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MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

Meetings are held at 7:30 PM, first and third Thursdays of each month at Moore Realty office, 3690 N Academy.

Guest speaker at the meeting on Thursday September 1 will be County Commissioner Thom Foulks. Mr Foulks was scheduled in August, but was unable to be present. His subject is El Paso County Government, which should be of great interest to all of us.

The Principal of Dougherty High School will will speak on Education and Citizenship at the meeting on Thursday September 15.

MEMBERSHIP

By now, all of you have received your dues renewal notice. Please send the notice with your check for \$12.00 to the Post Finance Officer as soon as possible.

Keep our slogan for the new membership year in mind -- Every Member Get a Member. A copy of "The Amazing American Legion" is inclosed with this bulletin. Talk to your friends and associates, and get them to join. Bring prospective members to post meetings so they can see for themselves the activities we are involved in.

COMING EVENTS

Our Founders' Day banquet will be held on Thursday October 20 at Post 5, 15 E Platte. Cost is \$5.50 per person for a fine roast beef dinner. A coupon is at the bottom of this page. Please send the coupon with your check to Loren Eberhart, 1911 Payton Circle, Colorado Springs 80915. We must have your reservation no later than Monday October 10. Cancellations will be accepted, and money refunded up until noon Friday October 14. No refunds after than date.

Plan to attend the Veterans Day service at the War Memorial, Memorial Park, on November 11. The speaker will be State Representative Sam Zachem of Denver. Those of us who were at the State Convention in June know that Mr Zachem is a great, inspiring speaker. Don't miss this opportunity to hear him.

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SERVICE OFFICER COMMENTS

If we are receiving VA disability compensation or pension, you received a "stuffer" card with your check on August 1, 1977. This card advises you that you can have your comp or pension check sent directly to your bank. So far, this isn't new, since you could always do this. What is new, though, is the procedure. If you follow the instructions on the card and have your bank fill out Standard Form 1199A, your check will go to the bank each month, but all other VA mail will come to your home address. Under the old setup, you had to use your bank as a mailing address, and all computer generated papers from VA would go to the bank. If your checks are coming to your home address, I strongly recommend you have the bank complete the SF 1199A. You can either mail the form directly to VA Regional Office, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225, or bring it to my office (105 N. Spruce St), and we will mail it to VA for you. If your checks are already going to your bank, get the bank to fill out SF 1199A and bring it to our office; we will fill out a change of address form to send to VA with the form. That will insure that your checks continue going to the bank, but that all other VA correspondence will come to your home.

A bill is currently being considered in Congress which would increase compensation for service-connected disabilities and DIC for service-connected deaths by approximately 6%. If the bill passes, the increases will be effective on October 1, 1977. Please note that the bill has not yet passed. Write your Congressman and Senators and ask them to support H. R. 1862.

Just a reminder that if you are hospitalized for 21 days or more for treatment of a service-connected disability, your disability rating can be increased to 100% for the period of hospitalization and possibly for a period of convalescence following release from the hospital. If you should be hospitalized for a service connected condition, be sure to notify the service officer so we can get your rating adjusted.

Another reminder for those of you who have National Service Life Insurance. Be sure to keep your beneficiary designation up to date. The VA is required by law to pay proceeds of NSLI policies to the beneficiary of record. If you have not filed a beneficiary designation in the last few years, it would be a good idea to file one now, just to be sure that your insurance money is paid to the person you wish to receive it. Drop by the Veterans Service Office at 105 N. Spruce St, and I'll be glad to file the beneficiary designation for you.