

The Centennial



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From the Desk and Mind of the Commander

Jay Bowen

Our younger son is an aspiring Screen Writer. Since he has first learned to put pen to paper he's written poems, short stories, and screenplays. He has recently connected with like-minded folks and they've put one of his "shorts" on film. He had the premier viewing at our house recently and invited all the people involved; the actors, cameraman, family members and us. As with most of his stuff, it is a piece that makes you think. It was interesting to hear the views of all present about the characters. Where did they meet? What was the history? How did it end?

I started thinking how very much like life is this short film and the conversations about it. We are all players on this universal stage. Each of us come together with a history, background, and baggage that many never see or know. We show up on the screen in a new theater and the first scene in our personal movie of life is often very carefully choreographed. We show only what we want our audience to see. Only after we have been on screen for a longer period do we begin to show our audience more of the background and history.

In Robert's short film, everyone was left to develop their own beginning and end. When the screen went black, many people had a difference of opinion on how the story ended, and how it began. We do the same thing. We come into a conversation and all we hear is what is being said as we arrive. We form our own conclusion on what was said previously and often our assumption is wrong. And that, my friends is one of the basic ways rumors start. We don't take the time to find out the "Rest of the Story," or more importantly maybe the rest of the story is none of our business.



But our inquisitive mind rarely factors that into the equation. It's not unlike when you walk by someone talking on their cell phone or with another person and you hear something like, "Gloria said the only way her husband will have them is naked!" If you had gotten there sooner or stayed later, you would have learned she was talking about Chicken Wings. But you didn't and now you're thinking either he is a real dirt-bag or he's someone you would like to party with in the near future.

It pays to not jump to conclusion about anyone or anything. It is also beneficial to learn more about people in your network. You'll find out everyone has a story. Often, they have had some fascinating events happen in their life, as well as major heartbreak. Did you know we have members of the Post that served in combat during WWII? Were you aware we have members who were on active duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis (come to our October meeting to hear their stories as we look back 50 years ago)? Did you know we have a member who served as a WASP during WWII and was recently awarded a Congressional Gold Medal? Did you know...?

Shakespeare once said, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players." Come to the Post and get to know some of your fellow Thespians. Learn "The Rest of the Story" about them, and quite possibly a little about yourself.

For God and Country,
Jay



**Remember those who lost
their life on 9/11, and
those who serve our great
Nation.**



Auxiliary President Jackie Bowen

We are off to a great start for our 2013 membership drive. Since our last newsletter we have 6 new members; Sharon Troelsch, Julie Woods, Betsy Scott, Cheryl Coulson, Lana Warkocz, and Beatrice (Bea) Trujillo. Welcome to our Legion family ladies.

Lana Warkocz, one of our new members came to our meeting and spoke to us about the Southern Colorado Honor Flight. This organization will fly WWII Veterans to DC to see the WWII Memorial at no cost to the Veteran. If you would like to know more about this organization and/or donate to a worthy cause, please visit their website at www.honorflight.org.

We're beginning another Butter Braids sale the end of August. Please see the insert for dates and flavors.

Don't forget Sept 15 is "All Activities" day at Pueblo VA nursing home. It was formally called "All Patients" day but the name was changed this year. The fun and games begin at 1:00pm so come on out and enjoy spending the day with our Veterans. If you would like to join us and need the address or a ride, contact me at 719-574-1223 or jack-iebowen2005@yahoo.com.

Help us find another vendor or some other fundraiser to replace this one.

Serving Our Veterans Proudly,
Jackie Bowen

Umbrella Sales (One Last Time?)

All the Stars and Stripes umbrellas have been sold. Our vendor recently found a case from one of their distributors and plan to send them to us. We are waiting on the shipment to arrive soon. If you want an umbrella this will probably be your last chance to buy one. The company has quit carrying this particular style. I was very disappointed when I received this information.

We will sell them for \$15 each. Features include a Drip Free system to prevent water from getting on the floors and carpets.

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



Sons of The American Legion Squadron 209

The Sons of The American Legion General Membership Meetings are on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 12:00pm, or immediately following the Legion meeting. There is a breakfast at 9:00am that everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

We are heavily involved with one program right now. That is the Child Welfare Foundation. We are raising money by having little colored piggy banks on the tables of the dining area at the Post. We ask for your support on this project and others as we grow our Squadron.

We have started the 2013 membership year. You do not have to wait until you receive the dues renewal notice from National to renew your dues. The only thing required is for you to take a moment, get a check or money order for \$20.00 made out to Squadron 209 and mail it to American Legion Post 209, P.O. 25334, Colorado Springs or go to the Post website at www.americanlegioncoloradosprings.org and renew using PayPal.

We look forward to meeting or seeing you at our next meeting in September.



District 7 Fall Conference



The Fall Conference will be held on Saturday, 20 October 2012, at American Legion Post 38, which is located at 6685 Southmoor Drive in Security.

Basically, it is located on the road in back of the Wal-Mart on highway 85/87.

There will be a combined session Legion/Auxiliary beginning at 11:00am. We will break for a free lunch at 12:00pm and at 1:00pm we will go into separate sessions.

This conference is mainly conducted by the Department and serves as an opportunity for the Department Commander and Department President to outline their goals and objectives for the year.

This is a great opportunity to meet Legionnaires and Auxiliary members from other Posts and Units as well as the newly elected officers. SEE YOU THERE!



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Commander	Jay Bowen	719-574-1223
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Finance Officer	Rusty Bower	682-478-9122
Chaplain	Chet Dean	719-244-2442
Sergeant-at-Arms	Don Shuck	719-575-0539
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Post Executive Committee	Neal Thomas	719-392-1510
Service Officer	C. "Gunny" Raines	719-597-4766
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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Sergeant-At-Arms	Lois Wooton	719-599-8683
Historian	Joan Ciani	719-579-9194



Board of Trustees 2012-2013

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Member 1 yr	Bill Marshall	719-495-0088



Sons of The American Legion 2012-2013

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Sgt-At-Arms	Don Shuck	719-575-0539
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Centennial 209 Family Calendar of Events

- 4 Oct Post Executive Committee Mtg 6:30PM
- 5 Oct Hamdogger Dinner 6:30PM
- 13 Oct Breakfast 9:00AM
Meeting 10:00AM
SAL Mtg 12:00PM
NAVY BIRTHDAY 6:00PM RSVP REQUIRED
- 14-28 Oct Remembering the Cuban Missile Crisis; 50 years ago
- 19 Oct **Steak Night 6:30PM RSVP Required**
- 20 Oct **District Fall Conference** starting at 11:00AM, a free lunch, will be held at Post 6685 Southmoor Drive

Early Bird Dinner 6:00PM RSVP Required

- 26 Oct **Fish Fry 6:30PM RSVP Required**
- 27 Oct Halloween Party 6:00PM
- 1 Nov Post Executive Committee Mtg 6:30PM
- 2 Nov Hamdogger Dinner 6:30PM
- 10 Nov **NO BREAKFAST
NO MEETINGS**
Veterans Day Parade 9:00AM
MARINE BIRTHDAY 6:00PM RSVP REQUIRED

- 16 Nov **Steak Night 6:30PM RSVP Required**
- 22 Nov Thanksgiving
- 23 Nov **Fish Fry CANCELLED this Month!**
- 6 Dec Post Executive Committee Mtg 6:30PM
- 7 Dec Hamdogger Dinner 6:30PM
Pearl Harbor Day!
- 15 Dec Post Christmas Party 6:00PM

Do You Want to be Published?



Anyone who would like to submit an article for *The Centennial* is encouraged to do so. However, the articles **MUST** be received by the **15th of EACH MONTH**. All articles are to be sent to the following email: centennialtwozeronine@yahoo.com If you have questions please free to call the Post and leave a message.

Reservations and RSVP go to Jackie Bowen (574-1223) jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com, or Lynn Thomas at 439-6268



Have You Moved? Are You Planning on Moving? Have You Changed Your Email Address?

These questions may seem a little strange, but let me assure you there is a reason why we are asking them.

When we send out your new membership card and it is returned because you moved, it costs your Post additional money. When we send *The Centennial* and it comes back, it costs additional money. When we get a return on your email, it doesn't cost extra per se, but you miss out of the latest edition of *The Centennial* and news of possible interest.

Please, if you are moving and you are filling out the notifications provided by the Post Office, send us a card or an email. We don't want you to miss out on any information.



**Guest Speaker
For 8 September 2012
General Membership Meeting**

Shannon Roe from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate).

The mission of the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association together with its state and local members is to support and promote court appointed members volunteer advocacy so that every abused or neglected child can be safe, establish permanence and have the opportunity to thrive. Come and hear what she has to say.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, 20 October for the Early bird Dinner.

The meal begins FREE to you if membership card Legion, The Auxiliary or The made a reserva-



at 6:00PM and is you have your 2013 from the American Legion American Legion SAL and you have tion for the evening.

The meal will be a choice between Turkey or Roast Beef and the fixings. Non-members and guests will be pay \$15.00 per person for the meal.



**From The Service Officer
Gunny Raines**

An organization called "Veterans Affairs Services" [VAS] is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on Veterans. They **ARE NOT** affiliated with the VA or the government. The VA doesn't call Veterans nor ask for info like your SSAN. Please keep in mind the official VA Website ends with ".gov"

Vietnam Veterans are encouraged to file claims through a new VA Website www.fasttrack.va.gov

This past month I have been called to assist 5 Veterans with their claims. Do not forget; that is what I believe to be my primary job. Let me help you.



11 September, 2001 A Day to Remember

Resolution 30, approved on May 9, 2002 by The National Executive Committee affirmed its support and encourages members, Posts and Departments of The American Legion to honor the victims of 9-11.

As a free people, we must NEVER FORGET that the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, attacks on America did not die in vain.

We stand united as a Nation and are committed to wiping out terrorism and those who plot the murders of innocent civilians throughout the world.

The American Legion asks all Americans to honor the ultimate sacrifice of US military personnel who gave their lives on and after September 11 by contributing to the American Legacy Scholarship Fund, which provides a chance for an education to children of our fallen heroes.

We must remain committed to supporting the young men and women of our armed forces who go in harm's way on our behalf. Write them, pray for them and thank God they serve America with honor, courage and commitment.

The men and women serving in the US military today in the war against terrorism are our Nation's newest Veterans.

Please take the time on 9-11 to remember those victims that their memories do not fade.



Butter Braids Sale

We are conducting a Butter Braids sale 27 August, through 10 September. Our delivery date is scheduled for 17 September.

The flavors are Caramel Rolls, Cherry, Apple, Blueberry Cream Cheese, Cinnamon, and Cream Cheese. All flavors are at a cost of \$12.00 per pastry.

If you would like to place an order or need information, please call Jackie Bowen at 719-574-1223 or email at jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com.



From the Chaplain Chet Dean

If you have an emergency, or are admitted to the hospital, admitted to a care facility, or need a Chaplain for any reason, you can call us directly.

Do not call the Post except as a last resort, as it may take longer to get to me or to Mike.

Please feel free to call the following numbers 24 hours a day, seven days a week if it is an emergency. If it is not an emergency you can call during normal hours.

Chaplain Chet Dean 719-244-2442
Assistant Chaplain Mike Stebick 719-351-2574

We Are Looking For a Publisher!

Are you creative, familiar with MS Publisher and interested in putting together *The Centennial* each month?

Do you have ideas that would improve our Newsletter and provide more information to members of the Legion family? Are you tired of seeing my mistakes every month and the same old way of doing things? It does not need to be a Legionnaire to take over the Newsletter; it can be any member.

If interested, we need you to step forward. You can take *The Centennial* to the next level. Call us!



Club Manager Art Kimbrel

Folks, you may be tired of seeing this plea, but every month we have people just show up at our dinners without first calling.

The problem with just showing is you take a chance of NOT getting the correct meal because we run out of food. If we have extra food, we'll gladly serve, but if we don't and you didn't RSVP, you may be served something else. We will not turn anyone away who is hungry.

We are trying to save the Post's money by ordering only what is needed for the meals. Please call in advance to ensure you will be served. RSVP's have priority!



Fundraising Ideas

We are looking for ideas to raise money for the Post. Ideas that have been presented recently to the Executive Committee include:

A Halloween Haunted House, Craft Fair, Raffles, Car Shows, and Motorcycle Shows. The Auxiliary is selling umbrellas, Butter Braids, shopping coupons, and putting together a cookbook (by the way, they are looking for everyone's favorite recipes).

For Post activities, the ideas presented are Pool tournament, and a Shuffleboard tournament.

Do you have any ideas? Please call 719-599-8624 or send an email to centennialtwozeronine@yahoo.com. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Returned Renewals or Correspondence?

Some of you may have gotten your renewals or other correspondence returned by the Post Office. Recently, we accidently allowed our PO Box renewal to expire. As a result they temporarily cut off our service.

We have gotten it resolved and our PO Box 25334, Colorado Spgs, Co 80936 remains the same. If this has caused you a hardship, we apologize.



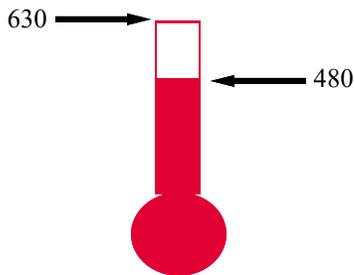
**From Senior Vice Commander
Mark Krzczowski
Larry Johnson**

Legionnaires, We are well on our way again this year to meeting our membership goal. According to the Adjutant we have already reached 76% .

This is truly outstanding, however we cannot stop now. Our Adjutant has charged us with meeting 100% membership goal by 31 December 2012. With your help, we can get another banner to hang along side the others we have earned throughout the years for hitting our membership goal by the end of the calendar year.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2013 and want to avoid those renewal notices, get your dues in by 5 September. That will give National time to process memberships before they send out the next batch of renewal notices slated for 1 October.

Let's break the thermometer!



**October Meeting
Guest Speakers**

This October will be 50 years since the Cuban Missile Crisis.

During our October monthly meeting, Past Commander Bill Marshall and other members of the Post who were serving during this period, and especially if they were involved in the Crisis, will be sharing their experiences and memories of that time.

Please mark the date on your calendar to join us at the meeting.

Also keep in mind there will be a breakfast starting at 9:00AM.

Hope to see you there.



**Scout Liaison
John Brown
Brown**

Are you are aware that Post 209 sponsors two Cub Packs? Pack 24 is located on the West side of town and has approximately 50 boys and Pack 386 meets at the Post home and has approximately 75 boys.

The Post is also now sponsoring a Venture Crew. Crew 1911 meets at the Post on the second Wednesday of the month. This Crew is involved with shooting and other shooting events including pistols, air rifles, shotguns, rifles and anything else that shoots.

Both of the Cub Packs take turns at helping with breakfast at the Post in order to provide service to their chartering organization.

At the General Membership meeting in September, Cub Pack 24 will be there helping at the breakfast and selling popcorn if it is available. If not, they will be taking orders.

AARP Safe Driving Classes

During the month of November, AARP is once again going to offer free driving classes to those who are 55 and older.

These classes are aimed at providing information on accident avoidance and other information to keep you safe. By successfully taking these classes, you can take your certificate to most Insurance companies and receive a discount on your insurance.

Romeo Biscaro, a member of our Post is a certified instructor and will be hosting the classes.

If you are a Veteran, even if you are not a member of the Post and want to participate, all you need to bring is your DD Form 214 or your American Legion membership card. These classes are also open to your spouse.

If interested, please call Romeo at 719-574-2179. He will provide you more information and the date and time for the classes.

We hope everyone qualified will take advantage of this great opportunity.



Labor Day

Labor Day is an annual celebration of workers and their accomplishments. Interestingly, it originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters.

On 5 September, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid leave to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first Labor Day parade in US history.

Labor Day became a Federal holiday in 1894. Laborers who chose to participate in parades had to forfeit a day's wages.

Today, Labor Day is celebrated in cities and towns across the US with parades, picnics, barbecues, sometimes with fireworks and other public demonstrations. For many Americans, particularly children and young adults, it represents the end of summer and the start of the back-to-school season.

We hope that over the Labor day weekend everyone will be safe.

Have a great Labor Day weekend!



**Immediate Past Commander
Bill Marshall
Honor Guard**

The following is an email excerpt from Carolyn Boller.

“Since my last email regarding the signing by President Obama of the legislation on Camp LeJeune and the Department of Veterans Affairs, I contacted the VA regarding the list of illnesses and the application to family members and here is the response:

‘Just to be clear, Veterans should have no problem getting established in the system (see below). It is family members who we can't take now because of the law regarding approps and the need for us to publish regs. My colleagues will check with VHA to see if there is any guidance regarding anything for family members to do at the moment.’

The list of conditions is as follows:

- (i) Esophageal cancer.
- (ii) Lung cancer.
- (iii) Breast cancer.
- (iv) Bladder cancer.
- (v) Kidney cancer.
- (vi) Leukemia.
- (vii) Multiple myeloma.
- (viii) Myleodysplasic syndromes.
- (ix) Renal toxicity.
- (x) Hepatic steatosis.
- (xi) Female infertility.
- (xii) Miscarriage.
- (xiii) Scleroderma.
- (xiv) Neurobehavioral effects.
- (xv) Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

As we receive information, we will be glad to forward to you. I realize that not all of our Veterans were at Camp LeJeune but you may have friends or family members who served during the timeframe and are not aware of the issue. Please feel free to pass along the information.”

Carolyn Boller | Sr. Caseworker & State Veterans Outreach | U.S. Senator Mark E. Udall | (303) 650-7820 | carolyn_boller@markudall.senate.gov



**From the Adjutant
Larry Johnson**

Many things are happening within your Post and I hope that at some time everyone will come to know what we are doing.

A couple of questions were recently asked and I am going to try to answer them. The questions were, “What is there to do?” and “When is the Post open?”

My focus when I am at the Post from 4 to 6 PM has usually been membership. The questions that were asked has led me to change my focus. We have a pool table and a full Shuffleboard upstairs as well as a couple of poker tables. We have the large screen projector in the main room, which is capable of showing movies or the various sporting events offered by our cable network. I would like you to visit and talk with me or enjoy the amenities. If there is something you would like, stop by and tell me.

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2	3	4	5	6 Post Exec 6:30 PM	7 Hamdogger 6:30 PM	8 Breakfast 9:00 AM Meetings 10:00 AM SAL Meeting 12:00 PM
9 Benefit Car Show 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	10 Pampered Chef 6:00 PM	11 Cub Pack Mtg 9/11 Remembrance (2001)	12 Cub Pack Mtg	13 Post Rented 6:30 PM	14	15 Post Rented All Patients Day Pueblo Nursing home 9:00 AM
16	17 <u>AF Birthday Dinner</u> 6:30 PM	18	19	20	21 Steak Night 6:30 PM	22 Post Rented
23	24	25	26	27 Post Rented	28 Fish Fry 6:30 PM	29 Post Rented
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