



American Legion

Centennial Post 209

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Item 1: Notice! Notice! Notice! There will not be a regular monthly meeting in September (normally 17 Sept.). The Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Finance Officer, and several of the regular attendees will not be available and a quorum is not expected.

Item 2: Notice! Notice! Notice! Read the October Newsletter. We will no longer attempt to meet at the DAV home on Willamette as the facility being provided has become unacceptable for holding our meetings. We thank our DAV comrades for letting us use their home when we had more privacy and could conduct our meetings in a business-like atmosphere.

Item 3: Notice! Notice! Notice! The Post Executive Committee and some of George's friends have determined that meeting on the third Thursday of the month is not the best night. A consensus decrees that starting in October we will meet as Post 209 on the third Tuesday of each month (for October that would be Tuesday, 20 October). This should allow some of our members who attend adult education classes at night to attend our meetings. (How about it, Joe Wooten?) Also, we will probably meet in a private room at the Pete Field NCO Open Mess. See confirming details in the next Newsletter.

Item 4: Lately we've had some of our comrades laid up with varying infirmities. Irv Johnson has been a regular visitor to the VA hospital in Denver; John Hughes caught pneumonia rather suddenly; Wally Lonsinger experienced a sudden malaise and injured his foot; and Jim Canavan's leg is acting up again. All appear to be on the road to recovery and our thoughts,

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prayers, and best wishes are with them. Can't forget John Gaillard who had a bout with bursitis. We all hope that their miseries pass, and they'll be good as new except for fair wear and tear.

Item 5: I'm having printed below the text of a letter I received recently. Should any of us have doubts about "why the Legion?" perhaps this will be a partial answer. Our comrades at the El Paso County Vet Svc Office did the work, and they did it in the name of the Legion. Just one letter like this makes up for a lot of alleged "slights".

"Dear Mr. Hoyer:

"Back at the beginning of summer, at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, the Veterans Association of that college held a meeting for veterans-students to discuss budget cuts planned by the administration (Federal). At that time, I had the opportunity of meeting you and expressed verbally to you my gratitude to the American Legion for having been instrumental in securing certain benefits for me after the death of my husband in January 1980, of service caused disabilities.

"Now I wish to reiterate my heartfelt thanks to your organization for this great service to a military widow, and for such service to any others you may have helped. Also, I would like to ask that, if possible, you let the national organization know about my personal thanks, as I do not have the name and address of the national organization. I have already written the El Paso County Veterans Office how I feel about their participation in getting these benefits granted to me. They are a big help, though can never replace the presence of my husband.

It is gratifying to know that indeed the military take care of their own, as he used to say.

"Again, thanks to the American Legion for their assistance.

Sincerely,

Irma G. Rogers"

I am sending a copy of this letter to Department and requesting they forward it to National. I think Mrs. Rogers expressed the sentiment of thousands of other widows who have been helped in some small way by their organized brothers-in-arms from conflicts past.

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Max Hoyer
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