



# CENTENNIAL POST 209



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

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DECEMBER 1996  
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LEGION NEWS  
HARRY JOHNSON  
COMMANDER

The American Legion is a voluntary organization; its sole purpose is to assist veterans, the families of veterans and children and youth.

We do this by donating our free time to the Post which, in turn, provides benefits to the veterans, children and wives of veterans. Post 209's budget for this year is \$113,015.00 and I have enclosed a copy of the budget for your review. If you have any questions about any item, I would like to hear from you.

As you can see \$98,150 comes from Bingo. I don't need to tell you how important this income is to our being able to fulfill the missions. We need your help. We need someone who can come in on Friday each month and run checks through the machine to verify that they are good. We also need one person one Friday night each month to sell pull tabs for the twenty five cent buckets and one for the \$1.00 buckets. If you want to be a member of this Post you should be willing to help. There are other ways you can help if this doesn't suit your time frame. We need a couple of people to fill vacant jobs,

such as Sgt-at-Arms, Historian and Service Officer.

Please read and reread the following article and think about:

## NINE WAYS TO KILL AN ORGANIZATION

1. Don't participate beyond paying your dues (let "them" handle things), then complain that members have no voice in the management of the organization.
2. Decline all committee appointments and offices (because you're too busy and your time is too important), then offer vociferous advice on how they should do things.
3. If appointed to a committee, don't work (it's a courtesy appointment) and then complain that the organization has stagnated.
4. If you attend meetings, don't initiate new ideas and then play "devil's advocate" to those ideas submitted by others.
5. Don't rush to pay your dues (they're too high anyway), then complain about the lack of quality or sparse number of services offered.
6. Don't encourage others to become members (that's selling), then complain that the membership is not growing.
7. Don't read the newsletter or other communications (they're not important),

OFFICERS

COMMANDER	HARRY JOHNSON
SR VICE COMMANDER	HARRY MCFADDEN
JR VICE COMMANDER	JEFF NEW
ADJUTANT	ANN FOSTER
FINANCE OFFICER	LARRY JOHNSON
HISTORIAN	
SGT AT ARMS	ROBERT HYNATT
CHAPLAIN	HOWARD HORNIK
JUDGE ADVOCATE	WALLY LONSINGER
SERVICE OFFICER	
EXEC COMMITTEEMAN	NEAL THOMAS

DUES \$25.00

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

WORLD WAR I  
APR 6, 1917 - NOV 11, 1918  
WORLD WAR II  
DEC 7, 1941 - DEC 31, 1946  
KOREAN WAR  
JUN 25, 1950 - JAN 31, 1956  
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 OFFICERS

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

DUES \$15.00

NINE WAYS TO KILL AN ORGANIZATION  
(Cont)

then complain that you're not kept informed.

8. Don't volunteer your talents (that's ego fulfillment), then complain that you're never asked, never appreciated, and never recognized as the "expert" you obviously are.

9. Have faith in no one and nothing; don't take any chances on untried procedures (after all, you're not a gambler). Let someone else put their reputation on the line and take the risks, then be sure to enjoy the benefits that result from another's leap of faith.

And if by chance the group grows in spite of your contribution, grasp every opportunity to tell the youngsters how tough it was and how hard you worked "in the old days" to bring the group to its present level of success.

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MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.  
DAY POST #26 PALMER PARK & PETERSON RD.

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*Merry Christmas*



**AUXILIARY NEWS**  
BARBARA JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

Merry Christmas! May your holidays be filled with Joy.

Because our meetings are being attended by so few ladies, we voted at our November meeting to, on a trial basis, have our General Membership meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 1:00 P.M. at the Post business office, 4291 Austin Bluffs Parkway #102. We will not have a December meeting because of the Christmas Party but will start our new meeting time and place on January 16, 1997.

We hope that more of you who do not like to get out at night will find the afternoon meetings to your liking.

The Post still will meet at night on the third Thursday, 7:00 P.M. at the DAV.

**ACTIVITIES**  
AND OTHER SIMILAR STUFF

December 15 - The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 15 at the V.F.W. Post 4051, 6:00 P.M. Mark your Calendar and call for reservations.

**FROM THE OFFICE OF VETERAN & MILITARY  
AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER:**

The House of Representatives has cleared several bills affecting veterans for the President.

H.R. 3438 fixes VA compensation and DIC to the cost of living increase for Social Security in 1997.

H. R. 3118, "Veterans Health Care eligibility Reform Act of 1996," is a sweeping bill that may radically revise eligibility to VA medical care. It will require VAROs to coordinate closely with medical centers to ensure eligible veterans are recognized under the new rules.

S. 1711, "Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 1996" contains the following significant changes to VA benefits:

- \* Permanently approves the alternate teacher certification program for GI bill benefits.
- \* Authorizes transfer of active-duty VEAP participants to the Montgomery GI bill.
- \* Allows conversion of VGLI to commercial policies at anytime.
- \* Changes the beginning date of the Vietnam era to February 28, 1961.
- \* Establishes a commission to review the effectiveness of programs assisting service members in the transition to civilian life.
- \* Requires VA to pay a veteran's surviving spouse an entire month's compensation or pension payment for the month in which a veteran dies.
- \* Increases the period under which accrued benefits are payable to two years.





ON BEHALF OF CENTENNIAL 209, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY ON 15 DEC 96. IT WILL BE HELD AT V.F.W. POST 4051 (PIKES PEAK AVE AND WAHSACH.

FESTIVITIES WILL START WITH A SOCIAL HOUR WHICH STARTS AT 6:00 P.M.

A CHRISTMAS DINNER OF PRIME RIB WITH BAKED POTATOES, MIXED VEGETABLES & TOSSED SALAD WILL BE SERVED AT 7:00 P.M.

IF YOUR SCHEDULE WILL ALLOW AND YOU WILL BE ATTENDING PLEASE CALL HARRY JOHNSON 596-9261 OR LARRY JOHNSON 590-1369 BY 12 DECEMBER 1996.



BUDGET REPORT  
7/ 1/96 Through 6/30/97

POST209-All Accounts  
10/16/96

Category Description	7/ 1/96 Actual	- Budget	6/30/97 Diff
<b>INCOME/EXPENSE</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>			
BINGO-BINGO PROCEEDS	6,584.00	28,000.00	-21,416.00
DIVIDEND-DIVIDEND	975.23	2,500.00	-1,524.77
DONATIONS BLDG-DONATIONS FOR BLDG	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
DONATIONS BOYS-DONATIONS BOYS STATE	0.00	0.00	0.00
DONATIONS-DONATIONS	1,020.00	0.00	1,020.00
DUES-DUES FRM MEMBERS	2,880.00	8,750.00	-5,870.00
EMBLEM RECPTS-EMBLEM SALES IN	23.00	250.00	-227.00
INSTALL OFFICER-INSTALL OFFICERS DINNER	0.00	200.00	-200.00
PULLTABS-PULLTABS INCOME	14,281.50	70,000.00	-55,718.50
RAFFLES BINGO-RAFFLES AT BINGO GAME	0.00	150.00	-150.00
RAFFLES-REGULAR RAFFLES	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
RECOVERED CHECK-RECOVERED CHECKS	1,940.00	0.00	1,940.00
RODEO-RODEO DONATIONS	0.00	200.00	-200.00
T-BILLS INTRST-INTEREST FROM T-BILLS	0.00	465.00	-465.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>27,703.73</b>	<b>113,015.00</b>	<b>-85,311.27</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
ACCOUNTING-ACCOUNTING EXPENSES	325.00	2,500.00	-2,175.00
ARCHITECT-ARCHITECT FEES	22,802.21	15,000.00	7,802.21
AUXILIARY-AUXILIARY CONTRIBUTION	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
BAD CHECKS BIN-BAD CHECKS FROM BINGO	905.00	0.00	905.00
BAD CHECKS POST-BAD CHECKS POST	25.00	0.00	25.00
BANK CHARGES-BANK CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00
BASEBALL-BASEBALL CONTRIBUTIONS	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
BINGO BANK-BINGO BANK	0.00	0.00	0.00
BINGO HALL RENT-BINGO HALL RENT	2,700.00	15,600.00	-12,900.00
BINGO LIC RENEW-BINGO LICENSE RENEWAL	0.00	63.00	-63.00
BINGO RAFFLES-RAFFLES AT BINGO	0.00	300.00	-300.00
BINGO SUPPLIES-GLUE STICK/DAUBBERS	1,598.05	1,500.00	98.05
BINGO TALLY SHT-PRINT OF TALLY SHEETS	0.00	150.00	-150.00
BINGO TAXES-BINGO TAXES	451.13	3,000.00	-2,548.87
BIRTHDAY DINNER-BIRTHDAY EXPENSE	0.00	500.00	-500.00
BOYS SCOUT-BOYS SCOUTS	0.00	100.00	-100.00
BOYS STATE-BOYS STATE EXP	0.00	1,620.00	-1,620.00
BUILDING-BUILDING POST HOME	1,266.50	25,000.00	-23,733.50
BUS RENTAL-BUS RENTAL FT LYON	0.00	300.00	-300.00
CDR'S TRAVEL-COMMANDER TRAVEL EXP	249.17	250.00	-0.83
CHAPLAIN-CHAPLAIN EXPENSES	30.00	100.00	-70.00
CHECKRITE-CHECRITE DUES	50.00	150.00	-100.00
CHILD & YOUTH-CHILDREN & YOUTH	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
CONTRIBUTIONS-CONTRIBUTIONS	40.00	1,500.00	-1,460.00
COPIER RENTAL-COPIER RENTAL EXP	124.14	750.00	-625.86
CORP FILING-CORPATION FILING FEES	175.00	175.00	0.00
DELEGATE FEES-DELEGATE FEES	0.00	300.00	-300.00
DIST 7 HOSP RM-DIST 7 HOSP ROOM	0.00	100.00	-100.00
DUES & SUBSCRIP-DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	24.20	150.00	-125.80
EARLY BIRD DNR-EARLY BIRD DINNER	0.00	500.00	-500.00
EMBLEM ORDERS-EMBLEM SALES ORDERS	25.00	200.00	-175.00
EQUIP MAINT-EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	0.00	500.00	-500.00

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FLAGS-FLAGS PRESENTATION	0.00	650.00	-650.00
GAS CARD-GAS CARD	0.00	100.00	-100.00
GIFTS & AWARDS-GIFTS & AWARDS	6.64	350.00	-343.36
HISTORIAN-HISTORIAN EXPENSES	0.00	50.00	-50.00
INSTALLATION-INSTALLATION OF OFCRS	0.00	500.00	-500.00
INSURANCE-INSURANCE EXPENSE	47.00	350.00	-303.00
LAWYER FEES-LAWYER FEES	405.00	300.00	105.00
MAIL PERMIT-BULK MAIL PERMIT	150.00	85.00	65.00
MEMBERSHIP EXP-MEMBERSHIP EXPENSE	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
MISC-MISC	0.00	0.00	0.00
NEWSLETTER-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER	376.20	2,000.00	-1,623.80
OFFICE EQUIP-EQUIP & SOFTWARE PURCHASE	222.15	1,500.00	-1,277.85
OFFICE RENT-OFFICE RENT	1,785.00	5,200.00	-3,415.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES-OFFICE SUPPLIES	77.11	1,000.00	-922.89
ORATORICAL EXP-ORATORICAL EXPENSES	0.00	150.00	-150.00
P.O. BOX-P.O. BOX RENTAL EXP	0.00	50.00	-50.00
PACKETS_PAPER-PACKETS BINGO	309.25	1,500.00	-1,190.75
PER CAPITA-MONEY TO DEPT & NAT'L	2,295.00	7,000.00	-4,705.00
PERM MBRSH-PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP EXP	0.00	350.00	-350.00
PICNIC-PICNIC EXPENSES	244.17	500.00	-255.83
POSTAGE-BULK MAIL POSTAGE	0.00	700.00	-700.00
PP VETS FOOD-PP VETS COUNCIL FOOD	0.00	150.00	-150.00
PRINTING-MISC PRINTING	63.11	500.00	-436.89
PROP MAINT-PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	365.45	500.00	-134.55
PROPERTY TAX-PROPERTY TAXES	0.00	2,200.00	-2,200.00
PULLTABS PUR-PURCHASES OF PULLTABS	3,552.97	20,000.00	-16,447.03
RAFFLE PRIZES-PRIZES FOR RAFFLES	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
RETURN MAIL ACC-RETURNED MAIL ACCOUNT	0.00	75.00	-75.00
SAFE DEPOSIT-SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENTAL	0.00	25.00	-25.00
SATALITE CLINIC-SATALITE CLINIC EXP	0.00	150.00	-150.00
STAMPS-STAMPS (ROLLS)	128.00	350.00	-222.00
STORAGE-STORAGE EXP	172.00	500.00	-328.00
SVC OFCR-SERVICE OFCR EXP	0.00	500.00	-500.00
TELEPHONE-TELEPHONE	143.53	700.00	-556.47
TICKET PRINTING-RAFFLE TICKET PRINTING	0.00	300.00	-300.00
TRAINING-TRAINING EXP	0.00	250.00	-250.00
VET REHAB-DONATION FT LYON	500.00	500.00	0.00
VET SHIRTS-SHIRTS ETC FT LYONS	500.00	500.00	0.00
VET SPT P-1919-VET SPT P-1919	100.00	100.00	0.00
X-MAS BASKETS-X-MAS BASKETS	0.00	500.00	-500.00
X-MAS PARTY-X-MAS PARTY EXP	0.00	500.00	-500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>42,232.98</b>	<b>126,943.00</b>	<b>-84,710.02</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE</b>	<b>-14,529.25</b>	<b>-13,928.00</b>	<b>-601.25</b>

ADJUTANT ANNOTATIONS: Ann Foster We are now at 251 members and at 50% of our goal for 1997. Let's see if we can't get the other 50% in the early part of 1997! We are now on the Internet and the address is: <http://www.pcisys.net/wal209>. If you wish to use E-Mail the address is [al209@pcisys.net](mailto:al209@pcisys.net). This is all thanks to our own Floyd Bufkin. Floyd asks you to drop in with your E-Mail address, so he can add you to that mailing list. Leadership Workshop was excellent in spite of the weather. Howard Hornik and myself were the only Post 209 attendees. Wish more of you could have been there. Have wonderful holidays!