



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



“The Leader Post”

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 6/14/2012 - Bingo - Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6/15/2012 -Flag Day Celebration - Ice Cream Social- 1:00 - 3PM - Buck Rec. Center
- 6/20/2012 - Members meeting- Installation of Officers - Officers meeting- Buck Rec. Center - 7:00 PM
- 6/21/2012 - Bingo - Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6/28/2012 - Must-Go-Bingo-Slammers Bingo Hall -Volunteers needed - 10AM
- 6/28/2012 -7/1/2012 - State Convention - Grand Junction
- No meeting in July
- 7/05/2012- Bingo - Slammers Bingo Hall
- 7/12/2012- Bingo - Slammers Bingo Hall
- 7/14/2012 - Annual Post Picnic - Sterne Park - 11AM-3PM
- 7/19/2012- Bingo - Slammers Bingo Hall

COMMANDER’S COMMENTS

The election for Post 103 was held on June 6th. The attending membership nominated the following for Post Officers:

- Commander** – Mike Romero
- 1st Vice Officer** – Ed Pietsch
- 2nd Vice Officer** – Lynn Peterson
- Adjutant** - Harry Ciruli
- Chaplain** – Peter Schroder
- Finance Officer** – George Williams
- Post Service Officer** - Pat Callahan
- Sgt-at-Arms** – Fred Himelspach
- Judge Advocate** - Duane Leiker
- Historian/Boys State** - Legionnaire of the Year Richard Callan

The Commander, as with major companies, are only as good as good as those who served with him. I wish to thank the 2011-2012 Post 103 officers for their great performance of

duties, advise to me and their friendship along with all the active post members for their guidance and advise throughout the past year. I wish the incoming 2012-2013 officers good luck in their performance of duties and offer my assistance with the post operations. I am not leaving the post but have accepted a new position. As of July 1, 2012, I assume the duties and responsibilities of District 5 Commander. This new task will bring on time when I will not be able to attend our post meeting for I am required to visit each district post twice, as most them hold their meeting on the first Wednesday of each month.

June 20th at 7:00 pm at the Buck Center will be the installation of the new officers. This will also be the July 4th meeting. The last weekend of June will be the Department Convention held the weekend of 28, 29 & 30 in Grand Junction.

July 14th will be the annual Post 103 picnic. Contact either in-coming Commander Mike Romero or in-coming 1st Vice-Commander Ed Pietsch for what is needed and submit for listing on the help list.

The Post Boys State program this year was a great success. Richard Callan was able to screen and this Post sent 20 soon to be seniors to Boys State held at Colorado State University Pueblo Campus. Great Job Richard. On June 6th I escorted Colorado State Senator Linda Newell to Boys State and she spoke to the attendees. She received two standing ovations which was great. A side note is that Senator Newell who represents the Littleton area has worked hard for Veterans. She is running for re-election in November.

This is my last article for the newspaper. Again, I would like to thank all the active members in helping me make this a memorable year.

Good luck to all and God Bless this great nation as well as those who served.

Dean Casey
Commander

General Meeting Minutes

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

A Post Everlasting was done for Francis Kriedler.

Opening Ceremonies and Rituals conducted.

Adjutant Harry Ciruli declared that a quorum was present.

Acknowledgement of Past Commander.

Committee Reports

Harry Ciruli - Adjutant: Talk about the Colorado Freedom Memorial. Made comments about the Colorado American Legion College.

Mike Romero - 1st Vice Commander: We had a nice turn out for the Flag Retirement Ceremony. My thanks to everyone involved. Commented on the Colorado Freedom Memorial. Please note the June 20th meeting will not only be Officer Installation, but also will take the place of our July Board, and Regular Membership meetings. Post Picnic will be on July 14th at Sterne Park for all members and families.

Ed Pietsch - 2nd Vice Commander: Made a motion to donate \$300.00 to Special Olympics. It was voted on and approved. Post breakfast we had 43 members.

The Post Breakfast – We had a great Post Breakfast on May 19th. We shared a special morning with our comrades, families and friends. We will take a break for the Summer months and will start up again in September.

Memorial Day Ceremonies, May 28th – We received positive comments about all three ceremonies on a beautiful Memorial Day. Our Post and the Littleton VFW Post 4666 once again conducted our joint Memorial Day Ceremonies first at the Littleton Cemetery and then the Littleton World War II Memorial. We had approximately 150 attendees and 500 attendees at the respective services. You missed a beautiful flyover at the end of the second ceremony.

The Post and Auxiliary Unit put on a third ceremony at the Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary and Cemetery and were assisted by the cemetery staff and Boy Scout Troop 114.

We thank all of you who participate and/or attended the ceremonies.

Flag Retirement Ceremony – The Post in conjunction with Chapel Hill Mortuary and Cemetery will perform a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday June 9th. The turnout was not large but it was a great services. Thanks to all who participated.

Flag Day Ceremony June 15th – Post 103 in conjunction with the South Suburban Parks and Recreation Center will be conducting a Flag Day celebration on Friday, June 15, 1:00 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Buck Recreation Center (our meeting room area). Everyone is invited to this unique event that offers all ages a better understanding of the importance of our national flag. In addition to a few speeches, the Program will include patriotic songs, a Flag folding demonstration, a 21 Gun Salute and the playing of “Taps” by a bugler. This annual event is kicked off by an Ice Cream Social and includes entertainment by the Tip Top Tappers.

Please plan on attending; we know you will enjoy the ice cream, the program and the entertainment. The Douglas H. Buck Community Recreation Center is located at 2004 W. Powers Ave. Littleton, CO 80120.

Post Picnic – Be sure to have your calendars marked for the Post Picnic which will be held on July 14th from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be held again at the South Shelter at Sterne Park. The parking area is at the intersection of South Spotswood Street and West Sheppard Street.

Western Welcome Week – Just a heads-up to mark your calendar for Saturday, August 18th for this year's big parade in Littleton. Hopefully, you will be able to march with the Color Guard or ride in a vehicle. More info will be provided over the next two months.

Oratorical – No report.

Financial Report - John Tara: Doing fine, have \$5000.00 in checking.

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: No Report

BINGO - Ed Pietsch : - We had profit of \$915 for the month of May which provided us a profit for the year of \$477. The low profit this year has not deterred us from supporting the Post. During May bingo paid out almost \$7,000 in Post program and operating expenses.

The good news is we have scheduled a Progressive Bingo "Must Go" Go for June 28th. 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 a.m. 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: - We were OK'd for our \$20,000 grant. Will be asking for \$75,000, this is out of a different fund.

Historian and Boys State - Rich Callan: History - No Report. / Boys State - No Report.

Commanders Report - Dean Casey: June 20 for installation of New Officers. we are at 95.42% for membership.

Old Business: Nominations for Post Officers were opened up from the floor

New Business: Kate Surman spoke about Million Veteran Program.

50/50 drawing held. Won by Fred Himenspach

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

Special Notes (cont.)

For Sale

Two Cemetery lots in the Garden of Victory Court of Honor at Chapel Hill Memorial Garden in Littleton.

Location: 42-C one each upper & lower space.

for information please call: **Jean Jesser-303-771-2746**



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The Auxiliary did not meet on June 6th but will have their joint installation with the Post on June 20th at 7:00 pm at the Buck Center. At that time the following Officers will be installed for 2012-2013.

**Loretta Ciruli - President,
Vice President - Darlene Romero,
Andreann Palmquist - Treasurer,
Chaplain - Betty Smith,
Sergeant at Arms - Doris Goodier,
Historian - Margaret Callahan and Sherry Pietsch.**

A big Thank You goes out to all of the Legionnaires who helped us with our 2012 Annual Poppy Sales over Memorial Day weekend. We really appreciate the time you gave us. Once again we will be able to fund many projects from all of the donations we received.

We will have a short unofficial meeting at 6PM on June 20th in the front lobby of the Buck Rec. Center.

Please join the Post for its annual Picnic at Sterne Park - 11AM-3PM on July 14th

Our next business meeting will be September 5th, please join us to hear about the exciting things we will be doing during the year.

Please feel free to call or email if you have any questions.

There will be NO MEETING in June, July, or August, We will resume in September.

Sherry Pietsch
President

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