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GEORGE C. EVANS POST 103

“United We Stand”

“The Leader Post”

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

8/02/2012- Bingo - Slammers Bingo Hall

8/09/2012- Bingo - Slammers Bingo Hall

8/08/2012- Picnic at Duane Leiker House 5-5:30

But come earlier for a beverage or two

8/16/2012- Bingo - Slammers Bingo Hall

8/18/2012- WWW Parade meet at 9:00 AM

8/18/2012- Picnic at Harry Giglio's House 1:00 PM

8/23/2012- Bingo - Slammers Bingo Hall

8/30/2012- Bingo - Slammers Bingo Hall

9/03/2012- Officers meeting-Buck Rec. Center-7:00PM

9/05/2012- General Membership Meeting 7:00 PM

9/06/2012- Bingo - Slammers Bingo Hall

9/13/2012- Bingo - Slammers Bingo Hall

9/20/2012- Bingo - Slammers Bingo Hall

9/27/2012- Bingo - Slammers Bingo Hall

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I would like to thank the New Post 103, Board for their participation in our first meeting since our Installation. All were present with one excused absence, 2d Vice Cmdr, Lynn Peterson, who was on baseball assignment.

Two Motions were made and passed at the Board Meeting, One, to get a Credit Card for the Adjutant and AVHG Commander and Two, to get a Caller ID installed for the Adjutants Post phone number.

Both of these items will help to organize our purchasing, so our Finance Officer can better track and record what is bought within the Post. Our Adjutant will be in a better position with Caller ID, to see which calls have to be handled in a timely fashion and which can be treated as nuisance.

Our Membership meeting was opened with a “Post Everlasting” for Members, Don Monroe and Robert Meckenstock. We ended the ceremony with a “Moment of Silence” for the passing of Unit 103 Auxiliary President, Loretta Ciruli.

Retiring, AVHG Commander, John U. Palmquist, was presented with a plaque thanking him for all his many hours of organizing and ensuring, all Burial Ceremonies at Ft. Logan were conducted with the Pride and Respect befitting all Veterans buried during his command. "We Post Members, Thank You Very Much John".

Let's welcome Post Member, Harry Giglio who has taken over the responsibilities as the new AVHG Commander. We know you're more than up to the task, "Good Luck Harry".

Congratulations to Post Member, Angela Jones for being selected to Department Women's Committee, we know you'll be an asset to Department.

Special thanks go out to "Legionnaire of The Year", Rich Callan as our Historian, for putting out a very meticulous and detailed Post History Report for 2011-2012. "Thanks Rich"!

Littleton, Western Welcome Week is Saturday, August 18. I hope to see many Post 103 members in attendance as Our Post Members with Flags and our Banner marches by.
Have a Great Month!

Mike Romero

Commander

General Meeting Minutes

Commander Mike Romero called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening Ceremonies and Recitals.

Post Adjutant Harry Ciruli declared a quorum was present.

A Post Everlasting Ceremony was conducted for Post Members Don Monroe and Robert Meckenstock.

Also, there was a moment of silence for Loretta Ciruli, late wife of Harry Ciruli, Post Adjutant.

Recognition of Past Commanders Pat Callahan, John Palmquist, and Rich Carlson.

The Minutes of the July General Meeting has been distributed to all members. A motion was made and passed to accept the bulletin as published.

Commander Romero presented a plaque of appreciation to John Palmquist for his past contributions to the AVHG. A note of appreciation was made to Harry Giglio for assuming this demanding role.

The POW/MIA ceremony was conducted.

Committee Reports

The Post meeting minutes of August, 2012 were approved.

Harry Ciruli - Adjutant: Offered personal thanks to Post members and Auxiliary members for their concern and cards during his wife, Loretta Ciruli, in her illness and demise. Shared an award from Anna Obregon, Post 170, Westcliffe, Colorado. Also acknowledged a Thank You card from Meals on Wheels for a contribution from Post 103. Also a Thank You card from Mr. Starkman, an official at Fisher House.

Ed Pietsch - 1st Vice Commander: **The Leader Post**

Each year at the Department's Annual Convention, four major Awards are presented to the Posts for their prior year programs and activities. These include the Community Service Award, Judge Alter Award, Americanism Award and Children and Youth Award. Out of the more than 150 Post in the State of Colorado, the George C. Evans Post 103 received first place honors in two of these awards!

The Community Service Award was received for the numerous Post programs, activities and donations supporting our community. The Post was recognized for its extensive and varied list of activities and service to the community. The Judge Alter Award was received for our support to veterans and their families through our Grant Program administered by our Service Officer, Pat Callahan, as well as, the All Veterans Honor Guard participation at funeral services for deceased veterans and for providing Color Guard services in numerous events throughout the year.

In addition to the Post Awards, our Service Officer, Pat Callahan received the James Lingenfelter, John McCartney Outstanding Service Officer Award. Pat service to the Post, veterans and their families has always been outstanding and we are fortunate to have Pat as our Service Officer.

Thanks to Dean Casey and last year's officers for another successful year for Post 103. We thank all of you, the members, for your continued participation in our programs and activities especially the members who have stepped forward in a leadership capacity. The Bingo volunteers are often overlooked but they deserve recognition for providing the Post with the financial ability to be successful. Special Thanks goes to our Adjutant, Harry Ciruli, for his extensive effort in preparing the reports including narrative attachments without which we would not have even been considered for these awards.

We are "The Leader Post".

1st Vice Commander

We are planning on having a great membership year and are exploring ways to help encourage members to bring in new members for 2012-2013. The first activity is to get the Post Tri-Fold completed so that members can pass these brochures on to prospective members. This document briefly explains the Post programs and activities, provides information on joining the Legion and will include an application document. Special thanks go to Fred Himelsbach for helping me pull this brochure together.

To encourage participation we will have a Post Membership Award for the person who brings in the most new members beginning with the July membership year. We still have not decided on the exact form of the award and welcome any suggestions. Please keep track of any new members you have brought into the Post and provide me their names so I can keep an accurate count for the award. Only new members qualify, so transfers into the Post of individual who are current Legion members will not be included in the award but are surely welcomed.

Lynn Peterson - 2nd Vice Commander: *Upcoming Post #103 Event Reminder*

Western Welcome Week Parade:

Date: Saturday, August 18, 2012

Time: 9:00Am – 12:00 Noon

Location: Pat Hannon, VFW, Post 4666, 5748 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO

Specifics: Nine AVHG Volunteers have answered the Call to March in Parade w/U.S., POW/MIA & Military Branch Flags. 2nd Vice Cmdr Lynn E. Peterson will be sending out Specific information later this week to All Post #103 Legionnaires Parade Participants. Should you have any questions or need further information please contact lepeterson47@comcast.net and/or 720-841-5079.

Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary & Cemetery will again Partner with Post #103, by providing a Vehicle sponsoring their Dignity Memorial Homeless Veterans Burial Program. Also, George C. Evans Legionnaire's Harry Giglio & Former Commander Al Rodriguez, will be driving their convertible's carrying Four Past Commanders. Additionally, several Littleton Methodist Church Troop 114 Scouts will again assist, by leading and marching in the parade, proudly displaying our Post #103 Banner.

For All Other Post #103 Legionnaires and Family members, show your further support by attending the Parade as a valued Spectator too! Thanks to ALL.

Noted there were 57 Post members and spouses at the Annual Post BBQ. Thanks to Rich Carlson for his contribution as Chief Cook and Bottle Washer!

Oratorical – No report.

Financial Report -George Williams: Provided an update on Post finances. Financial status is sound.

Peter Schroder- Chaplain: No Report.

Lynn Peterson - Legion Baseball: Provided a summary on the 2012 American Legion Baseball season.

Sergeant-At-Arms- Fred Himelspach: No report

JAG -Duane Leiker: Provided an update on the status, serial numbers and accounting of weapons.

BINGO - Ed Pietsch : Bingo report for June, 2012 was very good

Please consider joining us as a Bingo 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, Harry Giglio: - The AVHG performed 13 services in June, and 13 in July.

Bingo Manager - Cal Wilson: - No report

Service Officer - Pat Callahan: - The current grant money for veterans is dry. Awaiting for new funds.

Historian and Boys State - Rich Callan: - History, No Report. Boys State: We had a very successful Boys State last month at CSU - Pueblo. Planning for 2013 has begun. The financial future for Colorado Boys State is predicted to be much improved for 2013.

Commanders Report - Mike Romero: - Reported that current membership is 357, with a goal of 371 for 100%. Provided information to the Executive Committee members, seeking input on several operational areas. Asked membership for suggestions as to any functions the Post would be willing to assist in for a 9-11 remembrance.

Old Business: Discussed how to honor a Harley Davidson dealership for their continuous and proper display of the American flag.

Also, Lynn Peterson suggested that an appropriate recognition be awarded to Budget A Transmission for their diligent display of the American flag. Follow-up needed.

There will be a Welcome Home parade for vets on August 11, 2012.

The AVHG will provide honors for deceased veterans who have not receive military honors at Ft. Logan, on Saturday, August 11, 2012.

New Business: The 50/50 drawing was won by Ray Pearson.

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**



Darlene Romero, President

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First of all the Auxiliary would like to thank Harry Ciruli for the money that was donated in Loretta's name. The Auxiliary received over a \$1,000.00, and the money will be put to good use. Thanks again Harry.

Our next meeting is September 5th. It will be my first meeting as President and I'm looking forward to a good year like we had last year. I've heard some good ideas and suggestions for projects and I know it will be a productive meeting.

We had a good turnout of 57 people and lots of fun and good food for the July 14th picnic.

Please bring your membership dues to the September meeting. The dues are is \$25.00.

Darlene Romero
President

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