



American Legion

Centennial Post 209

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ITEM 1. Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, 15 June 1982, at 7:30 PM at the new REA Headquarters Bldg. just off Murray Blvd. It is directly to the rear (East) of the Main Ent Federal Credit Union Bldg. We have an adequate meeting area with bar service. Come all ye faithful and join us. The meetings are interesting and informative.

ITEM 2. We are starting a new Legion year and have the new membership cards from Department. Like everything else and per our earlier announcements, our dues for the 1982-83 year have been raised to \$18.00 per annum. This increase may seem sizeable; however, you have to realize that National and Department raised their per capita fee, and we (Post 209) weren't even able to support our newsletter and postage expenses from our rebate. No one likes to increase the cost of anything, but sometimes circumstances dictate what has to be.

ITEM 3. On Friday, 28 May, our post held its 8th annual installation of new officers ceremony and banquet. Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms Stan Hanson performed the installing ritual for us, and the Academy NCO Mess did its usual outstanding job on a prime rib dinner. Neal Thomas did a superlative job of arranging everything, down to flower corsages for the ladies and he and Judy prepared a beautifully decorated cake for dessert. The American Legion emblem on the cake looked as though it was a photograph. We had 29 people in attendance, including some of our oldest supporters from Post 5. A special recognition to Gil Mickleberry (a charter member) and his wife Rose for joining us on this occasion.

ITEM 4. I take this opportunity to thank the incoming and/or continuing officers for serving the post again this year. I know I can count on you-- as I want you to count on me--to strive to make Centennial 209 better each year of its existence. We must start now to build our membership. We failed to make goal this past year, but I think with our meeting place settling down we can overcome that deficiency. Again, let's contact our eligible friends and neighbors and ask them to join-- and, as always, make a special effort for the young Vietnam Era veteran.

ITEM 5. Bingo! We are still in need of help even on a part-time basis. Our patrons have been numbering over 150 per game and our share of the profits have been worthwhile. Remember, that we are saving these funds for our own post home and all the things that go with it. If we can get only six more people to help a few hours each Wednesday, we can rotate the job and everyone will get a breather. Please volunteer--even on a one-time basis.

ITEM 6. Philosophy Dep't. - Protecting the Peace.
"...Young people tend to overlook the fact that they inherited the peace--they did not sacrifice their health or their lives to make the peace. That was an older generation. And, the peace is protected by hard work and thoughtful policies, not by slogans in the streets and casual disregard for the vital interests of one's country." From an address by Ambassador W. Tapley Bennett, Jr., permanent representative to NATO.

Let's have a good turn out for our June meeting and all the meetings to follow. We need delegates for the State Convention.

For God and Country

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