



Centennial 209 Newsletter

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December 2002



From the Commander
Charles "Chuck" Zeitvogel

Holiday Greetings!! With the Holiday Season in full swing we most sincerely wish you and yours the very best for Christmas and New Years. May peaceful solutions be found for the world's problems in 2003. Join us for the Christmas Party if you can. See the notice later in this newsletter.

Veterans' Day Parade: Our Post 209's participation in the Veterans' Day Parade November the 9th was great. The red, white and blue theme for our trailer/float was most appropriate. Thanks to the members that painted it. Those who rode on it during the parade had a good time. Post members who marched also showed a lot of spirit and the spectators showed a lot of appreciation for the Veterans participants and other individuals in the parade. It was truly a wonderful day. We invite more of our Legion family to be part of next year's parade.

Early Bird Dinner: The Early Bird Dinner and induction of new members into The American Legion was another highlight of the Post's November activities. Members and guests enjoyed a wonderful dinner prepared by Greg Andries and Larry "Big John" Johnson. Many thanks to Greg Andries, Jr. Vice Commander, Pat Andries and Janae Andries-Snead, Unit 209 members, Margery Johnson, Past President Unit 209, and other members for their work to make this event a success. The last minute change of dates from 16 Nov to 15 Nov did not seem to dampen the spirit of all who attended.

Thanksgiving baskets/boxes: Tom Morant, Service Officer, and other Post members distributed The Thanksgiving baskets/boxes of food from the "Share Colorado" program. Families who received the basket/boxes of food appreciated them.

Christmas basket/boxes: Call the Service Officer, Tom Morant, or the Post's office phone number should you know of an American Legion family that would benefit from a food basket/box for Christmas. Leave a message on the Post's voice recorder. Leave your name and telephone number along with the name, address, and telephone number of The American Legion Family that you recommend for this program. To reserve a Christmas Holiday basket/box call no later than 5 December 2002.

Post Vehicle: The 1985 Chevy station wagon used by Post 209 is being sold. It did not pass The Colorado Emission Tests and the cost of repairs exceeds its value. It was not cost effective to keep it.

You may know of someone that has a new or good used vehicle that would consider donating it to our American Legion Centennial Post 209. Please contact or have them contact the Post Commander by mail to the Post address indicated in the letterhead of this newsletter, or leave a telephone message on the office voice recorder (719)-599-8624. Thanks.

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

2002-2003 Officers

Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
Sr. Vice Cdr.	Norman Moyer
Jr. Vice Cdr.	Greg Andries
Adjutant	Ann Foster
Finance Officer	Gideon Diamon
Historian	Bill Marshall
Sergeant at Arms	Robert Rydell
Chaplain	Howard Hornik
Judge Advocate	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Tom Morant
Post Executive Committeeman	Neal Thomas
DUES	\$ 30.00

Auxiliary Unit 209 Officers

President	Dot Dassero
Secretary/Treasurer	Barbara Johnson
Chaplain	Marcia Shellhammer
Sgt At Arms	Ruth Hornik
DUES	\$ 15.00

Meetings

Post Executive Meeting – 1st Thursday – 7:00 P.M. at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste. 104
Post General Membership Meeting – 3rd Thursday, 7:00 P.M. at VFW 4051, 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave.
Auxiliary General Membership Meeting

Board of Trustees

Chairman (3 yr)	Neal Thomas
Secretary (2 yr)	Alton Cyriaque
Finance Officer	Gideon Diamon
Commander	Chuck Zeitvogel
Member (3 yr)	Larry Johnson
Member (2 yr)	Francis Redington
Member (1 yr)	Ann Foster
Meets on the 1st Thursday before the Post Executive Committee Meeting at 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste. 104	

Membership Eligibility Dates

World War I April 6, 1917 – 11 November 1918
World War II December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
Korean War June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955
Vietnam War February 28, 1961 – May 8, 1975
Grenada & Lebanon August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984
Panama December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990
Persian Gulf August 2, 1990 – Until the end of hostilities as set by Congress

Committees

Planning/Budget & Public Relations	Chuck Zeitvogel 719-531-0546
Membership	Norman Moyer 719-392-3725
Program & Social Activities	Greg Andries 719-636-3346
Americanism/Youth/Scouting/ Jr. ROTC & Marksmanship	Francis Redington 719-471-3925
Boys State & Oratorical Contest	Bill Marshall 719-495-0088
Legislative & National Security	Neal Thomas 719-392-1510
Veterans Affairs	Tom Morant
Rehabilitation	Howard Hornik 719-596-6345
(Club) Land Use, Care, & Development	Greg Andries 719-636-3346
ADHOC	Committees
Constitution and By-laws	Neal Thomas 71-392-1510
Property Inventory Office Storage	Ann Foster 719-599-8624 Larry Johnson 719-622-0344
Donation Requests	Neal Thomas 719-392-1510
Auxiliary Liaison:	
Sons of The American Legion Liaison	Larry Johnson 719-622-0344



From the Commander
Charles "Chuck" Zeltvogel
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at what is happening in The Legion Family

Bingo: Player participation in bingo dropped off in October. Progressive Bingo is being offered at other locations. Several players left for the higher stake progressive games at these other locations. In an effort to reverse the declining income trend that started this past October, and to encourage players to return to our games, we plan to offer progressive Bingo games in December. It will require additional workers to conduct the Progressive Bingo games properly. Your help is needed. Call Greg Andries at 719-636-3346.

Please note that should the declining income trend not be reversed by the end of this December, Bingo as source of income for your Post may be discontinued.

The lack of Volunteer workers continues to be an issue. Any member that can help, from time to time, will be appreciated. Consider helping one or two Tuesday's a month and call Greg for more information.

Christmas Party: The annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, 14 December at the **Country Buffet, 7665 N. Academy Blvd (way north between Best Buy and Office Max)** from 6-9 p.m. We will be in the Specialty Room in the southwest corner.

The cost will be approximately \$10.00 per person of which \$8.20 will be the meal cost and the balance will be placed in the gratuity jar in the specialty room. You will pay for you and your guests at the register upon entering the restaurant.

We are planning to have door prizes and centerpiece prizes. All Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion members and guests are welcome. **Please RSVP to Greg Andries at 719-636-3346 by 10 December.**

5 Dec	Board of Trustees meeting, 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste. 104 at 6:30 P.M. Post Executive Committee Meeting to follow
14 Dec	Post and Unit Christmas Dinner, Country Buffet, on N. Academy, 6:00 P.M.
19 Dec	No General Membership Meeting for month of December
25 Dec	Christmas Day – May Your Christmas Holidays be fun and safe.
31 Dec	New Year's Eve – Party hardy but be safe
1 Jan 2003	New Year's Day – Celebrate the new year
2 January	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste. 104 at 6:30 P.M. Post Executive Committee Meeting to follow
16 January	Post General Membership Meeting, VFW Post 4051, 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave, at 7:00P.M.
24 & 25 Jan	Department Mid-year Conference, Sheraton Hotel, I - 25 and Circle
6 Feb	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste. 104 at 6:30 P.M. Post Executive Committee Meeting to follow
20 Feb	Post General Membership Meeting, VFW Post 4051, 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave, at 7:00 P.M.
6 Mar	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4291 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste. 104 at 6:30 P.M. Post Executive Committee Meeting to follow
8 Mar	Oratorical Contest – USC Boulder All day Event - Come and watch
16 Mar	American Legion Birthday Dinner Further information to follow
20 Mar	Post General Membership Meeting, VFW Post 4051, 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave, at 7:00 P.M.

**Season's
Greetings**



From the Historian William Marshall

A Day to Remember

Sunday, December 7, 1941, "A day that will live in infamy." With these words, President Roosevelt set in motion the beginning of WWII and a day that will live in the minds of Americans for generations to come. The attack on the US fleet at Pearl Harbor was the beginning of a change in the American way of life that is present even today. As Pearl Harbor survivors gather to honor those who made the supreme sacrifice on that fateful day, so we should take a moment to reflect on our lives and service to this great nation. If you were born before 1941, where were you and what were you doing at 8 a.m. Hawaii time?

We haven't had a place to preserve your stories until now. The Library of Congress has initiated the Veterans History Project, co-sponsored by AARP. Join veterans of WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf War with your stories.

For more information, visit www.loc.gov/vets or call 1-800-315-8300.



Have you been
good this
year?

I'm checking
my list twice.
Have you been
bad or good?

Have a Merry
Christmas and
a Happy New
Year!



25 Most Frequently Asked Questions with responses (continued)

This column is going to be an ongoing column. This is the VA's 25 Most Frequently Asked Question with responses for Women Veterans.

3. Where are the special PTSD treatment centers?

Response: Women Veteran Stress Disorder Treatment Programs have been established at the following VA sites:

Boston, MA
Brecksville, OH
Loma Linda, CA
New Orleans, LA

4. Where are the designated Clinical Programs of Excellence in Women's Health?

Response:

Women Veterans Health Care Program,
Alexandria VAMC
Women Veterans Comprehensive Health,
Durham VAMC
Women Veterans Health Program,
Boston VAMC, VA New England HCS
Women Veterans Health Program, Bay
Pines VAMC
Women Veterans Health Program, VA
Pittsburgh Healthcare System
Women Veterans Health Program, South
Texas Veterans Health Care System

5. Where can I get Military Sexual Trauma treatment?

Response: You may enroll and receive counseling and treatment for any emotional or physical condition experienced, as a result of sexual trauma experienced while on active duty, at any VA health care facility or Vet Center in the continental United States without regard for your service-connected rating or length of military service through December 31, 2004.

Military History of A/L Post 209 Veterans

Your American Legion Post 209 is in the process of developing a military history of its members. This is an important work. It is for the benefit of our youth who have no idea of what it is like to serve in the military particularly during periods that The United States was in armed conflict to defend the freedoms of the world.

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Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Military Branch(es) of Service _____

Date of Service _____

Military Organizations Served In (as best as you can recall, where & when)

Military
Awards _____

Personnel Experiences/Anecdotes of Service you wish to share (add pages as you wish) _____



NAVY LEAGUE
of the United States



Pearl Harbor Remembrance
61 Years Later ~ 1941- 2002

An Invitation...

*The Navy League of Colorado Springs
requests the honor of your presence
at the 61st Anniversary Observance
of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.*

*Please join us in honoring those who sacrificed
for these United States.*

Date: December 7, 2002

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Place: Veterans Memorial, Memorial Park
(Union Blvd. near Airport Road)

Refreshments to Follow

RSVP: Carol O'Donnell @ 635-8803

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