



Slammers Bingo Hall

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



“The Leader Post” May 2012

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 5/10/2012- Bingo-Slammers Bingo Hall
- 5-12/2012- District 5 Annual Meeting- Arvada Post 161- 10:00 AM
- 5/17/2012- Bingo-Slammers Bingo Hall
- 5/19/2012- Post Breakfast- 9:00 Englewood Elks Lodge
- 5/24/2012- Bingo-Slammers Bingo Hall
- 5/26 - 5/27- Poppies season is here-volunteers are needed
- 5/28 /2012 - Memorial Day Ceremonies
- 5/31/2012- Bingo-Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6/4/2012 - Officers Meeting - Buck Rec. Center - 7:00 PM
- 6/6/2012 - General Members Meeting - Voting on new officers - Buck Rec. Center - 7:00 PM
- 6/7/2012- Bingo-Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6/14/2012- Bingo-Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6/20/2012- Members meeting- Installation of Officers- Buck Rec. Center-7:00 PM

COMMANDER’S COMMENTS

We have some things going on that Post members should mark on their calendar so they can attend. May 12 is District 5 Annual Conference at Arvada Post 161. May 19th is the last Post breakfast at the Elks Lodge for American Legion 2011-2012 year. I will be in Conifer, CO assisting veterans in an outreach gathering. 1st Vice-Commander Mike Romero, Adjutant Harry Ciruli and American Legion Baseball President Lynn Peterson will be attending the Colorado American Legion College in Colorado Springs. I have asked Past Commander and current AVHG Coordinator John Palmquist to do the Commander Honors at the breakfast.

The Post is taking part in Memorial Day activity so please contact the 1st Vice-Commander for any assistance that he may need for the events.

At the May Post meeting 1st Vice-Commander Mike Romero was nominated for the position of Post Commander, 2nd Vice-Commander Ed Pietsch was nominated for 1st Vice-Commander and Lynn Peterson was nominated for the position of 2nd Vice-Commander. Closing nominations will be held on June 6th with elections to follow. Come to the meeting and vote for

the officers who will carry on the leadership duties for American Legion Year 2012-2013. Installation of the new Post Officers will occur on June 20th. The June 20th meeting will take the place of the scheduled meeting in July which just so happens to be the 4th.

I want to thank Richard Callan for his hard work for the 2012 Boys State. The Post is sponsoring 20 high school boys to Boys State and I understand that Crash will be attending as support this year.

On April 29th Sheila and I attended the annual awards banquet hosted by the United Veterans Committee. The awards that were presented included the Award for a State Senator who helped veterans the most and it went to Littleton's own Senator Linda Newell. Senator Newell is an attendee of Girls State and will be visiting Boys State this year. There were awards to VA employees and others. In attendance were federal Senators and Congressmen along with a few more State of Colorado Legislators. The one thing that stood out there were eight general officers a few colonels. I wonder if they were there to see the guest speakers Medal of Honor Recipients SSG Salvatore Giunta (Ret) from Ft Collins and George T. Sakato of the famed 442nd Inf Reg.

Now that May has arrived and looking back, the Post has done a lot this year.

Sheila and I will be out of the state.

Sheila and I wish you and yours a great May.

Dean Casey
Commander

General Meeting Minutes

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

Post Everlasting Ceremony conducted for Marcos Druyos

Opening Ceremonies and Rituals conducted.

Adjutant Harry Ciruli declared that a quorum was present.

Acknowledgement of Past Commander.

Welcomed new members and guests. Mark Brady (New), Hugh Norwood (Transfer), Ray Clark (Transfer)

Post Bulletin for April, 2012 has been distributed to all members. Hearing no corrections, the Bulletin was accepted.

Committee Reports

Harry Ciruli - Adjutant: Made mention of the American Legion College.

Mike Romero - 1st Vice Commander: Discussed changes to Amendments of Article 5 of By Laws.

Ed Pietsch - 2nd Vice Commander: **Memorial Day Ceremonies, May 28th** – Our Post and the Littleton VFW Post 4666 will be once again putting on our joint Memorial Day Ceremonies honoring our nation’s servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice. The first ceremony is at 8am at Veterans Circle at the Littleton Cemetery, 6155 South Pierce Street. This is followed by the 10am ceremony at the Littleton World War II Memorial, Ketring Park in the 6000 block of South Gallup Street.

The Post will then put on a third ceremony at 11:30am in the “Garden of Victory” at the Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary and Cemetery located at 6601 South Colorado Blvd. in Centennial. The Post will be assisted by the cemetery staff and Boy Scout Troop 114.

Flag Retirement Ceremony – The Post in conjunction with Chapel Hill Mortuary and Cemetery will perform a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday June 9th at 10 am on the cemetery grounds located at 6601 South Colorado Blvd. in Centennial. We already have numerous flags to be disposed of but if you have any other unserviceable flags bring them to the Ceremony or to the next Post meeting. Please remove any metal grommets from the flag before turning it in for disposal.

Flag Day Ceremony – The Post will conducting our annual Ceremony at the Buck Center on Friday June 15th starting at 1:00 pm. More details will be announced at the June 6th meeting, in the June Newsletter and on the Post website.

Post Picnic –Saturday July 14th at Sterne Park in Littleton- 11:00am - 3:00pm

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. 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. Englewood Elks @ 3690 S. Jason Street.

Oratorical – No report.

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

Carter Jones - Chaplain: No Report.

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

Sergeant-At-Arms; No report

JAG - Chuck Blemler: Mentioned that the new gun safe is in our possession

BINGO - Ed Pietsch : - We had another small loss (\$27.57) for the month of April. During April, Bingo paid out \$3.059 in Post expenses for the hardcopy newsletter, All Veteran Honor Guard and American Legion Baseball. Please consider joining us as a volunteer or as a player on any Thursday 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: Announced that there were 19 veterans services in April. 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 full \$18K for Veterans Support. Has 3K in the bank.

Historian and Boys State - Rich Callan: History - No Report. Boys State - Rich has met and interviewed 20 students for Boys State. Made a request for \$6,000.00 to support this worthwhile cause. Motion was made and passed.

Commanders Report - Dean Casey: Reported on information from a recent District 5 meeting. Membership is currently at 93.26%. I appeared at Colorado Legion Veterans to discuss grant money. Provided a detailed discussion of this vital topic.

Old Business: Discussion of the Milk Creek Resolution.

Mike Romero: - He read proposed changes to Post By Laws. They were approved and seconded.

New Business: Discussion of Post 103 participation in Veterans Day Ceremonies. Services will be held at Littleton Cemetery, at 0800, Ketring Park, at 1000, and Chapel Cemetery at 1130.

There was discussion of a special needs case for Father Dow, a member of Post 23. Father Dow is wheel chair bound and desires an automatic control for his wheel chair. The 'hat' was passed and \$120.00 in donations was received.

A request was made and approved for monies to be paid to Boys State.

50/50 drawing held. Won by Pat Callahan

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 2000 hours.

Special Notes

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



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Our Annual Poppy Sale will take place Sat. May 26th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sun. May 27th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will be selling Poppies at the King Soopers at 9551 S. University Blvd, Highland Ranch, (SW Corner of University and Colorado). This is our only fund raiser of the year and the money will be used toward Veterans projects. If you have not signed up yet, please get in touch with Jean Jesser (303-771-2746), Darlene Romero (303-973-2493) email Darlene_Romero@msn.com, or myself, Sherry Pietsch (720-287-2108) email Sherrypietsch@msn.com. We have two hour shifts but if you can only come for an hour or so that would be helpful. Any Legionnaire who would like to help we would love to have you join us. Call the above numbers for more information. Thank you for supporting this project.

At our April meeting, we elected the following Officer's for 2012 to 2013 year. They are:

Loretta Ciruli -- President
Darlene Romero -- Vice President
Secretary -- TBA
Treasurer -- Adreann Palmquist
Chaplain -- Betty Smith
Sergent at Arms -- Doris Goodier
Historian -- Margaret Callahan
Historian -- Sherry Pietsch

Installation will be held on Wednesday, June 20th with the Post at the Buck Center at 7:00 pm. Please join us then.

There will be NO MEETING on June 4th.

Upcoming Events: May 12th- District V Meeting at Post 161 - Arvada

May 19th - Legion Breakfast at Englewood Elks at 9:00 am

May 26th and May 27th - Poppies at King Soopers

Any questions please call.

Sherry Pietsch
President

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