



# Centennial 209 Newsletter

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**From the Commander – Charles “Chuck” Zeitvogel**

## **Holiday Greetings:**

Your Executive Committee and Board of Trustees extend "Greetings and Best Wishes" for the upcoming Christmas and the New Year Holiday Season to all in our American Legion Centennial Post 209 families. May these Holidays be joyous, prosperous, and safe for all.

## **December General Membership Meeting**

The General Membership Meeting for December 20<sup>th</sup> will not be held. It was voted at the November meeting to suspend it in due to the Christmas and New Year's holiday season. Members are encouraged to attend the Post 209 Christmas Party to be held at Post 5's facilities in lieu of the regular meeting.

## **Veterans' Day Parade**

The Veterans' Day Parade held November 10<sup>th</sup> in Colorado Springs was a huge success. Several members of our Post participated. Comments heard from members of various organizations were that this was one of the most emotional parades they had marched in. Much of this was due to the enthusiasm of the thousands of cheering, flag waving people along the parade route. We thank all the Colorado Springs residents and visitor's who were there in support of this Veteran's Day Parade.



**Viewing Participants of the  
Veteran's Day Parade**

#### Post 209 Officers

Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
Senior Vice Commander	Larry Johnson
Junior Vice Commander	Norm Moyer
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Greg Andries
Historian	Harry Mc Fadden
Sgt-at-Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Howard Hornik
Judge Advocate	Alton Cyriaque
Service Officer	Thomas Morant
Post Exec Committeeman	Neal Thomas

Dues \$ 30.00

#### Auxiliary Officers

President	Dorothy Dassero
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Marcia Shellhammer
Sgt-at-Arms	Ruth Hornik

Dues \$ 15.00

#### Meetings

Post Executive Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday –  
6:30 P.M. at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste 104.

Post General Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
7:00 P.M. at VFW Post 4051,  
430 East Pikes Peak Avenue.

Auxiliary General Membership Meeting  
1:30 P.M. at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste 104.

#### Board of Trustees

Chairman	Neal Thomas
Secretary	Alton Cyriaque
Member	Greg Andries
Member	Chuck Zeitvogel
Member	Francis Redington
Member	Harry Mc Fadden
Member	Alton Cyriaque
Member	Larry Johnson

Meets on the 1st Thursday after Executive  
Committee Meeting

#### Membership Eligibility

World War I  
April 6, 1917 – 11 November 1918

World War II  
December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946

Korean War  
June 25, 1960 – January 31, 1956

Vietnam War  
December 22, 1961 – May 7, 1975

Grenada & Lebanon  
August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1990

Persian Gulf  
August 2, 1990 – Until the end of Hostilities as  
set by Congress

Pearl Harbor Remembrance  
60 Years Later ~ 1941 – 2001

The Navy League of Colorado Springs  
Requests the honor of your presence  
At the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance  
Of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

7 December, 2001  
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.  
Veterans Memorial Park  
"The Rock"



#### Sick Call

Dot Dassero – The last that was heard is that she  
slowly getting better. Keep up the work DOT we  
need you back.

Helen Rydell is doing better

If you are sick or if you know of someone who is under the  
weather or in the hospital, please give a call to Howard  
Hornik at 719-596-6345. Information needs to be in the  
editor's hands by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month for  
inclusion in the newsletter.

**From the Senior Vice Commander: Larry Johnson**

## **SOMETHING IS MISSING**

Something was missing from the Veterans Days Ceremonies at Memorial Park Today.

Something has been missing from the General Membership meetings every month.

Something has been missing from our planning sessions.

Something has been missing from the parties and activities of the Post.

Something has been missing from the programs of The American Legion and Centennial 209.

That something is yoU. That's right yoU!! There are many things that we cannot do without U.

We can't have doubles for tennis without yoU. We can't have a committee of two without yoU. We can't lift a heavy object without yoU. We can't have a big function without yoU. We can't have any fun without yoU. We can't spell Us without yoU. We can't pUsh for 100 % without yoU. We can't spell sUccess without yoU.

I guess what I'm trying to get across to you is that you are the most important person to the success of this Post and The Programs of The American Legion. Without your ideas and input we can't do much of anything. If the truth be known we can't do much without yoU.

Many years ago I wrote an article something along this line, trying to impress upon the members that you are the most vital link to the success of the Post.

I received letters that stated, "I'm bed bound, I'm house bound, I work at nights, I have children at home, or I'm caring for my parents". At that time as now, it was and is a very valid reason for not becoming involved. But you know, I never heard one Legionnaire say "I'm too busy watching TV", "I'm too busy washing my car". I've never heard a Legionnaire say "I'm too busy to do anything".

At that time, I didn't reply to anything. Today, I feel that I need to say a few things. The events of 11 September 2001 have had a dramatic change on the country and its citizens. There is a heightened awareness of terrorism, and bacterial warfare. This has led to the leaders of our country activating our sons, daughters, grandsons, and granddaughters in defense of our nation. We are now faced with the support of the families that have been left behind. This support can take many facets from providing rides to the store, babysitting, mowing the grass, raking leaves, shoveling sidewalks, to providing monetary support to the families. We should not be faced with telling these families that are depending on us for help that we do not have a group of Legionnaires willing to get involved and help with planning and carrying out the tasks.

I hope you know why I'm saying that the important person that is missing from the programs of The American Legion and the success of this Post is yoU. Think about it and make yourself available, let us know your ideas and what it is that you can do to help the Post achieve sUccess.

## **Bingo Volunteers Needed**

With a membership of around 300 Legionnaires, it would seem that volunteers would be "jumping out of the woodwork"! Not so. We have seen the same "seasoned" volunteers every Tuesday evening since the restart of Bingo in May. We encourage members & auxiliary to please help so the volunteers can have an evening off. Please call Greg at 636-3346 for information or come to the hall - Bingo Depot, Austin Bluffs and Academy.

## From the Senior Vice Commander: Larry Johnson

### Does Your Name Belong Here?

The following listed Legionnaires have renewed their membership for the year 2002 as of 14 November 2001. The Bold names are of Legionnaires who have joined the Post this year.

For those whose name is listed here, have I left you off or have you been procrastinating. Either way I would ask you to take a moment and send in your dues for the year 2002. For those Legionnaires who have already mailed in your dues, I thank you very much.

I hope that you will join with me and say WELCOME to the new Legionnaires of our Post. These Legionnaires are highlighted below, the Legionnaires in *Italic's* have transferred to us from another Post. Hope to see you soon at one of the meetings.

Gerald Agnew, Billy Allison, James Allison, LaQuita Allison, Dan Anderson, Greg Andries, Leon Ashton, George Ausmus, Norman Avery, Douglas Bachman, Paul Bailey, John Barbera, James Baker, Charles Barnes, George Bassett, Harley Beckstrand, Ronald Bennett, Leonard Bentley, Frank Blanchard, Jimmy Blankenship, Arthur Borer, Clotilde Bowen, Lester Brosset, Ernest Brumfield, Edward Bucholz, Regina Buffkin, William Burnes, Earl Burrell, Troy Burrell, Haim Calderon, Robert Cancellieri, Harry Cassell, Harry Casterlin, Earl Chaplin, Curtis Charboneau, James Chester, Dale Crist, Charles Clark, David Coberly, Richard Cole, Christopher Collins, Melvin Cooper, John Cress, Alton Cyriaque, Frithjof Dammann, Harry Daniels, William Daugherty, Martin Davis, Glenn Decarlo, Gideon Diamon, Lyle Dickason, Dennis Drelling, Clifford Dufrain, Barbara Duink, Carl Elliott, Ronald Erickson, Warren Falk, Brenda Flowers, Anna Foster, J P Freeman, Harold Fricke, Harold Garber, John Carver, Willard Geick, Freeman Gibson, Mark Gilding, Victor Green, Arnie Gruenewald, Randy Gulley, John Gutierrez, Carl Hammer, Norman Harpole, Brentley Hart, D R Harvey, William Hathaway, Jack Heath, Robert Hebert, Michael Henebry, James Hennie, Robert Hinshaw, Edward Hoden, Herman Hoggemiller, Marion Holden, Howard Hornik, Robert Hudson, James, Hulterstrom, Albert Hurley, Donald Hyde, Lewis Ireland, William Jacobs, John Jauregui, Sigurd Jensen, Gordon Jesse, Allan Johnson, Benny Johnson, Harry Johnson, Janice Johnson, Larry Johnson, Eddie Jones, James Jones, Fred Karvaski, Mario Karzon, Virginia Keifer, Ernest Kelly, Patrick Kelly, Arthur Kimbrel, Robert King, Michael Knaub, John Kneuer, Matthew Kneriem, James Kobelt, John Kortemeyer, John Kovar, Ivan La Forge, Francis Landry, Errol Lanier, Herman Lauck, Donald Levey, Roy Lindblade, David Linder, Timothy Long, Wallace Lonsinger, William Mahar, John Maler, Herminio Maldonado, Ronald Marshall, William Marshall, Julian, Martinez, Gut Marzari, Freya May, Gerald May, Walter Mc Donald, William Mc Clinton, Charles Mc Collum, William Mc Cullough, Harry Mc Fadden, Dan Mc Laughlin, Quinn Mc Neil, Ben Miller, R K Miller, Edgar Mills, John Mitchell, William Mook, Joyce Moyer, Norman Moyer, John Mueller, James Mundt, Allen Navratil, Barbara Nelson, Bart Obra, Daniel Ogan, Joseph Ondrejik, Stanley Palmer, Thomas Paradise, George Patterson, Frans Pauli, Curtis Payne, Roger Penninger, David Plenge, Clarence Porter, David Porter, Lynn Porter, John Potts, George Proeller, William Ralston, Francis Redington, Raymond Redington, John Reilly, Alvin Richert, David Robertson, Maria Ryan, Helen Rydell, Robert Rydell, Peter Sartino, Norman Schwartz, William Scott, John Sentena, Eric Senzek, Anthony Seriduc, Glen Setser, J C Shellhammer, Eleanor Shepperdson, Nelson, Sherrard, John Siran, Anna Sitiko, John Sittler, Joseph Smith, William Smith, John Snider, Ed Stern, Lindy Stone, Robert Stryker, June Swearegin, Rudolph Tamayo, David Thomas, Neal Thomas, Robert Thompson, Randy Threet, Steve Tice, Bennie Torres, Joseph Totoro, Robert Trameloni, William Triche, Charles Ulmer, Robert Unruh, Polk Walker, Donald Warner, Lester Watson, William Weeks, Richard White, David Wlinski, William Wohlleb, Paul Wolf, Roy Wytzka, Millicent Young, Stephen Zakaluk, Charles Zeitvogel, John Zemitts, Robert Harrison, Carl Hatton, Les Nichols, *Richard Ferguson*, Cornelius Connery, Henry Fletcher, Arthur Moore, Curtis Yaney, *Albert Castanon*, John Chamberlain, *Joseph Wash*, *Phoebe Jackson-Watson*, Stephen Sutton, George Steinfeld, Jim Thomason, **Steve Bullington**, Michael Sawyer, Robert Shott, Paul Trees, Phillip Meringola

### Paulette Ross-Salazar Benefit

Paulette Ross-Salazar, 2nd Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Colorado, treasurer of Unit 111 in Louisville, and District 4 Historian, has been battling colon cancer for over 7 years. She is the daughter of National Executive Committeeman Joseph and Jackie Ross, both active at the Post/Unit, District and Department level of the organization.

Walter Rhoades Post 111 in Louisville is sponsoring a fundraiser on Sunday, December 16, 2001. The benefit consists of an auction from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, silent auction, raffles, ornament and t-shirt sale, food, fun and music provided by the Midnight Specials (band member Joe Ross). Please join Paulette, her family and friends at this benefit to help make Paulette's cure of cancer a reality. More information is coming in the District newsletter. Joseph Ross 1446 S Larkspur Ct, Lafayette, CO 80026.

## **From the Finance Officer: Greg Andries**

### **One Dollar Bill**

#### **ALL THE TALIBAN HAVE TO DO IS LOOK AT THE UNITED STATES ONE-DOLLAR BILL.**

Take out a one-dollar bill, and look at it. The one-dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design.

This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material. We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know. It is overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look.

If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for a balanced budget. In the center, you have a carpenter's square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury.

That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know. If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States.

The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved. If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is un-capped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. IN GOD WE TRUST is on this currency. The Latin above the Pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means "God has favored our undertaking". The Latin below the Pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means "a new order has begun".

At the base of the Pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776. If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, FL National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most heroes' monuments.

Slightly modified, it is the Seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks; yet very few people know what the symbols mean. The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong and he is smart enough to soar above it. Second, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of the shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak, you will read, E PLURIBUS UNUM, meaning "one nation for many people". Above the Eagle, you have thirteen stars, representing the thirteen colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels with a 13<sup>th</sup> floor. But think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in E Pluribus Unum, 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 bars on the shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits and if you look closely, 13 arrows.

### **13<sup>th</sup> Amendment for minorities:**

**Why don't you know this? Your children don't know this and their history teachers don't know this. Too many veterans have given up too much to ever let the meaning fade. Many veterans remember coming home to an America that didn't care. Too many veterans never came home at all.**

**Share this article with everyone, so they can learn what is on the back of the United States one-dollar bill and what it stands for... Otherwise, they will probably never know.**

### **From the Adjutant: Ann Foster**

**I am very happy to report that we are doing well, so far, with our membership for 2002. We have 236 members and that is more than 85% of our goal of 271. Only 8 more will give us 90% and 35 more will make our 100%. We still have time to reach 100% by the end of the year, so please help us out if you have not already done so. This is the very basic level of membership in The American Legion. By paying your dues you ensure that you receive all of the benefits of belonging to The American Legion. Various parts of your dues make many of the programs possible for veterans, their families, and the communities in which we reside. The next level of membership is where you attend the monthly General Meeting, if you are able, and experience the comradeship of your fellow veterans and learn something from the programs included in these meetings. After that comes the opportunity to help one of the committees that are available, so that our Post can actively participate in The American Legion programs. Some of the programs we sponsor are: Cub Pack 24; an active Junior Shooting Program with the Junior ROTC program at Widefield High School; high school students for the Oratorical Contest that provides scholarship money for college; Junior graduate boys to attend Boy's State to learn how government works; and American Legion Baseball. We help pay dues for veterans at the Florence State Veterans Nursing Home that want to belong to The American Legion; we give Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets; and we work with the VA Outpatient Clinic; etc. You get the idea! THE REALLY SAD THING IS THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND JUST A VERY FEW OTHERS ARE DOING ALL OF THE WORK!! Whenever there is training of any kind for The American Legion, the few of us who attend, tell us that all we have to do is ask! WELL, I HAVE DECIDED IT IS TIME TO ASK YOU TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF BILL MARSHALL WHO IS WORKING ON THE ORATORICAL CONTEST!! When we say we could use your help we are not kidding around!! We need people to help with the programs mentioned above and others such as our fund raisers of Bingo or, the once a year, Pikes Peak Or Bust Rodeo, that provides money to us for our programs. If those of you who are able to help would do so, it would not be that much for you to do and would really lighten the load of those who are doing it all. I know that others and I have talked about this in the newsletters of the past, but I felt the need to so again at this time, as we only had 9 members of the Executive Committee present at the General Membership meeting last Thursday night, 16 November. Officers of District 7 visited us. Four of those officers were from other Posts in the District and four are from our own Post. That is really sad!! This is your Post!! At the very least, we need to hear from you about why you joined The American Legion. Surely it was for more than receipt of The American Legion magazine! It is painful to say what I feel it necessary to say this time, but it is even more painful to not have communication or see so many of you who at least pay your dues. We appreciate very much that first level of membership, but it would really be beneficial to you, as well as the rest of the Post, if you could step up to the plate and help make this a truly active Post!! It only takes a 34 cent stamp to jot a few lines to us and let us know why you joined The American Legion, what do you expect from that membership, and what can you do to help? Even if all you can do is pray for the rest of us, that would be something more than we know about now. So, please take a few moments to contact us, and maybe in the development of a relationship with you, we can help you as well as you can help us! Thanks for listening!**

### **2002 American Legion Emblem Catalog**

**This new Catalog is now available. Anyone wishing to order from it please contact the Commander or Adjutant.**

## **No-Cook fudge (Just in time for the Holidays)**

4 cups of sifted powdered sugar  
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened  
4 ounces unsweetened chocolate, melted  
½ cup chopped walnuts or pecans  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
Dash of salt

Gradually add the powdered sugar to the softened cream cheese and mix well. Mix the warm chocolate thoroughly into the mixture. Stir in the nuts. Add the vanilla and salt.

Grease an 8-inch square pan and spread the mixture in it. Chill, then cut into bite-sized squares and enjoy. Makes about 1-¾ pounds of fudge.

Taken from Gazette Telegraph "Ann Landers" recipe Karen Haram, food and wine editor of the San Antonio Express-News.

Have you got a recipe you would like to share? If you got from some where, make an attempt to identify it so credit can be given. If it's yours, tell us so we can credit you.

## **NEWS RELEASE from the United States Department of Defense**

### **DOD ANNOUNCES NEW WAYS TO EXPRESS SUPPORT**

The Department of Defense today announced new ways for Americans to show support for their service members deployed overseas. The initiatives, made necessary by a moratorium on mail addressed to "Any Service member," provide alternatives to traditional letter-writing campaigns. DOD suggests that Americans support the troops by instead supporting the communities in which they live.

One way to show support is by doing a good deed on behalf of service members. Visit a VA hospital or nursing home, or volunteer in the local community to help make up for service members who normally would volunteer but are now deployed or otherwise too busy with their duties. Many service members volunteer to coach children's teams, feed the homeless, and aid their communities in a variety of other ways. Interested Americans can show their support and honor their military by volunteering in their local communities.

Although many towns do not have a military base nearby, military recruiters are stationed nearly everywhere. Local governments and chambers of commerce are encouraged to reach out to these local members of the military, invite them to speak at community events, and encourage members of the community to learn more about America's military.

Members of the community who know military families might want to offer their support by reaching out to those families while their loved ones are deployed.

A number of private organizations are developing Web-based methods for Americans to show support. While donations of food and gifts for delivery overseas can no longer be accepted, interested Americans might contribute instead to military relief societies. For more information see: [http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Sep2001/n09172001\\_200109173.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Sep2001/n09172001_200109173.html).

All of these initiatives are in response to the suspension of the "Any Service Member" mail program for operations in Bosnia and Kosovo. Military postal officials will not be implementing a similar program for Operation Enduring Freedom. Operation Dear Abby, a morale booster for service members overseas for more than 17 years, will also be suspended. DOD officials are working on alternatives to that program as well.

Service members value and appreciate expressions of support from the American people, and these and other mail programs are a significant boost to morale. However, recent mail-related attacks have resulted in additional precautions and the safety of service members is paramount. The increased manpower required to ensure safe mail handling coupled with the increased volume of mail that letter-writing campaigns generate could exceed capabilities, and therefore cannot be supported at this time.

Normal mail delivery addressed by name to individual service members will continue uninterrupted.

### **Service Officer Applications.**

"The Department is now accepting applications for two positions in the Department Service Office. For more information call John McCartney at 1-877-914-5381 or 303-914-5587. For an application call Department Headquarters at 303-366-5201."

### **2002 Oratorical Contest Time Line:**

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| • August 15, 2001   | Begin recruiting students, submit applications            |
| • December 21, 2001 | Applications deadline with \$100 fee                      |
| • January 26, 2002  | Certification deadline (allows us to work at mid -winter) |
| • March 1, 2002     | Students, moderators and key staff Orientation            |
| • March 2, 2002     | Department contest  |

### **Early Bird Dinner:**

The Early Bird Dinner celebrated November 17th had 32 in attendance. We thank American Legion Post 5 for the use of their facilities to celebrate this event. Al Cyriaque and Larry Johnson prepared the meal and program. In addition to the meal there were two parts to the program. First we had presentation of an American Flag to Mrs. Janet Krause Westerdahl. This was in honor of her husband, Staff Sergeant Jack V. Westerdahl, a World War II veteran recently deceased. His daughters, Julie and Terri, were also present. This was followed by an induction ceremony for new members in American Legion Post 209. New initiates were Joyce Moyer, Tom Morant, Greg Andries, William Marshall and Charles Zeitvogel. Janice Johnson also received her certificate of initiation.

### **General Membership Meetings Attendance and Cash Drawing:**

Member attendance at our General Membership Meetings is extremely important. Our goal is to have at least ten percent of our members in attendance at each meeting. Starting in January 2002, and for the following six months, to help encourage attendance, we will draw a name from the membership roster at each meeting. It will start with \$25.00 going to the member whose name is drawn. If that member is not present, \$5.00 will be added to the amount to be drawn the following month. A member must be present to win the amount in the drawing. Hopefully, this incentive will encourage more members to attend at General Membership Meeting these next six (6) months.

### **From the Colorado Department, November 15, 2001 Newsletter:**

"Commander Danny DuMiller and President Liz Deming have announced plans for the upcoming Mid-Year conference to be held January 25-27, 2002 at the Holiday Inn, Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs. Because of the world situation and renewed spirit of patriotism in America they have announced that Saturday morning joint session at 9 am will focus on Americanism and Patriotism. A flag history and flag code session will be in addition to information about The American Legion's Americanism programs. The Boys State Committee and the Oratorical Committee will hold sessions on Saturday afternoon at



3:00 pm. For anyone interested in attending, you may call the hotel directly at (719) 598-7656 for a room reservation. Please note the cut-off date is January 2, 2002. The DEC will meet at 2 pm on Friday January 25, 2002. A memorial service will conclude the Mid-Year on Sunday morning.

**"Mid-Year Meals.**

**"Lunch on Saturday will be a joint lunch for all. It will be Buffet Style: pasta plates, salad and dessert for \$12.00 including tax. The Banquet will be \$20.00 including tax."**

**From the Auxilliary President – Dot Dassero**

It seems like it was just the beginning of the year, and here it is already December and the end of another year.

Although the Unit has been involved with a few of The American Legion Auxilliary Programs, as well as supporting The American Legion wherever we can, we need to bring more Ladies into our Auxilliary Unit that will be willing to give us a hand with our programs.

I would like to thank all who have called me and/or sent me e-mails wishing me a speedy recovery.

As we head into the holiday season, I will take a minute to wish all a Safe and Happy Holiday season. I hope that everyone will take extra precautions when traveling by car and other modes of transportation.

The only thing that keeps us from accomplishing more throughout the year is our membership. You've heard before and I will say it again, "If everyone would talk to another and bring her into the Unit we could double our membership".

Until the next Newsletter

**From the Auxilliary Secretary/Treasurer – Barbara Johnson**

The following Auxilliary Ladies have renewed        their membership with Unit 209 for the year 2002.

Patricia Andries, Julie Blankenship, Ireana Campbell, Dot Dassero, Eleanor Fearson, Alice Hart, Joy Hartley, Gloria Hill, Collette Habson, Ruth Homik, Helen Hunter, Bonnie Lloyd, Patricia Martinez, Yolanda Martinez, Leonna Mc Cann, Margarita Niewald, Esther Redington, Marcia Shellhammer, Placida Sorell, June Swearengin, Janae Andries, Barbara Johnson, Margery Johnson, Marlon Johnson

I would like to ask those who are members to please renew your dues as soon as possible. Please mail the renewal dues of \$ 15.00 to Barbara Johnson, 4045 Haven Lane, Colorado Springs, Co 80917.

In order to have a vibrant organization that grows and is involved with the community as well as Veterans and children youth we need more members. I would like to extend an invitation to all of the wives and daughters of the all the Legionnaires who are receiving this letter. We need your ideas and your support and more importantly WE NEED YOU.

The dues for a year are \$ 15.00. If you would like more information and/or an application please give me a call at 719-596-9261. Hope to hear from you soon.

# Centennial 209 Christmas Party

**Saturday, 8 December 2001**  
**American Legion Post 5**  
**13 E. PLATEAU AVE**

## Menu:

Prime Rib, Baked Potato,  
Salad, Veggies and desert

## TIME:

6:30 PM – Social Time

7:00 PM – Dinner Served

## Cost:

Cost of Dinner \$ 10.00 per person

Meeting Old Friends – No Charge

Meeting New Friends – No Charge

Fun Factor: Priceless



Please take a moment now and mark it on your  
Calendar and then give Larry Johnson a call at 719-  
622-0344 and let him know how many will be in your  
party by 5 December 2001. Hope to see you there.