



American Legion

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Item 1: A wish for a very happy and prosperous New Year is extended to each of you and your families. An intriguing toast was brought to my attention recently-- May you be buried in a coffin made of wood from a 100 year old oak tree, the seeds of which I will plant on the morrow.

Item 2: Post 209 meets again on Tuesday, 18 January 1983, at 7:30 PM in the REA (Retired Enlisted Association) Club just to the east of Murray Blvd. to the rear of Ent Federal Credit Union and in front of the UPS terminal. The facilities are very nice, equipped for accommodating the disabled, and bar service is available. With our new year starting, we will become increasingly involved in committing ourselves to a Post home of our own and for that we need the input of all of you. Come to the meetings. Have your say.

Item 3: Our raffle went off very well with the drawing being held on 22 December 1982. Our friends, the Kit Carson Sertomans, let us use their Bingo Hall during their game to make a public drawing and it lent a measure of credibility that we would have been hard pressed to duplicate on our own. We were able to add over \$600 to our assets as a result of the efforts of Norm Avery, John Kovar, David Thomas, and Floyd Paxton (the Raffle Committee). They deserve our thanks - we all know it takes a lot of work to do it right. A special measure of thanks also goes to all of you who participated in any way.

Item 4: In addition to Certificates of Appreciation (executed by Wally Lonsinger) to raffle donors and the KC Sertomans, I have written a personal letter of gratitude from the Post to the Sertomans and to Denver Warehouse Sales (done shortly after receiving the recliner). I dispatched a letter to the Secretary of State (Colorado) requesting exemption from a section of the raffle statutes so that we can commit our proceeds to long-range goals leading to acquisition of a piece of real estate for our permanent home. Copies will be available for inspection at the meeting.

Item 5: Attention all sleepers!! We need your membership renewal now. Our goal is 60 members and to make that we need every one of you old timers to get your \$18.00 in the mail to the address on this newsletter. Also, we must avoid becoming stagnant and, therefore, we have got to seek new members -- particularly from the younger qualified veteran and the recently retired. We've got a viable post that must be made more dynamic by having more active participation. Let every member get a member!!

Item 6: Again, don't forget to volunteer for Bingo. We need your help, even on a 'once-in-a-while' basis. Wally Lonsinger (596-0194) is the person coordinating that activity. Please call him and have your name added to the list. The games are over by 10:30 PM and the people are quite interesting. Most of all, it sure helps the Post in realizing its financial goals.

Item 7: Between Christmas and New Year's, Bud Eberhart contacted me requesting I arrange a meeting of interested Post members with himself and the owner of a piece of property bounded by Templeton Gap on the north, Woodman on the south, and Powers Blvd. on the east. During that time frame, the weather was not looking too good, and I

begged off while agreeing to work on setting up another meeting. That was over two weeks ago, and I have still not arranged the meeting. I want to make this a topic of discussion at the meeting on Tuesday and arrange a date and time and find out who wants to be in on the party. Please let your wishes be known at the meeting or by calling me.

Once again, I thank you for your time. Please send in your membership renewal if you haven't already done so; and please try to make the meeting.

For God and Country,

Max

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