningful ceremony. I need to know by 18 October.

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MOVING??? SEND US YOUR ADDRESS CHANGE!!!!

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Sgt-at-Arms Al Lender, in conjunction with Security Post 38, announces a Flag Disposal Ceremony to be held at the Security Post. The service will be held in the grassy area at the side of the Post Home at 11:00 A.M. on October 2. After inspection and condemnation, the faded Flags are retired from service and destroyed in a memorable service. Please bring any old and faded flags you no longer use either to Post 209, Post 38 or to the service itself.

Officers who will be asked to participate will be notified at the Post Executive Meeting and rehearsal for the event will be September 27 at Post 38.

Al also is asking for anyone interested in belonging to and participating in a District 7 Color Guard to contact him at Post 209 or by calling 637-9111.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Plans are being made for the Veterans Day celebration by the members of the Pikes Peak Veterans Council. Also a November 5th parade is in the works.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

### **BARBARA JOHNSON - PRESIDENT**

We were happy to see those of you who were at our last meeting. We were short a few, but we had a fruitful meeting.

We are planning several projects and we need your help to make them successful. We have a full schedule of events coming up and would like to invite all the wives of our Legionnaires to join us as we endeavor to carry out the programs of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary.

We are looking forward to another great time on September 11 as we go to Ft. Lyon for All Patients' Day. We visit the veterans in the wards, enjoy a picnic lunch with them on the grounds and have fun helping the Legion with the "Penny Pitch" booth. Let's board the bus for a day of helping our veterans. Bus leaves the Post at 8:30 A.M. Sign up now!

On Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 P.M. all Posts and Units of District 7 will gather at Post 5 for District 7 Conference. Department President Robert Morrow will be present. Come and support our Dorothy Dassero who is District 7 President.

Then don't forget our meeting on September 16. Potluck at 6:00, meeting at 7:00. Come to the meeting with GREAT IDEAS to make money for a worthy cause.

Looking forward to October 6 Executive Meeting 7 P.M. Regular Meeting October 21, Dinner 6 P.M. Bring salads and desserts. Meeting 7 P.M. This meeting will be Initiation for any member who has not been initiated. Our Past Presidents will conduct the Initiation Ceremony. Also this will be District Visitation. October 30, Birthday Party at the Florence

Nursing Home. Also the Harvest Ball and Costume Party.

Looking forward to a bigger and better year than ever. FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

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### **MEMBERSHIP - DOT DASSERO**

Membership stands at 49%. We are rolling! Please keep it coming in. We've met the first goal assigned to us...let's meet the balance of them as set by Department and National. It would be fun to be way ahead of our next goal by the date of District Conference (September 15). That would be a nice surprise for President Roberta.

I have a supply of her CAT pins if you wish to be wearing one in her honor. They are \$3.00 and pretty cute. Of course, CATS came from Catch Auxiliary Team Spirit.

Please note above that Sgt-at-Arms Al Lender has announced the Flag Disposal Ceremony for October 2.

This ceremony includes "...A Flag may be a flimsy bit of printed gauze, or a beautiful banner of finest silk. Its intrinsic value may be trifling or great; but its real value is beyond price, for it is a precious symbol of all that we and our comrades have worked for and lived for, and died for...a free nation of free men, true to the faith of the past, devoted to the ideals and practice of Justice, Freedom and Democracy."

Plan to attend this impressive ceremony.

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Salon 422 of the 8&40 will resume meetings on September 20 at Post 209, 7:30 P.M.

## AMERICAN LEGION COMMITTEES

### AMERICANISM

Purpose: To inspire patriotism and good citizenship through patriotic observances, patriotic and civic instruction in schools, Americanization of aliens, information on anti-American propaganda, youth activities such as Boy's State, Scouts, Oratorical Contest, School Award Medals, baseball, flag etiquette, and other similar community services, as well as provide a listing of available scholarships through the "Need A Lift?" booklet.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Purpose: To insure that any child of a veteran in need of care and protection will receive that service and aid; to organize the Legion's strength in each community in the interest of children in general; to assist the community to reduce juvenile delinquency.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

Purpose: To assist veterans in obtaining needed hospitalization, in the prosecution of claims, and in obtaining other veteran's rights and benefits; to visit comrades who are sick or disabled; to visit and comfort members or their families when sick or bereaved.

### NATIONAL SECURITY

Purpose: To organize the post membership in support of national or civilian defense projects in the community; to organize the post and to assist in organizing the community for readiness to meet any emergency.

### MEMBERSHIP AND POST ACTIVITIES

Purpose: To obtain, retain and increase the membership of the post with specific responsibilities for renewals, enrollment of new members, transfers and reinstatements.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Purpose: To promote public support of the Legion's programs through publicity on post programs and activities in local newspapers or on radio, TV, etc.; by keeping the membership informed on American Legion programs in general through contact with The American Legion News Service and other news sources.

### LEGISLATIVE

Purpose: To promote public support of the Legion's programs through publicity objectives of The American Legion by a study of American Legion legislative proposals, information to the membership thereon, direct communication with members of the Congress or the state legislature as requested by the National Legislative Commission or proper department officials.

### FINANCE

Purpose: To supervise the receiving, disbursement and accounting of all post funds; to prepare annual budget recommendations for the post; to advise the post on all financial policies.

### ECONOMIC

Purpose: To serve and assist veterans in meeting and overcoming economic problems such as employment, veterans' preference, housing, civil service appeals, employment of handicapped and older workers.

### HOUSE

Purpose: To supervise the operation of physical facilities of a post such as a club room, American Legion center, meeting room, etc. Supervision includes administration, responsibility for equipment, hiring and direction of employees, as authorized by Post Executive Committee, and general rules applicable to the conduct of members while on the premises of the post.

## COMMITTEES CONTINUED

### GRAVES REGISTRATION AND MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Purpose: To record, mark and decorate graves of deceased veterans; to render service and comfort to bereaved families; to provide American Legion funeral services when requested.

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Purpose: To act as a supervisory committee for the Sons of The American Legion Squadron in connection with its organization, activities, recreational and educational programs.

### UNIFORMED GROUPS

Purpose: To organize, train, promote and supervise a uniform group, such as drum and bugle corps, color guard, chorus, firing squad, etc.

### VISITING OR VAVS

The purpose of the visiting committee is to give comfort and assistance to members and their families when sick or bereaved, and to visit hospitalized veterans.

# September 1993

## CENTENNIAL 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY

MONDAY





TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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<b>5</b> 1:00pm LABOR DAY WEEKEND COOKOUT	<b>6</b>  Labor Day	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00pm GUN CLUB MTG	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	<b>11</b> FT LYONS BUS LEAVES AT 8:30 AM
<b>12</b> 9:00pm BREAKFAST RESUMES	<b>13</b> 8:00pm 40/8 MTG	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00pm DEPT FALL CONFERENCE POST 5	<b>16</b>  Rosh Hashanah 6:00pm GEN MTG POTLUCK	<b>17</b> 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	<b>18</b> 9:30am WAC MEETING
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00pm 8 & 40 MTG THIS MONTH	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Autumn begins	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	<b>25</b>  Yom Kippur
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00pm GUN CLUB MTG 7:30pm AMVETS MTG	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

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<b>10</b> LEADERSHIP	<b>11</b>  Columbus Day (Observed) 8:00pm 40/8 MTG	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00pm GUN CLUB MTG	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	<b>16</b> 9:30am WAC MEETING
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00pm 8 & 40 MTG THIS MONTH	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS 12:30pm VA SATELLITE CLINIC LUNCH 6:00pm GEN MTG POTLUCK	<b>22</b> 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE	<b>23</b>
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September

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