



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

“The Leader Post” October 2013

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10-10-2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 10-12-2013 – Dist. 5 Fall Conference Northglenn Post 22
- 10-17-2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 10-24-2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 10-31-2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 11-4-2013 – Officers meeting–7:00 PM- Buck Rec. Center
- 11-6-2013 – General Membership meeting-7:00 PM- Buck Rec. Center
- 11-7-2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 11-9-2013 - Post Annual Banquet-12:30 PM-Englewood Elks Lodge
- 11-11-2013 – Veterans Day Littleton WWII Memorial
- 11-14-2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 11-16-2013 - Post Breakfast-9:00 AM-Englewood Elks
- 11-21-2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 11-28-2013 – Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall

Englewood Elks- 3690 S. Jason St., Englewood, CO
 Buck Rec. Center—2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton, CO
 Slammers Bingo Hall-1884 S. Wadsworth-Lakewood, CO

COMMANDER’S COMMENTS:

Another great month for the Post! I thank all the members for attending and participating in the meetings and at Post activities in September. In addition to remembering the POW/MIAs, we participated with the City of Littleton Police and Fire Departments on Patriot Day. We had our first Post Breakfast of the new Legion year and had a large number of participants at the Sheridan Parade. I also want to thank all the extra volunteers we had at our last two Bingo sessions for the Special Drawing and the Must Go. It is great when we pull together and support one another and show our pride in the Post.

I owe a special thank you to Roger Masse for heading up the Sheridan Parade and has also volunteered to take over the Oratorical Program Manager duties. This is a speech contest on the Constitution and its Amendments for high school students. Roger will be looking for others to help support him in this endeavor. The membership has approved funding for the first ever Post speech contest with the hope of increasing the number of students from our area who will

participate in the State Oratorical Competition to be held at DeVry University on January 4, 2014. If you know any High School students who might be interested please have them contact Roger at 710-648-2818.

We have two big events in early November. On Saturday November 9th the Post Annual Banquet will be held at the Englewood Elks Club starting at 12:30 pm. The cost for the Banquet is \$15 per person. However, the first one hundred paid up 2014 members of Post 103, the Auxiliary Unit 103 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 103 to register for the banquet your meal will be complimentary. This is to thank our Legion Family member for promptly paying your dues; encouraging more members to pay their dues if they have not yet done so and will hopefully speed up registration submittals for the Banquet. See details and RSVP at the end of this newsletter.

Also at 11 am, on Monday November 11th will be our annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Littleton WWII Memorial at Ketring Park at 6000 Gallup Street. This is our joint ceremony with the Littleton VFW Post 4666 and will include the Littleton Mayor and participants from both Posts including the All Veterans Honor Guard. Please come out and enjoy this patriotic ceremony.

A few members of the George C. Evans American Legion Family drove up to Hygiene, Colorado on October 7th to donate \$1000 to Cheron Boland. Her husband Gerald died during the recent flooding and they lost their home in Lyons, both their vehicles and most personal possessions. Gerald was a veteran and Legionnaire with Longmont Post 32. He was also a former teacher and coach and was very active in his community. The membership approved the donation at our October meeting. Let's all keep Cheri Boland and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

We are the Leader Post – thank you all for what you do.

Ed Pietsch
Commander

General Meeting Minutes

Before starting the meeting we paused to take a moment to have a Post Everlasting Ceremony in memory of legionnaires: Charles W. Smedly Jr., Robert D Scott, and Charles R. Glanville. We were pleased to have family members Robert Glanville and Marilyn Scott and her daughters in attendance. Commander Ed Pietsch presented a copy of the Post Everlasting resolution to each family.

Commander Ed Pietsch gaveled the meeting to order at 1919 hours.
Opening ceremonies and Recitals were conducted.

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

Adjutant Harry Ciruli declared that there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the September 2013 meeting has been sent either electronically or hard copy by mail.

There were no changes to the minutes, so they were accepted as written.

Our new member, Mike Skolaut, the General Manager of Chapel Hill Mortuary and Cemetery spoke about Chapel Hill and the Post working together on some additional activities beyond what we currently do. For example, would Post members be interested in visiting veterans in local hospices? He also wondered if there was anything that Chapel Hill could do for the Post. It was agreed a few of the Post Board members will meet with the Chapel Hill staff to discuss possibilities in the near future.

Officers Reports

Harry Ciruli – Adjutant: The Adjutant informed us as to the status of the Post membership. Our membership is now at 461 members, with 306 paid members as of 10/2/2013 and our goal is 369. We need just 62 more paid members. We would like to see all members paid up. We stand a great chance to make 100% before the 1st of the year.

Lynn Peterson - 1st. Vice Commander:

Membership - Renew, Stay Active & Keep Up the Tradition as “The Leader Post”

Remember to.....Renew your Annual Post 103 Membership!! Please Visit www.legion.org for On-Line New Membership Start-up or Annual Renewal. It's as Easy as 1-2-3! We Greatly Appreciate your continuing Post 103 Program Activity Involvement, Interest, Support, Attendance & Participation in and service to our Veterans, Community & Youth. Keep it coming and Keep it Strong!!!

Make a difference.....Invite & Bring a Guest - “Veteran” Relative, Friend, Neighbor or Acquaintance - to our Regular Monthly Membership Meetings!!! Also, Wives & Family Children You're Welcome Too! Come See What we're All About & What we're Doing. Try It, You might very well like the feeling and pride of providing Community Service to our Local Area Families & Veterans. Find out and if interested, become involved with our Women's Auxiliary & Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) Squadron.

Americanism – Supporting & Mentoring our Youth:

Littleton High School Junior Student/Volunteer Joey Drennan was unable to attend our October General Membership meeting due to Littleton High School Play/Yearbook commitment; But Joey continues his expressed interest in Volunteering activities to our Post 103 and desires in becoming a Sons of the American Legion Post 103 Squadron member. Also, Joey is our First Post 103 Boys State Applicant for 2014.

American Legion Baseball:

Received from Head Littleton High School Baseball Coach Bernie, the required 2013 Post 103 Sponsored Team Expense Summary Report.

For the Good of the Legion:

After attending the 2013 Combined Americanism Conference, held September 27 – 29, 2013 at American Legion National Headquarters, Indianapolis, IN, I had to privilege, during my connecting air flights, the opportunity to visit with and share the American Legion Story & Membership Opportunity to a recently discharged male U.S. Army Iraq & Afghanistan Veteran, as well as, with a current U.S. Air Force Academy Female Cadet. Both received well, with potential future interest, in their respective communities

Rich Callan - 2nd. Vice Commander:

Annual Post Banquet

I am fully engaged in the details surrounding and Annual Post Banquet. This festive occasion will be held on November 9th, 2013 at the Englewood Elks Lodge starting at 12:30. It will be a very nice affair, attracting Legion Members, spouses, Auxiliary Members, SAL and invited guests. See the information on the Banquet and the RSVP at the end of this newsletter. RSVPs are due by October 26, 2013.

Post Breakfast

November 16, at 9 AM, Post 103 will have its next breakfast at the Englewood Elks Lodge (located at 3690 S. Jason Street in Englewood). These breakfasts are an excellent way to spend a Saturday morning for the Legion Family to experience fellowship with fellow Post, Auxiliary and SAL members and their spouses. The cost is only \$5.00 and is an excellent value.

Oratorical – Roger Masse: Provided a brief report on kicking off the Oratorical Contest by contacting area high schools and trying to talk to speech teachers and debate coaches to encourage students to participate. He is looking for assistance on this Program.

Financial Report - George Williams: For September, the Post Expenses exceeded Income by about \$550. Based on the Post Budget for 2013, we are just about right on target for both Income and Expenses at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Peter Schroder- Chaplain: Dear members and spouses, please notify me, when you know of any person who has special needs. 303-795-1243.

Please keep Jonn and Cheri Neuroth and their son's family in your thoughts and prayers. Robin Neuroth passed away in September. Also keep the Boland family in your thoughts and prayers. This is the family from Lyons that was devastated by the flood and the Post has contributed some support to. The husband and father, Gerry Boland's body was found several days after the flood and his service will be held on October 11th in Longmont.

Lynn Peterson - Legion Baseball: See 1st Vice Commanders report.

Sergeant-At-Arms- Roger Masse: Mentioned he was working on program to recognize companies that employ veterans. Please contact him if you would like to recommend a business that you feel deserves an award for their support of veterans.

JAG -Duane Leiker: No Report.

AVHG- Harry Giglio: 15 Services for September, 121 year to date.

Bingo Manager - Cal Wilson: -

We made a profit of \$2,723 for the month of September due in large part to the Slammers Drawing held at our last session of the month on September 26th. We had a profit of just over \$2,000 on that one day. We also had a very busy Must Go on October 3rd where we earned a profit of \$6,205.18. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make both these special Bingo sessions such a success.

Slammers Bingo Hall is located at 1884 South Wadsworth Blvd. (the northeast corner of Wadsworth and Jewell). Our Bingo session starts at 11:30 am and ends about 2 pm. Please come out to volunteer or to play.

If you have questions please call Cal Wilson 303-470-7206, Ed Pietsch at 720-287-2108 or Pat Callahan 303-770-2857.

Service Officer - Pat Callahan: If anyone knows of a veteran in need of a one-time financial need, please let me know – 303-770-2857. I will direct him/she to Rick Stewart, Arapahoe VSO, for proper processing.

Historian - Gene Foyle: No Report.

SAL – Nick Arceo: Calling all SONS!

Hello, I'm the SAL Commander for Post 103. SAL is short for Sons of the American Legion. My father served in the Army in WWII.

I am proud to support our country, family and our Veterans. I look forward to growing the SAL group in my Littleton Post 103. If you have anyone that might be interested in joining the SAL group, please refer them to me. I can answer any questions they might have. God bless American and God bless the American Legion.

Boys State: No Report.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business

Three motions were presented and passed.

The first was to donate \$1,000 from Bingo funds to the family of Gerry Boland a veteran and Legionnaire from Lyons who was killed in the flood and the family's home, vehicles and possession were destroyed.

The second was a motion to fund \$1600 from Bingo funds to pay for the first 100 Legion Family Members whose membership are paid up for 2014 and submit reservations to the Banquet.

The third was to allocate \$1,000 from Bingo funds to pay for a Post Oratorical competition, the plan for the use of the funds is to be developed and submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

For the Good of the Order.

District 5 Fall Conference will be October 12th at Northglenn Post 22, 11081 Irma Drive starting at 10am.

Mid-Year Conference will be Jan 17 and 18, 2014 in Longmont Colorado. Hotel Reservation can be made by calling 303-776-2000 and be sure to request the American Legion Rate. If you require a suite reservations may be made by calling Elaine at Department HQ.

A 50/50 drawing was held, and the lucky recipient was Harry Ciruli. Harry donated his winnings to the Meals on Wheels. A good choice and thanks Harry!

The meeting was adjourned at 2023 hours followed by refreshments.

POST 103 MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Harry Giglio- AVHG Commander



Harry served in the United States Army from 1967-1969. Married Joann Giglio in the same year he was drafted. They have three grown children and three grandchildren living in Colorado.

Graduated from Monmouth University with a BS Degree and retired from Campbell Soup Company after 38 years with the Company.

Harry has been in the American Legion for 12 years and has served as Post Adjutant, Finance Officer and is currently the AVHG Commander.

When asked how the American Legion has influenced him; “Being around regular guys that have the team spirit and participation”.

Patriot Day 9-11-13



Littleton Fire and Police Department



All Veterans Honor Guard



Waiting for the raising of the flag before lowering it to half staff

Post Breakfast 9-21-13



Breakfast Opening Activities



Bud, Donna, Elmer and Lorna

Sheridan Parade 9-28-13



Parade marchers at start of parade



Joe and Rip (riding in luxury - windows closed)



Ward, Ray, John and Bud (freezing in the convertible but the heater is on high)



Darlene Romero, President

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We had a very busy meeting on October 2nd. We had two of our Girls State Delegates, Cori Mayer and Bethany Stuhlman telling us about their experience at Girls State. Bethany is also going to join the Auxiliary as a junior until her birthday in January then she will join as a senior.

We have two new members, Nita Lucia, and Betty Hunt. They are Ward and Ilsa Oliver's daughters.

We are still working on all our projects collecting food for the Redistribution Center, toiletries, pop can tops, cancelled stamps and use printer cartridges.

We also delivered 22 dress shirts that Loretta's mother donated to us, to Valor Point. It is a new facility in Lakewood. It's a Retraining Assistance Program. They help veterans apply for jobs.

At our next meeting, Nov 6th, we are going to have two more girls that were Delegates for Girls State, and we are also going to have initiations, so if you have never been initiated, please come to our next meeting.

Upcoming Events: The Post Banquet, November 9th at 12:30pm.

Thank you,

Darlene Romero
President



Post Members along with Ralph Bozella presenting donation to Cheri Boland and her daughter Holli Stetson

**George C. Evans Post 103
Annual Post Banquet
Saturday, November 9, 2013
12:30 PM**

You are cordially invited to attend our 2013 George C. Evans Post 103 Annual Banquet, Saturday, November 9th, 2013 at the Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 S. Jason Street, Englewood, CO 80110. The festivities will begin at 12:30 PM at which time cash drinks can be ordered from servers.

The meals will be served at approximately 1:00 PM followed by Post Commander comments, an agenda of guest recognitions and presentations, Post sponsored Program Chairmen (Boys State & Legion Baseball) Program highlights, along with guest comments, including award presentations and door prizes.

The cost for the Banquet is **\$15** per person. However, the first one hundred (100) paid 2014 members of Post 103, the Auxiliary Unit 103, or Sons of the American Legion Squadron 103 to register for the banquet, your meal will be complimentary. This is to thank our Legion Family member for promptly paying their dues, encouraging more members to pay their dues if they have not yet done so, and will hopefully speed up registration submittals.

Meal Choices are:

1. GOLDEN GLAZED HAM, includes Scalloped Potatoes and Seasoned Corn
2. MID WINTER POT ROAST, includes Mashed Potatoes with Seasoned Brown Gravy and Vegetable Medley

Note: All meals include a Dinner Salad, Dinner Roll, Apple Pie with Ice Cream, Coffee and Iced Tea

You can RSVP your Attendance/Attendee(s) by either (1) **Emailing** your meal selection to Post 103 2nd Vice Commander Rich Callan at: richardcallan@hotmail.com OR (2) **Completing and Mailing** the form on the next page via **Postal Service** to Rich Callan, 7828 S. Harrison Circle, Centennial, CO 80122, OR (3) **calling** Rich or Marsha Callan at 303-779-5097 (leave a message if we do not answer). Keep a copy of the Banquet information and meal selection for your personal order information.

Make check payable to American Legion Post 103 and include in your Postal Service return mailing OR bring check to Rich Callan at the November 5th General Membership Meeting at Littleton's Buck Recreation Center.

Note: Please RSVP by October 26th so that we can advise the caterer of the quantity of each meal that will be needed.

RSVP No Later Than October 26

Name of Each Attendee:	2014 Dues Paid (Yes/No or dues enclosed)	Meal Selected (Ham or Pot Roast)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Banquet Check #: _____ Amount Due: \$ _____

Checks for the Banquet should be made out to American Legion Post 103 for only those members who have not paid their 2014 dues or guests who are not members of the Post, Unit or Squadron. If we reach one hundred 2014 paid members, then an email notice will be blasted out explaining that our maximum number of complimentary meals has been reached and all subsequent reservations must be paid by check.

If you have not yet paid your 2014 dues and would like to receive a complimentary meal, please submit your dues as a separate check(s) along with your RSVP. Dues checks should be made out as follows:

American Legion Post 103 \$38;

Auxiliary Unit 103 \$25;

SAL Squadron 103 \$15