

CENTENNIAL POST 209

THE AMERICAN LEGION

DECEMBER 1997



I hope that you are following the request in the mailing sent to you at the end of October. We need your DD 214 copy and will appreciate having it sent to the office address. Because of the urgency for this information and the lateness of getting material to the editor, this mailing substituted for the November newsletter.

About 40 were present at the Early Bird dinner on November 1. We appreciate the efforts of our Junior Vice Commander Frances Redington, in putting it together. We had a good time and you were missed.

Then there was the Veterans Day Parade entitled "In Their Honor," held on November 8. Past Department Commander June Thomas and I were on the reviewing stand to watch the parade along with city officials and representatives from other veterans' organizations. The Post station wagon was decorated for the parade and

driven by Larry Johnson. Cub Pack #24, sponsored by the Post, joined us. The Cub Pack is looking forward to next year's parade, and to having a float in it. I expect they will need our support.

If you know of a Veteran who needs aid during the Holiday season, please contact the Post or Commander at 599-8624 or 591-7606. We would appreciate learning how many are in the family, ages of children and their names. We will need an address and phone number.

We did not have an Executive Committee meeting in November but will have one on December 3. However, there will NOT be a general membership meeting on December 18 because our annual Christmas Party substitutes for that meeting. See articles following for further information on that. We will look forward to seeing you there. Be sure to make your reservation.

As a closing comment we ask you to think of how you can support the Post. We will begin soon looking for those members who will be the future leaders of our Post. We NEED YOU!.



OFFICERS

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| COMMANDER | HARRY MCFADDEN |
| SR VICE COMMANDER | FLOYD BUTKIN |
| JR VICE COMMANDER | FRANCIS REDINGTON |
| ADJUTANT | ANN FOSTER |
| FINANCE OFFICER | HARRY JOHNSON |
| HISTORIAN | LARRY JOHNSON |
| SGT AT ARMS | NORM HARPOLE |
| 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
CRENADA & 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

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| PRESIDENT | DOROTHY DASSERO |
| 1ST VICE PRESIDENT | |
| 2ND VICE PRESIDENT | |
| SECRETARY | RUTH HORNIK |
| TREASURER | BARBARA JOHNSON |
| HISTORIAN | |
| CHAPLAIN | JUDITH MCFADDEN |
| SGT AT ARMS | MARCIA SHELLHAMMER |

DUES \$15.00

MEETINGS

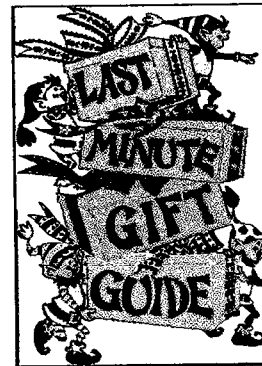
3RD THURSDAY - 7:00 P.M.
DAY POST #26 PALMER PARK & PETERSON RD.

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WHAT TO GET THE
LEGIONNAIRE WHO
HAS EVERYTHING



What to get your favorite Legionnaire??? Isn't that a question hard to decide?

A Permanent Membership in The American Legion is a gift which would keep on giving year after year.

If you have questions, call the Post, 599-8624, leave a message, and we'll get back to you.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES
LARRY JOHNSON
GAMES CHAIRMAN

Our only fundraising activity at this time is the game of Bingo conducted on Friday evenings.

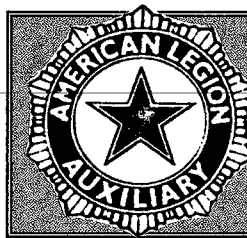
The reason we chose Friday is that we found that this is usually the best night, aside from Saturday, in which to make money. And this has proven to be the case.

The other reason that we hold our fundraising activity on Friday is because our volunteers have said that is the best night for them as most don't have to go to work on Saturday.

I bring this up because once again we are in a quandary as to what to do about Bingo workers. We need your help.

I realize that not everyone has the same feeling about the Bingo fundraiser but this is our only way of raising money to support the programs and activities of the Post.

We have, at last count, 250 current members but only about 10 Legionnaires and Auxiliary members who donate their time to the Post. I am asking you to please find it in your heart to come out and help us raise money. Give us a try Friday night or call me at 590-1369 and tell me which night you are willing to help.



AUXILIARY NEWS
DOT DASSERO, PRESIDENT

Membership for the Auxiliary has been coming in but slowly. We stand at about 65% and I'm sure that Treasurer Barbara would like to see the rest come in to reach our 100% goal as quickly as possible. Before you get involved in Christmas shopping, drop your renewal check into the mail...please!

We are looking forward to all the holiday festivities as I am sure you are also. Please note the information about the Post's annual Christmas Party and plan to attend.

Happy
Holidays!

Remember also that if you plan on celebrating New Year's Eve away from home, please choose a designated driver. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all.

AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP

LARRY JOHNSON, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

We are doing fantastic in our 1998 membership drive. The last time I checked, we had in excess of 250 Legionnaires who have paid their 1998 dues.

For those who have renewed, I say thank you very much. If it weren't for your continued interest and concern, The American Legion and Post 209 could not continue to carry out their various programs.

For those who have not renewed, I ask that you take some time and renew your membership. I would like to remind everyone that the ones who benefit from your membership are those who have served in the past and those who will serve in the future, as well as those serving today.



Please remember that with each renewal and each new member we bring into The American Legion, that is one more Veteran that we represent.

Your 1997 membership expires on 31 December 1997. Please take time to renew your membership with Post 209. If you have any questions

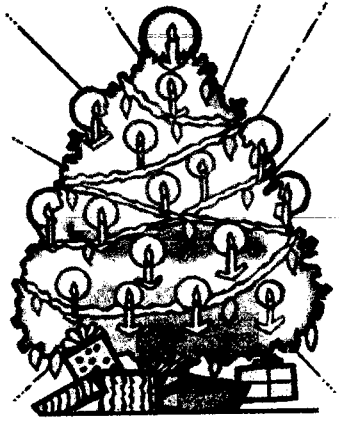
about your renewal or the Post, feel free to call me at 590-1369.



ACTIVITIES
AND OTHER SIMILAR STUFF

December 3 - Executive Meeting
December 20 - Christmas Party,
Colorado Cafe, Make reservations
December 25 - Merry Christmas
January 1 - Happy New Year





Christmas Greetings

Centennial 209 Annual Christmas Party

Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion, You are all invited to join with us for a Christmas Party on 20 December 1997.

The Festivities will be held at the Colorado Cafe located at 609 South Circle Drive. Dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M.

There is no COST to the members or their spouse/friend.

All we ask you to do is to call either Francis Redington at 471-3925 or Larry Johnson at 590-1369 or call the Post at 599-8624 and tell us how many will be in your party. The Colorado Cafe will hold about 70 people for the dinner.

The menu will consist of Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, veggies, and desert.



No matter how you get here, Come on down and meet some new people and have an evening of fun.