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"A LITTLE POST GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS"

NOVEMBER 1992

COMMANDER FLOYD BUFKIN

The recent events surrounding the POW/MIA issue have been much in the news lately. Many veterans and veterans' organizations have been demanding a full accounting of our missing military personnel from the Vietnam war for years. It is because of the constant pressure on our government to be forthcoming with the facts that we have finally reached a point where the Vietnamese are going to provide us with documents from their extensive archives which will answer the questions of the many families who have waited so long.

Again, your membership in The American Legion has supported a gallant effort by our Legion staff in Washington, and the efforts of other veteran organizations, in helping our nation take an important step toward final resolution of this matter.

However, the matter is far from being completely resolved. There has been no progress in accounting for the many of our military personnel lost in Laos and Cambodia or in other wars. We must keep pressure on those in our government to continue to pursue this matter.

Write to your congressmen; let them know that we are not satisfied yet. President Bush has stated that "This closes the chapter" on this issue. **IT DOES NOT!!!** The chapter cannot be closed until ALL of our missing servicemen are accounted for as much as is humanly possible.

POST OFFICERS

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| COMMANDER | FLOYD BUFKIN |
| SR VICE COMMANDER | AL CYRIAQUE |
| JR VICE COMMANDER | GEORGE CARNES |
| ADJUTANT | ANN FOSTER |
| FINANCE OFFICER | HARRY JOHNSON |
| HISTORIAN | |
| SGT-AT-ARMS | AL LENDER |
| CHAPLAIN | TOM HABAN |
| JUDGE ADVOCATE | LARRY JOHNSON |
| SERVICE OFFICER | TED RIDDLE |
| EXEC COMMITTEEMAN | NEAL THOMAS |

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

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| PRESIDENT | BARBARA JOHNSON |
| 1ST VICE PRESIDENT | DOROTHY DASSERO |
| 2ND VICE PRESIDENT | LOIS EGNOR |
| SECRETARY | NANCY HART |
| CORR SECRETARY | ALICE HART |
| TREASURER | IREANA CAMPBELL |
| 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

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS *Ann Foster*

I am very happy to report that we now have reached 70% goal for membership. In order to be 100% by the end of December, we only need an additional 122 members. We have 255 who have yet to renew so I know we can do this if members will just send in their renewals. Let's show the rest of the Department of Colorado that we really are "The Little Post Going Places and Doing Big Things."

On October 14, 1992, we initiated a new member, Vivian Bloxsom. I am always moved by this ceremony as it is a very meaningful reminder of the importance of our membership in The American Legion. The next date for this ceremony will probably be in April. Please give some thought to taking part in it if you have not already done so.

The Program Planning Workshop for the Department of Colorado is coming up 6-8 November 1992 at the Denver Radisson at I-25 and Arapahoe Road. Our National Commander, Roger Munson, will be speaking Friday evening. Past

National Commander Bob Turner will be the banquet speaker on Saturday night. If you need additional information, call me at 591-1952, generally between 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

The Veteran's Day Ceremony this year will be at Memorial Park at 11:00 A.M. Our own June Thomas, (Department Senior Vice Commander) will be the Master of Ceremonies. The theme for this year is "Salute to Women Veterans." Colonel Hedy C. Pinkerton, Deputy Chief of Staff for Morale, Welfare, Recreation and Services, Air Force Command, Peterson AFB, will be guest speaker. There will be various units from the military as well as all of the veteran organizations in the Pikes Peak Region. Please plan on attending to honor our fellow veterans.

Our next meetings at the Post will be 4 November for the Executive Committee and 19 November for the general membership.

The Bingo Committee could really use some help. Since Bingo is the major source of our funds at this time, it is very important to have sufficient help on Friday evenings at The Retired Enlisted Association Building (TREA) when it is our turn to have Bingo. If you can possibly help at any time of the month, please call Bloyd Bufkin at 591-5331 or Bill Pifer at 391-9807 in the evenings. Please consider doing what you can to help as we very much need to increase our revenue from Bingo if we are going to build our new Post Home.

RAFFLE - RAFFLE - RAFFLE - RAFFLE
HARRY JOHNSON

You have approximately 30 days to get your chance to win the trip to the Bahamas. Your tax deductible contribution to the building fund of \$10.00 will assist the Post in

building the NEW POST HOME which has been an objective of the Post for many years. The NEW POST HOME is going to be for all members of our family...POST 209, AUXILIARY UNIT 209 and SAL SQUADRON 209. The design of the building has incorporated many of the ideas and desires of members who responded to the inquiry mailed out to all members.

We need your support by attending the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, the SOCIAL EVENTS and the FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES, such as Bingo, Raffles, and other fundraisers which we have from time to time.

If you have ever taken out a loan, you will know that the only way you can get it is to prove to the financial institution that you can repay it. That is the reason we have bingo, raffles, etc. This is going to be one and a half to two and a half million dollar project which will serve the VETERANS of our area for many years. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

I joined the Legion four years ago and became an active member because I felt that Veterans were entitled to the benefits promised by our government. We did not stop to get these benefits in writing before we fought in WW I, WW II, the Korean War, Vietnam or the most recent conflicts. It now seems we should have as Congress cuts out benefits our Veterans need badly. The American Legion is the main Veteran group fighting for these benefits.

We have approximately 420 members in our post and at a general membership meeting, we have less than 10% in attendance. WHY! WHY! If you have comment or response to this, I would like to hear from you.

It is the time of the year to vote...please do so and come to the next general membership meeting and vote your views.

AUXILIARY NEWS

BARBARA JOHNSON - PRESIDENT

We were honored to have the District 7 officers visit our October meeting and to have District President, Barbara Shean, act as Initiating Officer for the initiation of two senior members, Tina Dolan and Janet Rusk and two junior members, Carol Jean Jones and Jennifer Rusk. Welcome to these new members.

Our thanks to Jocko and his crew for an excellent dinner and my thanks to our members who furnished salads and desserts.

November is membership month. Please send your renewals in. Without you, we are nothing.

Don't forget to vote on November 3. This is such an important election. Be sure you make your choice known.

November 4 - Exec Meeting 7:00 P.M.

November 6-7-8 - Special Forces '93 Workshop in Denver, Radisson Hotel - Register Nov 7-8, 8:00 A.M.

November 11 - Veterans Day - June Thomas, Master of Ceremonies, the Rock in Memorial Park, 11:00 A.M.

November 19 - Regular Meeting, Potluck 6:00, Meeting 7:00 P.M.

November 26 - Post Raffle Drawing 7:00 P.M. Get your check and ticket stubs in.

The Holidays are almost here and I want to wish you a good Thanksgiving. I hope everyone has a happy and safe time.

We are looking forward to the annual Post Christmas Party on December 12. More later.

MEMBERSHIP - DOT DASSERO

Renewals have been extremely slow in coming into the office. Please, Auxiliary Members, send them in today!!! You have much to lose by not renewing your membership...your club privileges for one thing. We all enjoy having a nice club where we can have lunch, a drink or just to socialize for awhile.

We are important as an auxiliary to The American Legion. Our purpose is to defend and teach the principles of democracy; to uphold the law of the land; to foster patriotism; to venerate and serve our veterans; to instill a sense of obligation to the community, state and nation; to guard the basic freedoms of religion, expression and choice; to support the work of The American Legion, and to continue our association with devotion for service to God and Country.

But we can lose more than that in not renewing. Remember the insurance card you received when you joined the Auxiliary? All senior members of the American Legion Auxiliary who are residents of the United States, any of its territories and Canada who are in good standing are covered by the Accidental Death plan. There are three types of coverage.

Coverage A provides \$5,000 if you are killed while riding as a passenger on or boarding or alighting from a certified passenger aircraft provided by a regular established FAA approved airline; Coverage B provides \$2500 while riding solely as a passenger in or boarding or alighting from any public conveyance licensed to carry passengers for hire excluding

any air coverage provided in Coverage A; Coverage C provides \$250 while driving or riding in a passenger automobile of the strictly pleasure type, excluding any such automobile being used as a taxicab, bus or other public conveyance, or while driving or riding as a driver or passenger in any automobile engaged in any race or speed test. In addition, benefits payable for Coverage C will be doubled in the event an insured person is killed with their seatbelt on.

In addition, there are voluntary purchase insurance plans available to Auxiliary members such as hospital money, cancer/heart/stroke, group permanent life, assured life, term life, medicare complement and group auto. Information on these plans can be requested through National and are advertised in your National News magazine.

We have purpose and we have benefits. Don't lose out...get those renewals in!

8 & 40 meets November 16, 7:00 P.M. at Centennial Post 209. Barbara and Linda Watts will be hostesses. The potluck supper held for Departemental Chapeau Inez Nelson and her traveling companion Betty Moreby was a huge success. You missed an enjoyable evening if you didn't attend.

Membership cards have been received for the SALs. Please come in, pay your dues and obtain those 1992-1993 cards.

CLUB NEWS FROM JOCKO

First off, may I offer my sincere apology for not being open for breakfast Sunday, October 25. Secondly, we will be open Sunday, November 1 at 9:00 A.M. SHARP for breakfast and look forward to serving all of our faithful members and patrons.

Again, we hope we put out a menu all of our members are happy with and we are open to any suggestions to our food selections.

Sundays and Mondays we are serving finger foods, i.e., hot dogs, etc. for those football fanatics who show up to watch the games.

Nedra and I will open the Club at our regular hour on Thanksgiving Day and will serve turkey sandwiches to all who drop in. The drawing for the Bahamas trip is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. that evening. Come have a drink with us and see who wins the drawing.






The Christmas party is scheduled for 6:30 on December 12. We plan to have a turkey and ham dinner. A gift exchange will be held...\$3.00 to \$5.00 items marked for male or female. Santa will attend again this year. Plan to come and bring your family.

The next issue of your Newsletter will contain any additional information on the Christmas party and also report on the New Year's Eve party.

The Club had a super October and we look forward to an outstanding November. To all employees and volunteers, thank you for your assistance in this great effort.

CENTENNIAL 209 EVENTS

November 1 - December 12, 1992

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|
| Nov 1 9:00am BREAKFAST | Nov 2 | Nov 3 Election Day | Nov 4  7:00pm EXEC MTG | Nov 5 | Nov 6 5:00pm PLANNING WORKSHOP 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE | Nov 7 PLANNING |
| Nov 8 9:00am BREAKFAST PLANNING | Nov 9 8:00pm 40/8 MTG | Nov 10 | Nov 11  Veterans Day 7:00pm GUN CLUB MTG | Nov 12 | Nov 13 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE | Nov 14 HALL RENTED |
| Nov 15 9:00am BREAKFAST | Nov 16 6:00pm 8 & 40 MTG | Nov 17 | Nov 18 | Nov 19 6:00pm DINNER  7:00pm GEN MTG | Nov 20 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE | Nov 21 9:00am WAC MTG |
| Nov 22 9:00am BREAKFAST | Nov 23 | Nov 24 7:00pm GUN CLUB MTG 7:30pm AMVETS MTG | Nov 25 | Nov 26  Thanksgiving 7:00pm RAFFLE DRAWING | Nov 27 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE | Nov 28 |
| Nov 29 9:00am BREAKFAST | Nov 30 | Dec 1 | Dec 2  7:00pm EXEC MTG | Dec 3 | Dec 4 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE | Dec 5 DEPT CDR HOMECOM- ING |
| Dec 6 9:00am BREAKFAST | Dec 7 | Dec 8 | Dec 9 7:00pm GUN CLUB MTG | Dec 10 | Dec 11 7:00pm BINGO 834 EMORY CIRCLE | Dec 12 |