



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

“The Leader Post”

December 2012

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/6/2012 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall

12/13/2012 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall

12/20/2012 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall

12/27/2012 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall

No Officers or Membership Meeting or Newsletter For January 2013

1/3/2013 – Bingo- **“Must Go”** – Slammers Bingo Hall

Please check with Ed or Cal for this event.

1/10/2013 - Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall

1/17/2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall

1/19/2013 – Breakfast –Englewood Elks-9:00am

1/24-1/27 – Mid-Year Conference - Colorado Springs, CO

1/24/2013- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall

1/31/2013- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall

2/4/2013- Officers Meeting –Buck Rec. Center- 7:00pm

2/16/2013 – General Membership Meeting – Buck Rec. Center- 7:00 pm

2/7/2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall

2/14/2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall

2/21/2013- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall

COMMANDER’S COMMENTS:

Let me begin with a Heartfelt Merry Christmas and a Happy and very Healthy New Year to all of our Post 103 Members. I look forward to a very busy and New Year full of growth in our membership.

Our Membership is currently at 92.22%, so those who have yet to pay their dues, please get them in to Harry Ciruli.

We tabled some of our Officer Reports for our December meeting with the exception of the AVHG Report and the reading of our proposed 2113 Budget, which was voted on by the Membership attending our December meeting. Thank you to Ed Pietsch, George Williams and all the other Board members who provided input to the 2013 Budget.

Past Commanders in attendance were, Bud Goodwin, Pat Callahan, John Palmquist and Rich Carlson. Welcome back from your travels Rich, I know you and Wanda had an exciting time while you were traveling.

At our December meeting, Certificates of Appreciation were passed out to those Members who were unable to attend our November Banquet. On Thursday, Ed Pietsch, Harry Ciruli and myself presented certificates to 10 Boy Scouts of Troop 114, These young men has helped Post 103 throughout the year, at Memorial Day, Flag Retirement at Chapel Hill and WWW Parade.

Harry Ciruli will report on the potential new members who were present at our meeting. Joshua Chinn and his wife Jennifer were guests of Jack Pansini, and Bill Baldaccini who lives in Highlands Ranch, Nick Arceo a new SAL member.

Our meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm so we could gather with the Ladies Auxiliary to celebrate the Christmas season. A very special "THANKS" to Darlene, Auxiliary President and all the Ladies who had a hand in preparing all the goodies for our celebration.

Because of the our meeting times conflicting with the New Year, there will be no meeting in January, we will publish a newsletter in January with any information arising during the latter part of December, and January. There will also be a Legion Breakfast January 19th same time same place, cost \$5.00 per person.

To those of you wanting to attend the mid-year Convention in Colorado Springs get your reservations in before December 26th 2012 for the Special American Legion rate. Contact Harry Ciruli if you need more information.

I think I've gone on long enough. Again, Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to All.

Mike Romero

Commander

General Meeting Minutes

Commander Romero called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Adjutant Harry Ciruli declared that a quorum was present.

Recognition of Past Commanders: John Palmquist, Bud Goodwin, Pat Callahan and Rick Carlson.

Officers Reports

Harry Ciruli – Adjutant:

Adjutant - Harry Ciruli: REMEMBER TO GET YOUR DUES RENEWAL IN BY 12-15-2012 TO BE COUNTED FOR THIS YEAR. WE WANT TO MAKE 100% THIS YEAR.

Ed Pietsch - 1st Vice Commander:

Membership Committee : We are off to a great start this year on membership (92.2%) but we want to keep it going so we exceed our goals for this year and next. **I want to thank** Fred Himelspach, Roger Masse and Lynn Peterson for already volunteering to help with membership **in addition to Harry Ciruli and myself. Additionally, I am looking for a few more members to help on our Post Membership Committee** and/or the brainstorming session to be held later this month.

Al Bevilacqua had a great suggestion of putting a notice in his Home Owners Association newsletter about interested veteran joining the Post. This is a great way of getting the word out especially if your HOA newsletter provides you that opportunity. Please contact Ed Pietsch (e_pietsch@msn.com) if you would like to participate or if you have any ideas or suggestions for attracting and retaining members including incentives for membership awards.

2013 Budget & New Programs: I want to thank the Officers and Program Managers for their input for the 2013 budget. The budget was reviewed and tentatively approved at the Executive Board Meeting and approved at the last membership meeting.

The budget serves as a planning tool for the coming year and eliminates the need for further approval for each specified line item up to the budgeted dollar amount. Anyone wishing to receive a copy of the 2013 budget can contact Ed Pietsch (720-287-2108 or e_pietsch@msn.com). Copies were distributed at the December membership meeting.

Lynn Peterson - 2nd Vice Commander:

Oratorical – No report.

Financial Report - George Williams: Gave a report on the posts finances.

Peter Schroder- Chaplain: No Report

Lynn Peterson - Legion Baseball: No Report

Sergeant-At-Arms- Fred Himelspach:

JAG -Duane Leiker: No Report

BINGO - Ed Pietsch: November was a good month for Post Bingo. We had a profit of approximately \$1600 for the month. We also paid out \$600 in Post expenses during the month.

Our next Must Go date is scheduled for next year on January 3rd. Let us keep our fingers crossed over the next few weeks that nobody hits the jackpot before the Must Go and that we do not have a snow storm.

The Must Go 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 always worry about the potential of snow this time of year, please be sure we have your current phone and email information so we can contact you in case of cancellation.

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). Our session starts at 11:30 am and usually ends about 1:30 pm.

We wish everyone have a peaceful and enjoyable Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Holiday Season and a healthy and prosperous Happy New Year.

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: -

Bingo Manager - Cal Wilson: - No report

Service Officer - Pat Callahan: Reported that he had put in for the third advance.

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

Boys State:

Old Business: None

New Business:

The 50/50 drawing was won by.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 2018 hours.

Special Notes

From the Adjutant: Attn: To repeat all members who have not paid their dues yet. Now is a good time to send them in either by sending in your check, going on line and paying your Dues. Remember we are “**The Leader Post**”.



Darlene Romero, President

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We had a short, but good meeting. We are donating money to the Fisher House and the Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber this month. Last month we sent a donation to the VA for their Christmas Party December 16th.

We have 23 members and are at 81%. If you would like to join the Auxiliary or just come in and see what we do. You can call me at 303-973-2493 or email me: darlene_romero@msn.com.

After our meeting we joined the Legion for some refreshments celebrating the upcoming Holidays. Thank You to all of you that brought goodies.

We will not have a meeting in January since the meeting is the day after New Year's Day.

Upcoming Events: Breakfast at the Elks Lodge January 19th. At 9:00am.
Mid-Year Conference, Colorado Springs, Jan.24th – Jan 27th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Darlene Romero
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