



THE AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL POST 209

DECEMBER 1995

FROM THE COMMANDER - HARRY JOHNSON

Starting with this newsletter, you will note some changes, for the better I'm sure. We will have one page to show all events and programs coming up.

Post 209 has a winner in the Oratorical contest. He is Peter G. Fischer of Rampart High School. Peter will compete in the District contest later this month. Good luck, Peter!

The Senate has not voted on the flag amendment as yet due to the budget problem. They will not vote until the budget problem is over. This gives you more time to contact Senators who have not made up their minds on the issue as yet; their names were in last month's newsletter. I hope you will take the time to contact them by phone or mail and tell them how you feel about our flag.

This year is fast coming to a close with Thanksgiving just a few days away. We have so much to be thankful for. Take a few minutes out of your busy schedule and consider your many blessings. The program planning workshop is this weekend in Denver. I will not be able to attend as we will be at Bingo on Friday night and the bookkeeping to be done

Saturday morning. We will be represented at the workshop to bring you any news.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each one of you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving and since this is the December newsletter, a very Merry Christmas.

If you have an illness or death in your family, please let us know. We may be able to help in some way and the Legion's main purpose is to help Veterans and their families. My phone number is 596-9261 and the post's number is 599-8624. Leave word on the answering machine and you will be contacted.



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COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
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DUES \$25.00

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

World War I
Apr 6 - Nov 11, 1918
World War II
Dec 7, 1941 - Dec 31, 1946
Korean War
Jun 25, 1950 - Jan 31, 1946
Vietnam War
Dec 22, 1961 - May 7, 1975
Grenada & Lebanon
Aug 24, 1982 - Jul 31, 1984
Panama
Dec 20, 1989 - Jan 31, 1990
Persian Gulf
Aug 2, 1990 until the
end of hostilities

AUXILIARY

PRESIDENT	BARBARA JOHNSON
1ST PRESIDENT	
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY/TREASURER	DOT DASSERO
HISTORIAN	
CHAPLAIN	MARCIA SHELLHAMMER
SGT-AT-ARMS	RUTH HORNIK

Dues \$12.00

MEETINGS

3rd Thursday - 7:00 P.M.
DAV Post #26 - Palmer Park & Peterson Rd

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FROM THE PRESIDENT - BARBARA JOHNSON

I hope those of you who attended the Early Bird dinner enjoyed it. Commander Harry worked very hard planning, shopping and preparing the meal. I don't think anyone went away hungry. Many thanks to Dot Dassero and Ruth Hornik who helped decorate the tables and a special thank you to Ireana Campbell and Ruth Hornik for helping serve and for the excellent job they did washing dishes and cleaning the kitchen.

This dinner was our first experience with the DAV #26, which is where our General Membership meetings will be. I personally felt at home there - it isn't like having our own Post Home but I believe it will be good until our own is built.

The Auxiliary meeting room is small but adequate with comfortable chairs; plenty of room for us. Our potluck was held in the Bingo room.

Auxiliary membership has exceeded the goal set for us by Department. We still have some of you unpaid so let's get them into the mail!

I hope your Thanksgiving was a happy one.

Christmas is just around the corner. Hope to see you at the Post's Christmas Party, December 16. Both the Post and the Auxiliary have cancelled their December 21 meetings. Our next will be in January, with a potluck preceding the meeting.

May you have a Joyous Christmas and may the New Year be a very good one for you.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Sybil Deshotel, National Auxiliary President, will be a special guest at the Mid-Year Conference. She will be visiting the Satellite VA Center and Florence State Veterans Center on Friday. Unit 5 will hostess a reception at the Post Home, 5:00 P.M. Friday evening. All are invited to meet this lady. She will also address the Conference on Saturday and will attend the Membership Luncheon.

Watch the Columbine for more information about the Conference regarding schedule and reservations for the Membership Luncheon and the Banquet.

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS - ANN FOSTER

After the latest District 7 Executive Committee Meeting, we have a new goal for membership for 1996. It was decided that Post 38 would absorb 50 from our previous goal of 501. It was felt this would give both Posts a better chance to achieve their respective goals without creating undue hardship.

This means we are still at 50% with a membership of 242 and just six away from 55%. Let's get busy and show how grateful we are to Post 38 and District 7 for helping us to achieve a new goal of 451.

We will have a membership booth at the next Rampart Range Sertoma Gun Show, 24-25 November. Larry Johnson, Harry McFadden and I could use some help during the following days and times: Friday - 12:00 to 5:00 P.M. and Saturday and Sunday - 9:00 to 5:00 P.M.

On November 16, the VA Satellite Clinic Thanksgiving dinner was served at DAV Chapter 26 at noon. Those helping from our area were Auxiliary President Barbara Johnson, Auxiliary member Ruth Hornik and myself. This event was enjoyed by all and is an outstanding example of veterans and the veteran community working to the benefit of all.

We had our first meeting at DAV Chapter 26 while we continue meeting at other than a Post home of our own. I really enjoyed it and believe those who have not yet given it a try should seriously do so. The next General Meeting will be 18 January 1996 since the Christmas Party in December will take the place of the meeting that month.

I wish you all happy holidays as they arrive during this fall season.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DAV Post 26, located on the corner of Palmer Park and Peterson Road.

We will have a potluck dinner, beginning at 6:00 P.M., and the meeting will follow. The next general membership meeting is scheduled for 18 January 1996, at 7:00 P.M.

Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the companionship of fellow members. There will be a contribution jar on the table for those who can't bring a dish.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas Party will be held 16 December at VFW Post 4051 located on Pikes Peak Avenue. Attitude Adjustment will be at 6:00 P.M., and dinner at 6:30. The menu will be turkey, ham, potatoes, dressing, salad, dinner rolls, etc., as well as dessert.

After dinner, dancing will be to the The Rhythmaires with music from the 40's and 50's.

All we ask is that if you are going to attend, that you call Larry Johnson at 590-1369 or The American Legion Post at 599-8624 and make a reservation, giving us your name and the number in your party.

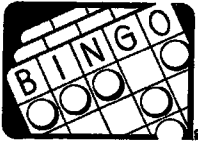
I hope to see you at the Christmas Party. Come on out and enjoy the evening.



DEPARTMENT MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

The Department Mid-Year conference is scheduled for 26-28 January 1996 at the Holiday Inn, located off Garden of the Gods Road in Colorado Springs.

This is a great opportunity for all members of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary to meet fellow members from throughout the state and exchange ideas and experiences. The programs of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary will be discussed by the various Committee Chairman.



LARRY JOHNSON - BINGO CHAIRMAN

The only fund-raising activity we have is Bingo. Our game is held at the Retired Enlisted Association at 834 Emory Circle, every Friday evening from 7:00 to 9:30. Some workers arrive at 5:00 to set up the game; others at 6:00 to greet players. We have a few workers staying later than 9:30 to allow players to play the pulltabs. Without this, we would not have been able to purchase the 7 1/2 acres of land on Austin Bluffs and Old Farm Road, nor would we be able to put away money towards building on our property.

In the past I have asked you to find some time to relieve workers who are there every Friday evening. I am again going to ask each of you who are members of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion to ask yourselves, "**DO I HAVE TIME TO HELP ONE EVENING A MONTH.**" Take some time away from the TV once a month. So I am going to call or visit you to see just how you might be able to help. If you don't want me to call or visit, please pick up the phone and call 590-1369, give me a time when you might be willing to have fun and meet new people.

VOLUNTEERISM

In the November issue of The American Legion Magazine, there were two articles of particular interest. One of them dealt with the benefits derived from belonging to The American Legion, both tangible and intangible. The tangible dealt with the discounts you receive from belonging to The American Legion and the intangible benefits only you can decide.

The other article dealt with the problem of volunteers and membership within various organizations, such as ours, and other organizations, such as the PTA, Moose, etc. The author of this article blames television and the role it plays in our life today. To some extent, I have to agree with this. Remember, when you were growing up and you knew all your neighbors and your parents knew the parents of the children you were playing with. Compare that to what it is like today. There is a vast difference in the way we did things. In the past; our parents were involved with what we were doing, and they found time to devote to projects, especially if they believed in what they were doing and what the project was trying to accomplish.

I joined the American Legion because I read about the programs of The American Legion. I also remember what an impact The American Legion had my home town with the Legion Baseball Program. How many major league players have gotten their start with this program, and better yet, how many kids has this program benefited.

I have read articles and visited small towns where The American Legion serves as the focal point for the community. The American Legion hall is the only place big enough to host meetings, and, in all probability, the members of The American Legion are also the leaders within that community.

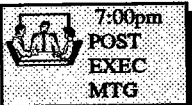

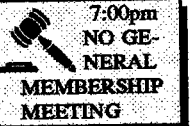
If you and I don't become involved with our local communities and programs such as these, **HOW ARE THE CHILDREN OF TODAY GOING TO GROW AND ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS**, especially with the many hazards our children endure as they strive to achieve their goals. After all, you had goals and dreams, who helped you achieve them?

REMEMBER THAT "VOLUNTEERS ARE WONDERFUL" - WITHOUT US, MANY THINGS WOULD NOT HAPPEN.

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CENTENNIAL POST 209 EVENTS

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

					1 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	2
3	4	5	6  7:00pm POST EXEC MTG	7	8 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	9
10	11 8:00pm 40/8 MTG POST 5	12	13	14	15 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	16  CHRIS- TMAS PARTY
17	18 <i>Hanukkah</i> 6:00pm 8/40 MTG FURR'S CAFETERIA PIKES PEAK AVE	19	20	21  7:00pm NO GE- NERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	22 <i>Winter begins</i> 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	23
24	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	30
31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>						

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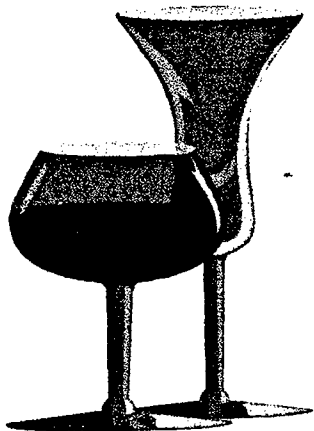
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day	2	3  7:00pm POST EXEC MTG	4	5 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	6
7	8 8:00pm 40/8 MTG POST 5	9	10	11	12 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	13
14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. 7:30pm 8/40 MTG POST 5	16	17	18  7:00pm GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	19 6:00-12:00pm BINGO FUND RAISING	20
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CENTENNIAL POST 209 CHRISTMAS PARTY 16 DECEMBER 1995



VFW POST 4051, PIKES PEAK AVE EAST OF NEVADA



**ATTITUDE
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HOUR AT
6:00 P.M.**

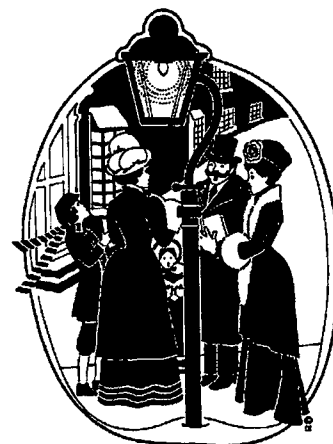


DINNER AT 6:30 P.M.



**DANCE TO THE RHYTHMAIRES
AFTER DINNER**

CALL THE POST AT 599-8624 OR
CALL LARRY JOHNSON 590-1369
AND TELL US HOW MANY ARE IN
YOUR PARTY.



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