



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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
- 3-5-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 3-12-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 3-19-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 3-26-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 3-30-2015- Officers meeting

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: Unseasonably Warm, Summer-like February Greetings fellow Legionnaires. Tuff to beat being in Colorado, Huh? That said, it’s still Winter though, with expected more Cold & Snow ahead. Be Prepared!

Membership-wise, George C. Evans Post 103 continues to Look Very Good - above Goal - in Member Renewals, along with New Transfers & New Members. Post Membership now Totals 506. So.....Keep us Growing by your spreading Patriotism, which translates into New Members. Thanks for your continuing Efforts.

Again, I Remind You, with Baseball Season Soon Upon Us, Now is the Time for You to start your Spring Training preparation - **Step Up To The Plate** – contribute to the Team and for the Good of the Legion by Proactively 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 and be a Starter for our Team. Make it a Goal to Attend our Monthly General Membership Meeting(s).

Thanks to the many of our Legion Family who attended our Monthly February General Membership Meeting. A unique opportunity, Firstly, to: hear our Charlie Schmidt - Denver Post #1 Sponsor/Denver East High School Student - 2015 State Oratorical Program Contest Champion, present his masterful Constitutional oration; including Recognition & Certification Presentations to Charlie, as well as, Post 103's own Third Place Oratorical Contest Champion & New Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Member, Cameron Thompson, Heritage High School Student. Congratulations to Charlie & Cameron!

Secondly, Post 103 received a \$425.00 Check from Post 103 Member & Printing Done Quickly Owner/President Dennis Gereaux, resulting from the proceeds of PDQ's Annual Shred-A-Thon. Thanks PDQ!

Then, our Legion Family of Legionnaires, Auxiliary & SAL Members Celebrated our Post Namesake, George C. Evans 114th Birthday. Hear Hear For George! Born February 6, 1901. I'm sure George would have been Proud of the Honor & Tribute to his Post's Namesake.

Looking ahead, in March we hope to Initiate our New Members & Transfers. Come Welcome Them. Also, Phillip Huggins, Post 103 Squadron/SAL Member & Eagle Scout Candidate, will be premiering his Eagle Scout Project – Post 103 Member WWII Veteran Documentary. Come Join Us.

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: Dean Casey, Pat Callahan , Bud Goodwin, 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.

Four Chaplains Ceremony

Past Commander Bud Goodwin and four Members of the post along with Chaplain Mike Romero presented the Four Chaplains Service Ceremony for February meeting the members held up pictures of the four Chaplains and spoke about they're back ground and service and then Bud Goodwin and chaplain Mike Romero gave them a candle to honor them for the service and sacrifice that night on the Army transport Dorchester, then Chaplain Mike Romero said a prayer

Officers Reports

Harry Ciruli – Adjutant: At present we have 442 paid members. We have totaling **504** Post 103 members. We now have 21 members in the SAL 103 Squadron. With all 21 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

I have had several newsletters that have been returned to me, because of bad emails, and with q.com.

Make change to Policies about dues for Active Veterans. (i.e.: post pays 1st. year dues). We can use Square to pay dues or buy Hats and caps, etc. (Credit card).

Rich Callan - 1st. Vice Commander: My other functions included the initial processing of two applicants for the 2015 Boys State Program.

Boys State: No Report

Roger Masse - 2nd. Vice Commander: 2nd Vice Commander Roger Masse introduced to the post Charlie Schmidt and gave us presentation of his speech that he gave at Oratorical January 3rd then was presented with a plaque and pen from Roger Masse then Roger Masse presented Cameron Thompson a Plaque and pen for his 3rd place finish at Oratorical

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

Mike Romero- Chaplain: Dave Penland, is doing well in his rehabilitation at Briarwood Center.

Walt Brown, is up and walking with cane and walker, doing well.

Duane Leiker, did not have neck surgery as scheduled on the 5th of February because of other health developments, he is currently in a rehab facility until further notice.

Jim Clarke, is currently at Someran, and will be there until his wife, Darlene can find suitable in-home care or an appropriate care facility can be found for him.

Danny Fountain, is currently at Littleton Hospital to clear up viruses before he can be released to a rehab center.

John Palmquist, continues with his dialysis treatments, and is doing very well. He and his Wife Adreann are planning a trip to Florida where they will visit with his family and continue his treatments while there.

George Williams, will have his second Cortisone shot and continues with physical therapy for his back, a decision will be made in May about surgery.

Ray Pearson, is at Ralston Family center and will be there till his companion **Eileen Bennett** is released from the rehab center she is in.

Ed Pietsch, our Post 103 Past Commander, had a pace-maker put in to correct an erratic heartbeat, and as a result is doing much better.

A Sympathy Card was sent to the family of Department Jr. Vice Cmdr., **Tom Florez** on the loss of his Mother.

A Sympathy Card was sent to the family of Post 103 member, **Donald Brehm** on the loss of his Grandson **Ted**.

A Get Well card was sent to Past Dept. and 5th Dist Cmdr., **J.R. Kent**, his wife suffered a stroke just before our Mid-year Convention. She is home now.

We had a very busy January and I'm praying that February will be much slower. Please keep those mentioned, in your 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:

While American Legion Baseball (ALB) and Colorado's American Legion Baseball (CALB) Program doesn't officially begin till late May, much Activity Planning & Preparation is underway.

With the expected increased Interest & Growth of Legion Baseball in the Metro Denver Area, more Local South Metro Teams will be joining in, resulting in more opportunities to watch our Local Youth Baseball Players. Post 103 has budgeted for potentially more Area Teams, which will include Littleton Lions, and most likely one or two other area High School 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. American Legion Post's from throughout Colorado are expected to Assist with Manpower & Financial Needs. Help us out by considering/participating in one or more of the following Fundraiser Events: Two Golf Tournament's (June 13th @ Raccoon Creek, Littleton, CO and June 27th @ Fox Hollow, Lakewood, CO) & Two Colorado Rockies Games (Sunday, May 24th CR vs SF Giants & Sunday, June 21st (Fathers Day) CR vs Milwaukee Brewers). Flyers for these Fundraising Events are Available. **Please Call/See me for Details Now and Make your Reservations Soon!!**

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: January was a busy month for the grant activities. In addition to providing the Arapahoe County Veteran Service Officer with \$2,000 worth of gift cards, four (4) veterans were assisted with rent assistance, utility assistance and storage rent totaling \$1,403.76. A fourth advance of \$3,098 was received on February 2, 2015. This brings our grant advances to \$15,047.26 out of the initial \$20,000 grant for 2014/2015.

Anyone needing assistance please call me at 303-770-2857, or e-mail at pdcal@q.com. I may not know the answer but have sources that do.

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 21, that is 117.76% 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: 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.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2003 hours followed by refreshments.

Oratorical Winners:



Charlie Schmidt (1st. Place)



Camron Thompson (3rd. Place.)

Post 103 Spotlights: Post 103

Post 103 Spotlight

John Healy

WW II United States Navy



Basic Training Baltimore Maryland

Then sent to New York City Fleet Post Office because of security clearance assigned to process Mail with three others. Process mail coming from ships to family at home to insure no sensitive information was not being sent home.

Screening for ships location, names of ships.

Older brother was in the Pacific theater one brother in law wounded in St Lo

Another brother in law wounded bring in soldiers to the beach and had to sleep with the wounded and dying soldiers.

Things learned in the Navy

Do it and do it well!

When at war learn from it {discipline from military}

Don't waste time do the work?

After Military went into aerospace engineering worked at several places thru out the country in a career that worked with Military US Navy and the Air Force and the NASA Space programs. Moving 32 times

Members



Picture from Apollo space programs



Worked on programs thru career

The Titan Missile program, A-10 warthog, USAF TM76 unmanned plane

Worked at the experimental Department P6M

Worked on the Apollo 7 space program thru 17 projects

Was featured from Earth to the moon

Got married at age 21 best thing that happened to me Married 65 years



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Unit 103 American Legion Auxiliary meeting was held on February 4th at the Buck Recreation Center, meeting was called to order at 7pm by President, Janelle Rodriguez. The evening's meeting was broken in to different sections as the Auxiliary got to hear, along with the Legion, Charlie Schmidt give his winning Oratorical speech on the American Constitution, and a World War II remembrance program given by the Legion members. Our main focus for the next few months is the Girl's State program taking place in June at UNC in Greeley. Marsha Callan is leading this for Unit 103, if you know of any young women going into their senior year starting this summer of 2015, Marsha would appreciate hearing of such, so she can set up an informative meeting with them. She may be reached via email at callan5097@msn.com or phone 303 779 5097. Please continue to bring any donation items for the Redistribution Center; our next meeting is March 4th, at 7pm.

Janelle Rodriguez
Auxiliary President