



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

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COMMANDER’S COMMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 16th- 6:00PM-Dinner with the VA Vets-Englewood Elks. All Officers and spouses invited.

March 17th-9AM Post Breakfast-Englewood Elks (3690 S. Jason St.)

March 17th - Happy St. Pat Day

April 2, Officers Meeting- Buck Rec. Center 7:00 PM

April 4, Post meeting. Buck Rec. Center-7:00 PM

April 4, Michael Peterson Concert @Crowne Plaza Hotel @6:00PM - Ticket are \$45.00 per person

April 5, Must Go Bingo - Slammers 10:00AM

March has arrived and spring is just around the corner. March and April will bring a lot of events for the Post. National Commander Fang A. Wong will be in the State of Colorado. In District 5 the National Commander will visit Evergreen Post and Post .05 in Tiny Town. On April 4, there will be a Michael Peterson Concert “Remembering our Heroes” at the Crowne Plaza Hotel starting at 6:00. Tickets are \$45.00 per person and can be obtained by call Department HA at 303-366-5201.

The United Veterans Committee (UVC) which is a committee with membership including the American Legion, VFW, CVA and others is working to have the state legislation to approve a Continuing Resolution for a lottery ticket. This lottery ticket would provide funds to veterans in need and would augment the Veterans Grant Funds. A request is being made to have as many American Legion members that can to contact their state Senator and Representative to request they support the Lottery Ticket. The Veteran Grant Funds is getting smaller each year and some year it will be gone. The Department Service Office is receiving numerous calls each day from Veterans in need for finical assistance.

Thanks for all the help in moving the Post storage items to a new location. Thank to Ed Pietsch and Mike Romero for leading the way and setting things up. We moved to the Public Storage Facility on Belleview which is closer to the Post meeting site.

1st Vice-Commander Mike Romero, 2nd Vice Commander Ed Pietsch and Finance Officer John Tara worked hard on the 2012-2013 budget. They did a great job. On March 7, 2012 the budget was presented to the Post membership in attendance and they approved the Post Budget.

Aprils Post meeting will be a busy one. The Post will conduct a Post Everlasting for all the members who have passed since November 2011, Initiation of new members and we have one Resolution to explore and vote on. We would like as many members to come to the April meeting, so we can have a good showing for the two programs.

At the March 7 Post meeting, members signed cards for Get Well for the Department Sr. Vice-Commander Larry Decker who had surgery on March 6. A Get Well Card was signed for Richard Callan.

The Englewood Elks Lodge will be hosting a Veterans Dinner on Friday, March 16, 2012. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm at the lodge. Join me for the dinner and interact with Veterans from the VA Home. See you there.

Trivia question: In the Department of Colorado there are how many Districts?

Dean Casey
Commander

General Meeting Minutes

**Special Notice New Website address--www.legionpost103.org
New Post phone number-- 720-287-2139**

Committee Reports

Adjutant Harry Ciruli declared that a quorum was present,

Harry Ciruli - Adjutant: We still have members whose dues are not paid. Remember that you can pay them online with your credit card, or by check.
The Adjutant introduced Richard Griffen, Mick Landsen, and Danny Fountain, who have just transferred to our Post. We have a new member Angela Jones. Welcome to all. Adjutant talked about an ad for the annual conference. 1/4 page was approved.

Mike Romero - 1st Vice Commander: We now have a new grill for our picnics. Special thanks to Ed Pietsch for all of his work. We now have a website. Address is www.legionpost103.org, check it out.

Ed Pietsch - 2nd Vice Commander: Gave a report and explanation on the budget. Motion made and approved , Budget accepted.

Post Picnic –Saturday July 14th at Sterne Park in Littleton

The Post Breakfast – Legionnaires and Auxiliary members do not miss this opportunity for sharing great food and conversations with your comrades, their families and guests. When: St. Patrick's Day, Saturday March 17th, starting at 9 am, at the Englewood Elks Lodge (3690 S. Jason St, Englewood). Still only \$5 per person! We hope to see you there.

Oratorical – No report

Financial Report - John Tara: Reported that the check book has been reconciled and we have about \$5500 in the checking account.

Carter Jones - Chaplain: We have 13 departed members that we will have a Post Everlasting at our April 4 meeting.

Lynn Peterson - Legion Baseball: Talked a little about the up coming season. He introduced Bernie Barnhart who talked about his team.

Sergeant-At-Arms; No report

JAG - Chuck Blemler: No report

BINGO - Ed Pietsch : We had a profit of \$1797.17 for the month of February. During February, Bingo paid out \$400 in donations to support an Eagle Scout Project to help the homeless veterans in the Denver area, and to help send a talented young Littleton elementary girl to the Junior National Leadership Conference in Washington DC in August. Bingo also paid to print and send out the hardcopy newsletters.

Bingo Must Go - We have scheduled our next Progressive Bingo “Must Go” for April 5th. This is where the jackpot of approximately \$5,000 will be paid out to some lucky winner(s). Our attendance doubles at “Must Go” sessions and **we always need extra help** on these days. If you can volunteer about 4 hours of your time, we would truly appreciate it. The crowds comes early on Must Go days, so please try to be at Slammers no later than 10:00 am. We play every Thursday except Thanksgiving Day at the Slammers Bingo Hall which is located at 1884 South Wadsworth Boulevard (the northeast corner of Wadsworth and Jewell).

If you have questions please call Cal Wilson 303-470-7206, Ed Pietsch at 720-287-2108 or Pat Callahan 303-770-2857.

Post Budget – We now have an approved Post Budget for 2012. I want to thank Mike Romero, John Palmquist and John Terra for assisting in this process. The new budget includes a new Post phone number 720-287-2139 that is now operational and a new Post Webpage that can be accessed at www.legionpost103.org. The webpage is up now but will not be fully operational until April. Copies of the Budget were handed out to members at the March 7th meeting. If you would like to receive a copy, contact Ed Pietsch at 720-287 2108 or e_pietsch@msn.com.

AVHG - John Palmquist: Like the Marine Corps, the All Veterans Honor Guard is looking for a few good men(or women)
If you are able to give us any time at all, contact John Palmquist at 303-471-4643 or jup614@comcast.net,

Bingo Manager - Cal Wilson: - No report

Service Officer - Pat Callahan: - We have gave about \$2726 in funds to 10 Vet in need. Waiting on the next advance.

Historian and Boys State - Rich Callan: - No report (Still on the mend.)

Commanders Report- Dean Casey:

Old Business: None

New Business: Patrick and Crystal talked about The V.A. Hospital. \$ 50.00 donated to V.A. Donation of \$100.00 made to The Blue Star Moms of Durango.

50/50 drawing won by Ameil Smith

Answer : 14

Special Notes

Storage Unit Move – Thanks to all the Post members who helped move us to our new storage unit location. We had a convoy of pickup trucks and automobiles moving our belongings and we completed the move in under two hours. The new unit will reduce our cost by about \$37 per month.

Hardcopy Newsletters - One cost that has grown is the publishing of hardcopy newsletters. In part this increase is due to increased size of the newsletter which is good, but it is also due to the number of members who receive hard copy newsletters. It costs the Post approximately \$1.75 to print and mail one hardcopy newsletter each month to the over 200 members who receive hardcopy newsletters. This money is well spent for those who do not have computers or do not have the capability of using a computer even if they have one. However, if you have a computer with internet access, please consider receiving the newsletter electronically. You will receive the newsletter much quicker and it will be in color plus you will save the Post \$21 per year. Please call Harry Ciruli at the new post phone number 720-287-2139 to give him your email address or if you do not want to give out your email address, you could retrieve the Newsletter from the new Post webpage www.legionpost103.org starting in April. But you still need to call Harry Ciruli to have your name removed from the hardcopy mailing list. Thank you for your consideration in reducing Post overhead costs so that those funds can be better utilized to support Post Programs.



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Thanks to everyone who has turned in their volunteer hours. If you have not done this yet, please email or call me, every little bit helps.

Our membership is now at 100% which is great. However, we are always looking for new members. Please join us at a meeting sometime.

Don't forget the breakfast this Saturday, the 17th, at the Elks Club in Englewood.

Any questions just call. 720-287-2108.

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