



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1-15-2015-- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 1-22-2015-- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 1-23/1-25-2015- Mid-Year Conference—Colorado Springs
- 1-29-2015-- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 2-2-2015—Officers Meeting—6:30 PM—Buck Rec. Center
- 2-4-2015—General Membership Meeting-7:00 PM- Buck Rec Center
- 2-5-2015-- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall- **“MUST GO”**
- 2-12-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 2-19-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 2-26-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 3-2-2015- Officers Meeting
- 3-4-2015 General Membership Meeting-7:00 PM- Buck Rec Center

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: I Trust You All enjoyed & shared the Excitement, Celebration & Joy of the Holiday Season & the arrival of the 2015. With it, I bring You All Special Wishes for a Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year.

Briefly, in looking back at George C. Evans Post 103, I can truly say that 2014 was a Very Good Year, albeit Veterans Day, Legion Family Banquet, and/or Bingo. Thanks to You All! As your Commander I personally extend a heartfelt Gratitude & Much Appreciation to All – Post 103 American Legion Family Legionnaires, Auxiliary & Sons of the American Legion Members – for your continuing Efforts & Support, past, present & throughout the coming year, as We together Serve our Veterans, Children & Youth, Community, State & Nation in advancing the Principles, Values & Patriotism of our Country.

As we begin 2015, I extend a personal Invitation & Challenge to each and every Legionnaire, Auxiliary & Sons of the American Legion Member to be Proactive by becoming Involved in some way, shape, form or another, with our Post 103 Activities, in your Specific Area(s) of Interest, by assisting us in What We Do for our Veterans, Youth & Community. Come Join us at our Monthly General Membership Meeting(s), held 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM, the 1st Wednesday of Every Month at Littleton Buck Recreation Center. See You Then & Their!!

RENEWALS & Membership!! Importantly, Keep us “Going” by **Renewing your 2015 Dues** and “Growing” by **Sharing our Vision with Others** - We’re About Patriotism”. **Join Us**, by becoming a Member as we Serve our Veterans & Community, in support of our Americanism & Youth Programs – Boys State, Girls State, Oratorical & Legion Baseball.

Again, a Reminder...with our Growing Post Membership & Expanding Programs, We are in Need of 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 & Help us Out - Become Involved!!**

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

Officers Reports

Harry Ciruli – Adjutant: At present we have 400 paid members. We have totaling **504** 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 143 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: During the past month, I assisted in support of the Oratorical Contest at Arapahoe Community College.

My other functions included the initial processing of two applicants for the 2015 Boys State Program.

I also obtained a use permit to Post 103 205 Picnic in July.

Boys State: No Report

Roger Masse - 2nd. Vice Commander:

**Upcoming Post Breakfast
Saturday, March 14, 2014
Englewood Elks Club**

**Oratorical Contest
Follow-Up**

After many months of preparation, the contest was held on Saturday, January 3rd at Arapahoe Community College. Twenty students began the competition, but unfortunately one became ill and had to leave. The top three finishers were:

Charlie Schmidt, Post 1 – 1st Place
Jared Klimek, Post 209 – 2nd Place
Cameron Thompson, Post 103 – 3rd Place

A few problems arose during the day, but we have learned a lot about running future contests. Huge thanks go to the committee members, Ed Pietsch, Janelle Rodriguez, Nick Acero, Lynn Peterson and Howard Olson. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers from Post 103 for their help in a long day at ACC. We started around 7:00 a.m. and finished around 7:00 p.m. Thanks to everyone, Auxiliary, SAL and Legionnaires.

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

Mike Romero- Chaplain: As I mentioned at our Post Breakfast, here is a more detailed report on the health of **Ray Pearson's** companion, **Eileen Bennett**. She had a mild Heart Attack on Friday evening. Saturday, they scheduled her for an Angiogram and decided to place a Stent in her Artery. Ray says the Surgery went well however, she is still in ICU and can't have visitors; she should be moved out of ICU soon, to recovery and allowed visitors.

Dave Penland, George Williams, Walt Brown, 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.

Lynn Peterson - Legion Baseball:

Your Post 103 Baseball Chairman/Colorado American Legion Baseball (CALB), recently met with a well-known & respected Metro Denver Area High School Baseball Coach to discuss expansion of Legion Teams in Southern Metro Denver. As a result, optimistically we realistically have the potential to create a South Denver League of Legion A, B, C & D Teams. Therefore, Post 103 could be looking to add Sponsorship Team(s).

Lastly, at the state-level, in 2015 & 2016 Colorado will be Host to the Western Region 8 Tournament, to be held August 5 – 9, 2015 at Scott Carpenter Park, Boulder, CO. State Legion A (19 & Under) Champions from Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Texas & Utah will be participating and competing to advance to the American Legion's World Series, held in Shelby, NC. American Legion Post's from throughout Colorado are expected to Assist with Manpower & Financial Needs; with a required funding of \$15,000.00/tournament. To help offset this Expense, Two Golf Tournament's (Raccoon Creek, Littleton, CO and Fox Hollow, Lakewood, CO) & Two Colorado Rockies Games have been Scheduled for Spring & Summer 2015. More Details will be forthcoming in the upcoming months.

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

JAG –Gene Foyle: No Report.

AVHG- Harry Giglio: The AVHG had 19 services for the month of December.

Our AVHG unit performed **205** services for the calendar year 2014. Our team earned **9,244** service hours for the total year. The breakdown was WW II-71, Korea- 50, Vietnam-68, Gulf War-13, Memorial services-3.

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: Second quarter report, ending December 31, 2014, has been submitted. During the 2nd. quarter 46 veterans received assistance through the 2014/2015 grant. A third advance in the amount of \$3076.22 was received December 29, 2014. Immediately gift cards totaling \$2000.00 was purchased to fund the third quarter. Funds in the amount of \$3,000+ will go to veterans seeking assistance with large rents and/or utility bills.

Fred and I will meet on January 14 to begin the process of preparing an application for the 2015/2016 grant. This may be a time consuming task as there has been many changes to the application process.

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.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2003 hours followed by refreshments.

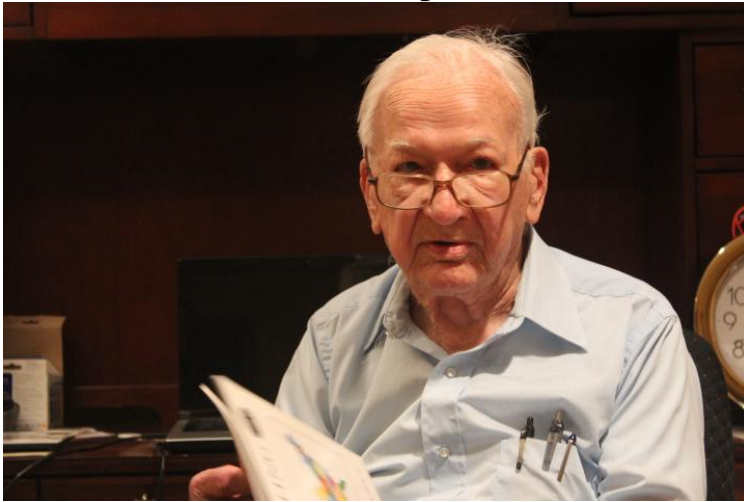
Post 103 Spotlights: Post 103 Members Spotlight

Elmer Herbaly

WWII

1943-1946

Rhineland and Central Europe



Was in the ROTC in High School

98th Infantry Truck Regiment, Camp Blanding Florida.

Training was sent to Los Angeles City College on deferment thru the Army for Engineering

Was informed while in school don't monkey around or go straight to the infantry

Was sent to Camp Stone Man in California and ran the PX for the 456 Truck Regiment then went to Hunter legit California and cited for Academia Achievement

Then sent to North Carolina and called into 89th Infantry Division as a rifleman

The 354 regiment 89th division filled its ranks with student from colleges

89th Infantry division –Light Infantry carried every thing

The 71st and 89th divisions trained in Colorado Camp Carson and Camp Hale with 10th mountain Division.

The 89th division

The 89th Infantry Division landed in France at [Le Havre](#), 21 January 1945, and engaged in several weeks of pre-combat training before moving up to the [Sauer](#) River into jump-off positions east of [Echternach](#), 11 March 1945. The next day, the offensive began, and the 89th plunged across the Sauer in a rapid advance to and across the Moselle, 17 March. The offensive

rolled on, and the division assaulted across the [Rhine](#) River on 26 March 1945 under intense fire in the Wellmich-Oberwesel region. A pontoon bridge was built across the Rhine from St. Goar to St. Goarshausen. In April, the 89th attacked toward [Eisenach](#), taking that town on 6 April. The next objective, Friedrichroda, was secured by 8 April. On 4 April 1945, the 89th overran [Ohrdruf](#), a subcamp of the [Buchenwald](#) concentration camp. Ohrdruf was the first [Nazi concentration camp](#) liberated by U.S. troops in Germany.

March 1946

After the war ended sent back to England Shrineham American University after one semester in England transferred back to United States.

Went to Northwestern University and studied geology for two years

Worked at US Geology survey for one year

Gulf oil for seven years

Still practicing geologist son is partner in Herbaly Exploration and done work in Canada for eight years

Married 63 years and 2 children, son David and daughter Jan

American Legion

VFW Member

Past Commander

Post 4666 Pat Hannon

2nd vice Commander

Chaplain

Key Club Member

AVHG- Member



Janelle Rodriguez, President

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The American Legion Auxiliary meeting was opened by President, Janelle Rodriguez, at 7pm on Wednesday, 1-7-15. Meeting was attended by 8 members. Discussed business was Mid Year Conference taking place January 23-25 weekend in Colorado Springs, membership quota and past week's Oratorical Contest with one of our Post 103 sponsored contestants, Cameron Thompson, coming in 3rd place. Announcement was made regarding Post Breakfast taking place on Saturday, 1-10-15 at Elks Lodge in Englewood. Next meeting will be February, 4, 2015 at 7pm – items to bring are canned meat items.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle Rodriguez

Auxiliary President