



A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION

CENTENNIAL POST 209

JUNE THOMAS, COMMANDER

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

'A LITTLE POST GOING PLACES AND DOING BIG THINGS'

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DECEMBER 1991

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FROM THE COMMANDER

HI LEGIONNAIRES,

Here we are at the end of 1991, the half-way mark of the American Legion year.

I heartily commend each of you on the excellent job you have done. Your committees have been very active and we are getting the

tickets out for the raffle on the CAMCORDER. The time is short, DECEMBER 14th. Please sell as many books as you can so we can make money for the construction of our new Post Home.

I must commend our Adjutant on the last newsletter. We have found a new editor, Dorothy (DOT) Dassero, one of our Auxiliary Members. Dot has a lot of experience in this field and we are looking forward to great things!! Thanks for your help.

We have accomplished a lot during the last six months and we look forward to the next six months. The American Legion Birthday Dinner is in March and initiation in April; Also our National Commander, Dominic D. Di-Francisco, will be visiting in April. Our membership is coming in and if you haven't seen Senior Vice Commander Louis Mikulecky's membership board, our pink pig is racing to the finish line!

Please turn your membership in as soon as possible!

Hope your Thanksgiving was blessed with God's goodness, and may your Christmas be merry and full of hope for a prosperous New Year! See you at the the Christmas Party!

Remember, there's strength in unity and together
--- WE ARE WINNERS!

JUNE THOMAS
COMMANDER

FROM THE SR
VICE COMMANDER

We have a goal this year of 325 Legionnaires for the American Legion year 1991-1992. As of 28 November 1991 we have 278 Legionnaires who have either joined our Post or have renewed their membership with us. I would like to thank all who have paid their 1992 dues and remind all that 31 December is quickly approaching. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, we are only 30 Legionnaires away from making our goal. Let's all help make it and help yourself at the same time.

A reminder, there are a couple of programs of interest to all Legionnaires. The first is the PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP DRAWING which will be conducted in January of 1992.

The requirement for this is to sign up a new member, and have the post Adjutant fill out the application and send it to Department before 31 December 1991. The second is the \$1000.00 DRAWING CONDUCTED BY NATIONAL. All you have to do for this one is have your membership renewed by 31 December 1991 and turned in to National. Then around the 17th of January 1992, National will conduct a drawing and 25 Legionnaires will be awarded \$1000.00.

We would like to be able to turn in our full goal by the 31st of December 1991. I would like to ask your support in accomplishing this task. See you at the next meeting.

LOUIS MIKULECKY
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

FROM THE
CLUB

We had our November dance on the 23rd. All who were present had a fun time and listened to some great music. We are going to have a bus trip to Cripple Creek in February. The date and time, as well as the cost, will be posted later. It should be a good time for all. We are having our Christmas Party on 14 December so be sure and sign up for it at the Post Home.

POST DECORATING
PARTY

Decorating party 8 December,
1:00 PM. Everyone bring whatever.

DECEMBER
MENU

DEC 2-8

HAM SLICES W/PINE SAUCE
RICE & CARROTS 2.25

ANY SCHNAPPS DRINK 1.00

DEC 9-15

CORN BEEF ON RYE WITH
POTATO SALAD 2.50

SUN TROPICA RUM 1.00

DEC 16-21

HOT PORK SANDWICH WITH
FRIES 2.50

PEPPERMINT PATTI 1.00

DEC 22-29

PATTI MELT WITH MACRONIA
SALAD 2.25

IRISH CREAM 1.00

DEC 30 - JAN 5

CHICKEN POT PIE 2.00

AMARETTO & ORANGE JUICE
1.00

LOUIS MIKULECKY
CLUB MANAGER

FROM THE JUNIOR
VICE
COMMANDER

We have several activities coming up during the month of December.

The first is the Annual Christmas Party which will be held on 14 December 1991. See the article by Harry Johnson. I have been told that last year's Christmas Party was a huge success.. Plan to attend

The second is the New Year's Eve Party on 31 December 1991. Let's all get together as an American Legion Family and bring in the New Year together. We'll have a great time doing it. See the attached flyer for details.

QUINN MCNEIL
JR VICE COMMANDER

BLDG COMMITTEE
UPDATE

In the last Newsletter, I informed you that we had begun the important and absolute necessary facet of securing a new Post Home --- Fund-Raising. We still have books of tickets to be sold for the raffle of the RCA VHS PRO/EDIT CAMCORDER. To ensure that this project is profitable, we are asking each member of the Post to purchase at least one \$5.00 book of tickets. We will even make this easy for you. Simply mail in a check for \$5.00 and we will fill in and mail you the stubs of six (6) tickets. Better yet, stop by the Post Home and purchase your tickets and take a

few extra to sell. We need the help of each and every Post Member to be successful in this venture. We believe you are with us. Therefore, we will be successful! LET'S GO, TEAM.

NEAL THOMAS
CHAIRMAN

ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

The Annual Post 209 Christmas Party will be December 14, 1991 at the Post Home. Cocktails will be available from 6:00 to 6:30 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. The Post will provide Turkey and Dressing, Roast Beef, Mashed Potatos, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce and condiments. We would like each family attending to bring their favorite salad, dessert, or other dish. We will also have a gift exchange for the adults. Please mark your gift male or female. Cost should be between \$4.00 and \$5.00. This year when you enter the Post Home with a gift, you will be given a coupon, this coupon will be exchanged for a gift. This way, no one should be left out. Remember-- No Coupon--No Gift!! Santa will have gifts for the children. All reservations will need to be in by December 6, 1991 so we can purchase the gifts and food. We would like everyone

to come and enjoy this most festive time of the year.

HARRY JOHNSON
CHAIRMAN

I plan to attend. There will be a total of _____adults and children attending. The children are as follows:

| NAME | AGE | SEX |
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AMERICANISM
CHILDREN & YOUTH

In past years, Centennial Post 209 has donated money to different organizations to help everyone have a Merry Christmas. This year the membership voted to put together Christmas baskets for those in need.

I am asking your help in this endeavor. An area in the Post Home will be provided for those of you who would like to donate items of clothing, toys and food in order to help put together these baskets.

In order to insure we get this done, a cutoff date of 17 December has been established. Please bring food stuff and toys to the Post to help insure that a Merry Christmas was had by all.

MILLICENT YOUNG
CHAIRMAN

FROM THE AGITATOR

During the weekend of 15 November, members of your Post and Auxiliary attended the Department Planning Workshop at Estes Park.

This planning workshop was the first the Department of Colorado has ever done and it was an interesting weekend. Tradition was present but there were a lot of new ideas presented as well.

There was one disturbing report, brought up as a result of the National Convention, which was reported on in the meeting. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs has proposed a plan to allow NON-VETERANS who are currently on MEDICARE and MEDICAIDE to utilize the Veterans Hospitals and bill for their care appropriately. I find this disturbing in that we know that last year the Veterans Hospital in Denver was turning away veterans seeking medical care at a rate of 50-75 a day because they did not have the staff or money to treat them.

It was also pointed out that the long range affects could be that the government would be able to convert the Veterans Hospitals into a sort of national health care facility. As you can see by the words used to describe the health care network that this could mean veterans would

once again be treated as second class persons when seeking medical care.

The only way that we can insure that we have the medical care services and facilities available to all veterans today, and in the future, is to take definite action today. The most prominent way that we, as veterans can make ourselves heard is by writing letters to our congressmen, representatives and to the President of the United States telling them that we/you do not agree with this proposal, at least until such time as **ALL VETERANS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED ALL MEDICAL CARE THAT THEY REQUIRE AND DESERVE AND THAT THIS MEDICAL CARE BE CONSTANT.**

I urge all of you members of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion to begin a letter writing campaign to end this proposal and encourage as many other people to write as you can. It is only through our voicing our opinions and thoughts that we can change the thinking of the people we elected to represent us. The other thing we need to do is to increase the membership of the American Legion up to the point that we are a voice that can truly be heard throughout the halls of congress.

Also discussed during this meeting was the formation of the 32K club.

This club is being formed to help further the membership within the Department of Colorado. To belong to this prestigious club all you have to do is pledge to sign five (5) new or renewed members within the American Legion every year for the next five years. I am sure that you will hear more about this program in the Legion Newspaper.

Speaking of the Colorado Legionnaire Newspaper, very shortly the paper is to have a new look. When you receive the December-January edition you will see some national advertising information in the paper. It was voted by the Department Executive Committee to try this approach to change the way the newspaper looks. Also in the future, the newspaper will lose about one to two inches on each of the pages. This is being done in order to prepare for future changes. Any comments or suggestions you would like to see in regards to the newspaper put out by Department, please drop a line and let us know. We will pass it on to the Department.

A little something for you to read.

WHY I'M A LEGIONNAIRE

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, TO DO AND
DARE, -
THAT'S WHY I'M A LEGIONNAIRE.

TO MAKE MY COMMUNITY A BETTER
PLACE,
AND MEET MY NEIGHBOR
FACE-TO-FACE;
HELP DISTRESSED COMRADES
THEIR CROSS TO BEAR -
THAT'S WHY I'M A LEGIONNAIRE.

TO FACE WITH COURAGE THE COMING
DAY,
TO TEACH MY CHILDREN HOW TO PRAY;
TO MAKE MY FLAG A SYMBOL RARE -
THAT'S WHY I'M A LEGIONNAIRE.

AND, AT LAST, WHEN TAPS ARE
SOUNDED,
AND I CLIMB THAT GOLDEN STAIR
TO FACE MY LORD AND MAKER -
THANK GOD I'M A LEGIONNAIRE.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

I hope everyone has a safe holiday season, that you start your New Year off the right way and that everyone comes through this season safe and sound as I would hate to lose any of the friends and fellow veterans that I have met during the 6 years I have been a member of Centennial Post 209. After all, without you, The American Legion cannot exist.

FROM THE
UNIT

Thank you to ALL who donated baked goods for our bake sale. We made money and had a lot of fun.

The blanket which was donated by Alice Hart was won by Rosalie Ventimiglia. She was thrilled and said she had never won anything before in her life. She has donated a crocheted pillow to the Unit to use as we wish and we thank you Alice and Rosalie.

We are selling chances (three for a \$1.00) on an afghan donated by Suzanne Hoyer. Our thanks to Suzanne for this donation. We will draw for this at the Christmas Party. We also have a Filagree Afghan made and donated by Terry Dishman, (a Legionnaire) chances for this afghan will go on sale during the Christmas Party at a \$1.00 a chance and will be drawn at the New Year's Eve Party.

At this time our hearts and prayers go out to Suzanne Hoyer on the loss of her dear husband, Max. He was a very big supporter of the Legion and the Auxiliary. Max will be greatly missed by all of us.

Also, our sympathy to Joy Reid who broke her ankle in two places at the dance on 23 November.

To Marsha Shellhammer please get well soon. We miss you and your help in the unit.

Last of all, to any of our ladies who have not paid their 1992 membership dues, please do so before 31 December 1991 to maintain your years of continued membership and the privilege of saying "I AM A MEMBER OF AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CENTENNIAL UNIT 209".

"I am here to help serve those who have served us in trying times so we can stand up and say that I'm proud to be an American! God bless the USA!".

BETTY MIKULECKY
PRESIDENT

FROM THE
ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE

Our last two bake sales have been a success, we are having two more on December 21 and 22 at the Rustic Hills Mall.

We would like to thank all who donated for the last two bake sales and ask you to again support your Auxiliary's fund-raising by donating your baked goods and candies. We ask that you bring your goods to either the Post Home or the Rustic Hills Mall in front of Furr's by 9:00 AM on December 21 or December 22. Again, we thank you for all the good help and baked goods.

LOIS EGNOR AND
ELEANOR MCNEIL

December 1991 CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| 1 11:00 AM POST OPEN 335/30 | 2 11:00 AM POST OPEN 336/29 | 3 11:00 AM POST OPEN 7:00 PM MOMS MEETING 337/28 | 4 11:00 AM POST OPEN 5:45 PM CIVILIANS MEETING 7:00 PM POST EXCC MTG 338/27 | 5 11:00 AM POST OPEN 339/26 | 6 11:00 AM POST OPEN 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIR 340/25 | 7 11:00 AM POST OPEN HALL RENTED 341/24 |
| 8 11:00 AM POST OPEN 1:00 PM POST DECORATING PARTY 2:00 PM 8 & 40 MEETING 342/23 | 9 11:00 AM POST OPEN 343/22 | 10 11:00 AM POST OPEN 344/21 | 11 11:00 AM POST OPEN 345/20 | 12 11:00 AM POST OPEN 346/19 | 13 11:00 AM POST OPEN 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIR HALL RENTED 347/18 | 14 11:00 AM POST OPEN 6:00 PM ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, SANTA COMES TO VISIT 348/17 |
| 15 11:00 AM POST OPEN 349/16 | 16 11:00 AM POST OPEN 350/15 | 17 11:00 AM POST OPEN 7:00 PM MOMS MEETING 351/14 | 18 11:00 AM POST OPEN 5:45 PM CIVILIANS MEETING 352/13 | 19 11:00 AM POST OPEN 7:00 PM 209 GEN MTG 353/12 | 20 11:00 AM POST OPEN 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIR HALL RENTED 354/11 | 21 11:00 AM POST OPEN WACS MEETING 355/10 |
| 22 11:00 AM POST OPEN 356/9 | 23 11:00 AM POST OPEN HALL RENTED 357/8 | 24 11:00 AM POST OPEN CHRISTMAS EVE 358/7 | 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS POST CLOSED 359/6 | 26 11:00 AM POST OPEN 360/5 | 27 11:00 AM POST OPEN 6:00 PM BINGO REA #1 834 EMORY CIR 361/4 | 28 11:00 AM POST OPEN 362/3 |
| 29 11:00 AM POST OPEN 363/2 | 30 11:00 AM POST OPEN 364/1 | 31 11:00 AM POST OPEN 8:00 PM NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY, DANCE TO DRIFTWOOD WHITE 365/0 | | | | |

No matter how you say it . . .

Joyeux Noël
French

Merry Christmas

Fröhliche Weihnachten
German

Buon Natale
Italian

Feliz Natal
Portuguese

クリスマス
おめでとう
Japanese

Fröhliche Weihnachten

Buon Natale

Feliz Navidad
Spanish

God Jul
Swedish



. . . have a happy holiday season

**CENTENNIAL POST
209**

**INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE
NEWS YEAR'S EVE
DANCE**

**WHERE: AMERICAN LEGION POST 209
1337 NORTH ACAD BLVD**

WHEN 31 DECEMBER 1991

TIME 8 - 12 PM

DANCE TO: DRIFTWOOD WILLIE

COST \$ 15.00 PER PERSON

INCLUDES

**CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST STARTING AT 12:30 AM
(CONSISTING OF)**

**FAVORS SCRAMBLED EGGS
SAUSAGE OR BACON
FRIED POTATOES**

**CALL THE POST 591-2272 OR STOP DOWN AND MAKE
RESERVATION BEFORE 27 DECEMBER 1991**