



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

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- 2/14/2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 2/21/2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 2/28/2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 3/4/2013 – Officers meeting-7:00 PM - Buck Rec. Center
- 3/6/2013 – General Membership Meeting-7:00 PM – Buck Rec. Center
- 3/7/2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 3/14/2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 3/16/2013 - Post breakfast-Englewood Elks Lodge9:00AM
- 3/21/2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 3/28/2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 4/1/2013 – Officers meeting-7:00 PM - Buck Rec. Center
- 4/3/2013 – General Membership Meeting-7:00 PM – Buck Rec. Center
- 4/4/2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 4/11/2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 4/18/2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 4/25/2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall

**COMMANDER’S COMMENTS:**

I would like to thank all of you Members for the great turn out we had at our February meeting. I also want to mention that we observed the Birthday of George C. Evans our Post Namesake. Again, “Happy Birthday George”.

We had a very busy and productive meeting this month.

We began with A Post Everlasting for four of our Members, Robert F. Hamill, Vernon R. Donaldson, Melvin J. Jorgensen and Richard D. Losey.

We also had a new Member, John Stevens, who will be initiated at our March meeting.

Past Commanders present and recognized were, Elmer Herbaly, Pat Callahan, Bud Goodwin, John Palmquist, Wayne Coleman, Richard Carlson and last but not least, Dean Casey who is also our current 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander. Dean was wearing both hats at this meeting and spoke on his responsibilities as 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander and also Department

Service Officer. I want to remind you 103 Members that may have need of his services, to get in touch with me or Harry Ciruli or call Dean's Direct Line at 303-914-5586.

We also had a visit from Larry Walker a Member of Post 1187 in Castle Rock, Colorado. Larry gave a brief report on his health and a "Thank You" to Richard Callan our Post Historian for helping Larry during his time of crises. And Again, Thanks Rich, for being there for Larry.

We also had a long overdue Ceremony for five of our Senior Members of Post 103. Pat Callahan, Elmer Herbaly, Bud Goodwin, John Palmquist, and Wayne Coleman. We presented Gold Medals for Meritorious Service to these men and I felt very proud and humbled as Post 103 Commander to be the one to hand out the Citations and Medals to these very deserving men. We are scheduled to present a Gold Medal February 12, to Bill Heeter, who because of illness was unable to attend our February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We will be presenting a Certificate of Appreciation and installing an American Flag on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February at the Belmar King Soopers where Nick Arceo, a Post 103 SAL Member, is Manager.

We will be having Initiations in March and a Blue Star Banner Presentation along with our Four Chaplains Ceremony, which was to be this month but we had too much business to cover. Bud Goodwin will assist in that ceremony.

*Mike Romero*

Commander

## **General Meeting Minutes**

Commander Romero called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Adjutant Harry Ciruli declared that there was quorum present.

A Post Everlasting ceremony was conducted for Post Members Robert F. Hamill, USN, Vernon R. Donaldson, USMC, Melvin J. Jorgensen, USCG, and Richard D. Losey, USMC. Rest in Peace gentlemen.

Acknowledgement of Past Commanders: Bud Goodwin, Elmer Herbaly, Dean Casey, Wayne Coleman, Rich Carlson. Pat Callahan and John Palmquist. Thanks to one and all for fulfilling this vital role!

New member John Stevens, USN, was introduced to our members. John provided a brief bio of his Naval Service and his background. Welcome Aboard, John!

The minutes of the December, 2012 General Meeting have been sent to all members. They were accepted by Motion, Seconded and approved.

## **Officers Reports**

**Harry Ciruli – Adjutant:** : Read a thank you letter from Nan Gereh, daughter of Post Member Ken Neudeck, a deceased long time Post 103 member, for the Post remembrance of her father. Nan made a donation of \$200.00 to the Post.

**Ed Pietsch - 1st Vice Commander:** Thank you, Commander Mike Romero for recognizing the significance and achievements of some very special Post Members at this meeting. We get tied up in the day to day grind and often fail to show our thanks and appreciation to those that have helped to make us who we are today.

Post 103 has been blessed with several outstanding individuals who have taken us from a Post on its last leg and about to close in April 1993, then reactivating the Post to become one of the leading Posts in the state. The recognized members were not only the backbone for revitalization of the Post but have provided guidance and mentoring to future leaders of the Post.

A special Meritorious Service Medal, ribbon and a citation recognizing their service to the Post. These men are very special and their accomplishments many and only a few could fit on the citation. We appreciate all you have done and continue to do for the Post. After the presentation cake was furnished in Honor of these individuals and our namesake's, George C. Evans, birthday.

**Membership Committee:** We are going to make our goal this year thanks largely to our dedicated Adjutant Harry Ciruli and the other members who have brought in members. I want to thank Fred Himelspach and Roger Masse for helping to call, email or mail members in our area who joined the American Legion but are not assigned to a local Post. If we only get a small percentage to join that will help us meet our goal for this and future years.

I encourage each of you to reach out to a friend or relative and ask them to join the Legion and let them know we do have a Ladies Auxiliary Unit and a Sons of the American Legion Squadron if other family members want to participate.

Thanks to Commander Mike Romero we will be hosting one of the Department's four Membership Open House sessions. The first is February 16<sup>th</sup> at Department Headquarters and ours will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Englewood Elks Club. More information will be coming, but we are looking for assistance at all events. The time is 9 am to 5 pm but I am sure we can work in shifts. Anyone interested in helping on a membership committee please email [e\\_pietsch@msn.com](mailto:e_pietsch@msn.com) or call me (720-287-2108).

**2013 Budget & New Programs:** No Report

**Lynn Peterson - 2nd Vice Commander:** Offered a "Thank You" to all Post members who attended the Post Breakfast on January 19th. Provided an update on the upcoming Legion Baseball season.

**Oratorical** – No report.

**Financial Report - George Williams:** Stated that each Legion Post was now required to submit a quarterly financial report to Department of Colorado on Post finances. Post 103 started January, 2013 with approximately \$48,000.00 in assets. Thanks George, for doing such a great job in your role as Finance Chairman!

**Larry Walker:** Provided a brief summary of his acute medical occurrence at Mid-Year. We're glad you are feeling better Larry

**Peter Schroder- Chaplain:** Proxy report provided by Mike Romero.

**Lynn Peterson - Legion Baseball:** No Report

**Sergeant-At-Arms- Fred Himelspach:** No Report

**JAG -Duane Leiker:** No Report

**BINGO - Ed Pietsch:** Well we are off to a great New Year. The first session in January was a Must Go four our Progressive Bingo Jackpot. We had 207 customers and we thank all you who helped out on this very busy day. We also sold 10 boxes of Progressive Pull-tabs during this session. The good news continued the rest of the month resulting in 5 profitable sessions. In total we earned \$9725 for the month, our best month since March 2010. That total is 55% of what we made all of last year.

Bingo goes in cycles (last year we had six months with profits and six with losses) and we expect several down months during 2013, but it sure feels great when we start the year like we have. Unlike 2012, hopefully we will have more than one Must Go this year.

We also paid out approximately \$1650 in Post expenses during January including three \$200 donations. One was to a veteran's family whose home was destroyed by fire. Another donation was to the Englewood Elks to help defray the cost of their Annual Dinner to honor veterans including VA hospital care patients, Post 103 members and Elks members. Third, a donation to a worker at Slammers Bingo Hall who just undergone back surgery, and had to work instead of resting because she had no money for her family to live on. Bingo workers also donated another \$106 in personal contributions to this individual. The remaining expenses for the month went to pay the cost of attendance at the American Legion Mid-Year Conference in Colorado Springs and a few other miscellaneous expenses.

Please consider joining us as a regular 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.

Thanks everyone once again for all you do.

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:** (Absent) Proxy report given by Mike Romero. Again, a great big "Thank You" to Harry for his exemplary efforts in organizing the AVHG and coordinating all of our services!

**Bingo Manager - Cal Wilson:** - No report

**Service Officer - Pat Callahan:** The fifth advancement on our \$20,000.00 veteran's assistance grant has been spent down to \$2,081.48. This will leave the fund with \$3995 for the remainder of the grant year ending on June 30, 2013. To date the grant fund has provided assistance to 32 veterans in the form of rental, utility and food assistance.

Application for the 2013-2014 grant is now under consideration and will be submitted prior to the end of February 2013.

Those seeking rental/housing assistance are, as far as is known, non-Post 103 veterans. If any of our Post members are in need, please contact me at 303-770-2857 or Rick Stewart t 303-738-8045.

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

**Boys State:** Boys State, 2013 is in progress and looking for an active year.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** A special part of this meeting was the presentation of "American Legion Meritorious Gold Medal", presented to the following Post members: William D. Heeter, Patrick D. Callahan, Elmer L. Herbally, Silas "Wayne" Coleman, John U. Palmquist, and Charles "Bud" Goodwin. Each of these individuals has made a significant and noteworthy contribution to Post 103 during the course of their membership. Current of Post 103 are greatly indebted to the efforts of these gentlemen for their efforts.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Harry Ciruli! His election for the awards was to Meals on Wheels and the AVHG. Thanks Harry, good choices!

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 2010 hours. Following the meeting, the Ladies Auxiliary provided two delicious cakes in honor of the birthday of our namesake, George C. Evans.





## 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,  
To: The American Legion Post 103  
Littleton, CO 80160-0281,  
Or by going on line and paying you're Dues.  
Remember we are **"The Leader Post"**.



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We had a good turn out for our Meeting February 6th. Our visitors were Lorna Herbaly and Erika Davidoff.

Erika Davidoff, our Girls State representative gave a report of her experience at Girls State. She won the Best Over All Publication and the Good Citizen Awards. She has been accepted to Princeton and plans to study engineering.

A good time was had at the Veteran's dinner at the Elks Lodge on February 1st. The Auxiliary members have been collecting toiletries, such as shampoo, soap, tooth brushes and tooth paste. We took them to the dinner and the Veteran's filled their bags.

We are collecting canned goods for the Veterans Redistribution Center and will bring them to our March 7th. meeting.

Auxiliary Members went to the Legion meeting for the Celebration of George C. Evan's Birthday, and a special recognition of Past Post Commanders.

Upcoming Events: Post Breakfast at the Elks Lodge March 16th. at 9:00 am.

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](mailto:darlene_romero@msn.com).

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