



Centennial 209 Newsletter

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SEPTEMBER 2003

From the Commander
Charles Zeitvogel

General Membership Meeting - Location & Time Change.

Members of the Executive committee are looking into alternate meeting places and times for the General Membership meetings.

This action was taken from some of the suggestions that we have received in regards to the General Membership Meetings on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

It was suggested that we find a meeting area closer to our membership.

Right now the Monthly General Membership Meeting is held at the VFW Post 4051, located at 430 E. Pikes Peak Avenue at 7:00 P.M. on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Annual Picnic & August General Membership Meeting.

The annual Picnic & August General Membership Meeting held jointly Sunday, August 17th now is history. I was not able to attend due to being out of state. My thanks to Legionnaire Greg Andries, Sr. Vice-Commander, for coordinating the events of the picnic and for chairing the General Membership Meeting held in conjunction with the picnic. A lot of work went into these two events. Those who attended can attest to its success.

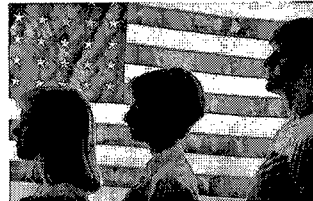
Assistance Available.

Have a problem with a home project, renovation or computers? A "Skills Bank" has been started where professional and semi-professional skills of some members are listed. Anyone having a need for assistance is welcome to contact the office to tap into this "Skills Bank".

Financial Statements.

Post 209 financial statements for our 2002-2003 Legion year are attached to this newsletter. Please note that since March 2003 our Post has not conducted Bingo Games or had a fund raising activity. Subsequently, we have had a negative cash flow since March 2003. This obviously adversely affects the financial health of this Post. Your Post Executive Committee is seeking a solution/s to correct this problem. Suggestions from you and other members are needed. Please contact Legionnaire Bill Marshall, Jr. Vice Commander, who is Chairman of a committee working to resolving this problem. (Call the office & leave a message with your ideas and thoughts).

SCHOOL HAS STARTED



**WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN
WHEN DRIVING AROUND A SCHOOL.
THEY ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY**

**Post 209
2003-2004 Officers**

Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
Sr. Vice Cdr.	Greg Andries
Jr. Vice Cdr.	Bill Marshall
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	
Historian	W. W. Bandler
Sergeant at Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Howard Hornik
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Tom Morant
Post Exec Committeeman	Neal Thomas
DUES	\$ 30.00

Auxiliary Unit 209 Officers

President	Dot Dassero
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Marcia Shellhammer
Sergeant at Arms	Ruth Hornik
DUES	\$ 15.00

Meetings

Board of Trustees – 1st Thursday 6:30 P.M. at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy Ste 104
Executive Committee Meeting to follow Post Membership Meeting – 3rd Thursday at VFW Post 4051, 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave 7:00 P.M.

Board of Trustees

Chairman (2 yr)	Neal Thomas
Secretary (1 yr)	Alton Cyriaque
Finance Officer (1 yr)	
Commander (1 yr)	Charles Zeitvogel
Member (2 yr)	Larry Johnson
Member (1 yr)	Francis Redington
Member (3 yr)	Ann Foster
Meets on the 1 st Thursday before the Post Executive Committee Meeting at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy Ste 104.	

Membership Eligibility Dates

World War I April 6, 1917 – 11 November 1918
World War II December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
Korean War June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955
Vietnam War February 28, 1961 – May 7 1975
Grenada & Lebanon August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984
Panama December 20, 1989 - January 31, 1990
Persian Gulf August 2, 1990 – Until the end of hostilities as set by Congress

Committees

Planning, Budget and Planning	Chuck Zeitvogel 719-531-0546
Membership	Greg Andries 719-636-3346
Program and Social Activities	Bill Marshall 719-495-0088
Americanism/Youth/ Scouting/Jr. ROTC and Marksmanship	Francis Redington 719-471-3925
Boys State & Oratorical	Bill Marshall 719-495-0088
Legislative & National Security	Neal Thomas 719-392-1510
Veterans Affairs	Tom Morant
Rehabilitation	Howard Hornik 719-596-6345
(Club) Land use, Care & Development	Greg Andries 719-636-3346
ADHOC	COMMITTEES
Constitution & By-Laws	Neal Thomas 719-392-1510
Property Inventory Office - Storage -	Ann Foster 719-599-8624 Larry Johnson 719-622-0344
Auxiliary Liaison	Chuck Zeitvogel 719-531-0546
Sons of The American Legion	Larry Johnson 719-622-0344

**From the Commander
Chuck Zeitvogel
(continued)**

Fund Raising.

Fund raising is a fact of life for most, if not all, nonprofit organizations. This no secret and certainly all of us have at one time or another been solicited to help finance and support some worthy causes over the years.

The American Legion is a 105c (19) nonprofit organization chartered by Congress. Some may state the objectives of The American Legion differently but in my words we are about assisting veterans, their families and supporting many worthwhile on going community events & projects. The bottom line is that it takes money, lots of money, and many volunteers working together to accomplish all that The American Legion is about. The American Legion is made up of veterans that served in the Unites States military during times of declared hostilities (wars) for our nation. OOPS, I'm starting to wander. Let's get back to what I started with - Fund Raising!

We are looking for someone with ideas for fund raising and who is willing to volunteer to be in charge of this most important need. Send me a note or call the office (599-8624) and leave a message as what you would like to do. Direct your message to me, or one of the vice-commanders, Legionnaire Greg Andries, Sr. Vice Commander, or Legionnaire Bill Marshall, Jr. Vice Commander. Fund Raising is vital to your Post 209, make a commitment and call one of the above individuals now!

DRAWINGS:

A teacher asked her students to draw a picture of their favorite Old Testament story, and as she moved around the class, she saw there were many wonderful drawings being done. Then she came across Johnny, who had drawn a man driving an old car. In the back seat were a man and a woman.

"It's a lovely picture," said the teacher, "but which story does it tell?"

Johnny seemed surprised at the question.

"Well," he exclaimed, "doesn't it say in the Bible that God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden?"

**Something to Pique your
Interest**

4 Sep	Board of Trustees Meeting – 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy Ste 104 6:30 P.M. Executive meeting to follow
1 Sep	Labor Day – Last day of summer – Party Hardy but please be safe
18 Sep	General Meeting – VFW 4051 – 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave – 7:00 P.M. Location subject to change
2 Oct	Board of Trustees Meeting – 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy Ste 104 6:30 P.M. Executive meeting to follow
16 Oct	General Meeting – VFW 4051 – 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave – 7:00 P.M
31 Oct	Halloween – Trick or Treating Time – Please watch out for the Children Deadline for Early Bird Membership
Nov	Watch for Information on Early Bird Dinner
6 Nov	Board of Trustees Meeting – 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy Ste 104 6:30 P.M. Executive meeting to follow
8 Nov	Veterans Day Parade – 9:00 A.M. – Tejon Street Early Bird Dinner – Time and Place to be announced
20 Nov	General Meeting – VFW 4051 – 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave – 7:00 P.M
27 Nov	Thanksgiving Day – A time to remember family and friends
4 Dec	Board of Trustees Meeting – 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy Ste 104 6:30 P.M. Executive meeting to follow
	Annual Christmas Dinner – Time and Place to be announced
18 Dec	General Meeting – VFW 4051 – 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave – 7:00 P.M
25 Dec	Christmas Day – Merry Christmas – please be safe but have fun

Concurrent Receipt Actions:

Fifty-two retired Army and Air Force general officers representing 1500 years of service to the nation have signed a letter to President Bush asking him to support congressional legislation for concurrent receipt. The letter says that last year the 107th Congress passed Legislation "with overwhelming majorities in both houses" for concurrent receipt, but killed it because of White House opposition over costs, and substituted Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC). The writer's state CRSC covers less than five percent of disabled military retirees. With a similar situation this year, the generals wrote, "We urge you as Commander-in-Chief to speak for the thousands of disabled GI's who faithfully served their country for an entire career, were disabled in service to their country and now find their retired pay taxed at a rate of 100 percent of their disability compensation. (Taken from the Armed Forces News dated, Friday, 22 August 2003).

Be An Early Bird



**Renew Before
31 October 2003**

The last newsletter listed all of the Legionnaires who had renewed their membership, transferred or became a new member of Centennial 209 for legion year 2003-2004.

Every member who renews their membership, transferred into or became a new member will have their membership card stamped with an early bird to show they did this by 31 October.

To most there isn't too much to being an Early Bird. But to those who have repeatedly renewed their dues before 31 October the

Post in the past has always recognized their contribution to The American Legion by hosting a free dinner to thank the members for renewing early. This year we cannot make this offer because the financial situation will not allow it.

However, while the post can't provide a free dinner for those who renewed early we will still host a dinner in your honor. We would hope that when the time and place is announced in the next newsletter that you will make plans to attend.

During the Early Bird dinner we will once again offer to those members who are new to The American Legion or who have never attended an orientation/initiation the opportunity to attend. This ceremony is intended to make every Legionnaire aware of what the various items that make up our emblem means to us and those who have gone before us. It provides you with a brief summary of what The American Legion is all about and what we support. This is a very dignified ceremony and is meant to bring to you a sense of pride and comradeship between Veterans.

We would love to have you join us.

Old Glory Flies High and Free

Old Glory is known as America's flag,
But I selfishly call her my own.
I know that I'm so richly bless
To claim this land as my home.

Like the shy little bluebird, Old Glory flies
In my front yard for all to see.
Our symbol of hope for the future,
And reminder of sweet liberty.

Like a bird, Old Glory belongs to all,
Her colors are vibrant and true.
I thank God that I'm an American
Living under the red, white and blue.

Bernice Maddux, Weaterford, Tx

From Past Commander Larry L. Johnson

Fellow Legionnaires, there are quite a few of you who know who I am and what I have done for the Post in the years since I became a member in 1984.

I have always tried to be as straightforward as I knew how, and when questions needed to be answered I always tried to do so.

The last couple of months I know that I have become a pain to members of the Post. I have lost my temper more than once and let the mad talk and when I tried to talk in a calm and cool way some of them still believe that I am a pain.

As you know, our Post is once again facing some hard decisions. Some of the members of the Post Executive Committee have tried in past newsletters to apprise all of you with what the conditions of the Post are.

At our picnic and general meeting on Sunday, 17 August, once again there was a discussion held in regards to the future of this Post and the Property that we own. And once again, I justified their belief that I am a pain. However, there were a couple of statements made that to my way of thinking were not completely accurate. One such statement was that if the Post was to lose the property because we could not pay our financial responsibility, that we would no longer have a charter. This is not quite true. 47 Life Members protect our Charter. The property would not automatically go to The American Legion. There was a bit of discussion on this and some clarification was made but the impression was still there.

The subject was changed and some other ideas were presented in regards to what we could and could not do with the property. Of course, the obvious solution of many was that if we sold the property that 1). We could use the money to cover our expenses, 2). We could use the money to purchase a different parcel or building that would meet our needs now and in the future. 3). We could talk with a developer about developing the property that would also result in a building on the property and we would be able to retain a portion of the property for our use.

Myself, I feel that we as a Post have not done

everything that we could in order to support the Post and the programs of The American Legion.

You know in the past we had a money raising activity, Bingo. Irregardless of some feelings, this was a money maker for the Post and we met all of our objectives with this fund raiser. Other than Bingo and a couple of raffles we have not really done anything to raise money.

I believe that we have not done everything that we could have to help with the expenses of the Post and to build a building. During this meeting it was suggested that we could do raffles to raise money. The question that I asked was "Who is going to sell the tickets?"

There have been requests for your input and your help and for the most part we haven't heard from anyone. Don't get me wrong, we have had a couple who have responded but nothing like we need to get things done.

September 18 is the date of our next General Membership meeting. This meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. at VFW Post 4051 located at 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave at 7:00 P.M.

I ask each Legionnaire to make it a priority to attend this General Meeting so we can move ahead and do something, whether it is wrong or right you are the ones with the vote. Without your vote we will continue to go in circles and carry on the rule of working in the dark and in circles. I also ask that you not only make this meeting but the meetings of the Post in the future. It has been said over and over again but our Post is only as good as its members. I really do not know what can be said other than "WE NEED YOU" in order to do anything that will make this Post a part of the community that you will be involved in.



WE NEED YOU INVOLVED!!

THE AMERICAN LEGION 85TH NATIONAL CONVENTION - Ann Foster

Due to another previous commitment I was only able to attend the POW/MIA Briefing, a portion of the opening day of the Convention floor, and the National Commander's Banquet that evening. I shall share with you what I am able to regarding these events.

Melvin Richmond of POW/Missing Personnel Affairs office within DOD was the speaker for the Briefing. Even though he stated he is not a statistical person, he did share with the following update of those missing: 78,000 - WWII; 8,100 - Korea; 126 - Cold War; 1,883 - Vietnam; and 1 (Capt Scott Speicher) - Persian Gulf. He reminded us this is a family issue. Efforts to bring home those missing is uppermost in their minds. In Iraq the two priorities are to find Capt Speicher and the weapons of mass destruction.

They are looking at numerous WWII sites including Papua New Guinea and Burma. They found 250 sets of remains at 36 Papua New Guinea sites.

There is to be a meeting soon in Bangkok of United States, Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodian representatives to continue pressing for a full accounting of Vietnam missing. Cambodia is fully cooperating. Laos is being difficult, but an additional problem is finding those who can speak English to assist the search teams.

Korean numbers are not as accurate as we might like. Access has been difficult due to difficult negotiations. Since 1996 there has been recovery of 176 sets of remains in North Korea.

China presents challenges in finding the missing due to needing to access archives and to wait until the SARS problem subsided.

Congress has stated money for this issue is not a problem. They will not cut money and may even want to increase this budget.

This paragraph will cover some miscellaneous information presented at the end of the briefing. Storage of remains in warehouses in Vietnam is a myth. Today's active duty computerized ID cards are a problem in terms of what an enemy could learn about us. There is no evidence to confirm transfers of prisoners from Korea to

other countries, i.e., Russia, etc. Live prisoner issue is a #1 priority, So far, none of these investigations have been successful. DNA capability to identify remains is now remarkable! Thus, family members are encouraged to donate their DNA samples. In one case their was no family member available, but an envelope the missing person had licked and sent to someone who was able to provide it to the laboratory was able to be successfully used in identifying the remains. We are all asked to tell any family member we know to please donate DNA, if they have not already done so!

Opening day of Convention saw many awards being presented and the afternoon speech of President Bush. I was unable to see that as I went with a Colorado Delegate to the VA Hospital. I am happy to report this individual is doing better.

The National Commander's Banquet was excellent and the entertainment for the evening was the Wright Brothers Band who played and sang many melodies familiar to the 50's, 60's, and 70's.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR THIS MONTH:

The following have renewed their membership or joined our Post since the last newsletter:

Frithjof Damman	Ivan LaForge
Michael Wheelon	William Burnes
Robert Hudson	Eddie Jones
Matthew Knieriem	Donald Paulus
Eleanor Shepperdson	Joseph Smith
Joe Oats	William Hathaway
David Coberly	John Mapstone
Scott Redington	Gerald Agnew
Leon Ashton	Harry Casterlin
John Glick	Keith Horst
Timothy Long	Peter Mackey
Ronald Marshall	Paul Trees
Maryann Reichenbach	Ronald Marshall
William Weiland (NEW)	

This makes 167 members for the 2004 Legion year. We have not been assigned our official goal just yet. However, we have been advised it will what our 2003 membership was on 1 August of this year. Based on that we are somewhere between 55 and 60 % of our new goal. We hope you continue to send in your renewals early, so we can concentrate the tasks around the future of our Post. Thanks to the above!

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Accrual Basis

THE AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL POST 209
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2003

	<u>Jun 30, 03</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Bingo D_Cash 41872-95s	452.56
Bldg Fund Savings 187654-00s	0.28
Ent Fed CU Bingo Ckng 41872-10c	2,764.64
Ent Fed CU-Bingo Cash 41872-00	397.04
Ent Fed CU-Checking 133483-10	7,746.09
Ent Fed CU-Savings 133483-00s	1,270.19
Total Checking/Savings	<u>12,630.80</u>
Total Current Assets	12,630.80
Other Assets	
133483-52S-CD #3	1,437.16
187654-50-CD Mat Date 3-09-99	6,729.77
187654-95S-Bldg-Fund D_Cash	29,244.29
Inventory	4,605.00
Land	75,000.00
Lawn Equipment	1,597.05
Total Other Assets	<u>118,613.27</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>131,244.07</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3000 - Opening Bal Equity	217,380.30
3900 - Retained Earnings	-78,827.19
Net Income	-7,309.04
Total Equity	<u>131,244.07</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>131,244.07</u></u>

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Accrual Basis

THE AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL POST 209
Profit & Loss
July 2002 through June 2003

Jul '02 - Jun 03

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Bingo Income	41,532.39
Dividend	553.92
Emblem Sales	10.00
Other Income	3,223.61
Post Dues	-86.50
Progressive Bingo	511.00
Total Income	<u>45,744.42</u>
Expense	
Accounting Expense	350.00
Automobile Expense	1,371.47
Bank Fees	26.19
Bingo Hall Rent	9,300.00
Bingo Machine Rental	8,030.00
Boys State	645.00
Bulk Mailing Permit	150.00
Computer Expense	219.82
Coupon Fund Raiser	100.00
Dinners, etc	1,189.71
Donations	713.00
Dues & Subscriptions	130.00
Equipment Maintenance	216.99
Insurance	4,817.33
Licenses	87.50
Misc Bingo Supplies	5,442.32
Misc Officers Expense	827.04
Misc Rental Fees	2,412.45
Newsletter	777.66
Office Rent	6,336.00
Office Supplies	978.58
Postage	74.00
Postage, Bulk Mailing, Etc.	740.71
Property Maintenance	601.96
Registration Fees	58.40
Taxes	6,105.79
Telephone	1,063.60
6899 - Uncategorized Expenses	362.94
Total Expense	<u>53,128.46</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-7,384.04
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Returned Check	-75.00
Total Other Expense	<u>-75.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>75.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-7,309.04</u></u>

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) _____ (Phone) _____
 (Mailing Address) _____ (Date) _____
 (City) (State) (Zip) _____ (Post #) _____

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below

- (Dues) _____
- Dec. 20, 1989-Jan. 31, 1990
 - Aug. 24, 1982-July 31, 1984
 - Dec. 22, 1961-May 7, 1975
 - June 25, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955
 - Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946
 - April 6, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918
 - U.S. Army
 - U.S. Navy
 - U.S. Air Force
 - U.S. Marines
 - U.S. Coast Guard



I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signature of applicant _____ Name of recruiter _____

Receipt of Dues

(Please Print)

From _____ Post # _____
 \$ _____ for 19 _____
 Recruiter's Name _____
 Recruiter's Signature _____
 Recruiter's Phone # _____

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please type or print:

Mrs/Miss/Ms _____ Senior Member (Over 18)
 _____ Junior (DOB: _____)
 _____ (Applicant's Full Name)
 _____ (Street Address) _____ (Work/Home Phone)
 _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Unit Number/Location) _____ (Dept.)

I am eligible for membership through the military service of _____ (Full Name)

Living He/she is a member of: _____ (American Legion Post) _____ (Post #) _____ (City) _____ (State)
 Deceased
 Living or Deceased, served in:
 WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18) WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46) Mother Granddaughter
 Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55) Vietnam (12/22/61-5/7/75) Wife Great-Granddaughter
 Grenada/Lebanon (8/24/82-7/31/84) Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90) Sister Self
 Daughter

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged.

 (Signature of Applicant) _____ (Date) _____ (Post Officer Membership Verification or Unit Sec'y Verification for Female Veterans Only) _____ (Date)

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP Sons of The American Legion

Date _____
 Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____
 Name _____ Recruited by _____
 (First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)
 Address _____
 (Street) (City) (State) (Zip) (Telephone)

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____
 (a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____, Dept. of _____
 OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____
 (c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____
 Has Applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ _____ as annual membership dues.

Signed _____ (By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by _____ (Post Adjutant) 00-001 (1987)

RECEIPT
 Date _____ Received of _____
 \$ _____ in payment of dues for 19 _____ in
 _____, Detachment of _____
 Squadron _____
 By _____
 For God and Country

