



Bingo-Slammers Bingo Hall

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



“The Leader Post” April 2012

**Editor: Harry Ciruli- 720-287-2139 adjutant@legionpost103.org
Website-www.legionpost103.org**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 4/12/2012-Bingo-Slammers Bingo Hall**
- 4/19/2012- Bingo-Slammers Bingo Hall**
- 4/26/2012- Bingo-Slammers Bingo Hall**
- 4/30/2012 Officers meeting-Buck Rec. Center-7:00 PM**
- 5/2/12 General meeting, nominations for officers- Voting on by-laws changes.- Buck Rec. Center-7:00 PM**
- 5/3/2012- Bingo-Slammers Bingo Hall**
- 5/10/2012- Bingo-Slammers Bingo Hall**
- 5/17/2012- Bingo-Slammers Bingo Hall**
- 5/19/2012- Post Breakfast- Englewood Elks Lodge**
- 5/24/2012- Bingo-Slammers Bingo Hall**
- 5/26 - 5/27 Poppies season is here-volunteers are needed**
- 5/31/2012- Bingo-Slammers Bingo Hall**

COMMANDER’S COMMENTS

April has arrived and I hope all had a great Easter weekend. This is the time of year that we come out of the winter cabin fever and start looking for the spring and summer events such as baseball, fishing and traveling. Those who hit the road please drive defensively.

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of our Department Sr. Vice-Commander Larry DECKER. Larry was a member of Pueblo West Post 207. He suffered a heart attack and passed away on Thursday April 5, 2012 at about 4 pm. Larry was sitting in a chair at the Center for American Values in Pueblo waiting for the National commander to tour the facility. Larry was going to escort the commander on a tour of the River Walk and the Veterans’ Bridge then over to the Hall of Heroes at the convention center. He never got the opportunity. Larry slumped over in the chair at the Center and a policeman from Mexico, who was visiting this country on a training mission with the Pueblo Police, started CPR immediately. The paramedics arrived within minutes and transported him to the hospital. They apparently worked on him at the hospital but were unable to revive him.

Larry was a dedicated Legionnaire with 45 years of continuous service, Services are pending. Cards and letters can be sent to Larry's family at 910 Candytuft Blvd, Pueblo, CO 81001. God be with you Larry. Ours prayers and thoughts are with your family.

The April meeting was an eventful one. The Post conducted a Post Everlasting for those members who departed our ranks since November 2011. The Post also initiated numerous new members into the post. During new business, the post was presented the Milk Creek Battle Resolution. It stated whereas there are remains of nine troopers of the 3rd and 5th Cavalry which are still buried at the battle grounds. We request that the State of Colorado recover the remains and transport them to a National Cemetery for interment. It was passed by the membership and will be submitted to the District for approval. If this passes the District vote, it then moves to the Department Convention for reading and vote. Also during new business, a motion was made for the Post to purchase a gun safe to store the AVHG weapons. It was passed and Chuck BLEMLER has taken on the project.

Also under new business was a reading of changes to the Post By-laws. It is published in this newsletter. Please read the proposed changes and if you have any comments, please submit them to 1st Vice-Commander Mike Romero. The By-Law changes will be voted on at the May Meeting. If it passes, then it will be adopted into the Post By-Laws.

May will also be the time to start nominations for new leadership in the Post. If you would like to hold a Post position, please let the Chairman of the Nomination Committee, Richard Callan know. Final nominations and voting for new officers will be conducted at the June 2012 meeting.

Have a great April

Trivia question: Who was the first US President to travel under the water in a US Navy submarine?

Dean Casey
Commander

General Meeting Minutes

Commander Dean Casey called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening Ceremonies and Rituals conducted.

Adjutant Harry Ciruli declared that a quorum was present.

Acknowledgement of Past Commander.

Committee Reports

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.

I read a thank you card from Angelika Buczynski our Oratorical contestant and she also sent a box of chocolates.

Mike Romero-1st Vice Commander: ARTICLE V DELEGATES

SECTION 1. The Post Commander, Adjutant, First Vice, and Second Vice Commander, are obligated to represent the Post at all Department Conventions whenever possible. All other Delegates and Alternates to Department Conventions, shall be elected by Voice Vote at the last regular meeting prior to the designated Convention.

SECTION 1. (a) Travel, Lodging and meals will be paid as described:

Each elected delegate, along with mentioned Post Officers shall be reimbursed by the Post for the full cost of the room for lodging at the hotel and or other facility chosen for convention purposes by Department. Travel will be paid by the Post at the current rate implemented by the IRS for “VOLUNTEER” work, from the Post Members address, to and from Convention. “WHERE POSSIBLE” every effort should be made to share transportation with other Post Delegates to maintain the lowest Convention costs possible. Meals will only be paid by the Post where, each Delegate is required to attend a breakfast, lunch or dinner meeting at Convention.

Any Officers and or Delegates serving in other Legion capacities, such as, Department or other organizations, controlled by Department who are obligated to represent and are reimbursed by such entities, will not be reimbursed by the Post.

Mike also stated the need for a new Finance Officer.

Ed Pietsch-2nd Vice Commander:

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

The Post Breakfast – We had our largest turnout in several years for our March 17th breakfast with 57 attendees. We have one more breakfast scheduled for May 19th before we break for the summer months. Please mark your calendars now so you do not miss it. It was great seeing many of the new members and spouses at the breakfast. Englewood Elks @ 3690 S. Jason Street.

The new storage unit is in operation. Thanks to all members who assisted in the move. A CARE package was sent to Derek Buckner, son of Post member Dave Buckner. Derek is a U.S. Marine, serving in Afghanistan.

Oratorical – No report.

Financial Report - John Tara: Financial status of Post 103 is very good.

Carter Jones - Chaplain: provided an update on Pastoral issues.

Lynn Peterson -Legion Baseball: Lynn Peterson: Provided update on Legion summer league.

Sergeant-At-Arms; No report

JAG - Chuck Blemler: Post is in need of a new gun case. Discussion followed.

BINGO - Ed Pietsch : - We had a loss of about \$100 for March and a loss of about \$400 for the 1st Quarter of the year. Worse of all our Progressive Bingo was won in March by a lucky customer who received over \$4,100. This was the first time the Progressive Bingo was won before our planned Must Go date. This means we missed out on our pay day of between \$5000 and \$7000 that was scheduled for April 5th. Now we will not have Must Go until about July.

Bingo will be strapped for cash for a while although we have some reserve in the checkbook and savings. We will need to dig into our reserves to help pay Post expenses especially for Boys State and Legion Baseball.

We can always use help with Bingo especially with medical appointments and vacation time is coming up. So if you can give some of your time to help out we would appreciate it. It is always good to have extras available to fill-in when the regulars are not available. We thank Roger Masse who has joined us and we look forward to other new and old members to come out and give us a hand. 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.

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: - Received quarterly grant of \$18K.

Historian and Boys State - Rich Callan: Provided update on Post History. Also, provided on current efforts to recruit high school juniors to participate in the 2012 Boys State Program.

Commanders Report- Dean Casey: Provided membership report

Old Business: There was a need for the Post to purchase a new coffee pot, However Bob Aliano was kind enough to donate one to the post. Thank you Bob.

Again, it was discussed that the Post requires new members.

New Business: The Honor Flight program was discussed. Honor flight is expanding its operations and accepting younger veterans to take flights to Washington, D.C.

Motion made and seconded to authorize the purchase of a new gun cabinet. Purchase not to exceed \$600.00.

Motion made to recover the remains for re-internment of remains at a federal cemetery of Cavalry Troopers KIA during the 1879 Milk Creek Battle in Colorado.

In May, nominations for the 2012-2013 business year will be held

Ten new Post Members were duly initiated. To one and all, Welcome to Post 103.

50/50 drawing held.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 2006 hours.

Answer : President Roosevelt.

Special Notes

Storage Unit Move – We are all moved in and have completed an inventory of the flags and All Veterans Honor Guard items. We have also created a sign out sheet so please use it to identify items removed or added. Over the summer we hope to go through the file cabinets to inventory Post awards and records and remove unneeded items.

Can You Help Reduce Post Costs? – The Post has made an effort to minimize costs wherever possible to keep our dues at the current rate. Of the \$38 dues each member pays annually for dues, the Post only keeps \$9 and the balance (\$29) goes to the Department of Colorado and National Headquarters.

We budget \$4400 per year to print and mail out the newsletter. That number is \$800 greater than the Post total annual income we retain from membership dues for all of our members. The \$4400 budget equates to \$21 per year for each of the 200 members who currently receive hardcopy newsletters. We want everyone to receive and read the monthly newsletter. But if you have computers and still receive hardcopy newsletters, please consider receiving the newsletter by email or at the new Post webpage www.legionpost103.org. You will receive the newsletter much quicker and it will be in color plus you will enable us to better use limited Post funds for Programs such as Boys State, Oratorical, American Legion Baseball, etc. Please call or email Harry Ciruli at the Post phone number 720-287-2139 to give him your email address and request receiving electronic newsletters or to let him know you will retrieve the newsletter from the Post webpage. Also, Harry can be emailed at the Post webpage as well. Thank You



Sherry Pietsch, President

720-287-2108

sherrypietsch@msn.com



At our April meeting we had 11 members in attendance, which is so nice since we seem to be growing each month. We would love to have more ladies join us and participate in some of our projects we do over the year.

Darlene Romero reported on Girls' State, we have one application to date. Darlene read the applicant's essay questions and the Auxiliary decided to have her as a candidate representing our Unit for Girls' State. We are still accepting applications until the end of the month. If anyone knows of a girl that is a junior in high school with at least a 3.0

GPA and interested in learning more about our Government please call Darlene.

Our year is quickly coming to an end. Our nominations for next year Officers are as follows: Loretta Ciruli - President, Vice President - Darlene Romero, Treasurer - Adreann Palmquist, Chaplain - Betty Smith, Historian - Margaret Callahan and Sherry Pietsch and Sergeant at Arms - Doris Goodier. We still need a Secretary for the year. Our elections will be held next meeting, May 2nd.

Please mark your calendars for May 26th and May 27th. We will again be selling Poppies at the King Soopers located on the corner of University and Colorado Blvd. This is our biggest fund raiser and we need your help especially if you are a Legionnaire. The customers love talking to you and hearing about your service experiences. Please call Jean Jesser or Darlene Romero if you would like to participate. There will also be a sign up sheet at the May meeting. You can work for an hour or as long as you want. Thank you in advance for helping us out.

If you would like to know more information about Auxiliary events please contact me or any Auxiliary member. You can go to www.Legionpost103.org for our emails.

Sherry Pietsch

**George C Evans Post 103
The American Legion
PO Box 281
Littleton, CO 80120**

DATED MATERIAL