



American Legion

Centennial Post 209

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ITEM 1: This newsletter is being sent to some 26 Legionaires (in addition to our Post members) who have recently moved to the Colorado Springs area. I hope this will be taken as an invitation to join us at our next meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, 19 March 1981 at the DAV home - 2101 Willamette, just 2 blocks east off Union Blvd. The Olympic Training Center is on the westside of Union Blvd. and Willamette is about the center line of the OTC.

ITEM 2: John Kovar informs me that the Vets at UCCS are concerned about the proposed closing of their on-campus Vet office. He believes that some of those concerned will drop in on our meeting to discuss the situation. In view of that, I take this opportunity to welcome any and all who care to be heard.

ITEM 3: We have received a check for \$1,000 designated for use as the base for our post home (hut). This generous donation is from the Estate of our deceased comrade Walt Peritz. This brings up three things--a warm letter of appreciation to Mrs. Peritz with an explanation of how we are handling the money; a discussion leading to a firm resolution of some appropriate memorial to Walt when the Post acquires a suitable home; and recommendations on how to most profitably save this seed money.

ITEM 4: BINGO - now being held each Wednesday at the Germania Club at 2801 N. El Paso, south off Fillmore. Attendance is approaching 200 and it appears to be much more profitable than the other location. Because of the size of the hall, we are obligated to provide five people for each game instead of the four previously needed. John Kovar, the backbone of this undertaking, needs help to keep up our bargain. Right now our regulars are Jim Canavan, Neal

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Thomas, Martin Timmerwilke, and Wally Lunsinger, with backups from myself, Bud Eberhard, Barb Eberhard, John Hughes, Norm Avery, and one or two others. We're making it for now, but we need more help when conflicts arise and those people can't make it.

ITEM 5: Our Pikes Peak Regional Science Fair award was presented to David Johnson of Irving Jr. High School for his project on "Possible Alternative Energy Sources". Also, the daughter (Mona) of one of our comrades, Tom McArdle, won the Science Fair Grand Award at District and Region levels and is going to State and International competition. Tom tells me she has been working on this project for three years, constantly improving on it. To show you how far she has gotten--her first efforts were into scientific research in simple bread molds. Now, her title for this project is "Prevention of Aflatoxin by Anti-Oxidants, Superoxide Dismutase and Bioflavonoids". Mona is a junior at Mitchell. (That title reminds me of "I don't even know how to spell it and suddenly I are one.") Centennial Post 209 and the American Legion salute both Dave and Mona for their accomplishments.

ITEM 6: The District 7 Exec. Comm. meeting has been re-scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, 5 April 1981, at Security Post 38. The District 7 convention is slated for Manitou Springs Post 39 on 3 May at 1:00 p.m. The Department convention is scheduled for Grand Junction on 25-28 June.

ITEM 7: Again, a plea to all delinquents--please re-up We can make our membership goal if you will renew your membership.

ITEM 8: I have asked Norm Avery to form a nominating committee to come up with candidates for our 1981-82 Legion year. Our usual procedure is for nominations in March, elections in April, and installation in May. So far, the following Post members have indicated a desire to serve: Max Hoyer, John Kovar, John Hughes, Neal Thomas, Bud Eberhard, Wally Lonsinger, Jim Canavan, John Gaillard, and Martin Timmerwilke.

ITEM 9: Bruce Kjeldsen visited our Post last meeting. He is a Vietnam era Vet and is trying to organize the local Vets to give them an outlet (or inlet) for what they have to say. I think this ties in closely with ITEM 2. Bruce Bartlett, the Veterans Cost of Instruction Payments program (VCIP) manager at UCCS will be at our meeting to discuss and request help in trying to get Congress to resist deleting funds for this program.

ITEM 10: Things to keep in mind -- Boy's State; Bingo, Membership Goals, New Officers, Participation.

Thanks - Good Luck - God's Blessing.

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