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From the Desk and Mind of the Commander

Jay Bowen

For every generation, there is at least one event that is so memorable, it burns into the mind where you were and what you were doing at the exact moment. For some of us, there is more than one. They can be very good memories, but for most of us, they are events that shattered or changed the world as we knew it.

I know that some of you reading will immediately go to December 7, 1941 “A date which will live in infamy” and I also know you can tell me exactly where you were and what you were doing when you first heard the horrific news. Others will think back to November 22, 1963, the day we lost an American President to an assassin’s bullet. They will be able to relate in vivid detail where they were and exactly what they were doing when John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Many of us were glued to our Television sets and watched Neil Armstrong take “One Small Step for Man, and One Giant Leap for Mankind” on Sunday, July 20, 1969 as the first human stepped on ground other than our own Earth. There may even be some that will say they remember where they were and what they were doing on August 16, 1977, when the King of Rock and Roll died. Jackie and I were in Germany on our second tour living on the 4th floor of the Butzbach military housing. Since his death wasn’t announced until the evening, we didn’t get the word until the next day. That morning I grabbed the Stars and Stripes from my mailbox on the way out the door to the missile site where I was stationed. I opened it to the headlines and immediately went back up the 4 flights of stairs and threw the paper on the bed of a still sleepy and 7 month pregnant wife.



He was far and above her favorite entertainer (mine too), and she wasn’t in any better mood when I arrived home that night than she was when I first threw the newspaper on the bed.

But I think everyone of us reading this article will remember where they were and what they were doing on September 11, 2001. It is one of the most (if not THE MOST) horrible days in the lives of every American living at that time. We were attacked on our own soil by cowards too afraid to confront us on the battlefield. This month is the 10 year anniversary of that day when more than a thousand Americans lost their lives. We will fondly remember the brave men and women of the NY Fire and Police Department that gave up their life to save others. We will honor the memory of those heroes that said, “Let’s Roll” on board United Airlines and may have saved the life of our President and family by putting the airline in the Pennsylvania dirt. We must also remember the men and women serving and supporting our US Military who died when the cowards plowed into the Pentagon.

Yes, not all events of our lives produce good memories. But it is important that we never forget. As you think back on where you were on that day, I would ask that you also remember how a nation came together. And for a short period of time we spoke with one voice and vowed to not let those American heroes die in vain. Remember the flags being waved and the churches filled to capacity. Remember the thousands who raised their hand to join the fight. Remember the pride we felt when we saw an active duty service member walk by. Honor the memories. Never forget!

For God and Country,
Jay



Auxiliary President Jackie Bowen

It took two years but we finally got Lilian Hagelberg to join our Unit. She was concerned about not being able to help enough. As always, I don't expect any more than you can or want to do. Pat Andries joined us for our August breakfast and meeting and then handed in her application. We want to welcome these two new members and are delighted to have them join us. Don't forget to renew your membership before Oct 15th so you will qualify for the FREE Early Bird Dinner.

Linda Cancellieri has agreed to make the patchwork square for Department President Rhonda's quilt project. This project was mentioned in an earlier article. The Legionnaires have requested at least one if not two Auxiliary members to help on the following committees: Program & Planning, Welcoming, Membership, Americanism & Youth, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Legislative & National Security, Public Relations, and Club. If you are interested in serving on any one or more of these committees just let me know. If you need more information on a particular committee, look at "Local News" on our web site to get a description.

Our Unit is starting a new community project. We are collecting old batteries (except car or cell phone) and turning them in for recycling. Lynn Thomas has agreed to head this project and turn them in for disposal because this is a program she strongly believes we need to support.

September 17th and 18th the Legion will have a display table at the Fall Home Show. This will be a great opportunity for us to promote our Legion and Unit. If you can help man the display please let me know. It would be great to get a couple of ladies to help so that no one would have to stay the entire time. The hours for Saturday Sept 17th are 10 am to 8 pm and Sunday Sept 18th 11 am to 4 pm. If you would like to participate please let me know.

Serving Our Veterans Proudly,
Jackie Bowen



Thoughts From Marion

Dear Members,

At our August meeting our Post Commander, Jay Bowen shared with us a flag that one of our members, a Chaplain, had taken with him through his tour of duty. It was an honor for our Post to receive it. In addition, he expressed appreciation for the way the Auxiliary supports the work that needs to be done by the Post. He presented Certificates of Appreciation for the recent work the ladies did to help make the recent Department Convention a success.

Lynn Thomas showed us a crocheted helmet liner and explained she had a pattern for them if anyone would like to join the ladies that are doing them. Crocheting the helmet is easier than knitting and takes about an hour and a half.

September opens the door for Fall Events. On the 17th of September, "All Patients Day" will take place at the Veterans Nursing home in Pueblo, CO. Our post has been supporting this event for several years. On that same day our Post has been invited to present the "Colors" at the opening ceremony for the annual Colorado Springs Home Show. It will be held during the day Saturday and Sunday at the Events Center in Rustic Hills. Since two events will happen the same day we are looking for volunteers to cover both events.

Keep up with the monthly calendar found in each Newsletter. Mark your calendars so you will not miss something you wish to attend.

Thought for the month: We can do anything we want if we stick to it long enough.





Post Officers 2011-2012

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Commander	Jay Bowen	719-574-1223
Sr. Vice Cdr	Mark Krzeczowski	719-282-1380
Jr. Vice Cdr	Lyle Hagelberg	719-594-4039
Adjutant	Larry Johnson	719-622-0344
Finance Officer	Norman Moyer	719-392-3725
Chaplain	Chet Dean	719-244-2442
Sergeant-at-Arms	Don Shuck	
Historian	Gideon Diamon	719-638-1258
Post Executive Com- mitteeman	Neal Thomas	719-392-1510
Service Officer	John Brown	719-331-8160
Judge Advocate	Chuck Zeitvogel	719-531-0546
Past Commander	Bill Marshall	719-495-0088
Club Manager	Art Kimbrel	719-339-4610

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Secretary	Lynn Thomas	719-392-1510
Treasurer	Mary Grier	719-536-0438
Chaplain	Marion Daugherty	719-637-9555
Sergeant-AT-Arms	Lois Wooton	719-599-8683



Board of Trustees 2011-2012

Term (Years)	Name	Telephone
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Commander (1 yr)	Jay Bowen	719-574-1223
Finance Officer (1 yr)	Norman Moyer	719-392-3725
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Member 3 yr	Chuck Zeitvogel	719-531-0546
Member 3 yr	Bill Marshall	719-495-0088



Son's of the American Legion 2011-2012

Commander	Frank Maellaro Sr.
Adjutant	Frank Anderson
Finance Officer	Ken Taylor
Chaplain	Chet Dean

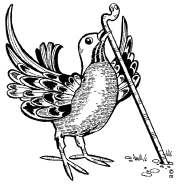


Centennial 209 Family Calendar of Events

1 Sep	Post Executive Committee Mtg 6:30pm
2 Sep	Hamdogger, Wingding Dinner 6:30pm
10 Sep	Breakfast 9:00am Meeting 10:00am
11 Sep	9-11 Memorial service 11:00am Patriot Day
16 Sep	Steak Night 6:30pm
17 Sep	All Patient's Day, Pueblo 9:00am
17-18 Sep	Fall Home Show, Rustic Hills
18 Sep	Air Force Birthday Dinner 6:00pm
6 Oct	Post Executive Committee Mtg 6:30pm
7 Oct	Hamdogger, Wingding Dinner 6:30pm
8 Oct	Breakfast 9:00am Meetings 10:00am District 7 Visitation
13 Oct	Navy Birthday 6:30pm
15 Oct	Early Bird Dinner (Free to all renewed members) 6:00pm
21 Oct	Steak Night 6:30pm
29 Oct	Annual Halloween Party 6:00pm
3 Nov	Post Executive Committee Mtg 6:30pm
4 Nov	Hamdogger Wingding Dinner 6:30pm
5 Nov	Veterans Day Parade 7:30am
10 Nov	Marine Birthday Celebration 6:30pm
12 Nov	Breakfast 9:00am Meeting 10:00am
19 Nov	District 7 Fall Conference 11:00am At Post 209

**AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION**

You are invited to the celebration of the Air Force Birthday which is **SUNDAY, 18 September** beginning at 6:00 P.M. Dinner will be choice of Roast Beef or Turkey for \$ 10.00 per person. Please call Jackie Bowen 901-481-0673 or Lynn Thomas 719-439-6268 with your reservation.



THE EARLY BIRD
DINNER
15 OCTOBER 2011
6:00PM



Sons of The American Legion
Squadron 209
Frank Maellaro

Are you an Early Bird? Have you RENEWED your 2012 dues yet?

If you have, you have already received your new membership card for 2012 and a ticket (like the one shown below) for a free meal on Saturday, 15 October beginning at 6:00pm.

What is an Early Bird someone asked? The answer to the question is, Anyone who, by 15 October, is a Life Member, A Paid Up For Life (PUFL), joins, transfers with 2012 dues paid, or renews that is a member of Post 209, American Legion Unit 209 Auxiliary, The Sons of The American Legion (SAL) Squadron 209.

As the Son's of The American Legion we support The American Legion with it's programs while at the same time supporting our programs.

The major programs of the Sons of The American Legion are support to Veterans at hospitals and Nursing homes and the Child Welfare Fountain of The American Legion. Last year The Detachment (comprised of SAL Squadron's all over the State) raised over \$ 50,000. Within the National organization, Colorado was the lead in donations.

We are a new Squadron within the Detachment of Colorado and as such we need to get together and figure out what direction that we want to go and how we are going to get there.

The Officers of the Detachment have expressed a desire to meet with us and provide information about the Sons of the American Legion and answer any question that you might have in regards to the SAL.

All we have to do is a set a date and time. All members of the SAL regardless of age have a say on what we do and how we do it.

We have members of the Squadron who have stepped forward to fill the following positions.

Commander:	Frank Maellaro
Adjutant:	Frank Anderson
Finance Officer:	Ken Taylor
Chaplain:	Chet Dean

When would be a good time to meet with the proposed officers to get together and make plans please email me at maellaro@comcast.net .

Please take a moment and make a check or a money order for \$ 20.00 made out to Squadron 209 and mail it to the Squadron at P.O. Box 25334, Colorado Springs, Co 80936.

Thank you Frank



For Those who do not fall into the groups listed above, the cost of the meal will be \$12.00 per person.

For reservations (and you must have a reservation) please call Jackie Bowen at 719-574-1223 or Lynn Thomas at 719-439-6268.

If you have questions please call 719-599-8624 and leave a message.





**Club Manager
Art Kimbrel**

I would like to take a moment and say THANKS to all who have attended the various functions, such as the breakfasts, dinners, and others. I appreciate the encouraging words that are spoken.

I would ask that you pass those comments on to your friends and encourage them to come out and try the food for themselves and see what they think.

Just as a reminder, for the Hamdogger Wingding nights, children under the age of 12 will receive a free hotdog when you order a meal. For the various dinners that we have, children under the age of 12 and who are sharing your plate are free.

Reservations are very important when planning meals for the various events. We lose a lot of money when we do not know how many will be attending. The one thing that I have found to be intolerable is when someone comes in for a meal and there is not enough food.

I would like you to make your reservations by calling either Jackie Bowen at 719-574-1223 (home) or 901-481-0673 (cell) or jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com. Lynn's contact number is (719) 439-6268.

UMBRELLA SALES

The word has gotten out about our latest fund raiser, which is the UMBRELLA pictured to the right. We are selling the umbrellas for \$15 each. Features include:

Drip Free system to prevent water from getting on the floors and carpets.

Clear panel for easy visibility.

The money we make will assist local area Veterans and Auxiliary programs.



**From Scouts and Service Officer
John Brown**

Scouts: September—planning for popcorn

This is the month to get ready for the big popcorn push. Both packs are setting up dates to sell a store, called “show and sell” and each boy is planning on which neighbor to visit, which grandparent to call, and what sales technique to use to make money for his dues, his pack and the Scout program. So when you hear the door bell ring and see that smiling face, help him out and help out the Scout Program in the Pikes Peak Council.

Service: Hundreds of seniors eligible for help with Medicare Cost *(Taken from “LIKE after 50” August 2001, written by Eileen Doherty, MS)*

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, 70,000 Coloradans are eligible for help with the high costs of prescription drugs and the Medicare Part B premium. Together these costs represent an average of \$125 per month that Medicare beneficiaries are needlessly paying. So why are older Coloradans not getting the help they need? Most individuals who pay these costs do not know they are eligible and the eligibility criteria are complex and the application procedures can be overwhelming. Medicare beneficiaries should seek help in accessing these services. There are three Medicare Savings Programs for which individuals may be eligible depending on income and resources.

Qualified Medicare Benefit or OMB.

Medicare Savings Program or SLIMB

Qualified Medicare Benefit Program or QI-I

Each of these programs have different requirements and different application forms to use. To apply for the Medicare Savings Program individuals will need to request a Medicaid application and submit it to the county Department of Human Services in which they currently reside. This may be completed online at <https://peak.state.co.us/selfservice/> or downloaded at <http://www.colorado.gov/es/Satellite/HCPF/HCPF/1251567068887>. To apply for the prescription drug benefit the individual may call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213, enroll on line at www.ssa.gov or call 303-333-3482.

For assistance with enrollment or to obtain forms, call 303-333-3482. Counselors are available to help with enrollment.



**From the Adjutant
Larry Johnson**

There is no better way that I know to start an article but to say THANKS to all of the Legionnaires who have already renewed their membership for 2012. We are currently over 50% of our goal for 2012 of 554 Legionnaires.

With the increase in our membership, the last couple of years, I am quickly finding out that the job of the Post Adjutant has become a little bit more complicated and I am finding that I need some help in a lot of areas.

First of all, I could use some more help with "The Centennial" newsletter, not only with folding of the newsletter but also in putting it together and getting it ready for printing.

Second, I need some help processing membership. An ideal membership team has three parts. The first part is to get our current members to renew their membership. The second part is to get new members because this is the best way we can support Veterans, Child and Youth and support the other programs of The American Legion. The third part is to contact Legionnaires who have joined or renewed their membership at National and their names have been provided to the Post to contact them and transfer their membership to the Post. Also a portion of the third part is to contact Legionnaires who have provided Department with a notification that they would like to transfer to a local Post and all that needs to be done is to contact them and process the required paperwork.

Additionally, I would like to find a Legionnaire who would be willing to take minutes at the Executive Committee and the General Membership meeting and type them up. I would like to ALSO train a Legionnaire (and pass on the experience that I have gained) for the position of Adjutant.


Please let me know if you have the desire and the time to assist me and in the future, become an Adjutant.

September 9-11 Memorial Service

Sunday, 11 September at 11:00am, there will be Memorial Service at the Post.

The Service will be conducted by The Post Chaplain, Chet Dean.



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RSVP SPECIAL

Make an advance reservation for the Steak night on 16 September and receive a special discount. With advance reservations & the coupon below, you get a steak at the regular price of \$12.00 and the second for a price of \$10.00.

Please note the change for RSVPs. Lynn Thomas and I have taken over to try and relieve some of the workload from the Post Adjutant. You can contact me at (719) 574-1223 home, (901) 481-0673 cell, or jackiebowaen2005@yahoo.com. Lynn's contact number is (719) 439-6268. Present the coupon below with your order.

 **STEAK NIGHT COUPON** 

Buy 1 dinner at Regular Price of \$ 12.00, get the 2nd One at \$ 2.00 off.

Good only during the month of SEP and with a reservation made in advance

Standing Committee Descriptions

Program and Planning; responsible for planning programs for the Legion year, preparing and submitting to the Executive Committee both short and long range plans for the conduct of post activities. This includes, but is not limited to, financial planning and fund raising, securing speakers for post meetings, and for planning post observances of national holidays and other significant community events.

Welcoming; consists of 2 or 3 members; welcome new members, guests, or even older members who are not well acquainted, making them feel at home, and introducing them.

Membership; responsible for maintaining and increasing membership of the Post. This includes conducting a vigorous recruiting effort to obtain new members and insuring the retention of old members,

Americanism and Youth; responsible for inspiring patriotism and good citizenship through patriotic observances, patriotic and civic instruction in schools, and similar activities. Also responsible for Post participation in such programs as Boy's State, oratorical contests, and other Americanism and youth.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation; responsible for assisting post members and other veterans and their families in obtaining veterans' benefits to which they are entitled; visiting comrades who are sick or disabled; and keeping the membership informed as to Veterans' benefits available to them.

Legislative and National Security; responsible for promoting public support of Legion programs and objectives, and keeping members informed on legislation affecting the national security and benefits.

Public Relations; responsible for promoting public interest and support of Post programs and activities through local news media, and publishing distributing the post newsletter.

Club; assist the Club Manager on organizing events at the Post home and ensuring schedules are posted. They will assist create and maintain the Post Home Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and ensure the SOP is followed by all Post members.

All Committees, Standing and Ad Hoc, shall be responsible for preparing and submitting to the Executive Committee both short and long range plans for the conduct of Post activities.

At the last General meeting, the Commander asked for members to Chair and serve on the various committees. As a result the following Legionnaires have stepped forward as indicated.

The Program and Planning Committee is to be chaired by the Junior Vice Commander Lyle Hagelberg with member Larry Johnson, and Art Kimbrel.

Welcoming Committee Chairman will be the Sgt-At-Arms Donald Shuck with members of Ken Taylor, Steve Mussman and Biscaro Romeo.

The Membership Committee, no Chairman but members are Neal Thomas, Chet Dean and Larry Johnson. Note: Every Legionnaire should be a members of The Membership committee recruiting new members, help in retaining the membership we currently have.

The Americanism Committee Chair is the Service Officer John Brown, no members volunteered to help.

The Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee Chaired by Post Executive committeeman Neal Thomas, Chet Dean and Larry Johnson

The Legislative Committee Chairman is Post Executive Committeemen Neal Thomas, and members will be Kent Lambert and Jack Artman.

The Public Relations Committee Chairman is Legionnaire Mike Stebick. No other Legionnaire stepped forward.

The Club Committee will be chaired by Art Kimbrel with members of Greg Andries and Larry Johnson.

Our Post has excelled at everything that we have undertaken as a project. We have hosted 3 National Commanders in two years, we have just completed hosting the Department Convention and we have given notice to Legionnaires, Auxiliary Members and Son's of The American Legion (SAL) state-wide that Post 209 is here to stay.

The Post is asking for YOUR help so that we can continue to excel in all of opportunities. Please call the Post at 719-599-8624 or send an email to americanlegionpost209@yahoo.com if you feel you have the time and want to be involved.

Thank you for your help.

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