



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

“The Leader Post” May 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 5-13-2017 Post Breakfast Englewood Elks Club
 - 5-18-2017 Bingo, Slammers Bingo Hall 10:30 a.m.
 - 5-25-2017 Bingo, Slammers Bingo Hall 10:30 a.m.
 - 5-28-2017 Englewood Memorial Day Tribute, 3800 S Logan St.
 - 5-29-2017 Memorial Day Ceremonies, Veterans Circle in the Littleton Cemetery, 6155 S. Prince, 8:00 a.m.
 - 5-29-2017 Memorial Day Ceremonies, Littleton WW II in Ketring Park, 6000S. Gallup St. 10:00 a.m.
 - 5-29-2017 Memorial Day Ceremonies, Olinger Chapel Hill Cemetery, 6601 S. Colorado Blvd. 11:30 a.m.
 - 6-5-2017 Exec. Board Meeting, Buck Rec. Center 6:30 p.m.
 - 6-7-2017 General Membership Meeting Buck Rec. Center 7:00 p.m.
 - 6-8-2017 Bingo, Slammers Bingo Hall 10:30 a.m.
- 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

May is a very busy month, and a somber one, with the observance of Memorial Day on May 29th. Memorial Day is the time for all Americans to honor the sacrifices of our country’s fallen heroes. It will be my great honor to participate with other Post 103 officers and members at several events and ceremonies that weekend, and I urge you to join us as we remember the veterans who gave their lives in service to our country. Poppy sales will be happening at the King Soopers at Jewell and Wadsworth, and volunteers are still needed to help. Contact Auxiliary President Darlene Romero.

The District 5 Convention was held on Saturday, May 6th. Business was conducted and new District officers were elected:

Commander – Tom Moermond
Sr. Vice Commander – Vacant
Jr. Vice Commander – Roger Masse & Joel Mendelson
Adjutant – Joel Mendelson (temporary until a replacement is found)
Chaplain – Wayne McClimans
Finance Officer – Richard Reeser
Historian – Wayne McClimans

On June 7th at our General Membership meeting we will hold elections for Post 103 Officer for 2017-18. The following names have been put into nomination:

Commander – Al Rodriguez
1st Vice Commander – Joel Mendelson
2nd Vice Commander – Steve Valdez
Adjutant – Harry Ciruli
Chaplain – Mike Romero
Finance Officer – Ed Pietsch
Service Officer – Wayne Arguello
Jag Officer – Joel Mendelson
Historian – Chris Bredesen
Sergeant-at-Arms – Joe Cordova
All Veterans Honor Guard Commander – Harry Giglio
Sons of the American Legion Commander – Nick Arceo

The Installation of Officers will occur at the Annual Post 103 Banquet, which we have moved up beginning this year. It will be on Saturday, July 15th at the Englewood Elks Club. Look for more details in June. Also at our June meeting we will have a Post Everlasting Ceremony for Bill Matheson.

Our last Post breakfast for the year is coming up this Saturday, May 13th. Doors at the Englewood Elks Club open at 8:30 a.m., and breakfast is served at 9:00. And we have been invited to the Columbine Valley Independence Day celebration again to present the colors on July 4th. We need volunteers to march, and we would like to have a full team of flags. Please contact me if you're interested in joining us.

Roger Masse

Commander, Post 103

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting was gaveled 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 and Lynn Peterson, Al Rodriguez, and Bud Goodwin.

Three WWII Veteran Members were also present; they were: Chuck Blemler, and Jack Pansini, Bud Goodwin

Officers Report

Harry Ciruli - Adjutant:

We have started the 2016-2017 Post year. As of today we have 398 members renewed out of 481. We are looking great; our goal has been set 420.

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 146, 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.

Remember please get your membership renewal in ASAP.

Lynn Peterson - 1st Vice Commander:

Membership / Recruitment

Currently in the final Post 103 Membership Stretch!! Time is of the Essence, as the Finish Line Approaches. May 10th, 2017 is Target Deadline for 100% Goal (420 Membership Renewal). Post 103 is in Reach, We're Almost there! It's a Challenge for Every Member to Assist.....Everyone's help is needed.

As of the end of April 2017, Post 103 Renewed Membership increased to **95%** of Goal, in other words **2017 Renewed Membership is at 399**. However, to Date, Eighty-Four 2015 & 2016 **Expired Member Legionnaires remain** to Renew their 2017 Membership. Close, But Not

Quite Yet.....Bottom-line it's 21 Renewals &/or New Members to reach our Post 2017 Membership Goal.

To that Effort, in April Two Post 103 Membership Recruitment Events were held at King Soopers (S. Federal & Belleview) on April 8th, resulting in 14 Interested Veterans: and on April 15th, resulting in 9 Interested Veterans. Follow up Contacts yet Needed. Post 103 Participating Recruitment Members included, Ed Pietsch, Joel Mendelson, Joe Cordova, John Mullin, Nick Arcero & Lynn Peterson; including on-site Assistance from District 5 Cmdr. Jimmy Walker & District 5 Sr. Vice Cmdr. Tom Moermond.

Additionally, Mike Romero, Post103 Chaplain, contacted by Phone around 20-30 Expired 2015 & 2016 Post 103 Legionnaires, which resulted in some Positive Feedback.

In Total, Special Thanks To All Post 103 & District 5 Event Participants.

IMPORTANTLY....If you have Not Yet Renewed your 2017 Geo. C. Evans Post 103 Membership. Please do so immediately. RENEW NOW.....HELP US CONTINUE TO MAKE & KEEP Geo. C. Evans Post 103, Dept. of Colorado & The American Legion STRONG!!!,

As a Reminder.....2017 Annual Post 103 Dues (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017) are \$40.00. You can RE-NEW simply by EITHER Sending a Check Payable to: George C. Evans Post 103; & Mail to: Adjutant Harry Ciruli, Geo. C. Evans Post 103, P.O. Box 281, Littleton, CO 80160 OR More quickly make via On-Line Credit/Debit Card Payment On-Line. Visit www.legion.org.

Oratorical Report: We are starting to form a committee for the 2016-2017 Oratorical year. Site and Date are in the workings. If you would like to work on a committee or be an oratorical volunteer, Please contact Roger Masse at: 719-648-2818 or: drivercouch69@yahoo.com

Joyce Tuepker 2nd Vice Commander: There will be a Post 103 breakfast on Saturday, 13 May 2017 at the Englewood Elks. Please plan on attending as this will be the final breakfast until September. We will be working with the Englewood Elks for dates of future breakfasts beginning in September and will pass those along when they are finalized. Planning for Memorial Day activities at the Kettering WWII Memorial are still underway. There will be activities at 0800 at the Littleton Cemetery located at 6155 Prince St; 1000 activities at the City of Littleton WWII Memorial located at 6000 S. Gallup St in Littleton and finally 1130 at Chapel Hill at the gazebo. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Mike Romero or Steve Valdez.

10 June is the Post 103 picnic at Cornerstone Park in Littleton. We have the reservation and are looking for volunteers to help with food, setup and break down. Thank you Richard Callan for taking care of our reservation.

Our banquet will be held in July at the Englewood Elks. Planning is underway so stay tuned for more information to follow. We are working with the point of contact to complete the planning (Christy).

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

This year, on July 4th, we plan to once again march and carry the flags in the Columbine Valley Community parade. Let us know if you would like to participate.

If anyone is interested helping our Post on Thursday' at Slammers Bingo, located on Wadsworth and Jewel, feel free to stop by. We certainly have a lot of fun.

Feel free to visit our website, American Legion George C. Evans Post 103, Littleton, CO.

There is a lot of great information posted. Thank you Joel Mendelson for keeping the website up-do-date.

Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch

Post Financial Results for April.

Post income for April was significantly exceed expenses because we received \$4,000 from Connie Stevinson the owner of Compleat Lifestyles who we partner with on the Claire Davis Scholarships; we also received some dues from membership renewals, donation to All Veterans Honor Guard, the Post Breakfast and our 50/50 drawing.

Post expenses of a little over \$1,000 consisted of dues to the Department, office supplies/stamps, AVHG, and several miscellaneous small expenses. Our Post insurance bill has dropped from \$4,000 to about \$2,700. Thanks to all who assisted in this effort and a special thanks to Joyce Leiker who worked with the insurance underwriters to greatly reduce cost of Slammers coverage.

The Executive Board Information Outreach – Ed Pietsch

We are trying to improve communications with all members of Post 103. We have sent out a letter to 150 Post Legionnaires who do not have email addresses in our Post database. We are hoping to get 1) email addresses to send newsletters to, 2) find out if those members who do not have or want to use email, might want hardcopy newsletters, or 3) find out which members just do not want any communications with the Post by email or hardcopy.

Do you know someone who is not receiving an email newsletter? Please check with them to see if they received a newsletter. If not or if they need to update their email address, please let me know.

720-287-2108 or e_pietsch@msn.com

Scholarships – Ed Pietsch

The Post recently awarded 2017 scholarships, two (\$2,000) Claire Davis Memorial Scholarships to Arapahoe High School students and eight (\$500) Descendants of Veterans Scholarships to students from the following high schools; Chatfield, Columbine, D'Evelyn and Heritage. We received several outstanding applicants for both scholarships.

Two of the winners were at the May Meeting and several more will be attending the June Meeting. I want to thank Connie Stevinson, the owner of Compleat Lifestyles, for her donation to the Post to fund one of the Clair Davis Memorial scholarships. I also want to thank the other members of the scholarship committee for their efforts including: Fred Himelspach, Roger Masse, Mike Romero, Howard Olsen, Connie Stevinson and Jan Lewallen (the retired Post Graduate counselor at AHS).

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Mike Romero - Chaplain: A “Sympathy Card” was sent to Post Member, and 2d Vice Commander, **Joyce Tuepker**, and her family on the passing of her Mother.

A “Sympathy Card was also sent to the family of Post Member, **Dennis Keasling**, on 4-25-2017. **Dennis** was also a Member of VFW Post 4666 in Littleton.

A “Sympathy Card” was sent to the family of Post Member, **James Griggs** on 5-5-2017.

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 experiencing problems with his left foot but, it is on the mend. He says he is trying to overcome the headaches he is dealing with. He has been through 2 Cat Scans, and they have all come out negative, so the doctor’s will be doing other tests to see if they can solve the problem.

He appreciates the calls he has received from our post members, and looks forward to more, **Pat**, can be reached at 303-770-2857.

Past Commander, **Wayne Colman**, recently had skin surgery and was due for a biopsy, however his blood pressure was running higher than his Doctor wanted it, so he was put on new medication to see if that would lower it.

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

NOTE:

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 17 services for the month of April. The breakdown was WWII 7, Korea 4, Vietnam 6, Gulf War 0. We have had a total of 89 services since January. The breakdown year to date is WWII 25, Korea 22, Vietnam 40, Gulf war 2, 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.

Lynn Peterson - Legion Baseball:

Post 103 Sponsored Teams

As a Result of Colorado American Legion Baseball (CALB) Program's Team Registration & Scheduling Meeting held on Sunday, April 9th. At Denver Post #1, Two Littleton area High School's Committed to Participate for the 2017 Season. Littleton High School Lions will have Two Teams – a Legion A High School Northern Colorado Division Team & a Legion C Metro Division Team. Additionally, Englewood Pirates Elite will have a Legion C Team. As such Post 103 will be Sponsoring All Three of These Teams.

Post 103 Sponsored Littleton & Englewood Team League Schedules will be posted on CALB Website; visit www.calb.org.

Statewide - Colorado American Legion Baseball (CALB)

The 2017 & 2018 American Legion Baseball (ALB) Western Region 8 Tournament will be Hosted by Department of Colorado's CALB Program. Volunteers to assist with the August 2-6, 2017 Tournament are Needed. Tournament & Volunteer information has been sent to All Colorado Posts. If interested, Contact Post 103 1st Vice Commander/CALB President Lynn E. Paterson.

Recently, the CALB Commission concluded I's Silver Bar Raffle, for a 100 Ounce Silver Bar Valued at over \$1,800.00. On Saturday, April 23rd the Grand Prize Drawing was held at Greeley Post #18. The Silver Bar Winner, from some 11,000+ Sold Raffle Tickets, came from Northglenn Post #22.

Lastly, in partnership with the Colorado Rockies Baseball Club, our CALB Commission will be Selling Prime Seat Tickets for Upcoming Season Games this Spring & Summer. Currently, Colorado Rockies Home Game Tickets, along 3rd Base @ \$40.00 each, are Available for the Sunday, April 23, 2017 1:10PM Colorado Rockies vs San Francisco Giants Game.

Any Interested Post 103 Legionnaire Baseball Fans & Supporters should Contact Lynn E. Peterson (lepeter47@comcast.net, 720-841-5079).

Veteran Service Officer- John Mullen:

During the month of April, Post 103 assisted veterans in need.

One veteran was helped with rent, using \$270 from the Veterans Assistance Grant.

Final replenishment to the \$30,000 Grant Fund was received, leaving a balance of \$2054.93.

JAG – Joel Mendelson: No Report.

Ed Pietsch – Bingo Manager: Bingo Income for April was almost \$2,000. We had one terrible week with over \$1,500 in losses for that week but we rebounded the other three weeks. We are planning our next Must Go for June 1st. Bingo paid several Post expenses in April including putting \$5,000 into the Post Veterans and Family Assistance Fund. We also paid some for Post Insurance, the Post Breakfast, and the Storage Unit.

We thank all our Legion and Auxiliary volunteers for their assistance but we could use more help. Please consider joining us at Slammers Bingo Hall (northeast corner of Jewell and Wadsworth) every Thursday morning. The session runs from 11:30am to about 2pm. Volunteers should arrive by 10 am.

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: SAL had an evening with the SAL National Commander and Bud Goodwin whom recently celebrated his 94th birthday received 2 very prestigious awards that he did not know about ahead of time. Colorado Chaplin, Post 103 Squadron Commander, Nick Arceo and Jeff Fran presented Bud

The first two pics are Nick, Bud and SAL National Commander Jeff Frain, receiving two awards, a Resolution for "member extraordinary" and a "certificate of appreciation". The one picture is Nick holding up Bud's original SAL membership card dated December 12, 1936.



Recruiting at King Soopers at Federal Blvd. & Belleview, this store treated us extremely well. Our appreciation to Pam Arceo the King Soopers store Manager at this location. The following Post 103 folks were there Joe Cordova, Nick Arceo, Ed Pietsch, Lynn Peterson, & Joel Mendelson. From Post 2012 CMDR Don Clair was there to learn from us, and District 5 CMDR Jimmy Walker and Sr. Vice Tom Moermond.



Nick Arceo, Ed Pietsch



Lynn Peterson



Tom Moermond, Jimmy Walker

Well it's May and the very last of March found one of our members celebrating his "90th" **BIRTHDAY.**

On March 29, 2017 Calvin Wilson had a special birthday, which he celebrated with his family and a few friends. It was a glorious occasion and everyone enjoyed the evening.



An Interview with CALVIN WILSON

Calvin's immediate family is his wife Yvette, daughter Susanne, and three sons Geoffrey, Gregory, and Keith.

In 1945-47 Calvin enlisted in the NAVY and got out of boot camp on Aug. 6th, 1945 which by coincidence was a monumental moment in WWII. In 1951 a lot happened in his life, 1).

Graduated from Penn St. with an Electrical Engineering Degree, was hired by Bethlehem Steel in Johnstown, PA., moved on to a position another company Air Reduction Co. as an Electrical Engineer.

The year was still 1951 and he was called back to active duty for the Korean War. This time stationed on a Tin Can "Destroyer" mine sweeper which operated along the eastern seaboard of the USA Post Korean War Calvin went back to the Air Reduction Co. for a brief while. Then in 1959 a new company called "Radio Company of America" you will recognize as RCA started up and that where Calvin went for 4 years. Not one to let grass grow under his feet in 1963 he went west to Southwest Littleton, CO. to a company called John's Manville Research center as a Maintenance Engineer. There he stayed till 1990 when he retired.

2006 Calvin Wilson joined the American Legion, our good fortune, and has been working bingo since then. Along the way Calvin also wrote a book on EE Maintenance which was self-published. We all know Calvin loves a good hot dog at bingo, so I did the math and if he had one hot dog at each secession since he joined then it equals approximately 520. Here's to the next 520. Thanks, Calvin for all you do.

Any questions/Comments please contact

Joel Mendelson

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SAL Commander – Nick Arceo:



Nick Arceo, Squadron Commander

nicrco@ gmail.com

Good day Sons of the American Legion. Thank you all for your help and support for the American Legion and their programs. SAL membership in Colorado is strong with 3,008 members. Across the country we have 338,543 members! Squadron 103 has 21 members, 117% to our goal. Thank you all. Here at Post 103, we have several Duel Members, we would love to increase our duel membership. Eligibility is easy! If your Father or Grandfather served in the Military you can also become a SAL.

Our golf tournament is coming soon. This year it will be held at Applewood golf course on Friday July 21. Price for individual golfers will be \$98.00. We will play a four man best ball scramble. There will be plenty of contests and prizes including a hole in one Harley Davidson motorcycle! Please come out and have some fun with us this summer! For more information please contact me. God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

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 Chuck Blemler. He donated his winnings to AVHG. A good choice and thanks Chuck.



Darlene Romero, President



303-973-2493

darlene_romero@msn.com

March 1st. Unit meeting we had 8 members and one guest, **Pillar Bottoms**, 5th. District President. She talked about the upcoming State Convention, in Colorado Springs in June, and Membership.

If anyone would like to join our Unit or pay their dues can call Jean Jesser at: 303-771-2746.

We're still collecting food for the Redistribution Center. The food of the month for March is rice, or any food item you have on hand. Also, pop can tops, empty small printer cartridges, canceled stamps, plastic grocery bags, and travel size toiletries.

Upcoming Events:

Oratorical Contest March 11th at Metro State University.

Post Breakfast at the Englewood Elks Lodge, 9:00AM April 15th.

Darlene Romero

Auxiliary President, Unit 103