



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

“The Leader Post” September 2014

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9-11-2014- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 9-11-2014- Patriots Day- Littleton City Center-8:30 AM
- 9-13-2014- Post Breakfast-9:00-11:00 AM-Englewood Elks
- 9-18-2014- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 9-25-2014- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 9-27-2014- Fall Formal Post 11-11 6:00 PM
- 9-29-2014- Officers meeting-Buck Rec. Center-6:30 PM
- 10-1-2014- General Membership-Buck Rec. Center- 7:00 PM
- 10-2-2014- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall- “MUST GO”
- 10-9-2014- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 10-16-2014- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 10-23-2014- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 10-30-2014- 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: With the onset of Fall approaching, cooler Temp's & Fall Colors, Special advance Warm Post 103 Legion Family Member Greetings to ALL. Wow!! What a Delightful, Encouraging & Active Month of August and September Beginning's.

Acknowledgment's:

Again, Thanks to All Family Members involved in our August Activities - Western Welcome Week Parade, St. Joseph H.S. 50th Year & Alumni Reunion Color Guard, Littleton High School Color Guard, Bingo and Honored AVHG Services. Your Current & Continuing Active Participation is Greatly Appreciated.

Secondly, Mega Dittos for an inspiring Thank You for our 40+ Post 103 Legionnaire Member Attendance at our September 4th General Membership Meeting. Great to see “You All” and Blessed by your Presence. With a Hearty Welcome to our District 5 Officers Cmdr. Terri Shefontiuk & Dist. 5 Dept. Exec. Committeeman (DEC) Ed Wearing AND our Other Guests: Post Everlasting Family - Betty Pitts & Daughters Judy & Jill and Donald Ungemah, US Navy Veteran.

As a new Tradition, in Honor & Recognition of: our Attending NINE of 77 Post 103 Greatest Generation WWII Veterans – Chuck Bremler, William Bryant, Fay Cunningham, Bud Goodwin, Elmer Herbaly, John Palmquist, Jack Pansini, Lin Mathews and Cal Wilson. Thanks for your Continued Allegiance, Commitment & Valued Presence!!

Furthermore, Welcome Aboard New Initiated Members: Post 103 Legionnaires Ronald Clute, Jon Huggins and John Mullin; and Squadron 103 Members: Philip Huggins and Larry S. Walker. More to Come in the months ahead.

Last, but not least, a Personal Salute & Special Welcome to my 45+ year Friendship Comrade & “Brother”, Joe F. Martinez, Irvine, CA – also, a New Geo. C. Evans Post 103 Member.

As a significant Post 103 Milestone, Congratulations to New Post 103 Legionnaire Jon Huggins – our 500th Post 103 Member. As such, Jon will receive a Special Gift at our October General Membership Meeting. Congrats Jon!!!

Other Important Happenings:

- Patriots Day 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony - Post 103 AVHG (Harry Giglio & Team); Sept. 11, 2014 at Littleton City Center, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM.
- New Community Relations Program: Committee (Howard Olson - Chair, Roger Masse, Lynn E. Peterson) Meeting(s) Planning Meeting(s) being held; regarding Local Newspaper Coverage & Upcoming Saluting America & anticipated Veterans Day Outreach Activities;
- 2015 State Oratorical Program & Post 103 Oratorical Committee (Roger Masse - Chair, Ed Pietsch – Co-Chair, Nick Arceo, Janelle Rodriguez, Howard Olson, Wayne Arguello & Lynn E. Peterson) Planning Meeting(s) being held;
- In Honor of our Fallen Heroes - POW/MIA Remembrance Day, Friday, Sept. 19th; **Please Be on the Lookout for any/all Local area Businesses Displaying & Honoring POW/MIA Flag.** As such, Promptly Advise Adjutant Harry Ciruli (adjutant@legionpost103.org or 303-287-2139) with Business Name, Address and Owner/Proprietor, as available. Dept. of Colorado Headquarters Office will provide individual Business(es) with Framed POW/MIA Certificate, for Post(s) Follow-up(s).

Reminders:

- We Need a Few Good Men & Women to Either Take Charge or Assist in our New Standing Committee's – Community Relations, Fundraising & Hospitality/Member Involvement. So.....**“Step Up to the Plate”**, Take a Swing & give us a Hit for the Post, Unit & Squadron!!!
- Post 103 Legion Family Members.....Pick Up your George C. Evans Post #103 American Legion Family “Member Activity Interest” Form. **Importantly, Please See Adjutant Harry Ciruli for copy of Form, Completion and Submittal.**

NOTE: Subject(s) Email Blast to Follow soon.....Stay Tuned.

Continued Advancement of our envisioned **2014/2015 Post #103 Goals:**

1. Continued emphasis on growing our Post 103 Membership;
2. Increased Community Relations Outreach in Media Exposure & Local Activity Involvement;
3. Increased Fundraising/Revenue Opportunities to Ensure our Financial Security;
4. Growing the Well-being of our Post Legion Family by Hospitality and increased Member Activity Interest & Involvement;
5. Expand Americanism Programs, to include Educational Outreach; and
6. Recognition of our Communities Veterans & Families.

Food for Thought(s)

Worth Repeating.....Thank You All for your Partnered Guidance, Valued Assistance & Trusted Support as we Advance our “Veterans Serving Veterans and the Community.”

In Closing, If I forgot to mention any Other Deserving Recognition, Forgive me, but Remind Me – I'll make it up!

We are the “**Leader Post**”.

With Honor to God & Service to our Veterans, Families & America's Youth,

Lynn E. Peterson

Commander

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General Meeting Minutes

Meeting was graveled to order at 1900 hrs.

We start our meeting tonight with a Post Everlasting for Vernon Pitts, USMC, who has been called from our mist. Commander Lynn E. Peterson presented the Family of Vernon Pitts with a Post Everlasting Resolution. Wife Betty, Daughters Jill & Judy and Son in-law were present.

Opening Recitals, including New Member Initiation Ceremonies for Post 103 Legionnaire & SAL Squadron 103, were performed.

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

Adjutant Harry Ciruli declared that there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the August 2014 meeting has been sent either electronically or hard copy by mail. There were no changes to the minutes, and they were accepted as written.

Guest's at tonight's meeting were: Dist. 5 Cmdr. Terri Shelefontiuk, Dist. 5 Dept. Exec. Committeemen (DEC) Ed Wearing, Donald Ungemah, Larry Walker Post 1147 Adj., Larry S. Walker, John Mullin-USMC, Ronald Clute-USMC, Jon Huggins-US Navy, and Phil Huggins.

Officers Reports

Harry Ciruli – Adjutant: At present we have 307 paid members. We have two new Post 103 members, thus totaling **501** Post 103 members. We now have 19 members in the SAL 103 Squadron. With 12 paid members. Importantly, We are required to show proof that all members were honorably discharged. I have 140 at present. Please call me to confirm that you have your DD214 on file. My phone No. is 720-287-2139. If there are any address and/or Email changes let me know. Also, Please get you Renewal in ASAP.

Tickets are available for the Unsinkable Molly Brown, for ½ price. Call me for information.

We read a thank you Card from the Brown Family, Estes Park, CO. They gave a donation to the AVHG of \$100.00

I made a personal donation of \$500. 00, ½ to AVHG and ½ to SAL. This donation was given to me by my Aunt Luba Brown to use as I saw fit. Thank you Aunt Babe.

District 5 SAL and District 5 Auxiliary will be hosting a Fall Formal at Post 11-11. I will be sending out an email on this event.

Rich Callan - 1st. Vice Commander: I am available to assist the Post Commander for any projects or assignments he may require. I am involved in other American Legion matters, such as helping with the coordination of special events that are germane to Post 103

and my usual duties. I continue to work with 2nd Vice Commander, Roger Masse, in his role as the Coordinator of the Oratorical Program. Also, I am actively in the Boys State Program in 2015. I have already received an inquiry from a junior High School student at Littleton High School.

I have provided him an information packet, including a DVD of the 2013 Boys State Program to this promising student.

Boys State: No Report

Roger Masse - 2nd. Vice Commander:

**Post Breakfast
Saturday, September 13, 2014
Englewood Elks Club**

Our first Post Breakfast of the fall is this Saturday, September 13, 2014. Subsequent breakfasts will continue to be on the second Saturday of the month. Please call Roger Masse with any questions at 719-648-2818.

**Sheridan Celebrates
Saturday, September 27, 2014
Staging begins at 8:30 a.m.
Ft. Logan Mental Health Campus**

Sheridan Celebrates is the community celebration in the City of Sheridan, and this will be Post 103's second year of participation in its parade. Thanks to Fred Himelspach for agreeing to coordinate our parade entry that day. Roger Masse will be in Indianapolis for the National Americanism Conference.

**Annual Awards Banquet
Saturday, November 22, 2014
12:30 p.m.
Englewood Elks Club**

At our October meeting we will have a sign-up sheet and menu available

Oratorical Contest

Post 103 has been asked to coordinate and host the 2015 State Oratorical Contest. We now have a committee of seven people who will be leading our efforts.

Co-Chair Roger Masse, 2nd Vice Commander
Co-Chair Ed Pietsch, Past Commander
Nick Arceo, SAL Commander
Janelle Rodriguez, Auxiliary President
Lynn Peterson, Commander
Howard Olson, Public Relations Committee
Wayne Arguello, Finance Officer

Thanks to all of them for their help. The committee has been working hard on preparations to get the contest off the ground. The State Contest will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2015 and the committee is currently seeking a location in the south metro area. Anyone who would like to help with the Oratorical Contest is encouraged to call Roger Masse at 719-648-2818, or email him at drivercoach69@yahoo.com.

Financial Report – Wayne Arguello: No Report

Mike Romero- Chaplain: August 15, 2014, a Sympathy Card was mailed to the family of Vernon Pitts on behalf of Post 103.

May I also remind the membership to keep the following members in their thoughts and prayers. WALT BROWN, will be at Porter Hospital until the 19th of September. PETER SCHRODER, had surgery on his right eyelid last week, he is doing well in his recovery. Last but not least, John Palmquist, continues with his weekly treatments. Let us pray all mentioned, will have speedy recoveries. Please remember to let me know of any member whom I can help.
Phone: 303-973-2493 or email: mjromero44@gmail.com

Lynn Peterson - Legion Baseball: Post 103 Sponsored Littleton Lions & Heritage Eagles Head Baseball Team Coaches have been Notified & Requested to Submit their respective Expense Summary Reports by September 30th, per Agreement of Understanding provisions.

Sergeant-At-Arms- Rip Hobson: No Report.

JAG –Gene Foyle: No Report.

AVHG- Harry Giglio: Funerals since January 1st. 98, July had 13
Wayne Arguello is a new AVHG member.

Bingo Manager - Cal Wilson: August income of \$2066.00 from Bingo.

We owe the Bingo workers a big THANK YOU for all they do to enable the Post to be successful and run as many projects and programs that we do.

We Need You!!! Our next Must Go date is scheduled for October 2nd. The Must Go is where the Progressive Bingo Jackpot of over \$5,000 will be paid out to some lucky winner(s). Our attendance usually doubles at “Must Go” sessions and we always need extra help on these days. If you can volunteer about 4 hours of your time, we would truly appreciate it. The crowds comes early on Must Go days, so please try to be at Slammers Bingo Hall which is located at 1884 South Wadsworth Boulevard (the northeast corner of Wadsworth and Jewell) between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. Please email e_pietsch@msn.com or call Ed at 720-287-2108 to let him know if you can be there.

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: No requests for assistance during the month of August. This is very unusual as in the past two years both July and August were very busy. However, last week (Aug 3, approximately 9:45 p.m.) someone left a message on our telephone seeking assistance, but his voice was so low that neither his name nor the return phone number was clearly audible. PLEASE, if this was a Post member, please speak loudly. I spent quite some time replaying the message, to no avail!

In the meantime, if there are veterans needing assistance, please have them contact me at 303-770-2857.

Historian - Gene Foyle: All photos were taken by Gene Foyle, thank you Gene.



Nick Arceo, Squadron Commander
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SAL – Nick Arceo: Our Squadron continues to grow. I would like to welcome our two newest members. Larry S. Walker and Phillip Higgins, both of these individuals were initiated at our last meeting. Welcome to the Son’s of the American Legion! I would like to invite anyone that would qualify to join our squadron. If your Father or Grandfather served in service you are eligible to join. Please see me for membership. Our goal this year is 17 members. We

are sitting at 19, thanks to all! Our renewal % is at 35.29. We need your dues. Please get your dues paid up ASAP! See myself or Adjutant Harry Ciruli.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL) is a program of the American Legion established in 1933 in Portland Org. Since then, the Sons of the American Legion have assisted the American Legion with its programs and activities. Sons of the American Legion are more than just membership. Sons of the American Legion, on all levels, have worked together with the American Legion to promote children and youth programs, including the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Our squadron hosted a golf tournament this summer where all proceeds were donated to this foundation. Sons of the American Legion continues to provide services to those in need in the local communities, through programs that include fundraising events. Please join us in this effort!

As we move forward with SAL, I want to again invite you to join our squadron. You can be a dual member! What a great way to honor your Father or Grandfather! Please see me for more information. Please get your dues paid, get them to Harry Ciruli ASAP.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

For the Good of the Legion: A 50/50 drawing was held, and the lucky recipient was Rich Callan-He donated his winnings to Meals on Wheels and AVHG. A good choice and thanks Rich!

The meeting was adjourned at 2033 hours followed by refreshments.

Post 103 Spotlights: Post 103 Members Spotlight

Sidney Wright

WW II Army June 1945-November 1946.

Basic training at Fort Camp Lee.

Then sent to Aberdeen Proving grounds for-
ordnance training repairing range finders and fire
controls for ordnance.



Then sent to Troop transport Corp .

Was sent to AP-139 General Robert E Callan from New York City to Karachi India VIA the Suez Canal picked up troops there to Seattle Washington by going to Singapore and Hawaii disembarked troops left and went back to the Philippines picked up 3300 more troops sailed to San Francisco California then sailed empty to Boston thru The Panama Canal to decommission ship.

Went to New York was sent to AP-118 General W.P Richardson picked up European theater Troops Civilians and Scientist from Bremerhaven Germany back to New York.



File Photo of AP-118 General W.P Richardson returning from Europe.

And Discharged from Service at Camp Kilmer New Jersey a T-5 Corporal

Went the University of Nebraska

Studied for Bachelors of Science Electrical Engineering 1947-1951

Worked in the Defense Industry working with Navigation Equipment For 12and half years.

Then to Martin Marietta / Lockheed martin

Sky Lab, Titan Booster rockets, Voyager Projects, Mars Lander, and other items that are classified.

Married 63 Years to Susan Wright

Two Children one Son and one Daughter

5 Grand Children 3 great Grand Kids

Post 103 Member 26 Years Paid up for Life Member



Janelle Rodriguez, President

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American Legion Auxiliary Post 103 had our first meeting back since June, on 9-5-14. We had 12 members present with two guests.

Girls State Chairman, Marsha Callan introduced the two guests, Rita Passaglia and Sierra Johnson-Golding. Each girl described their role during their stay at Girls State and expressed how grateful they were to us for allowing them to attend such a inspirational and fulfilling experience. They also expressed interest in joining the Junior Auxiliary.

Post 103 called for the SAL Golf Tournament volunteers to come to their meeting to be presented with a check for helping at the golf tournament. Accepting the check on behalf of all the Auxiliary members that volunteered that day were Janelle Rodriguez, Virginia Rodriguez, Darlene Romero, and Marsha Callan. The amount was a generous \$273.00. Thank you Post 103.

Membership Dues are being collected at this time and Jean Jesser reported there are currently 12 paid members for the 2014-2015 membership, our goal for 2014-2015 is 40 members. Please send your \$25 dues amount to Jean Jesser (\$5.00 for Junior membership), or if you need information on becoming a member of the Auxiliary contact Jean, Darlene Romero or Janelle Rodriguez and they will be glad to get you started.

Lamar Convention June 2014 Update - Janelle reported that participants at the convention held in Lamar were Janelle Rodriguez, Sherry Pietsch, and Darlene Romero. Our Auxiliary was in the 1st Place Group for Poppies, Honorable Mention of VA Rehabilitation with a certificate given for such and a Blue Star for turning in the annual Spring report (kudos to Darlene Romero).

At the meeting in October we need to bring pasta for our donation to the Redistribution Center, but any food item is welcome.

Our meeting adjourned at 8:30pm, our next meeting is October 1st, Buck Recreation Center at 7pm.

Janelle Rodriguez
Auxiliary President