



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

“The Leader Post” **March 2013**

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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:

We had a great turnout for our March Membership Meeting. Thank all of you for attending. I received very positive comments on the new Post Table Cover, I think it looks great and it should serve us for a long time to come. Our meeting was packed full of business as seems to be the case lately.

We began with a Post Everlasting for Member, Elmer L. Curl, then there was Past Commander recognition, Commanders in attendance were, Dean Casey, Pat Callahan, John Palmquist, Bud Goodwin and Rich Carlson.

Our Special Guest was, 5th District Jr. Vice Commander, Fred Muskopf. he was scheduled to visit our Post to let us know if we had need of 5th District services.

We also had two transfers from Post 211, Mike Sakurai and Frank Beckman. These two men will be initiated into Post 103 during our April meeting.

A Very Special Thank You, goes out to the following members who gave donations to our Post and AVHG, Duane Leiker: \$261.90 to AVHG, Nick Arceo: \$300.00 to Post 103, Dean Casey donated all his 50/50 winnings, \$96.00, to: Meals on Wheels, and we also had, \$60.00 donated to the AVHG. Again, we thank all of you for your generosity.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Bud Goodwin made an excellent presentation on the history of the Four Chaplains, "Thanks" Bud.

We also had initiation of John C. Stevens, USN into Post 103. "Welcome John" Let's all help John with any questions he may have concerning our Post.

A Blue Star Banner with accompanying Certificate was presented to Joseph E. Grinewicz for his family. Joe is currently stationed at Ft Hood, Texas. It was accepted by his Father, Joseph Sr. We all wish Joe a safe journey during his tour while in the military.

Before I close, let's thank Gene Foyle for processing the photos of our November 11th Ceremony at Kettering Park, WWII Memorial, then putting them on DVD's, for Members to have. "Thanks" Gene.

I also want to personally thank each and every member of our AVHG for attending a Special Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday the 9th of March.

It was a very cold, windy, wet, snowy day all the time you were there. What you men endure to make the families of our past Veterans have a better and more complete closure, makes me very proud to be a Member of Post 103 and to be associated with each and every one of you. "Thank You"!

Let me remind Members of the up-coming Legion Breakfast, this Saturday, 9:00am, Englewood Elks Lodge 2122, 3690 S. Jason St., Cost \$5.00 per person.

Mike Romero

Commander

General Meeting Minutes

Commander Romero called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

Opening Ceremonies and Rituals recited.

Adjutant Harry Ciruli declared that there was quorum present.

A Post Everlasting ceremony was conducted for Post Member Elmer L. Curl USA. Rest in Peace.

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

The minutes of the February 2013 General Meeting have been sent to all members. They were accepted by Motion, Seconded and approved.

Fred Muskopf, District 5 Vice Commander was in attendance, along with Dean Casey, 5th District Commander.

New members Mike Sakurai and Frank Beckman were in attendance. Welcome aboard gentlemen.

An Initiation Ceremony for new Post 103 member, John C. Stevens was conducted. Welcome into our ranks John!

A presentation of a Gold Star flag was presented to Joe Gryniewicz. Joe has a son whom is currently serving on active duty. Congratulations to you and your wife Joe!

Next, Bud Goodwin provided a in depth and comprehensive narration of the "Four Chaplains" story. This rather poignant story of selflessness and service to mankind by four Military Chaplains during WWII, has been portrayed by Bud to our Post for many years and it is always well received Thank you Bud!

Officers Reports

Harry Ciruli – Adjutant: Presented a check from Cmdr. Nick Arceo for the flag ceremony at the King Soopers in Belcaro shopping Center where he is the store manager. Nick Arceo has become the new 2013 Cmdr. of the Sons of The American Legion (SAL). Congratulations Nick.

Ed Pietsch - 1st Vice Commander:

Membership Committee: We are very close to our membership goal this year thanks largely to our dedicated Adjutant Harry Ciruli and the other members who have brought in new members. We encourage all you members who have not yet paid your dues to pay up now and put us over the 100% goal.

Commander Romero, Harry Ciruli and I attended a Department Membership Open House in Denver on February 16th. We did a lot of calling of Littleton Legionnaires who are currently assigned to one of the Department holding posts. A holding post is where new members are assigned until they agree to transfer to a local post. As a result of our effort we picked up about 18 new Post members. They do not count against our 2013 membership goal but they will help us reach our 2014 goal.

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 Sons of the American Legion Squadron if other family members want to participate. Our SAL Squadron is beginning to take off. We now have a Commander and a new SAL banner, so let encourage your sons and grandsons who are not eligible for the Legion to join the SAL Squadron.

Thanks to Commander Mike Romero we will be hosting one of the Department's other Membership Open House sessions on April 13th at the Englewood Elks Club. More information will be coming in the April newsletter. The time will be from 9 am to 5 pm but you are not required to stay the whole time. You will need to **bring a cell phone** so you can call prospective members. Donuts and coffee and lunch will be provided. Anyone interested in helping on a membership committee please email e_pietsch@msn.com or call me (720-287-2108).

2013 Budget & New Programs: No Report

Lynn Peterson - 2nd Vice Commander: *"Important Upcoming Post #103 Event Reminders"*

I. March Post #103 Breakfast – Saturday, March 16, 2013

- Special Invite for: **Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Spouses & Guests**
- Date: **Saturday, March 16, 2013**
- Time: **9:00 Am – 10:30 Am**
- Location: **Englewood Elks, 3690 S. Jason St., Englewood, Colorado**
- Cost: \$5.00/Person
- Dress: Casual Wear, along with Legion Cap/Hat

Come join us for some Post Camaraderie & Affordable Breakfast Fixin's

II. Annual Memorial Day – Monday, May 27, 2013

- Littleton Cemetery
- Littleton WWII Memorial
- Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary & Cemetery & Flag Retirement Ceremony

Details: In Progress / To Be Announced Later

III. Flag Day & Ice Cream Social – Friday, June 14, 2013

- Buck Recreation Center, Littleton, CO

Details: In Progress / To Be Announced Later

Oratorical – No report.

Financial Report - George Williams: For the first month in 9 months the Honor Guard was the major source of Income and Expense. Well done on both counts. We ended the month at \$4499.45 and we have deposited over \$800 already this month.

Peter Schroder- Chaplain:

Lynn Peterson - Legion Baseball: No Report

Sergeant-At-Arms- Fred Himelspach: No Report

JAG -Duane Leiker: No Report

BINGO - Ed Pietsch: Our great start in January continued into February. We had a profit of \$2794 for 3 weeks but we were snowed out for one of our sessions. It is great to start with two positive months. We expect some down months ahead. We have experienced about 50/50 on good and bad months the last few years. Fortunately, the good months have been much better than the bad months.

We are having a Bingo Luncheon/Training Session on March 12th. We will be discussing a questionnaire to be provided to our customers to see what if any changes they would like to see us make. One change that we will be making is to increase the payout for our last game to \$1000 to match the other groups at Slammers.

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. Most workers arrive between 10 and 10:30 am.

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: February was a relatively slow month for veteran assistance. A total of five (5) individuals, along with procurement of King Soopers gift certificates, accounting to a total of \$2439 in assistance.

The sixth (6th) advance of \$3059 was received on March 5 placing the trust fund in a good position to assist veterans for the next month or so.

Again, I remind Post members in need of ANY veterans assistance to contact me at 303-770-2857 or the Arapahoe County Veterans Service Officer at 303-738-8045. We are both here to assist.

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

Boys State: The overall number of applications for the 2013 Boys State is above last years total YTD. I would still like to see more applicants for my area.

Old Business: None

New Business:

For the Good of The Order. A 50/50 drawing was held, and the lucky recipient was member Dean Casey. Dean donated his winnings to Meal On Wheels. A good choice and thanks Dean!

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 at legion.org and select Members, then select renew membership to pay your dues.

Remember we are **“The Leader Post”**.



Flag Raising at King Soopers in the Belcaro Shopping Center .



Darlene Romero, President

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We had another good meeting Wednesday March 6th. We welcomed two guests, Amy Sakurai and Jan Stevens.

We discussed some new projects such as, donating toiletries to the St. Joseph's Veteran's home. Donating money to Post 103 All Veteran's Honor Guard, Wounded Warriors, and to Veteran's hospital bake sale.

We are also going to bring food to our monthly meetings for the Veteran's Redistribution Center.

Thanks to those who gave me their volunteer hours. If anyone has volunteer hours, please email them to me or bring them to the breakfast.

Upcoming Events: Post Breakfast at the Elks Lodge Saturday 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.

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