



Centennial Post 209

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NEWSLETTER

POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Meets on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of each month at 7:00 PM. at the Post Home 1337 North Academy Boulevard. This meeting is open to all who would like to attend.

POST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Meets on the **THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.** AT 7:00 PM at the Post Home 1337 North Academy Boulevard.

OFFICERS

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FROM THE COMMANDER:

The Preamble to the American Legion Constitution reads as follows;

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY;

WE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES;

TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES:

TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER:

TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT AMERICANISM:

TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATION IN THE GREAT WARS:

TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION:

TO COMBAT THE AUTOCRACY OF BOTH THE CLASSES AND THE MASSES:

TO MAKE RIGHT THE MASTER OF MIGHT:

TO PROMOTE PEACE AND GOOD-WILL ON EARTH:

TO SAFEGUARD AND TRANSMIT TO POSTERITY THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY:

TO CONSECRATE AND SANCTIFY OUR COMRADESHIP BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULNESS.

I believe that the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution clearly states the purposes of the American Legion and what we were formed for.

Coming up in November, is one of the reasons that we were formed " TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATION IN THE GREAT WARS" .

We will be doing this on the 11th of November when the Veterans of our great wars will once again parade down Tejon Street. This is in conjunction with the ceremonies that will be conducted at Memorial Park at the "ROCK" which will commence at 11:00 AM. I know that each of us remembers someone that we were especially close to and sharing their dreams and our dreams for the future. I urge everyone to pay homage to those Veterans and fellow comrades that are not here with us to remember the ones that have fought so bravely in order to preserve the FREEDOM of our great Nation. And to remember the sacrifices that each of us have given so freely off so that we could pass on the memories and incidents that we remember.

In conjunction with the Parade and the Ceremonies at the Rock the Post will be hosting an Open House that afternoon from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. We will be sponsoring happy hour prices and \$.10 hotdogs for the Open House. I urge those that have not seen the Post Home since we moved in to come down and do so. In addition, you will be able to meet other members of the Post.

Another activity that is coming up in November is THANKSGIVING, as we celebrate this founding of friendship I ask that everyone take a moment and give thanks for the FREEDOM that we as Americans enjoy and during this moment of thanks please remember those that are not able to be with us and ask that those families that have sacrificed so much that they are given so good during the festive season.

I hope that all of the Members, Legionnaires and Auxiliary Members, as well their families, have a very wonderful and safe Thanksgiving and I hope to see all of you at the next get together on 16 November 1989.

I have ask the Post to sponsor a few get togethers for the Holiday Season and have set the following dates;

1 DECEMBER--- CHRISTMAS DECORATING PARTY: This will start as 1:00 PM. I ask that everyone who is going to come to the decorating party to please bring a plate of snacks for the party. NOTE: Children are welcome at this party to help decorate the Post Home.

16 DECEMBER -- Is the Annual Post Christmas Party. Start time is 6:30 to 7:00 PM and I am hoping to have a Band for a dance.

31 DECEMBER -- Is the First New Years Eve Party that the Post will host. I do not have the particulars as of yet but I will have them for the Next Newsletter, Make plans to attend this gala event and bring in the New Year right.

SOMETHING NEW:

For the November and December General Membership Meeting I have asked permission to host a dinner on 16 November and 21 December. For the November meeting I am having some Chili cooked up and will start serving at about 6:15 PM and will continue to serve until it is gone or the meeting starts at 7:00 PM. In addition, I have asked that Happy Hour be extended until the meeting starts.

On 21 December 1989, I am looking into having a Spagetti dinner that will be served during the same time as I listed Above.

Both of these meal will be free to the Members of Centennial Post 209.

I Hope to see you at this dinner and meeting.

ARMCHAIR COACHES:

For those armchair coaches who just can't seem to see the game in the perspective that it should be. The Post has obtained a Large Screen TV that is available for use during all major sporting events. I would like to ask those who would like to see the games from a new perspective to come on down to the Post Home and view the games on the Large Screen. There will be specials during the games.

BINGO:

Our Bingo/Fund raising activity is going very well. On 13 October 1989, we set a new record for Bingo players. We had 211 Players which surpasses our old record of 201 that was set during the holidays last year. I would like to thank those workers that have come out in support of the New Bingo Chairman.

EARLY BIRD:

This years Early Bird is drawing to an end. Those of you who would like to be known as Early Birds have until 15 November 1989 to get those dues in. The dues are only \$ 20.00 for a year and they do so much in support of Veterans programs and lobbying for our declining benefits. Renew now and get the Early Bird Stamp on your dues card.

DESECRATION OF THE FLAG



IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS WE HAVE HEARD MUCH ABOUT THE AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE THE DESECRATION OF THE FLAG A CRIME.

THE FLAG IS A SYMBOL OF FREEDOM THAT IS RECOGNIZED THE WORLD OVER. THERE ARE MANY AMERICANS, NOT ONLY SOLDIERS, BUT CIVILIANS ALSO, THAT TAKE THE DESECRATION OF OUR FLAG AS A PERSONAL INSULT AND AS A RESULT HAVE LOBBIED CONGRESS QUITE EXTENSIVELY TOWARDS GETTING THIS AMENDMENT PASSED.

MR CONNELLY TOOK THIS A STEP FURTHER HE PRODUCED THIS DRAWING THAT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE FORT CARSON MOUNTAINEER, ON OCTOBER THE 6TH. MR CONNELLY DECIDED TO PUT HIS THOUGHTS DOWN ON PAPER IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT TO BAN THE DESECRATION OF OUR FLAG.

JUST AS THE PICTURE DEPICTS, MANY AMERICANS HAVE GIVEN FREELY OF THEIR LIVES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE SYMBOL OF FREEDOM, OUR FLAG.

I ASK THAT EVERYONE PLEASE CALL OUR SENATORS, CONGRESSMAN AND LET THEM KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS DESECRATION OF OUR FLAG.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

HI LADIES:

WE HAD A VERY GOOD MEETING FOR THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON 19 OCTOBER. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO ATTENDED AND WILL LOOK FORWARD TO SEE ALL OF YOU NEXT MONTHS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON 16 NOVEMBER 1989. SEE YOU THERE! !

COMING UP THE NEXT TWO MONTHS WE WILL BE VERY BUSY. TO START IT OFF ON THE 11TH OF NOVEMBER 1989 THERE WILL BE A PARADE DOWN TEJON STREET IN COLORADO SPRINGS, WHICH YOU COMMENCE APPROXIMATELY AT 9:00 AM. COME DOWN AND WATCH US. IN ADDITION, TO THE PARADE, CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD AT MEMORIAL PARK AT THE "ROCK" IN REMEMBRANCE OF VETERANS DAY. LASTLY, THE POST IS GOING TO HOST A OPEN HOUSE AND ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL BE INVITED TO COME DOWN AND TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT WE DO AND OUR POST HOME. OPEN HOUSE WILL BE FROM 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM AND WE WILL BE SERVING .10 CENT HOTDOGS AND DRINKS WILL BE AT HAPPY HOUR PRICES.

16 NOVEMBER 1989 WILL BE OUR NEXT MEETING WHICH WILL COMMENCE AT 7:00 PM. I HOPE TO SEE EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU AT THIS MEETING.

23 NOVEMBER 1989, IS OF COURSE THANKSGIVING DAY. DURING THIS FESTIVE OCCASSION I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND I MIGHT ADD I HOPE IT IS A ABSOLUTE SAFE ONE.

2 DECEMBER 1989, AT 1:00 PM, THE AMERICAN LEGION WILL BE HOSTING ITS SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE AND POST DECORATING PARTY. EVERYONE IS MORE THAN WELCOME TO COME DOWN AND PARTICIPATE IN MAKING OUR POST LOOK FESTIVE FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON. THIS WILL START AT 1:00 PM AND THE POST IS ASKING THE LADIES TO BRING IN SNACKS OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT FOR THE PARTY.

16 DECEMBER 1989, IS THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, THE AMERICAN LEGION WILL BE SUPPLYING THE MEAT DISHES AND A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS BUT WE ARE ASKED TO BRING SOME SIDE DISHES. THE PARTY WILL START AT 7:00 PM AND WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE SOME LIVE ENTERTAINMENT THAT EVENING FOR EVERYONES ENJOYMENT.

21 DECEMBER WILL BE THE CHRISTMAS MEETING AT 7:00 PM. I AGAIN HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE DURING THIS MEETING.

25 DECEMBER 1989, IS CHRISTMAS DAY.

31 DECEMBER 1989, WILL THE 1ST ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AT THE POST. DETAILS ARE STILL IN THE MAKING, BUT MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE NEW YEARS' EVE PARTY 31 DECEMBER. IT WILL START ABOUT 7:00 PM.

AGAIN I HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON 16 NOVEMBER 1989 AT 7:00 PM. COME DOWN AND MEET EVERYONE AND BRING YOUR IDEAS, WE CAN USE THEM.

MARGERY JOHNSON
PRESIDENT

NOVEMBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1989

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WATCH THE GAMES ON THE BIG SCREEN T.V. DOWN AT THE POST. SPECIALS EACH WEEK	HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	DARTS 7:00 PM HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	Post Exec Meeting 7 P.M. HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	BINGO REA 6:30PM DEPARTMENT MID HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	YEAR CONFERENCE HILTON SOUTH DENVER. ORCHARD ROAD AND I-25
DENVER VS PITTSBURG 2:00 PM CLUB OPEN 10 AM	HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	DARTS 7:00 PM HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	BINGO REA 6:30PM HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	VETERANS DAY 11 PARADE 9 AM Ceremonies at the Rock 11 AM OPEN HOUSE 1-4 HAPPY HOUR PRICES 10 cent HOTDOGS
DENVER VS KANSAS CITY CHIEFS 11 AM CLUB OPENS 10 AM	HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	DARTS 7:00 PM HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	FREE CHILI DINNER 6-7 PM General Meeting 7:00 PM HAPPY HOUR 4-7 PM	BINGO REA 6:30PM HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	
DENVER VS WASHINGTON 7:00 PM Club opens 4 PM HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	DARTS 7:00 PM HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	THANKS-GIVING DAY	BINGO REA 6:30PM HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	
DENVER VS SEATTLE SEAHAWKS 2 PM Club Opens 10 AM	HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	DARTS 7:00 PM HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	BINGO REA 6:30PM HAPPY HOUR 4-6 PM	