

THE AMERICAN LEGION – CENTENNIAL POST 209
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OCTOBER 2004 – NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 9, 2004 10:00 AM MEETING

Officers Comments

COMMANDER-Bill Marshall

National Convention

I was very fortunate to attend this year's National Convention in Nashville. I watched, listened and learned a lot about The American Legion, and Posts around the country. We are strong, and will continue to grow as we further our efforts for Veterans rights and support for our troops around the world. We have a new National Commander, Tom Cadmus, a hard-charging individual, who is carrying forward the programs that make us, The American Legion, the community organization we are known for. I look forward to working with him and all the newly elected National Officers. However, for me, the highlight of the Convention was to meet with Post 209 member, SSgt. Catherin Lammon, USAF, and her husband after she received her 2004 American Legion, Spirit of Service Award. She gave an outstanding acceptance speech and is a great credit to her family, community and the United States Air Force.

Property

On September 29, 2004, the Property Committee met with the developer to discuss requirements for the development of the property and the next steps in completing that development. At the ****NOVEMBER 13, 2004 General Membership**** meeting he will give an overview of the plan. I encourage ALL members to be present so we can move forward on this project.

Oratorical

The first meeting of the 2004-2005 Oratorical Contest will be held October 7, 2004 at Post 1, Denver. I will attend to get all the information we need to sponsor as many candidates as possible. I will have more information on this in the November Newsletter.

Veterans Day Parade

The parade is scheduled for **November 6, 2004**. We will be marching again this year with Post 5, and hopefully The Legion Riders. This will offer a consolidated American Legion presence. I would like to have as many participants as possible, and you can even ride in the trailer, if you like. We will have the Cub Scout Pack carrying the banner again this year. More details in the November Newsletter.

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JR. VICE COMMANDER – W. W. Bandler

For those who did not attend this month's General Membership Meeting, and as a reminder to those who did, we will be holding our Christmas Party as a luncheon on December 18, 2004 at the Country Buffet, 751 N. Academy, the Citadel Crossing, across Academy Blvd. from the Citadel Mall. The luncheon will go from 1300 to 1500, and we have a private room. The cost will be \$6.37, which includes everything. Tell the cashier you are with the American Legion. Plan to come and enjoy the luncheon and comradeship.

ADJUTANT - Ann Foster

Membership

The really good news is that we are now only three away from 70% of our goal of 285 for 2005. We are now at 197. We only need 88 to reach 100%. Last month I stated that we begin to slow down around this time. The bad news is that we actually have slowed, as we have not received any renewals and only one new member for about a week. I wish to remind you that we only get to keep \$7.50 of your dues at this level, so it is important to receive those funds now rather than later if we are to keep operating as a Post! If you have not renewed because you have not received a renewal notice in the mail, please remember you can pay your \$30.00 now without that notice! It would be very much appreciated! Additionally, we would like to encourage you to sign up one new member, as \$7.50 from their dues would be very helpful at this time. Acquiring several new members now it might help us delay asking for donations as we did last year. When we have the home, we will not have to rent office or storage space, and will not have to pay property taxes. We may be able to rent the hall for income, or hold garage sales, craft shows or dances if there is interest. The possibilities are great once we have our own home. However, we are not there, yet. Everyone has the ability to help us move forward now by paying your dues and signing up one new member. Please do what you can now.

Cub Pack 24

We were very pleased to have our Cubmaster John Godwin, his boys Zach and Caleb, Webelos Den Leader Michele Ferrier, and her boys David and Nicholas at our last General Meeting to tell us about the Pack and the upcoming Popcorn sale. The Boy Scout popcorn sale is every bit as important to them as selling Girl Scout cookies is to Girl Scouting. It allows the boys to do so much more with their Scouting, such as paying for day camp, and acquiring items from the Scout store for their projects. Since our Post does not have the funds to support this directly, we need your support on an individual basis. A copy of the items you may choose from and an order form are included in this newsletter. You only need to fill in your name, address, phone, and what you want to order. Please make out a check for the total amount to Cub Pack 24. Send the order form and check to the Post: The American Legion Post 209, PO Box 25334, Colorado Springs, CO 80936-5334. I will be acting as the point of contact for the Pack as the Organizational Representative. Please do what you can and send the order to arrive by **October 25th**. The orders and money have to be turned in on the 27th, so we need a day or two to finalize the process. I will arrange delivery with you after we receive the popcorn.

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Pocket Flag Project Pins

I am happy to report that I only have four more pins to sell for this very worthwhile project. This project is run by dedicated Legion Auxiliary members and Boy Scouts who make folded pocket flags for our military members serving overseas to carry in their uniform pockets as a reminder of our support for them. The money raised goes to obtain materials for future flags. The pins are only \$5.00, and you can wear them on the correct side of your Legion cap. Please help me finish my consignment order at the next meeting.

Post Records

A reminder, we need copies of your DD Form 214, or the form used before that shows your actual periods of service, or a copy of both sides of your ID card for active duty members

Many of you know that there is a requirement for The American Legion Posts to be able to show the IRS that its members actually qualify to belong to this wartime era organization chartered by Congress. You also know that the only way we can do this is by maintaining a copy of the above documents listed in our files for you. You also need to know that the information we maintain is never provided to anyone that does not have a valid need to know it such as the IRS. They may come to inspect us at any time and have done so once during my time as Adjutant. They used to require a 75% success rate for this proof, but that has now changed to 90%. The good news is that would be 120 of our 285 members have provided this documentation. The bad news is that figure is just shy of 42% of our members. We will have in serious problems if we are inspected again any time soon! First, I would like to request that you send us your documentation, if you have not already done so, and second, I would like to ask that you make this a priority in your busy schedule, if that will help to get this accomplished. Third, I can help you with this if you only have one copy. I will offer to come to your home, pick up your paperwork, bring it to the Post to copy, and then return it to you. You may also send me your copy with the request that I return it after I have made the copy for your file here. If you do not have any copy, then please let me know, so we can help you obtain a copy from the National Personnel Records Center. The last thing I want you to know about this documentation is how important it is to you and your family, besides what it does for the Post. As an example, you cannot be buried in a VA or State Veterans cemetery without this document, because it proves your veteran status. Also, either you or members of your family need this document for the receipt of veteran benefits that either you or they may need to apply for. So, please help both the Post and your family by insuring that we both have copies of this very important document showing your service.

Sgt-At-Arms - Robert Rydell

From time to time we will provide you with tidbits of information that will help you to be a more effective representative of The American Legion. This month's tidbit concerns your Legion cap. You may wear consecutive membership insignia, membership stars, and decorations (authorized American Legion or military services) and insignia attached to the right side of the cap only. The left side is reserved for The American Legion emblem and the lettering as prescribed in the Officer's Guide and Manual for Ceremonies.

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Programs Supported by Post 209

- Service to Veterans
- Veterans Day Parade
- Boy's State
- Crawford House for Homeless Veterans
- Stand-Down for Homeless Veterans
- Pikes Peak Veterans Council
- Scouting
- Jr. ROTC
- Jr. Shooting Program
- Oratorical Contest

Coming Events

9 October – Post Meeting & District Visitation, TREA, 10 a.m.

2004-2005 Ad Hoc Committees

Constitution and Bylaws – Neal Thomas, 719-392-1510

Property Inventory

-Office – Ann Foster, 719-599-8624

-Storage Unit – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344

Auxiliary Liaison – Bill Marshall, 719-495-0088

Sons of the American Legion – Larry Johnson, 719-622-0344

2004-2005 Board of Trustees

Chairman – Neal Thomas

Secretary – Alton Cyriaque

Finance Officer – Norm Moyer

Commander – Bill Marshall

Member (3yr) – Alton Cyriaque

Member (3yr) – Chuck Zeitvogel

Member (2yr) – Ann Foster

Member (1yr) – Neal Thomas

Member (1yr) – Larry Johnson.

2004-2005 Meetings

Post Executive Committee meets 1st

Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin

Bluffs Pkwy., Ste. 104, at 6:00 p.m.

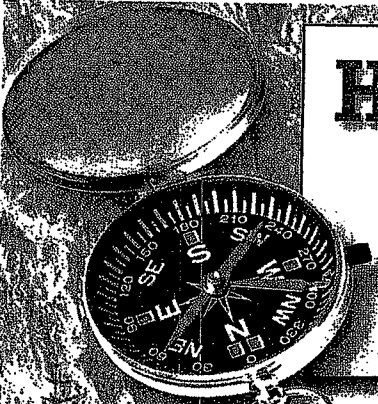
Board of Trustees meets 1st Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Ste. 104 immediately following Post Executive Committee Meeting.

2004-2005 Post 209 Officers/Executive Committee	
Commander	Bill Marshall
Sr. Vice Commander	Greg Andries
Jr. Vice Commander	W.W. Bandler
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Norm Moyer
Historian	Penny Marshall
Sergeant-at-Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Mario Taracena
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Tom Morant
Post Ex. Committeeman	Neal Thomas
Past Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
2004-2005 Auxiliary Unit	
President	Dot Dassero
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Open
Sergeant-at-Arms	Open

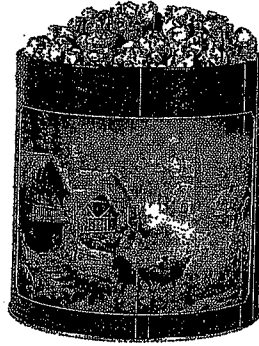
Calendars

October 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 Ex. Comm./Bd of Trustees Mtg	7	8	9Gen. Mbr meeting, Dis Visitation, TREA 1000
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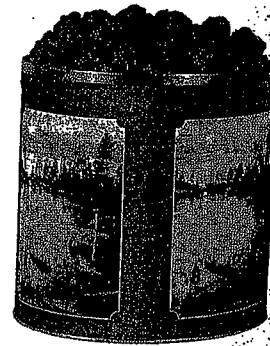
Help Tomorrow's Leaders Find Their Way... Support Scouting.



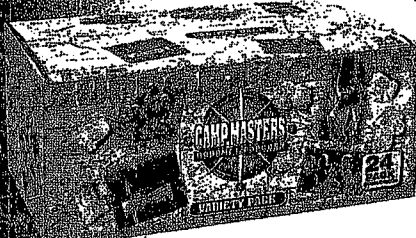
3-Way Tin:
Butter Toffee,
Chocolatey Caramel,
Supreme Caramel
with Almonds and Pecans



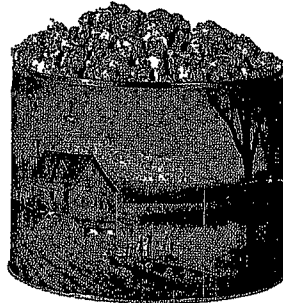
**28 oz. Supreme Caramel
with Almonds
and Pecans**



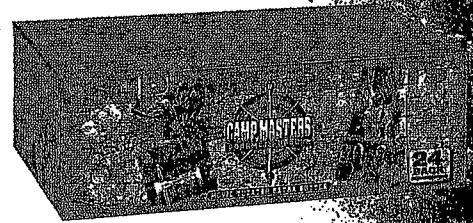
**24 oz. Chocolatey Covered
Caramel Corn**



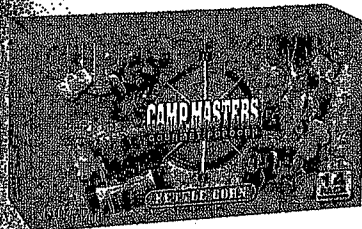
**24 Pack
Movie Theater Extra Butter
Microwave Popcorn**



**10 oz.
Caramel Corn**



**24 Pack Variety Pack
Microwave Popcorn**



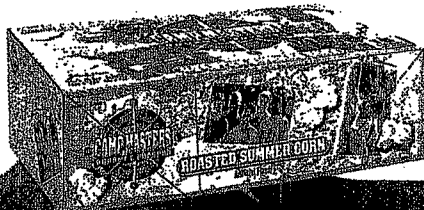
**14 Pack Kettle Corn
Microwave Popcorn**



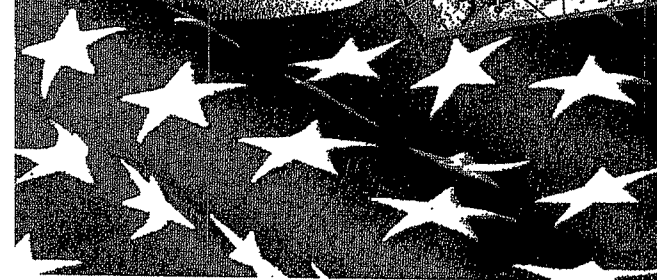
**15 Pack
94% Fat Free Butter
Microwave Popcorn**



**3 Lb.
Popping Pail**













**15 Pack
Roasted Summer Corn
Microwave Popcorn**



SALES BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 24TH

Support Scouting ... And Enjoy These Great Popcorn Treats!

-  **40 oz. 3-Way Premium Tin**
20 oz. Chocolatey Caramel, 10 oz. Butter Toffee, 10 oz. Supreme Caramel with Almonds and Pecans.
-  **24 Variety Pack Microwave Popcorn**
A pack that's bursting with flavor. White Cheddar Cheese, Kettle Corn, Movie Theater Extra Butter, Fat Free Butter. 24-3.0 oz. bags.
-  **24 Pack Movie Theater Extra Butter Microwave Popcorn**
Popcorn perfectly seasoned with Extra Buttery Flavor just like the movie theaters. 24-3.0 oz. bags.
-  **28 oz. Supreme Caramel with Almonds and Pecans**
Delight your taste buds with the buttery sweet taste of caramel corn with almonds and pecans. Enough for the whole family to enjoy inside this decorative collectible tin.
-  **24 oz. Chocolatey Covered Caramel Corn**
Delicious caramel corn liberally covered with rich chocolatey flavor. Kept fresh-tasting in a decorative collectible tin.

-  **14 Pack Kettle Corn Microwave Popcorn**
A sweet old fashioned kettle corn taste like the popcorn once prepared in black kettles at fairs and other social events. 14-3.0 oz. bags.
-  **15 Pack Roasted Summer Corn Microwave Popcorn**
A buttery taste that reminds you of fresh corn on the cob. 15-3.0 oz. bags.
-  **15 Pack 94% Fat Free Butter Microwave Popcorn**
Tasty 94% fat free butter flavor fills each bag. A great-tasting value! 15-3.0 oz. bags. And it's Trans-Fat Free!
-  **10 oz. Caramel Corn**
The mouth-watering taste of this wonderful caramel corn treat is kept fresh inside its decorative tin.
-  **3 lb. Popping Pall**
3 pounds of our original gourmet popping corn ready to pop and sprinkle with your favorite flavorings.

Scout Name _____
 Phone 447-0733 Unit # 24
 Prize Selection _____



Name	Address and Phone	♥	▲	●	★	✦	✧	∞	☾	☼	Amount Due	Paid (✓)	Del. (✓)
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