



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

“The Leader Post” May 2013

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 5/9/2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 5/11/2013-Post Breakfast-Englewood Elks-9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
- 5/17-5/19 2013 American Legion Seminar, Estes Park, CO
- 5/23-2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 5-27-2013 – Annual Memorial Day (See report below)
- 5-30-2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6-3-2013 – Officers Meeting- Buck Rec. Center- &00 PM
- 6-5-2013 - General Membership Meeting-Buck Rec. Center
- 6-6-2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6-13-2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6-19-2013 – Department Convention (Ft. Collins, CO)
- 6-20-2013 - Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6-27-2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall

COMMANDER’S COMMENTS: Thank all of you Members for attending our May Meeting, we had another packed house I’m very happy of the interest you Members display.

We are currently at 101.11 % on the Department Report for Post Membership, keep up the good work Harry.

Past Commanders recognized at the May Meeting were, John Palmquist, Pat Callahan, Bud Goodwin and Rich Carlson, thank all of you for your leadership roles that you demonstrate to our Post Members.

Our Guest Speaker was to be, Past Department Commander, Jim Gillis, however he had to cancel because of snow on his side of town. His topic, The Wounded Warriors benefit to be held at the Buffalo Rose in Golden.

Post 103 and Golden Post 21 will be aiding Jim with this fund raiser on the May 31. We will have a final meeting with Jim at Post 21 on May 15, to finalize plans before the event. For our Members information, any money raised for Wounded Warriors is broken down like this: 82.2% of every dollar goes to the wounded, 4.4% goes to Administrative, and 13.4% goes to Advertising Promotions. I feel this is a very worthwhile endeavor for Post 103 to be involved in.

Our new members present were: Rich Woodward, Robert Ingram, Paul Woolsey, Norm Rodartae, and last month's new Member Leon Rawlin. We WELCOME all of them to our Post, and they will be initiated at our June Membership Meeting.

By now all members with email have received copies of our Constitution, By-Laws and Post Policies, look them over and let us know if you have any questions or changes. We are hoping to have these documents approved by our June Membership Meeting. Your cooperation on this matter is appreciated.

Nominations for our new slate of Officers of the 2013-2014 terms were held, and I believe this new Team will continue to move our Post forward and continue the changes that will further enhance our image in our Community and The American Legion, Department of Colorado.

Thank You.

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, John Palmquist and Bud Goodwin. 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.

Adjutant Harry Ciruli declared that there was quorum present.

Nick Arceo was given proper honors and initiation in the Sons of the American Legion. Congratulations Nick! We welcome you into our ranks.

Officers Reports

Harry Ciruli – Adjutant: I will be calling all members who have not paid their Dues. If you are not sure if you have not paid, PLEASE give me a call or send me an email. There will be a Post 103 Breakfast held on Saturday, May 11, 2013

Ed Pietsch - 1st Vice Commander : Post 103 added an additional 35 new members after a very successful DMS campaign. The changes in our bingo operations have been positive since the changes to the games new format. There was a loss of \$430 in April due to supply charges. However the YTD shows a gain of \$11,649.

2013 Budget & New Programs: No Report

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

I. May Post #103 Breakfast – Saturday, May 18 2013

- **Special Invite for: Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, Spouses & Guests**
- **Date: Saturday, May 11, 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**

Veterans, Spouses, Family & Friends Come join us for these Tradition-Rich Patriotic Tribute Events & BBQ

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.

Peter Schroder- Chaplain: No specific report, made mention of the importance of the Sons of the American Legion, and its value to the American Legion.

Lynn Peterson - Legion Baseball: Lynn provided an update on the 2013 Legion Baseball season. There will be an outfield sign at the baseball park, recognizing American Legion support.

Sergeant-At-Arms- Fred Himelspach: No Report

JAG -Duane Leiker: No Report

BINGO - Ed Pietsch:

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: There were 18 services provided in April, 2013. There was a volunteer awards luncheon held on Saturday, April, 2013. All members of the AVHG received award pins for their collective hours of hours provided at military funerals at Ft. Logan. And 'Thanks' to Harry for his many hours and diligence in coordinating this vital function of the Post.

Bingo Manager - Cal Wilson: - No report

Service Officer - Pat Callahan: Reported that the Veterans Assistance Program is doing quite well. I remind Post members in need of ANY veteran’s 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 2013 Boys State prom will commence June 2, 2013 at CSU - Pueblo and will continue through the weekend. The number of applications is up this year over 2012

Commander Mike Romero's Report: Mike is working on revisions of the Post Constitution, By Laws and the addition of a delegate to Travel Pay and conventions into our Policies and Guidelines.

Our Post sponsored a successful DMS Open House on April 13 with 35 new transfers to Post 103.

A Letter of Appreciation was presented to Englewood Elks Lodge, PER and current Secretary, Marty Murphy, the outstanding manner in which she and her volunteers took care of breakfast and lunch for all Post members in attendance.

Old Business: Ed Pietsch, Harry Ciruli and Mike Romero are in the process of reviewing the new constitution and by-laws. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Ed Pietsch.

New Business: At this time we will open nominations for the American Legion Year 2013 - 2014. As is our custom we will have proposed nominations for the Nomination Committeeman, John Palmquist. I will now open nominations from the floor for the Position of: Commander, Adjutant, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Service Officer, Sgt.-at -Arms, Judge Advocate, and Historian.

There was donation authorized for the Wounded Warrior Program, Littleton Elks Donation, and we will be donating \$200.00 to the Englewood Elks in appreciation of the way they have served us at our Legion Breakfasts throughout the year

For the Good of the Order. A 50/50 drawing was held, and the lucky recipient was member Ed Pietsch

He donated his winnings to Legacy Scholarship Fund and Meals on Wheels. A good choice and thanks Ed!

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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I'm happy to announce that Unit 103 was voted the Unit of the Year at the District 5 Meeting this past Saturday. We had a good year last year and we are planning on another one in 2013-2014.

We are sending five girls to Girls State this year. We are excited to have them come to our meetings and tell us about their experience.

At our May meeting we elected next year's Officer's.

President: Darlene Romero

Vice President: Marsha Callan

Secretary: Sherry Pietsch

Honorary Chaplain: Taylor Dugdale and Joyce Leiker

Treasurer: Adreann Palmquist

Membership: Jean Jesser

Sargent at Arms: JoAnn Giglio.

Historian: Margaret Callahan.

We are selling Poppies at the King Soopers at 9551 S. University Blvd. in Highlands Ranch, May 25 & May 26, 2013. If you would like to help, you can call Jean at 303-771-2746 or me at 303-973-2493. You can also email me: Darlene_romero@msn.com.

Upcoming Events: Post Breakfast, May 11th at the Elks Lodge at 9:00am.

Memorial Day Services: Littleton Cemetery, 8:00. Littleton WWII Memorial, 10:00am. Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary, 6601 S. Colorado Blvd. 11:30.

Post Picnic- July 13th 12:00 Sterne Park, Littleton.

Upcoming Events: Post Breakfast at the Elks Lodge Saturday May 11th, at 9:00 am to 11:00am.

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.

Darlene Romero

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