

THE AMERICAN LEGION – CENTENNIAL POST 209
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November 2005 – NEWSLETTER

Membership Meeting

Saturday November 12, 2005

TREA, Breakfast 9:00 A.M., Meeting 10:00 A.M.

**Speaker: Vicky Pettis, Program Director, Colorado
Veterans Resource Coalition—The Crawford House**

Officers' Comments

COMMANDER – Bill Marshall

Guest Speaker

Vicky administers the program at the Crawford House, providing shelter to homeless veterans. Post 209 administers the grant funds for the program from the State of Colorado, Division of Veterans Affairs. I believe it is important for the membership to understand how the program works and how we are working to support her. She is a dynamic lady and has a wealth of information on the program. Please join us for good food and a great presentation.

Membership

Thank all of you who have renewed for 2006. However, there are still some who did not renew in 2005, and I hope they will take the time to think about why they originally joined The American Legion and what we offer to our members and the community. It is not about politics, the war in Iraq or government, rather the young men and women of this country who we support through The American Legion Boys and Girls State, Oratorical Contest, baseball, Eagle Scout of the Year, Temporary Family Assistance, and of course, "Veterans Serving Veterans." Please take just a moment to reflect on your military career and how we can continue to help those in need. It takes all of us to support our community and our veterans and you are a part of the family that is doing this. Thank you for your support in the past and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Veterans Day Parade

This year's parade is scheduled for **Saturday, November 5, at 9:30 A.M.** We are **#68** in the line up, starting at Tejon and Willamette; please be there no later than **8:45 AM.** Yes, it will

end in time for those of you who are so inclined to go to the Army vs. AFA football game. We will have the trailer for those who wish to ride and, of course, as always we need a couple of YOUNGER members to carry the flags. The Cub Scouts will carry the Post banner again this year. **Veterans Day services will be Friday, November 11, 2006, 11:00 AM, Memorial Park.**

The American Legion and "Soldiers for Soldiers" Program: Unlimited Potential for Legion Charities

This is another great opportunity for the Post to make some money, and all you have to do is turn in your old ink jet cartridges and cellular phones. No purchase is required, only the collection of items that might otherwise be disposed of. Post 209 is partnering with a local company, A BYTE ABOVE. They are members of the Legion and Auxiliary and have agreed to be the collection point. They have two locations: **2376 Academy Place, 570-1984** and **4585 N. Chestnut Street, 268-0584**. You can email them at jen@abyteabove.com, or check out their website at wwwabyteabove.com. The attached list provides those cartridges that are accepted by the program. **Thank all of you for your support.**

SR. VICE COMMANDER – W.W. Bandler

HO! HO! HO!

It's almost that time again. Announcing Centennial Post 209's Annual Christmas Party.

When - December 17, 2005 (Saturday)

Where - The Country Buffet, 715 North Academy

Time - Between 1300 and 1500 hours

Price - \$7.29 per person for all you can eat

We will have door and table prizes. We have the special room reserved. Just tell the cashier you are with The American Legion. Seniors may get a reduced price. Hope to see you there.

ADJUTANT – Ann Foster

Membership

As of this writing we now have 206 members for 2006. That puts us over 63% and just six more will put us at 65%. Overall we now only need 119 more for 100%. Thus, we are now on the downhill run. That is really good news. How about we make the run really progress by sending in your \$30.00, even if you have not yet received your Renewal Notice? All you have to do is double check your card to see your last year paid. If it says 2005 just send us a check and we will get your 2006 card to you. However, if your card already says 2006, and 11 have so far, please do not send us another check if you receive a Renewal Notice. Due to the different cutoffs established by the computers at National and the mailing times from Posts to Departments and Departments to National your already paid dues may not get into the computer at National before the next scheduled mailing of Renewal Notices. There is a sentence in red in

the lower right hand corner of the Renewal Notice that says, " **PLEASE DISREGARD IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID YOUR 2006 DUES.**" Thus, you can see that by checking your card you can put us ahead of the game, and you can congratulate yourself if you have already paid 2006 dues. By the way, the postage for the 11 who did not check their cards and had already paid for 2006 will cost the Post \$4.07 to mail your second check back to you. We are certainly happy to do that, but we would prefer to not have to. Thanks for your attention to these matters.

Jr. Shooting

On the 15th and 16th of October I attended the Coaches Clinic held at the Park Plaza here in Colorado Springs. The clinic was sponsored by The American Legion, and there were nine attending. Mike Buss, staff member from National, and H.G. Moody, from the NRA, crammed our heads full of all that we should know about air rifle coaching. Not that I see myself becoming a coach, but I did think it was important to know something about coaching as long as we sponsor the NJROTC team at Widefield. There were many things about coaching that I believe I can help, with to include the fact that all nine of us are now the Department Committee for Jr. Shooting. I was able to share much of what I have learned with Maj. Davis, our coach, who was unable to attend, and will continue that in the future. For those who don't know, he was certified this past summer by the Navy through the Civilian Marksmanship Program. One thing that came through loud and clear was the benefit this sporting program is to our young people. It teaches them so much about themselves, life in general, and how to be all you can be. It is truly well worth the time and effort.

Cub Pack 24

I have to really congratulate everyone who contributed to the Popcorn campaign. The Post ended up buying \$784.00 worth of popcorn. That is awesome! It shows what we can do when we put our minds to it. Thank each and every one of you so much as it is really going to help the boys. Unfortunately, they did not do as well this year compared to last year. However, there are not as many boys and that may well have been the reason. Thus, the Post contribution is even more important, because we were able to take up a good bit of slack for them. They are now looking forward to participating with us in the Veterans Day Parade.

CHAPLAIN – Mario Teracena

WE LIVE IN FREEDOM BECAUSE OF THE VETERANS' COURAGE AND SACRIFICE

Today there are more than 25 million veterans in this United States. We pay tribute, remember and honor them on November 11th. This year it becomes especially significant as we send our young men and women to serve overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan, possibly to make the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Countless soldiers have given their lives in passed armed conflicts and wars to preserve our freedom, improve the quality of justice and to choose our religion and how we worship. Countless veterans have fought so that we can say and say how we feel.

Countless veterans have returned sick and afflicted so that we can freely travel and choose where we want to live and work.

May we take a few moments this holiday to ponder and meditate on the heritage and legacy our veterans have given us. Let us honor them and remember them, those who gave so much to our country.

Thank you veterans and may God bless you.

Past Post Commander-Chuck Zeitvogel

The Annual Air Force Ball is scheduled for 10 February 2006 at The Broadmoor. Again this year, the Air Force "Tops In Blue" will present dynamic entertainment for the evening. Mark your calendars and watch for more information in future newsletters. Contact: Dan Beatty at dan.beatty@usafa.af.mil or, 719-472-0300 ext. 115, if you have questions.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Basket/Box Opportunity.

Thanksgiving and/or a Christmas food basket/boxes can be obtained through the Colorado Share Program. Anyone can participate in this program; however, it is necessary to place your order early. There are different locations in Colorado Springs where orders can be placed. pre-payment of \$21.50 for the Thanksgiving food basket/boxes is necessary. The value of food items is estimated to be twice that which one would pay retail.

Past Commander Chuck Zeitvogel has agreed to be a contact for Post 209 and Auxiliary members. Contact him by Saturday, 5 November 2005, at 719-531-0546 for additional details and to arrange payment and pickup of the food basket/boxes ordered should you want to place an order. Pick-up date is Saturday, 19 November 2005.

Programs Supported by Post 209

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

Coming Events

- 3 Nov---Executive Comm. Meeting
- 5 Nov---Veterans Day Parade
- 11 Nov---Veterans Day, Memorial Park, 11:00 AM
- 12 Nov---Post Meeting, TREA
- 24 Nov---Thanksgiving
- 30 Nov---Pikes Peak Veterans Council

2005-2006 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

2005-2006 Board of Trustees

Chairman – Neal Thomas

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Member (1yr) – Neal Thomas

Member (1yr) – Larry Johnson

2005-2006 Meetings

Post Executive Committee meets 1st

Thursday of the month at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., Ste. 104, at 6:30 p.m.

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

2005-2006 Post 209 Officers/Executive Committee

Commander	Bill Marshall
Sr. Vice Commander	W. W. Bandler
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Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Norm Moyer
Historian	Curtis Wash
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

Calendar

November 2005						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 EC Mtg.	4	5 Vets. Parade
6	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day, Memorial Park	12 Membership Mtg. Breakfast, 9 AM Meeting 10 AM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29	30 PPVC			

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