



**“For God and Country” GEORGE C. EVANS POST 103 “United We Stand”**

**“The Leader Post” July 2017**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- 7/3/2017 Officers Meeting Buck Rec. Center 6:30 PM
- 7/4/2017 July 4, 2017
- 7/5/2017 General Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
- 7/6/2017 Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall - 10:00AM- 2:00 PM
- 7/8/2017 Post Banquet Englewood Elks 3:30-7:00 PM
- 7/13-2017 Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall - 10:00AM- 2:00 PM
- 7/20/2017 Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall - 10:00AM- 2:00 PM
- 7/21/2017 SAL Golf Tournament
- 7/27/2017 Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall - 10:00AM- 2:00 PM

Englewood Elks: 3690 S. Jason St., Englewood, CO  
 Buck Rec. Center: 2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton, CO  
 Slammers Bingo Hall: 1884 S. Wadsworth Blvd.



**COMMANDERS COMMENTS: Commander Roger Masse**

I wish to thank all of my officers who help me in my year as your Commander. Without their assistance I could not have gotten this job done.

*Roger Masse*

Commander, Post 103

**General Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was gavelled to order at 1900 hrs. Adjutant Harry Ciruli declared that there was a quorum present.

**Past Commanders** present at our Membership Meeting were: Mike Romero, Ed Pietsch Lynn Peterson, Al Rodriguez, and Bud Goodwin, Dean Casey.

**Four WWII Veteran Members** were also present; they were: Chuck Blemler, and Jack Pansini, Bud Goodwin and Amiel Smith

## **Officers Report**

### **Harry Ciruli - Adjutant:**

We have started the 2017-2018 Post year. I have started to receive dues now. We have 60 renewals so far.

Remember please get your membership renewal in ASAP. When you send in your 2018 renewal dues please send them to the PO Box 281, Littleton, CO 80160-0281, Or renew on line. **DO NOT SEND DUES TO NATIONAL**, it will delay your renewal, Dues are \$40.00. Also if your phone number has change please let me know.

A copy of your DD214 is required to show proof that you as a Veteran were honorably discharged. I also need them in case a member's family can't find the DD214 for their loved ones funeral.

I have 136, DD214's currently on file. Please call me to confirm that I have your DD214 on file. My phone is: 720-287-2139. If there are any address and/or email changes let me know.

### **Lynn Peterson - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:** NO Report

**Joyce Tuepker- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:** The Post 103 breakfasts at the Englewood Elks will begin in September 2017. They will be held on the second Saturday in November, January, March and May.

We will be participating in the Western Welcome Week activities held in Downtown Littleton on Saturday, 19 August from 1000 to 1200. Please let Steve Valdez know if you are interested in marching in the parade and/or carrying a flag.

### **Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch**

**Post Financial Results for June.** June was a relatively slow month for Post finances. Income was just over \$300 hundred and included two membership renewals, 50/50 drawing, All Veterans Honor Guard donation, and repayment to the Post from VFW Post 4466 for half the cost of the Memorial Day Program. Expenses for June were just over \$900 including the Post picnic, new flags, awards to be presented at the Post banquet, the Memorial Day Programs and regular Post operating expenses (phone, supplies, and AVHG). 720-287-2108 or e\_pietsch@msn.com

## Scholarships – Ed Pietsch

### Claire Davis Scholarship – Ed Pietsch

At the July meeting Abigail Guadnola attended our Post Meeting. She is the winner of one of our 2017 Claire Davis Memorial Scholarships. She attended Arapahoe High School and plans to get her teaching degree at Colorado Christian College. She has been a continuous volunteer mentoring and tutoring middle school students both at their school and in camps (both summer and winter). She was recognized by the Littleton Public Schools for her contribution to helping middle school children throughout her high school career. She just returned from Poland where for the second years she has spent part of her summer vacation teaching English to students in Poland. She is a remarkable young lady and deserving of our Scholarship. She and her mother, Natalie, warmly thanked the Post members for providing this opportunity.

### Mike Romero - Chaplain:

Let us also say prayers for **Ward Oliver**, who is doing well with the treatments his Doctor has prescribed. He is currently back with his bingo duties and is very happy to be doing them.

Past Commander, **Pat Callahan**, is now home, and happy to be there. He was either in the hospital or in Rehab from June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. They found what was causing problems with his blood and were able to give him the correct treatment.

His leg is also doing very well, and is almost completely healed. He can be reached at home: 303-770-2857.

Past Commander, **Wayne Colman**, is due to come home from Orchard Park Center, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July, let's pray that there are no complication on that date.

**Tommie**, tells me he has been working very hard with his PT to build up his strength, and is now walking with the aid of his walker.

Let's keep these members and all members in our thoughts and prayers.

If you know of anyone needing a visit or call, contact me at: 303-973-2493 or email me at: [mjromero44@gmail.com](mailto:mjromero44@gmail.com)

**NOTE: Rich Carlson**, has donated a Bedside Commode to Post 103, so if anyone needs use of this item, let me know.

Both of our standard wheelchairs and one walker are out on loan for now, but we have several other walkers and canes available to loan any of our members, we also have 2 electric wheelchairs if anyone is in need. Please, email or call me at the above number for more information.

## **Harry Giglio – Commander, AVHG:**

The AVHG had 22 services for the month of June. The breakdown was WWII 2, Korea 9, Vietnam 11. We have had a total of 133 services since January. The breakdown year to date is WWII 39, Korea 35, Vietnam 56, Gulf war 3, Memorial 0.

**Also let your families know that our Post 103 All Veterans Honor Guard Unit is available to do services at Ft Logan on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of every week, if the need arises.**

You can contact me if you have any questions.

Harry Giglio  
Commander AVHG  
303-7718632

## **Lynn Peterson - Legion Baseball:**

### **Post 103 Sponsored Teams**

As a Brief Review, 2017 Geo. C. Evans Post 103 Sponsored Teams include: Two Local Littleton Area High Schools: Littleton High School Lions Legion "A" High School Northern Colorado League & Englewood Pirates Elite Legion "C" Denver Metro League. In Team Sponsorship, To Date, Post 103 has Received Signed Understanding of Agreement's & Provided Summary Expense Forms, as well as, Hand Delivered \$1,000.00 Sponsorship Checks to Each Team. Per Expense Summary Report Requirements, Completed Expense Forms from Each Sponsored Teams are Due by September 30, 2017.

Post 103 Sponsored Littleton & Englewood Team League Game Schedules are posted on CALB Website; visit [www.calb.org](http://www.calb.org).

### **Statewide - Colorado American Legion Baseball (CALB)**

As a REMINDER... The 2017 & 2018 American Legion Baseball (ALB) Western Region 8 Tournament, will be Played at Metro State University Regency Athletic Field Complex AND Hosted by our Department of Colorado's CALB (Colorado American Legion Baseball) Program.

IMPORTANTLY, Dept. of Colorado Post & District, including Corporate Sponsorship Funding is Needed; Volunteers to assist with the August 2-6, 2017 Tournament, are Also Needed, as We Expect, in Hosting this Regional Tournament, to Need an Estimated \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00.

In that Effort, In the Past 2 -3 Month's, Post Sponsorship, Tournament Fundraising & Volunteer Request Information has been sent to All Colorado Posts to Meet this Need. So....Tonight I am Again Soliciting Post 103 Support.

NOTE: At July 5th Post 103 General Membership Meeting, Legion Baseball Program Mgr. Made Motion for Post 103 \$1,000.00 Donation to Colorado American Legion Baseball (CALB) for 2017 ALB Western Region 8 Tournament. Motion seconded & Passed. THANK YOU POST 103

With less than One month to go, To meet our Funding Goal & Needs, the CALB Commission is Currently Offering its 2nd Raffle - Silver/Gold Coin & Silver Bar, including Volunteer Assistance. See Attached Flyer for Raffle Details & Volunteer Assistance. For Further Information, Contact Lynn E. Peterson; 720-841-5079 &/or [lepeterson47@comcast.net](mailto:lepeterson47@comcast.net)



### **Veterans Assistances Program- Wayne Arguello:**

During the month of July, Post 103 assisted 2 veterans in need. Both veterans were helped with rent, using \$2,040 from the Veterans Assistance Grant.

This closes out the 2016-2017 Grant. The remainder of the \$30,000, \$14.93, will be returned to the Grand Administrator as per the contract.

We have received notification that Post 103 has again been successful with our Grant application and will receive \$30,000 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

**JAG – Joel Mendelson:** No report

**Ed Pietsch – Bingo Manager:** The Post held it first Must Go Bingo session on June 1<sup>st</sup> and made almost \$5,900 profit on that day. The rest of the month was pretty break even with two days of profit and two days of losses. We ended the month with a profit of just under \$5900. We paid out Post expenses of \$4800 during the month including to two Post sponsored baseball teams, one Claire Davis Scholarship recipient, donations to Special Olympics and payment of two months of storage.

In May we paid \$5000 in Bingo funds to support our Post Veterans and Family Assistance fund. At the July meetings, the Board and membership approved an additional \$3,500 for this fund since \$4,300 of the original \$5,000 had already been expended to help needy veterans and their families. This fund is set up as a stop gap fund for the Post Service Officer to help needy veterans in the period when Grant funds are not available.

As always, please come join us at Bingo on every Thursday morning. Slammers Bingo Hall is located on the northeast corner of Jewell and Wadsworth. Most volunteers arrive around 10 am and the session ends around 2 pm. We have fun and the funds we raise enable the Post to run the many Programs we do for veterans, the community and funds to support national programs such as the Child Welfare Fund and the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

If you have questions please call Ed Pietsch at 720-287-2108, Cal Wilson 303-470-7206 or our newest managers, Joyce Tuepker, 303-948-9916, Harry Ciruli at 720-287-2139 and Roger Masse 719-648-2818.

**Historian – Joel Mendelson:** 2017 Descendants of Veterans 6 Scholarships and 2017 Clair Davis Memorial 1 Scholarship.

The following 7 well deserving recipients attended the June 7, 2017 Membership meeting to receive their Scholarship Plaque's and checks.



Presenting; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Lynn Peterson & Finance Office Ed Pietsch  
Left to Right; Kenneth Woodruff, Kyle Burkey, Nicole Russell,  
Cecelia Chapman, Abbey McSwain, Samantha Yakimow, Joseph Hugar

**The George C. Evans Post 103 Annual Picnic** was held at Corner Stone Park & Senior Center on June 10, 2017 12:00 to 3:00 pm. It was a pot luck with the George C. Evans Post 103 suppling the Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, buns, chicken, sautéed onions, and all of the condiments. Many WWII & Korean Vets and spouses attended. They and current post members, donated home style, salads, potato salad, quite a few brought homemade desserts and other items. It was great to see them and their wife's and listen to their diverse history. The attendance was awesome with a large group showing up right at 12:00 noon. There was more food at the end than we ever anticipated. Total attendance was in the order of 50.

Thanks to the organizers, cooks, and helpers. Of special note Steve Valdez & Joyce Tuepker, did all of the pre-planning, unfortunately Joyce Tuepker and husband could not attend due to previous commitments. Roger Masse and Rich Callan were at Boys State in Pueblo and also could not attend. Lending a hand were also Nick Arceo, Al & Virginia Rodriguez, Sherry, Mike & Darlene Romero, Cooks (Rich Carlson, Joe Cordova) Cindy and Mrs. Valdez and Joel Mendelson.



## Dept. of Colorado 2017 Conference

June 22,23,24, 2017 found Post 103 at the Department Conference at the Elegante' Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO. Attending were Mike and Darlene Romero, Janelle Rodriguez, Ed and Sherry Pietsch, Nick Arceo, Roger Masse, Al and Virginia Rodriguez, Dean Casey, Harry Ciruli, Rich (The Chief) Callan, Lynn Petersen, Joel Mendelson. The 2017/2018 newest Department Commander is now Terri Clinton, and Rob Smith is SR Vice Commander. Of note a Special Award from Vets Helping Vets "The Real Heroes Award" was presented to Service Officer Dean Casey, for exceptional meritorious and conspicuous service to Vets Helping Vets and all you do for veterans. Congratulations Dean.



Any questions/Comments please contact Joel Mendelson (H) 303-973-8342  
bigdaddyjdm@comcast.net

## SAL Commander – Nick Arceo:



## Nick Arceo, Squadron Commander

Good day Sons. As we start another year, I want to thank you for all your work supporting the American Legion and their programs. Each one of you are important to the success of our Squadron and Post 103. I look forward to being your Commander in our efforts reaching out to Veterans, their families and our community. The Sons of the American Legion are strong in numbers. The Detachment of Colorado has 3,049 members. Our Squadron is strong at 24 members and growing. We have several Duel Members, if you would like to honor your Father or Grandfather please contact me for information. Remember no August meeting. See you in September, have a great summer.

Contact me with any questions, suggestions or comments.

Nick Arceo  
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Jr. Vice Commander Detachment of Colorado  
For God and Country  
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303-903-5262

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**"...To Adopt in Letter and Spirit all the Great Principles for which the AMERICAN LEGION Stands and to assist in carrying on for God and Country."**

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business** None

**For the Good of the Legion:** A 50/50 drawing was held, and the lucky recipient was Alex Williams. He donated his winnings to Dakota Ridge Color Guard. A good choice and thanks Alex.



**Sherry Pietsch, President**

**720-287-2108**

**Sherry Pietsch**



Hope everyone is having a nice summer.

Our annual banquet was a success and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. If you did not attend maybe you can next year. Thank you to everyone who helped with the event.

The next meeting will be held the first Wednesday in September (6th). Please plan to pay your dues at that time. They have increased to \$30.00 this year due to the increase in National dues.

If you cannot attend the meeting please send your dues to Jean Jesser.

Also, please keep track of all of your volunteer hours you do in the community and turn your hours in at the next meeting.

If you have any questions please call me at 720-363-1470 or email me at

[sherrypietsch@msn.com](mailto:sherrypietsch@msn.com). If your email or address has changed please tell me so we can keep our records updated.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

*Sherry Pietsch*

Auxiliary President, Unit 103