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"A LITTLE POST GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS"

OCTOBER 1992

Imagine approximately five hundred volunteers from all sections of the state arriving at Fort Lyon on September 12 to put on an All-Patients Day celebration, a most exciting day. Nine Legionnaires and six Auxiliary members met at the Post, had coffee and doughnuts and boarded a bus bound for the Fort Lyon Veterans Center. After registration, we entered the parade grounds past the Avenue of Flags...a beautiful display donated in memory of loved ones. Volunteers brought approximately 382 patients to the grounds for lunch prepared by the Center, barbecued beef, baked potatoes, corn on the cob...delicious. Country music provided entertainment during lunch and a release of balloons signified the beginning of afternoon festivities. Booths were manned by Posts and Auxiliaries of The American Legion, VFW, DAV, TREA, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Cooties, Trench Rats, 40 & 8, Eagles, Elks, Lions and Boy Scouts. Booths provided free snow cones, watermelon, sodas, popcorn and cotton candy; featured ring toss, basketball toss, fish pond, a dunking booth and our own penny pitch booth. Everyone was a winner...prizes furnished by Post 209 were underwear, t-shirts and socks; the Auxiliary distributed canteen booklets in the wards to those patients unable to be down on the grounds. Volunteers pushed wheelchairs so Veterans could sample, participate and thoroughly enjoy their day. If they could throw a ball, they lined up at the dunking booth hoping to dunk the sweet young things in their wet t-shirts. An ice cream social and game carts were taken inside. At 4:00, the flags were retrieved and volunteers went to the Tomlins residence, a mile down the road, for a barbecue. Mr. and Mrs. Tomlin provided this picnic for many years and now Mrs. Tomlin, a delightful lady, continues it. Post and Unit 209 members climbed aboard their bus and returned home after the picnic but many volunteers stayed for a patient/volunteer dance. In all, a most rewarding day...the excitement and joy seen on the faces of patients made the effort worthwhile. The date of the next All-Patients Day is September 11, 1993. Mark your calendar and try it yourself next year.

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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
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HISTORIAN	NEDRA MARKETTO
CHAPLAIN	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
SGT-AT-ARMS	COLLETTE PRICE

DUES \$12.00

MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 p.m.

POTLUCK DINNER - 6:00 p.m.

EDITORS

DOROTHY DASSERO
LARRY JOHNSON

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

(Ed. Note: Reprinted by permission of Commander Floyd Bufkin)

Election Day, 1992, is fast approaching and this year, there are a number of very important issues on the ballot. Of course, we will also be selecting our nation's leaders for the next four years.

We, as veterans, understand how important it is to vote. We served our country in order to protect this right, our most precious. Only through exercise of this right can we insure the continued democratic progress of our great nation. However, with this right comes an obligation, and that obligation is to study the issues and candidates so that you may cast your vote in a meaningful way.

I urge all of you to be registered to vote, to study the candidates and issues and to cast your vote for those candidates and issues you decide are best for our nation and way of life.

See you at the polls!

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS
Ann Foster

Our membership drive is coming along in excellent fashion at this point, thanks to the number of new members signed up. Our 50% goal of 204 members for 15 October has already been met and exceeded. As of the writing of this article, we have 232 members. However, we cannot let up if we want to meet our future goals. Department Commander Joe Ross would like to see each post at 100% by the end of the year. Just lately, our renewals and submissions of new members have really slowed down. Out of 476 renewal cards given to us, we have only had 159 members renew. If we could have our renewals pick up considerably between now and the end of the year, it would allow us to really make a dent in our goals, as well as enable us to better accomplish the many fine and worthwhile programs of The American Legion. So - don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today - SEND IN YOUR RENEWALS NOW AND SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER ALSO!! REMEMBER, EVERYONE ON ACTIVE DUTY RIGHT NOW IS ELIGIBLE!!

There will be an initiation of new members, or any member who has not been initiated, at the 15 October General Membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. However, we must know the names of those members desiring to be initiated by 14 October as we have certain preparations to be done before the ceremony. Please let us know your intentions by calling the Post at 591-1952 or 591-2272, by stopping at the Post to leave your name, or by dropping us a note in the mail.

Veteran's Day - we have learned that there will not be a parade this year. However, a ceremony is being planned to take place in Memorial Park at the Veteran's Memorial at 11:00 a.m. that day.

June Thomas will be the Master of Ceremonies and we hope to have more specific information in our next newsletter.

Last month, I mentioned that June and I would be attending a regional Leadership Workshop in Las Vegas. I am now happy to report that we successfully accomplished this. As a first time attendee, I was excited to have this opportunity to add to my knowledge of The American Legion.

I learned through the General Opening Session that The American Legion is responding to the needs of its family members devastated by Hurricanes Andrew and Iniki through the National Emergency Fund. Nearly \$30,000 was donated by attendees at the National Convention. Our Legion families in these areas have already received \$150,000 of items they need. But, we must replenish this fund in order to continue to help our fellow veterans' families who still require our assistance. At our Workshop, \$6,645.00 was donated/pledged and hopefully there will be more to come.

We also learned that our newly elected National Commander Roger Munson has several areas of concern for the coming year. But, there are three that are high on his list. They are Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security and Membership. Commander Munson says that we cannot stand still; we must move forward and meet the challenges.

On Saturday, the workshop was broken down into various sessions, such as Americanism, Children and Youth, Membership, Auxiliary Programs, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation and Public Relations. June and I attended the Membership session. This was an all day presentation. We learned many new ideas about market

analysis, sales techniques, new member acquisition, retention, listening skills and creative problem solving. We were shown two excellent videos. Our very own June is a star in one of them. I was able to get a copy of that one to use here in our Post. The other video contained some excellent techniques on how to go out and get the job done selling ourselves.

Sunday morning was devoted to a Memorial Service and to an outstanding motivational presentation by Charles Tyrian from the Department of Washington. If you want to know more about how to become a rhinoceros that takes charge of your life, come and see June or me. Also, if you would like to know more about the workshop or help us with Membership, please let me know.

RAFFLE - RAFFLE - RAFFLE - RAFFLE
HARRY JOHNSON

The Carnival Cruise raffle winner and wife/husband/friend will depart from Miami on January 11, 1993 for a fun-filled all expense-paid adventure to the Bahamas, with Ports of Call at Freeport, Nassau and a private island owned by Carnival.

Nassau is an international city, surrounded by beautiful beaches, with its famous straw market and the Crystal Palace resort, a 30,000 square foot casino, the largest in the Caribbean.

Freeport is a beautiful island with lush lagoons and homespun hospitality, with six of the best golf courses in the tropics and many beautiful white beaches.

While on board the fantasy ship, enjoy entrees such as Beef Wellington, Duck L'Orange or succulent steak; for dessert, baked Alaska, chocolate mousse or perhaps

a freshly baked pastry. From early morning to midnight, enjoy as many choices as you have whims.

Your donation for the new post home entitles you to a chance to win. Chances are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00. Be sure you don't miss out! Mail your stubs and check today.

CLUB NEWS FROM BOB MORRIS

Just a reminder to all members about our Sunday breakfast served between 9:00 and 12:00 noon. Since we started serving Sunday breakfast on August 16th, we have developed a loyal following of members and their guests who enjoy this special club offering.

The menu consists of two eggs to order, bacon or sausage, hash browns and toast - \$2.25; ham and cheese omelette with hash browns and toast - \$2.50; Western or Southwestern omelette with hash browns and toast or tortillas - \$2.75; French toast with bacon or sausage and hash browns - \$2.25; and biscuits/gravy with hash browns - \$2.50.

Why not come out and enjoy Sunday breakfast with your fellow members?

The Fall Conference, sponsored by Department Officers, was a very successful one. Announcements were made of upcoming events such as a leadership meeting at the Radisson Hotel, I-25 & Arapahoe Rd in Denver on November 6, 7 and 8. 150 rooms are blocked off for both Legion and Auxiliary so reservations should be turned in early.

The Mid-year Conference will be held at Raintree Inn in Longmont on January 29, 30 and 31. Further information will be available through the Department newsletter

AUXILIARY NEWS

Six Auxiliary members went to Fort Lyon for Patient Activities Day. Our unit donated \$55.00 worth of canteen books, including a donation of \$5.00 by Lois Egnor. Thanks, Lois. Dot, Ruth and I went to some of the wards and gave books to patients unable to go outside for the games. Canteen books are used by the patients instead of money to buy candy, toothpaste, etc. Vi, Florence and Ireana helped at the Post's booth. No one loses and the patients are happy to win! We went by bus and stopped in Rocky Ford so those who wanted to could buy produce. After the booths were cleared away, we all went for hamburgers at the Tomlin's. Commander Buffkin won a clock from a raffle drawing - proceeds went to the hospital. We boarded the bus again, along with seven Legionnaires, and came home, tired and hot, but feeling we helped make a little happiness and fun for some of our Veterans.

It is time to renew your membership. Send your check today.

Don't forget the Gong Show/Costume Party sponsored by the Auxiliary, October 31. Cost is \$3.00 per person. Come join the fun. Register your act with Lois at the bar.

Remember:

October 7, Executive Meeting - for officers and chairmen

October 15, regular meeting and initiation for any members who have not been previously initiated. District Officers will be visiting. Please come and join us for potluck dinner at 6:00 P.M. Bring dessert or salad. Meeting is at 7:00 P.M.

October 31. Gong Show/Hallowe'en/Costume Party and dance. Cost is

\$3.00 and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Make your reservations now at the bar or by phone. We will have a special Master of Ceremonies and some very special entertainment for you. Hope to see you!

BARBARA JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

MEMBERSHIP - DOT DASSERO

Our membership currently sits at about 40%. We would like to meet the goals set by Department, including the increase in membership goal set. We must meet a total of 89 this year and for this, we need each of you to send in your renewal and sponsor new members into our organization. The Post has 476 members and surely many of them have wives, daughters and granddaughters who belong in the Auxiliary. There are benefits to membership, such as free accident insurance and other low cost insurance, an Auxiliary-sponsored credit card, entre to the post for delicious lunches and just the fun of being part of the group.

President Barbara needs the cooperation of members to take chairmanships and we need you to work with us on the various programs of the Auxiliary. We all have talents to offer to our organization and some time to give to it. Come on in for the potluck supper on meeting night and stay for the meeting. The initiation ceremony is a most impressive one and will inform you on our goals. We need you!

8 & 40 meets October 19 at Centennial Post 209. Potluck supper. Departemental Chapeau Inez Nelson has been invited to make her official visitation. Partners will be called with the info.

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September 27 - November 7

CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sept 27 1:00 PM DIST 7 FALL CONFERENCE POST 209 SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT THE POST HOME	Sept 28	Sept 29	Sept 30	Oct 1	Oct 2 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	Oct 3
Oct 4 SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT THE POST HOME	Oct 5	Oct 6 7:00 PM MOMS MEETING	Oct 7 7:00 PM EXEC MTG	Oct 8	Oct 9 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	Oct 10
Oct 11 SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT THE POST HOME	Oct 12 8:00 PM 40/8 PROMENADE POST 5	Oct 13	Oct 14 7:00 PM GUN CLUB	Oct 15 7:00 PM GEN MBR'S MEETING & DIST VISIT 7:00 PM INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS	Oct 16 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	Oct 17 9:00 AM WAC'S MEETING
Oct 18 SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT THE POST HOME	Oct 19 6:00 PM 8 & 40 MEETING Potluck	Oct 20 7:00 PM MOMS MEETING	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	Oct 24
Oct 25 SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT THE POST HOME	Oct 26	Oct 27 7:00 PM GUN CLUB 7:30 PM AMVETS MEETING	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIRCLE	Oct 31 Gong Show, Halloween Costume Party, & Dance
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						DEPT PLANNING SESSION

POST OPENS 11:00 AM

9/29/1992