



**American Legion
Centennial Post 209
P.O. Box 15461
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Newsletter: AUGUST 1984

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ITEM # 3 Bingo is our primary source of income and we need more workers to support it. As of this writing we are in the process of securing a night for a Post Bingo at the new DAV Home on Palmer Park Blvd and Peterson Road. At the present time, we have committed the Post to Thursday Night each week and we need workers. The Bingo Chairman and I will be in touch with each and every member of this Post to support this effort. If you can possibly devote some time, please come forth when called. With the participation of everyone, we will only be required to devote approximately 4 hours every other

week to this Bingo endeavor. Please do not forget that we will still be supporting the Wednesday Night Bingo with Sertoma.

ITEM #4 In the very near future, we will be having a Street Breakfast in a shopping center in the Northeast section of town. It is my desire and request that each member of this Post be present with caps, if at all possible, at this event. The manner in which we present ourselves as Legionnaires at this event can have an overriding effect for future endeavors throughout this community. Plan to attend and support your Post.

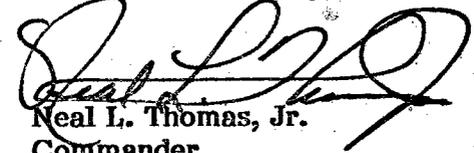
ITEM #5 The National American Legion Convention will convene on 31 August 84 in Salt Lake City, Utah. I plan to be in attendance and will present a comprehensive proposal to promote a national fund to underwrite building loans to posts such as ours. I have already talked to the present National Commander about this project at our recent Department convention in Ft. Morgan.

ITEM # 6 We are now meeting at the Retired Enlisted Association Club and have plenty of room. Mark it on your calendar and plan to attend the next meeting which is scheduled Tuesday Night, 21 August 1984 at 7:30 p.m. Come on out and become involved in an exciting evolution taking place in Post 209. Enter the building using the Southernmost door on the East side of the building facing UPS. Signs will be posted.

ITEM # 7 You have probably received your Dues Notice in the mail to renew your membership. We now have the 1985 membership cards in hand and would greatly appreciate timely renewals. As a matter of fact, come out to the next meeting and renew in person and see who your new comrades are. We will not hold a prolonged meeting and you might find that you really can get involved and enjoy it.

If you care enough to belong---become involved in supporting our efforts.

For God and Country,



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