

# THE AMERICAN LEGION - CENTENNIAL POST 209

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## NEWSLETTER - November 2003

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### Commander Comments - Chuck Zeitvogel

#### Recommendation to Change Post 209

#### Constitution & Bylaws, adopted March 1993.

A recommendation to amend /change Article X, Meetings, Section 5 of the Constitution & ByLaws of Centennial Post 209, The American Legion, Department of Colorado, Adopted March 1993 is hereby made. Note the following.

Article X, Section 5 - reads: "Ten percent of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at a regular or special meeting."

Recommend this be changed to read: "Four percent of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at regular or special meetings."

Purpose of change: Ten percent of the membership has not attended regular or special membership meetings for the past three plus years. Without a quorum of members in good standing business cannot be conducted officially at Post 209's regular or special membership meetings. This proposed Bylaw change, when approved, will allow for the transaction of business at regular and special meetings in a timely manner. And, meetings will then be in compliance with the Constitution & By-Laws of Post 209.

Membership has been approximately 285 this past year. This takes into consideration members that move in or out of Post 209. Ten percent of 285 members equals 28.5, this rounds to 29 members that are required to be at a regular or special membership meeting to have a quorum for the conduct of business. Attendance records indicate that on average 11 to 14

members have attended meetings over the past three plus years.

The change to four percent vs ten percent with a membership of 285 will require attendance of 11.4, rounded down to 11, members present at regular or special meetings for there to be a quorum. The number 11 is more realistically in line with the number of members who have attended regular and special meetings in the past. To repeat, this change will allow Post 209 to function and carry on business in a proper official manner in accordance with the Constitution & Bylaws.

Note: A vote will be taken at the regular - general membership meeting Nov 20, 2003 to be held at VFW Post 4051 located at 430 East Pikes Peak Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO to amend /change the Bylaws, Article X, Section 5 to read:

"Four percent of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at a regular or special meeting."

This notice is given to Post 209 members in accordance with the Post's current Constitution & Bylaws, Article IX, Authority and Amendments, Section 2. It requires that written notice to change the Constitution & Bylaws be given to members at least ten days prior to a vote to amend or change the Constitution & Bylaws.

Legionnaires who are interested in the business affairs of Post 209 should attend the Nov 20, 2003 membership meeting.

#### Veterans Day Parade

The Veterans Day Parade in Colorado Springs, CO is Saturday morning Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. Post 5 and

Post 209 Legionnaires, along with Auxiliary members, and Sons of The American Legion are invited, and urged to join with Post 209 in this Parade. This is an opportunity for veterans and citizens to show their patriotic spirit by participating in the Veterans Day Parade.

Contact Legionnaire Bill Marshall at 495-0088 for detailed information for our starting position. It was not available in time for this newsletter. It will be available the week before the parade. The starting point, however, is expected to be near St Vrain Street with the parade going down Tejon Street to Vermijo Street.

#### **Early Bird Dinner**

This dinner takes place the evening of Nov 8<sup>th</sup> in the TREA, Auxiliary Room. It will be a fine social event. A nice program is planned. Reservations are needed by Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. See the flyer included with this newsletter. Call Legionnaire Bill Marshall at 495-0088 and let him know that you and yours are coming.

#### **General Membership Meeting**

District 7 officers will be making their fall visitation to Post 209 at the Nov 20<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting. Legionnaires who attend may discuss issues directly with District 7 officers and hear their replies directly. Member attendance is also suggested to vote on the proposed change to Post 209's Constitution & Bylaws.

#### **Lot / Post Home Development**

Concept plans to develop, or possibly sell the 7.4-acre lot owned by Post 209 are being considered by the Executive Committee & Board of Trustees.

The plans were briefed to members at the Oct 16, 2003 general membership meeting. Members present at that meeting encouraged the Executive Committee & Board of Trustees to continue with their considerations and discernment as to what might be in the best interest of Post 209.

The Executive Committee will provide periodic progress reports on this topic to Post 209

membership. Members with questions may contact the office at 599-8624 and attend general membership meetings in the future for details.

#### **Christmas Party**

A Christmas Party get-together in the Post 209 office will be held this year in lieu of an evening Christmas Party. It will be Friday afternoon, December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. or later depending on attendance.

Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, Sons of The American Legion, and friends are invited to attend. Light snacks, cookies, eggnog, and coffee will be provided.

Please bring your favorite Christmas food "goodie" to share if you desire. Look for additional details in the December newsletter.

#### **Retirement/Disposal of US Flags**

The flag retirement / disposal ceremony of approximately 1,000 US Flags by Post 209 this past Oct 11<sup>th</sup> went well. Many thanks to all who participated and attended.

Legionnaires Greg Andries and Ann Foster arranged for use of the incinerator, including picking it up and returning it to the Peterson AFB Fire Department. Legionnaire Francis Redington served as Chaplain, Legionnaire Ann Foster served as Sgt-At-Arms, Legionnaire W.W. Bandler served as honorary Fire Marshall, Legionnaire Bill Marshall assisted with monitoring the incinerator fire and Legionnaire Chuck Zeitvogel served as Commander.

A fire-truck and representatives from the Colorado Springs Fire Department Station 10 came by to observe the proceedings.

This was the last flag retirement/disposal ceremony by Post 209 for the immediate future. Note that Post 209 will no longer accept flags for retirement /disposal. This is due to a lack of storage space in our office facilities.

Individuals with flags to retire/dispose of may contact other American Legion Posts, veteran organizations or The Boy Scouts of America for

information on their programs to retire/dispose of flags.

**Congratulations to Legionnaire Bill Marshall**

Bill has been appointed by the NEC to the position of National, Vice Chairman, Americanism Council. This is per a letter he received from the National Commander. Bill will be busier than ever, as he also serves at the Post, District and Department levels in different capacities.

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**Jr. Vice Commander Comments - Bill Marshall**

**Get Your Flu Shots Now!!**

The flu season is upon us and it is a little early this year due to the warm and cold weather changes. We senior citizens are at higher risk and need to take care of this early in order to avoid any complications later.

I hope you all have a healthy year and will come join us for the Early Bird Dinner.

**Adjutant Comments- Ann Foster**

We are making excellent progress toward our membership goal of 285 for 2004. We have 215 members and that is 75% of our goal. We need just 14 more for 80%. So, let's keep this trend going. If we could achieve 100% by the end of December, we could have more time for Legion programs, obtaining a Post home, etc. during the first six months of 2004. Listed below are the names of those who have renewed or transferred since the last newsletter:

Dale Christ	John Jauregui	John Mitchell	Donald Stowe
Bill Cline	Francis Landry	John Morris	Robert Thompson
Gideon Diamon	Robert Leppla	Waldo Pendleton	Steve Tice
John Dougherty	Donald Levey	Clifford Porter	Randy Wentling
Barbara Duink	David Linder	John Potts	Jack Willock
Warren Falk	Phillip Meringola	Angelo Serrone	William Wohlleb
Donald Gillespie	Kim Miller	J C Shellhammer	John Zemitis
Edward Hoden			

Thanks to the above for their support of The American Legion and Post 209!

**Chaplain's Comments - Howard Hornick**

Thanksgiving will be here soon. Stop and count your Blessings. Even some of the things we take for granted - like, Eyes, Ears, Hearing, Speech, Touch, Smell, and Taste.

**Notifications Received of Those Who Passed Recently:**

Legionnaire - Willard Geick  
Auxiliary Member - Eleanor Edith Fearson

**Reported ill or sick:** None

**A brief reflection**

**Walk With Me**

Walk with me, Oh Lord I pray.  
Give me strength throughout the day.  
Take my problems big and small,  
Lift me when I tend to fall.

Walk with me, Oh Lord I pray.  
Prompt me what to do and say.  
Let me feel you always there.  
Lift me when I feel despair."

By - Helen Parker

### **Service Officer Comment's - Tom Morant**

In November the Commander will come out with a new format for the newsletter. I hope you will like it. But in the Service Officer space I won't have much to say. Sometimes it will be blank. I will put something in the newsletter when it is important to do so.

We will not be having any Thanksgiving or Christmas food baskets/boxes this year. This is because of a lack of funds and volunteers to distribute the food baskets. However, if someone is in desperate need of food please contact myself, Tom Morant, at (719)-570-0843 or Commander Chuck Zeitvogel at (719) 531-0546 and we will tell you how to get it.

### **Finance Officer**

This position is still open. The candidate to fill it needs knowledge of the Quick Books program. Meanwhile, Commander Zeitvogel is filling in as Finance Officer.

Balances as of Oct 17, 2003.

Expenses .....	\$ 1,901.00
Income.....	\$ 1,062.00
Checking & Savings Acts .....	\$ 9,069.00
CDs .....	\$40,594.00

### **Historian Comments - W.W. Bandler**

Thanks to those Legionaries who took pictures in my stead. We will have a good pictorial history of our Post 209 for the coming year.

### **Items of Interest**

#### **Need help with a veteran related issue?**

The American Legion Department of Colorado has two full-time Service Officers available to assist veterans with veteran related issues. Should you need assistance with a veteran related issue - contact your Post 209 office, (719) 599-8246 for referral to the Department Service Officers.

#### **Blue & Gold Star Banners.**

Blue star banners are for families that have members serving in the armed services. Gold

star banners are for families that have had a family member killed in armed conflict. There are six blue star banners for sale by Post 209. Additional blue & gold star banners are available through The American Legion Emblem Sales. Contact Post 209, (719) 599-8624, should you like to purchase a blue or gold star banner.

### **Field & Brush Mower For Sale.**

Post 209's Field & Brush mower is for sale. It cost about \$1,800 when purchased new. Anyone interested in purchasing it please contact Past Commander Francis Redington at (719) 471-3925.

### **Cub Pack 24**

Post 209 is the charter organization for this lively group of young Scouts. Francis Redington is the representative for the Post to the Pack. Ann Foster is his Assistant. The meetings for the Pack and its Dens are at Washington Elementary School on the West side of town. Pack meetings are usually the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. If you were a Scout or are interested in learning more, please feel free to join us. Call Francis at (719) 471-3925 or Ann at (719) 599-8624.

The Pack is looking forward to being with us in the Veterans Day Parade. Right now they are working hard on their popcorn sales. There will also be a hike on 15 November. They have many other activities scheduled for the remainder of the school year. We will keep you posted on them as they occur.

### **Survey for Meeting Locations**

Other locations for general membership meetings are being considered. Legionnaires Neal Thomas & Ann Foster are heading up this survey. Please contact either of them should you have a meeting place location preference for the Post 209.

### **Pre-Arrangements for Funerals**

Planning ahead for one's funeral is considered a wise course of action by many individuals. There are many concerns that family members go through when a relative passes. Legionnaire Don Stowe at (719) 559-0583 is available to

provide information relative to pre-arrangement concerns.

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### **Calendar of Up Coming Events**

6 Nov Board of Trustees Mtg.  
6 Nov Executive Committee Mtg.  
8 Nov Veterans Day Parade  
8 Nov Early Bird Dinner at TREA  
11 Nov Veterans Day/Memorial Park  
20 Nov General Membership Mtg.  
4 Dec Board of Trustees Mtg.  
4 Dec Executive Committee Mtg.  
12 Dec Christmas Social  
18 Dec General Membership Mtg.

### **Meetings**

**Board of Trustees** normally meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month at the Post 209 office, 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste. 104, at 6:30 p.m.

**Post Executive Committee** normally meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at the Post 209 office, 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste. 104, at 7:00 p.m.

**Post 209 General Membership Meetings** normally are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Location: VFW Post 4051, upper level, at 430 East Pikes Ave. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Call the office at (719) 599-8624 for other times and locations of meetings. Someone will return you call.

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### **Programs Supported by Post 209**

Service to Veterans  
Veterans Day Parade  
Boy's State  
Crawford House for Homeless Veterans  
Girl's State  
Stand-Down for Homeless Veterans  
Oratorical Contest  
Pikes Peak Veteran's Council  
Scouting – Cub Pack  
Post Home Vision  
Jr. ROTC  
Status on Lot owned by Post 209  
Jr. Shooting Program  
Social Events

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### **Committees**

Planning & Budget .....	Chuck Zeitvogel .....	531-0546
Membership .....	Greg Andries .....	636-3346
Program/Social Activities .....	Bill Marshall .....	495-0088
Americanism/Youth/Scouting/Jr., ROTC / Marksmanship.....	Francis Redington.....	471-3925
Boys State & Oratorical .....	Bill Marshall .....	495-0088
Legislative & National Security .....	Neal Thomas .....	392-1510
Veteran Affairs .....	Tom Morant .....	570-0843
(Club) Land Use, Care & Development .....	Greg Andries .....	636-3346

### **Ad Hoc Committees**

Constitution & ByLaws .....	Neal Thomas.....	392-1510
Property Inventory:		
-Office .....	Ann Foster .....	599-8624
-Storage Unit .....	Larry Johnso .....	622-0344
Auxiliary Liaison .....	Chuck Zeitvogel.....	531-0546
Sons of The American Legion .....	Larry Johnson.....	622-0344

### **Post 209 - Officers – 2003-2004**

Commander .....	Chuck Zeitvogel	Sgt. at Arms .....	Robert Rydell
Sr. Vice Cmdr .....	Greg Andries	Chaplain .....	Howard Hornik
Jr. Vice Cmdr. ....	Bill Marshall	Judge Advocate .....	Larry Johnson
Adjutant .....	Ann Foster	Service Officer .....	Tom Morant
Finance Officer .....	TBA	Post Exec.Committeeman	Neal Thomas
Historian .....	W.W. Bandler	Past Commander .....	Francis Redington

### **Board of Trustees**

Neal Thomas	Chairman (2yr)	Larry Johnson	Member (2yr)
Alton Cyriaque	Secretary (1yr)	Francis Redington	Member (1yr)
TBA	Finance Officer	Ann Foster	Member (3yr)
Chuck Zeitvogel	Commander		

### **Auxiliary Unit -Officers**

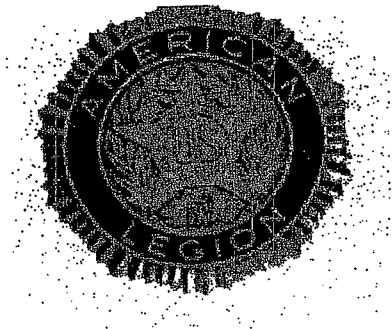
President	Dot Dassero
Secretary Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Marcia Shellhammer
Sergeant at Arms	Ruth Hornick

No comments received from the Auxiliary for publication.

### **Articles / Comments for Publication.**

Articles/comments for publication in Post 209 newsletter are required by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the preceding month.

Submit articles / comments for publication to the Post's office, attention: Post Commander.



## **Early Bird Dinner Centennial Post 209**

**Date: November 8, 2003**

**Time: Social 6:30 PM    Dinner 7:00 PM**

**Place: The Retired Enlisted Association, TREA**

**Cost: \$16.00 per person. Price includes dinner, tax, gratuity, and hall rental.**

**Menu: Roast beef, baked potato, vegetable, salad, rolls and butter, coffee and tea, and dessert.**

**Reservation Deadline: November 3, 2003. If you make a reservation and have to cancel I will need to know by the same date or we have to pay for the meal.**

**Contact: Bill Marshall—495-0088 or leave a message at the office 599-8624.**

**The Veterans Day Parade is the same day so come and celebrate with your fellow Legionnaires.**



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