



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

“The Leader Post” December 2014

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12-18-2014- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 12-25-2014- NO BINGO- Christmas Day
- 1-1-2015- NO BINGO- NEW YEARS DAY
- 1-3-2015- State Oratorical Contest
- 1-5-2015- Officers Meeting-Buck Rec. Center- 6:30 PM
- 1-7-2015- General Membership Meeting-Buck Rec. Center-7:00 PM
- 1-8-2015-- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 1-10-2015—Post Breakfast—Englewood Elks—9:00 AM

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: November, a Month filled with Lots of Activity, Fun, Celebration & Recognition.

Activity-wise, Veterans Day stands out! Thanks to All You fellow Legionnaires who Attended and/or participated in the many Special Littleton Community Veterans Day Events held at area Elementary, Middle School & High School’s, including our Annual Joint VFW Pat Hannon Post 4666/Am. Legion Geo. C. Evans Post 103 Veterans Day held at the Littleton’s WWII Memorial. Your Presence was & is Acknowledged and your Efforts Greatly Appreciated. Thanks for making this Veterans Day a Day to Remember by our Youth & Community.

As always, 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.

RENEWALS & Membership!! Critical for a Strong, Growing & Healthy Organization. For George C. Evans Post 103, we continue to grow; now over 505 Legionnaire Members Strong. Importantly, Keep us “Going” by **Immediately Renewing your 2015 Dues** and “Growing” by **Sharing our Vision with Others - We’re About Patriotism”**. **Join Us**, as we Serve our Veterans & Community, in support of our Americanism & Youth Programs – Boys State, Girls State, Oratorical & Legion Baseball

Acknowledgment, Recognition & Achievement’s:

Mega Dittos to the many tireless “Worker Bee” Legion Family Members, too numerous to mention, BUT Highly Valued for YOUR involvement in our **November** Activities,beit Bingo, AVHG & Americanism – Primarily planning & preparation for the upcoming 2015 Post 103 & State Oratorical Scholarship Program Contests. Special Acknowledgement to our Post/State Oratorical Program Key Leaders – Roger Masse, Ed Pietsch & Janelle Rodriguez. Our 25 Registered Applicants testifies to their Leadership, along with the Other Oratorical Committee Members. Thank You. And kudo’s to our Community Relations Committee Chairman Howard Olson & Committee Member efforts resulting in the routine monthly Local Community Newspaper Advertisements & Post Meeting AND Coverage at our Post 103 American Legion Family Annual Banquet. Sincerely Thank You!

Speaking of, or should I say my Laryngitis-type Speaking, our Annual Banquet, Thanks to the Many 140+ Attending Post Legionnaires, Unit & Squadron Members, Guests & Visitors. I truly Trust you Enjoyed yourself – Englewood Elks Lodge 2122 Food, Randall Burns Singing Musical Revue Entertainment, Post 103 Program Review, Guest Speaker State Senator Linda Newell and Awards.

Likewise, A heartfelt Thank You to our Annual Banquet Planning Committee, headed primarily by Post 103 2nd Vice Commander Roger Masse & Auxiliary Unit 103 President Janelle Rodriguez and Planning Committee Members Post 103 1st Vice Commander Rich Callan, Adjutant Harry Ciruli & SAL Commander Nick Arceo.

Relatedly, Special Congratulations to our Recognition & Award Recipients.

Continuous Service – 10 Yr.: Ed Pietsch, 15 Yr.: Rich Callan, Ray Pearson, 30 Yr.: Bud Goodwin, 40 Yr.: Pat Smith AND 70 Yr.: Virgil “Bud” Harold;

Meritorious Service – Lin Mathews & Ray Pearson;

Metal of Merit – Harry Giglio, Ed Pietsch & Harry Ciruli;

First Responder Commendation - Firefighter Doug Terry & EMT Ben Sipe;

Special Award – Nick Arceo;
Bob Bailey Award – Chuck Blemler;
Program Manager – Fred Himelspach; and
Legionnaire of the Year – Roger Masse.

Also, Special Thank You to our attending 33 Post 103 Legionnaire Members at our December 3rd General Membership Meeting. Great to see “You All” and Blessed by your Presence. A Hearty Welcome to our Attending & “New” Legionnaire Member: George Galbaugh, US Army.

Not with standing, a Big Thank You to Janelle Rodriguez, President, Auxiliary Unit 103 & attending, always Valued Auxiliary Ladies for your Post-meeting Holiday Food & Refreshment Celebration.

Lastly, Honor & Recognition to our Attending SIX Post 103 Greatest Generation WWII Veterans – William Bryant, Chuck Blemler, Ward Oliver, Jack Pansini, Amiel Smith & Cal Wilson. Thanks for your Continued Allegiance, Commitment & Valued Presence!!

A sincere round of applause to You All. I Greatly Appreciate & Value your Time, Efforts & Commitment.

Reminder(s):

- Importantly, with our Growing Post Membership & Expanding Programs, 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**” & **Help us Out - Become Involved!!!**
- December 2014 – January 2015 **Got Shredding???** Take it to **PDQ - Printing Done Quickly Print & Copy Center**, 44 West Springer Dr., Highlands Ranch, CO; 720-524-8302. **All Net Proceeds will go Directly to and Benefit our Veterans Programs at George C. Evans Post 103.**

In closing, Warm & Thoughtful Wishes to you ALL & Family for a Special & Blessed Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

We are the “**Leader Post**”.

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

Lynn E. Peterson

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General Meeting Minutes

Meeting was graveled to order at 1900 hrs.

Acknowledgement of Past Commanders: Al Rodridquez, Dean Casey, Rich Carlson, 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 November 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.

Our guest speaker was Cameron Thompson

Other guest were Kevin Thompson, father of Cameron Thompson.
Lynn Reed , and Dean Casey State Service Officer.

Officers Reports

Harry Ciruli – Adjutant: At present we have 390 paid members. We have totaling **505** Post 103 members. We now have 19 members in the SAL 103 Squadron. With all 19 paid members. Importantly, We are required to show proof that all members were honorably discharged I also need them in case a member's family can't find it for their loved ones funeral.

I have 142 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. I urge you all to get me your DD214's

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.

Boys State: No Report

Roger Masse - 2nd. Vice Commander: No Report.

Oratorical Contest

State Contest: January 3, 2015, 8:00 a.m. at Arapahoe Community College, 5900 S. Santa Fe Dr., Littleton, CO 80120.

We have around 25 contestants. We are working on final preparations for the contest and we still need volunteers on that day. If interested, please contact Roger Masse at 719-648-2818 or drivercoach69@yahoo.com.

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

Mike Romero- Chaplain:

A Sympathy Card was sent to the Wife and family of Arthur Covey. **Dave Penland, George Williams, Walt Brown, Don Ungemah, John and Adreann Palmquist, and Duane Lieker,** are all in various stages of healing. Let's continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Please contact me at: 303-973-2493 or: mjromero44@gmail.com if you know of any member needing a visit or call. Darlene and our family, wish each and every one of our members a Very Merry Christmas, and Happy and Healthy New Year!

Lynn Peterson - Legion Baseball: No Report

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 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: The month of October and early November were quite busy in assisting needy veterans. Of the first advance of \$5,000 assistance in the amount of \$3,952.74 was extended. A second advance has been requested.

At this writing the Post has in storage durable medical equipment in the form of wheelchairs, walkers, canes and, perhaps items that I am not aware of. Anyone needing any of this equipment or know of a veteran in such need, please call me at 303-770-2857. Arrangements will be made to make the item(s) available.

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 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. We are sitting at 19, that is 111.76% to our goal and 100.% renewal. Thanks to all!

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!

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: SAL Member Joey Drennan thanked the Post for sending him to Boys State, and thanked the Honor Guard who came to the Littleton High School Football Games during the Season.

Over the Summer Joey got to go to West Point for a summer program and is starting the process to go to West Point.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2003 hours followed by refreshments.

Post 103 Spotlights: Post 103 Members Spotlight

Chester Beattie
WWII
US Navy 1943-to 1946



VP-208 Squadron AV-3
Pacific theater
Basic training – Newport Rhode Island
Radioman school- Bain Bridge Maine
Gunnery school- Jacksonville Florida
Went to Corpus Christy Texas to form up Squadron



Patch from squadron

After World War two joined the Marines for school a reserve unit
VMF-143



VMF-143 Squadron Patch

Joined the United States Air Force 1950-1967

Korean War Veteran

8th Fighter Bomber group

Participated in Big Switch and Little Switch with swapping of Prison of war personal with North Korea.

Pilot training Randolph Field San Antonio Texas learning to fly T-33 but ended up being an Intelligence officer in Korea.

Escape and Evasion Officer and taught at Perdue Universty1953- 1957

Neil Armstrong was a Student then.



Picture from Korea 1951

After Korea Work Various jobs from 1967-1986 worked as leasing agent 1986 till retired

Member of

American Legion

VFW

Air Force Academy Quarter back Club Member since 1983 started by Aurora Business group

Wife Nicola Beattie 1986 Married 26 years



Janelle Rodriguez, President

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Unit 103 American Legion Auxiliary met at 7pm, December 3rd, 2014. After a brief meeting, the remainder of the time was spent celebrating the holiday season with appetizers and desserts. The American Legion joined us after their meeting, and the evening wrapped up with everyone having a good time. Next meeting will be January 7th, 2015, 7pm at the Buck Recreation Center. Please bring Diapers, any size, for the Redistribution Center. Also, the State Oratorical Competition is taking place on January 3rd, if you would like to volunteer in some capacity that day, please contact me ASAP!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Janelle Rodriguez
Auxiliary President