



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

“The Leader Post” October 2014

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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
 - 11-3-2014- Officers Meeting-Buck Rec. Center- 6:30 PM
 - 11-5-2014- General Membership-Buck Rec. Center- 7:00 PM
 - 11-6-2014- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
 - 11-8-2014- Post Breakfast-Englewood Elks-9:00 AM- 11:30 AM
 - 11-11-2014- Veterans Day- WWII Memorial - 11:00 AM
 - 11-13-2014- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
 - 11-20-2014- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
 - 11-22-2014- Post Banquet- Englewood Elks-12:30 PM
 - 11-27-2014- NO BINGO- Thanksgiving Day
 - 12-1-2014- Officers Meeting-Buck Rec. Center- 6:30 PM
- 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 September, now come & gone, though the beauty of Colorado & our Fall Colors remain, Special Wishes to You, our Legion Family Members. And reflecting back, another Great Month of for Geo. C. Evans Post 103, Auxiliary Unit 103 & Sons of the American Legion Squadron 103.

Continued Thanks to You All for your on-going Efforts, Participation & Support of our Programs, as we serve our Veterans, Youth, Community, State & Nation in advancing the Principles, Values & Patriotism of our Country.

Acknowledgment's: Always worth repeating.....Thanks to All Legion Family Members involved in our **September** Activities consisting of: Bingo, AVHG Ft. Logan Services, Americanism Programs – Oratorical & Boys State and Community Relations Committee: Littleton High School Football Game Color Guard, Patriots Day & Sheridan Celebrates Parade) and POW/MIA Recognition Day. Your Continuing Active Participation is Greatly Valued.

Also, Individual Appreciation's to our Dept. of Colorado Oratorical Committee Members: **Roger Masse**, Post 103 2nd Vice Cmdr./State Oratorical Chair; **Ed Pietsch**, Post 103 Past Post Cmdr./State Oratorical Co-Chair; Unit 103 **Janelle Rodriguez**, Auxiliary President/Post 103 Oratorical Chair; **Nick Arceo**, SAL Squadron 103 Cmdr.; **Wayne Arguello**, Post 103 Finance Officer; **Howard Olson**, Post 103 Community Relations Committee Chair; Lynn E. Peterson, Post 103 Cmdr. and **Karen Boehler**, Unit 4/NEC Auxiliary Chaplain. Collectively a Team, as we actively plan, we anticipate a successful 2015 Dept. of Colorado & Post 103 Oratorical High School Scholarship Program Contest. Spread the Word!!!

Additionally, Special Thank You's to our Post 103 New Community Relations Committee Members: **Howard Olson**, Chair, **Rich Callan**, 1st Vice Cmdr., **Roger Masse**, 2nd Vice Cmdr., **Harry Ciruli**, Adjutant, and Lynn E. Peterson, Cmdr. As well, Appreciate your Valued Efforts in furthering our Legion Family exposure and involvement in the Littleton Area Community Newspapers & upcoming Local Events.

Recognition & Thank You to our attending 39 Post 103 Legionnaire Members at our October 1st General Membership Meeting. Great to see “You All” and Blessed by your Presence. With a Hearty Welcome to our Attending & “New” Legionnaire Members: John Ortiz & Ronald Rowell.

Notwithstanding, Honor & Recognition to our Attending SEVEN of our 77 Post 103 Greatest Generation WWII Veterans – William Bryant, Fay Cunningham, Bud Goodwin, John Palmquist, Jack Pansini, Amiel Smith, and Cal Wilson. Thanks for your Continued Allegiance, Commitment & Valued Presence!!

Lastly, a Noteworthy Post 103 Milestone, Appreciation to All our 83 Attending Legion Family Members, Family & Guests at our September 6th Post 103 Bi-Monthly Breakfast at our partnering Englewood Elks Lodge 2122.

- **Other Important Happenings:** New Community Relations Program: Committee (Howard Olson - Chair, Roger Masse, Rich Callan, Harry Ciruli & Lynn E. Peterson) periodic/on-going Planning Meeting(s) being held; regarding Local Newspaper Coverage & Upcoming Saluting America & 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) on-going Planning Meeting(s).
- 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.**
- **Veterans Day, November 11th** is rapidly approaching. **IMPORTANTLY....Please IMMEDIATELY** Contact me concerning your interest & participation in one of our Local Elementary, Middle & High School Planned Activities. Interested Area Schools include: **High Schools** - Cherry Creek, Columbine & Heritage; **Middle Schools** - Cherry Creek West, Powell & Summit Ridge; and **Elementary Schools** - Blue Heron, Franklin, Peiffer, Powderhorn and Shaffer.

Food for Thought(s)

Patriotism is what we’re about. So.....Spread the word to your Veteran Relatives, Friends, Neighbors and Everyday Acquaintances’. Invite them as your Guest. You & They will not Regret the Opportunity.

For the Good of the Legion

Upcoming POW / MIA Business Flag Display Certificate Presentations to: Budget A-1 Nationwide Auto Service & Transmission Center, Rocky Mountain Harley Davidson & Littleton Main Post Office.

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.

Acknowledgement of Past Commanders: John Palmquist, 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 September 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.

Officers Reports

Harry Ciruli – Adjutant: At present we have 322 paid members. We have totaling **504** Post 103 members. We now have 19 members in the SAL 103 Squadron. With 18 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 your renewal in ASAP.

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:

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

Dinner choice between Roast Beef or Ham. Sign-up sheet will be at next meeting. More information at next meeting for you to make your choice. Any questions call Roger Masse at 1-716-648-2818.

Oratorical Contest

Ed Pietsch and I went to Indianapolis for the Americanism Conference we attended the oratorical College, it was very informative, I learned a lot of things from the College and other Posts, which I will use for this year and in the future in the reorganizing the State oratorical in 2016, and getting more people involved.

Any questions call Roger Masse. We could use more volunteers for the year in the Post and state.

Next Post Breakfast will be the 2nd. Saturday of the month, November 8, at Englewood Elks Club

Financial Report – Wayne Arguello: Post finances are in great shape.

Mike Romero- Chaplain: **George Williams** had an MRI that will determine the reason for the pain in his back that he is experiencing. A Get Well card was sent out to him, Oct. 8th. on behalf of Post 103.

Dave Penland had a stroke back in January. I paid him a visit at Briarwood Health Care Center, where he is currently in physical rehab. I also hand delivered a Get Well card from Post 103. He tells me the rehab treatments are helping him get back his ability to walk, and he feels good about his progress, however, he has no idea how long he will be at Briarwood.

Walt Brown was moved to Littleton Life Care Center and will be there for physical rehabilitation to build up his strength, while they build a prosthesis for his leg that was amputated. He also is making good progress and is getting stronger every day.

John Palmquist continues with his treatments and is doing better every day.

Let's keep these Post Members in our thoughts and prayers, and please contact me if you know of any member who is in need of a visit or call. Contact me at:

303-973-2493 or mjromero44@gmail.com

Lynn Peterson - Legion Baseball: Post 103 Sponsored Heritage Eagles Legion D Team Manager has Submitted their 2014 Expense Summary Report. Littleton Lions Legion B & C Team Manager Report Pending Receipt.

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

JAG –Gene Foyle: No Report.

AVHG- Harry Giglio: Funerals since January 1st. 115, August had 17 services.

Bingo Manager – Ed Pietsch: We are having one of the best years ever with our Post Bingo Operations. In September we had a profit of \$2,803 and paid Post expenses of \$420 during the month. This past Thursday, October 2nd, we had what we believe is our best ever Must Go day with a profit of \$7,875. We paid out approximately \$11,000 in total winnings to our bingo customers including one winner of the \$5,984 Progressive Bingo Jackpot. What a crazy, busy and wonderful day!!

We want to thank all of our American Legion Family volunteers for all they do for the Post to make us successful. Our hardworking volunteers include both our regulars who work every week and also those that make an effort to help out on our very busy Must Go days. **Thank You All!!!**

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: At last! At last the first advance of the \$20,000 Veteran's Assistance Grant has arrived and the funds are available for distribution. Any veteran in need of financial assistance please call me (303-770-2857) or the Arapahoe County Service Officer (303-738-8045). Additionally, if there is any veteran in need of any form of assistance, please call me. I may not know the answer but have contacts that most surely can handle your case/needs.

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



Nick Arceo, Squadron Commander
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SAL – Nick Arceo: I am happy to report our Squadron has grown to 19 members! Thank you all! If you haven't paid your dues, please get them paid ASAP. Remember you can become a "Duel Member", which means you are not only a member of the American Legion but you can also join the Son's of the American Legion! What a great way to honor your Father or

Grandfather. For details see myself of Adjutant Harry Ciruli. Last Saturday at the district meeting, our Squadron had the honor of presenting a check in the amount of \$1,759.00 to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. This was the proceeds for our golf tournament this past summer. I want to remind you of an upcoming event. The Detachment of Colorado will hold the Sons of the American Legion awards Banquet on November 14, 2014 at Post 11-11, 9959 Old Wadsworth Blvd. Broomfield Co. The DEC meeting will start at 1p.m. followed by the Social at 5p.m. and the dinner at 6p.m. This is a Colorado American Legion family event. Please join us in celebrating our many outstanding achievements. There will be a special guest appearance too! Thank you to all SAL squadron members for all your help and support for the American Legion! We truly belong to a great Post, the Leader Post, George C. Evens Post 103.

We need your dues. Please get your dues paid up ASAP! See myself or Adjutant Harry Ciruli.

Unfinished Business: Claire Davis Memorial Scholarship - Ed Pietsch

Fred Himelspace and I have been working on our annual Claire Davis Memorial Scholarship proposal for school year 2014 – 2015. We had heard from Arapahoe High School that a small business owner may be interested in supporting the Post with this scholarship. We made contact with Connie Stevinson who is the owner of Complete Lifestyles on University Boulevard just south of AHS. Each year she would like to donate \$2,000 to the Post toward the scholarship and also to participate on the scholarship selection team. After getting agreement from the Executive Board, we have been developing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Post and Complete Lifestyles to make this happen. We are very blessed to team with this wonderful partner to help us honor Claire Davis and her family and double are scholarship amount.

Saluting America - Ed Pietsch

Harry Ciruli, Howard Olsen and I attended a Saluting America Program meeting at the Department with program managers from other Posts and the Director of the Program. Jefferson County School District recently agreed to join this Program. Several schools in our area would like to participate and I would like to find one or two Post members to coordinate with each of the schools.

The schools in our area that have requested American Legion participation include Bear Creek Elementary; Blue Heron Elementary; Bradford Primary; Coronado Elementary; Mount Carbon Elementary, Peiffer Elementary, Powderhorn Elementary, Shaffer Elementary, and Summit Ridge Middle School.

Please contact me by email at e_pietsch@msn.com or by phone at 720-287-2108, if you might be interest in participation and the school of your choice. I will email you a Saluting

America Program Booklet that will give you a better feel for the Program. The immediate objective is to determine what the schools would like to do and the scope of Post member involvement. Once we get individuals lined up for participation, the Program Director will meet with us to help answer questions and provide guidance. Since this is a new Program for the Post and the schools, there will be a lot of discussion of what might be a realistic role and level of participation.

New Business: None.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2003 hours followed by refreshments.

Post 103 Spotlights: Post 103 Members Spotlight

Paul Hixenbaugh

WWII Army 1943-1946 drafted



Silver Star in Combat during the Ruhr Valley Pocket

97th infantry Division

303rd regiment

2nd Battalion

F Company

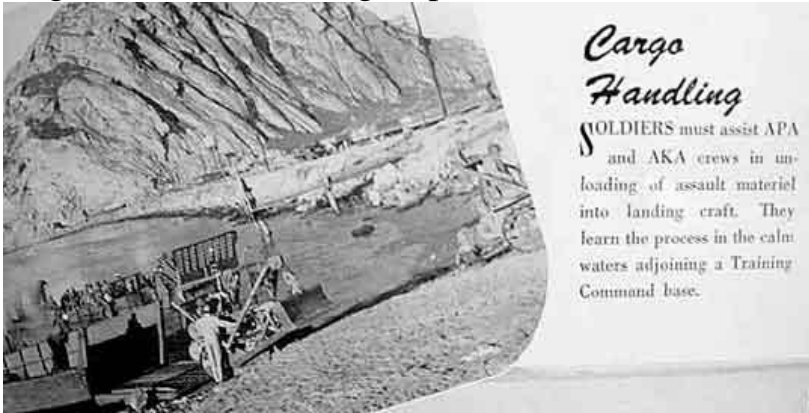
Basic training-Army Jefferson Lemay Missouri

Attended

University of Wyoming Laramie Wyoming Army Engineering Program attended 6

Semesters quarters at the University of Wyoming.

Army then shipped back to Missouri to Advanced Training Division then sent to Morro Bay California for US Naval Amphibious Training at camp San Louis Obispo practiced amphibious landings from LST-Landing ship tank



File photo from web

Then sent to Camp Cook California refitted for overseas

During this time Battle of the Bulge occurred Completely equipped and loaded on board ship destination changed from the Pacific to the east coast then to the European theater early December shipped out from New York Harbor sailed to Le Havre France then taken to Camp Lucky Strike in Janville France waited for orders early February Traveled by French boxcars and trucks to the front.



File photo Camp Lucky strike

Unit participated in the Ruhr Valley pocket one of the last Major American Battle the American Infantry face several levels of enemy resistance

As the 97th prepared for the invasion of Czechoslovakia, Flossenberg Concentration Camp was discovered.

V E Day came

97th then prepared to go to the Pacific theater some elements were sent to Japan arrived at Yokohama Japan as part of the occupation force, and the rest to the Philippines.

Then got out of the Army 1946

Went back to College at the University of Wyoming Graduated 1947

Bachelor's degree of Mechanical Engineering

Got married 1946
Have 4 children
Worked several jobs
Good year tires Akron Ohio
Father in-law had a job for engineer to construct chemical plant to recover Sulfur
Worked at Martin Marietta Facility designing facilities for the Titan 2 ICBM rockets and Sky Lab Martin Mars Lander to be developed.
Worked at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal
National Parks designing buildings for the forest Service Retired then went back to the Forest Service and then retired
American Legion Member
PUFL Member



Janelle Rodriguez, President

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Post 103 American Legion Auxiliary meeting was opened October, 1st at 7pm by President Janelle Rodriguez. After opening ceremonies, we welcomed new member Geri Cunningham to the group. Minutes were read, corrected and approved. Adreann Palmquist, read the Treasurer report, and paid bills as presented. We passed an email correspondence we had received from Taylor Dugdale who is at West Point; she is doing well and enjoying the experience greatly. Jean Jesser reported that 31 Senior members have paid and 1 Junior member for the 2014-2015 dues, our goal is 40 members for the year. We collected sweatshirts, coats and any other warm clothing this month, these will be passed out to VA Veterans; Darlene Romero is getting the collection together for distribution. Fundraising ideas were discussed and tabled for next month's meeting as more info will be collected for discussion at that time.

Meeting was closed in due form with a closing prayer from Betty Smith.

Our next meeting will be November, 5th, at 7pm, again any person interested in joining or renewing their membership in the Auxiliary please contact Jean Jesser at 303-771-2746 or Janelle Rodriguez at 720 207 8008.

Janelle Rodriguez
Auxiliary President