



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

**“The Leader Post” April 2013**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- 4/4/2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 4/11/2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 4/13/2013-Membership Open House - Englewood Elks  
9 am to 5 pm
- 4/18/2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 4/25/2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 4/29/2013-Officers Meeting-Buck Rec. Center-7:00 PM
- 5/1/2013-General Membership Meeting-Buck Rec. Center  
7:00 PM
- 5/2/2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 5/4/2013-District 5 Meeting-Edgewater post 17-10:00 AM
- 5/9/2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 5/16/2013-Post Breakfast-Englewood Elks-9:00 AM to  
11:00 AM

**COMMANDER’S COMMENTS:**

I will begin with our latest membership report; we currently stand at 101.11% in our Post. Thanks goes to Harry Ciruli for staying on top of our membership dues. I believe this is some of the reasons we had another packed meeting in April. Thank all of you members for showing interest and attending our meetings.

We began April’s meeting with Past Commander recognition. Those in attendance were Alonzo Rodriguez, John Palmquist, Bud Goodwin, Pat Callahan and Rich Carlson.

Very special thanks from me to John Palmquist for the work on our Tax Report to the IRS. John, I know it takes time to assemble all the facts and figures, thank you for coming through for us again.

We had special guest speakers, Jean Ray spoke on the City of Sheridan Parade that will take place in September

. Coach Bernie Bernhardt spoke on the upcoming baseball season, Past Commander; Alonzo Rodriguez gave us information on the Jeffco School Board election.

Pastor Dave Buckner spoke on the House of Purpose Church that he is currently Pastor of.

We had two new Members initiated into our Post, Mike M. Sakurai, USA and Frank F. Beckman, USA. We welcome you, and hope to see you at many meetings and events in the future.

Remember, Post 103 will sponsor an Open House Event, Saturday April 13, 2013 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 S. Jason St., Englewood, CO 80110. If you would like to help out make sure you have a Cell Phone.

In May we will be holding nominations for the 2013-14 Term for Officers and Executive Committee Members. Keep in mind who you would like to have nominated and plan on attending.

We also will be initiating our first SAL Member, Nick Arceo into our new Post Squadron 103 another good reason to attend May's Meeting.

We also had a potential new member visit our Post in April His name is Leon Rawlin, I told him I would try real hard to convince him that our Post is the one he should be in, My belief is, we did make a favorable impression, and we will see him soon.

*Mike Romero*

Commander

## **General Meeting Minutes**

Commander Romero called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

1st Vice Commander Ed Pietsch performed the ceremony to recognize all POW's and MIA.

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

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

New members Mike Sakurai and Frank Beckman were in attendance. An Initiation Ceremony was performed for them. Welcome into our Post gentlemen.

A special guest, Jean Ray, made a presentation on the upcoming City of Sheridan Parade.

A recognition was made to John Palmquist for diligent work and effort in preparing the 2012 Income Tax return for Post 103.

Lynn Peterson introduced Coach Bernie, baseball coach at Littleton High School, who provided an update on American Legion summer baseball.

Adjutant Harry Ciruli declared that there was quorum present.

### **Officers Reports**

**Harry Ciruli – Adjutant:** Remember Nominations for new officers will be taken from the members at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. If anyone is interested in running for an office or want to nominate anyone for an office.

**Ed Pietsch - 1st Vice Commander:** At the Officers meeting a motion was made to donate \$150.00 to the National Commander fund.

**Membership Open House** The Post has met its membership goal this year thanks largely to our dedicated Adjutant Harry Ciruli and the other members who have brought in new members. We had accomplished this goal for many years in a row before hitting a dry period for a few years and now hopefully we are starting up another period of successive membership accomplishments.

One of the ways to get new members is to transfer in member from one of the Department's holding posts. A holding post is where new members are assigned until they agree to transfer to a local post. We have recently picked up about 18 new Post members from these holding Posts but there are many more Legionnaires in our area to be contacted. They do not count against our 2013 membership goal but they will help us reach our 2014 goal.

The Post will be hosting one of the Department's Membership Open House sessions on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Englewood Elks Club located at 3690 S. Jason Street in Englewood. This is an opportunity for holding Post Legionnaires to visit with Post and Department representatives as well as be contacted by phone to be encouraged to join the local Post.

The Open House will run from 9 am to 5 pm but you are not required to stay the whole time. Please **bring a cell phone** so you can call prospective members for our Post. Donuts and coffee will be provided in the morning and lunch and drinks will also be available in the afternoon.

Anyone interested in participating for part of the day or the whole day please email me at 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 Remínder’s”*

I. *May Post #103 Breakfast - Saturday, May 18 2013*

- Special Invite for: **Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Spouses & Guests**
- Date: **Saturday, May 18, 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, 8:00Am
- Littleton WWII Memorial, 10:00 Am
- Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary & Cemetery & Flag Retirement Ceremony, 11:30 AM

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

IV. *American Legion Post 103 “Sponsored Baseball Teams” - 2013*

- Littleton High School Lions Baseball Team’s
  - Legion B (17 & Under)
  - Legion C (16 & Under)
  - Legion D (Incoming Freshmen Only)

**Oratorical** – No report.

**Financial Report - George Williams:** Stated the Post financial position is very positive.

During the past 9 months that the present Board has held office, the Post has spent \$18 more than our income. Our heroes continue to be our All Veterans Honor Guard who have taken in more than \$400 over their expenses. Amazing. They perform their services regardless of weather: snow up to their knees and even some nice days. Well done men.

**Peter Schroder- Chaplain:** No Report.

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

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

**JAG -Duane Leiker:** No Report

**BINGO - Ed Pietsch:** Our first week in March resulted in a loss of about \$1300 mainly due to some large pull-tab winners. We had small profits the next three weeks but not enough to pull us out of the hole. We ended losing \$438 for the month. Bingo paid out \$135 this month for the new Post table cover which really looks great. We made some slight changes to our Bingo format, added a new pull-tab game and have increased our payout by \$500 to match the other sessions at Slammers Bingo Hall. These moves will hopefully increase our customer base and keep us profitable in the future. With the great months we had in January and February, we should have funds to carry us through the transition period.

We had our first session on April 4<sup>th</sup> under the new format and had a break even day which is much better than anticipated. We could use additional help especially with selling specials and pull-tabs on the floor. Our jobs are not hard but we do need assistance. As everyone knows Bingo is our Post's only real fund raiser and it enables us to run all the Post programs we undertake.

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 1:45 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:**

Offered his thanks to all AVHG team members. There have been 185 military funeral services conducted YTD.

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

**Service Officer - Pat Callahan:** 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 year's total. YTD is 34. I would still like to see more applicants for my area.

**Old Business:** Ed Pietsch, Harry Ciruli and Mike Romero are in the process of reviewing the new constitution and by-laws.

**New Business:** **For the Good of The Order.** A 50/50 drawing was held, and the lucky recipient was member Frank Beckman Dean donated his winnings to Meal on Wheels. A good choice and thanks Frank

## 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**”.



**Darlene Romero, President**

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We had a good turnout for meeting this month. We are donating yarn to a lady that loves to make lap blankets. The members brought in lots of food for the Veteran's Distribution Center, and we will be doing that every month.

We welcomed a new Junior Auxiliary member, Taylor Dugdale, and she is also going to apply for Girls State.

We will be nominating new Officers at the May 1<sup>st</sup>. Meeting.

It's that time again to hand out Poppies at the King Soopers, in Highlands Ranch, 9551 S. University on May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet at the May 1<sup>st</sup>. Meeting.

Upcoming Events: Post Breakfast May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge in Englewood at 9:00am. The cost is still \$5.00. It will be our last one until September.

If you like to join the Auxiliary or just attend one of our meetings to see what we do, you can call me at 303-973-2493 or email me at: [darlene\\_romero@msn.com](mailto:darlene_romero@msn.com)

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