



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

**“The Leader Post” March 2015**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- 3-12-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 3-12-2015- Post Breakfast-Englewood Elks-9:00 am-11:00 am
- 3-19-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 3-26-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 3-30-2015- Officers meeting-Buck Rec Center- 6:30 PM
- 4-1-2015- General meeting-Buck Rec. Center-7:00 PM
- 4-2-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 4-9-2015- Bingo - Slammers Bingo Hall
- 4-16-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 4-23-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 4-30-2015- 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 passage of February’s 2015 Record Snowfall in Denver’s History, along with Daylight Savings now in effect - Darker Mornings & Brighter Evening - time to move on to Spring. Spring Arrives – Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Yea!!

First off, Special Thanks to You ALL - our Renewing Members. Your Renewal is Greatly Appreciated. As a result, George C. Evans Post 103 has exceeded its 2015 Department’s 100% Renewal Membership Goal; though Striving for Higher. For those remaining Few, lets keep it going. Renew Now. Thanks!!! Also, Don’t Stop....Keep us Growing by spreading Patriotism, translating into New Members. Thanks for your continuing Efforts, as we Grow & become a Stronger Community Support to our Veterans & Youth.

Secondly, as a **Reminder**.....Spring Training is winding down, with the start of Baseball Season, just a few weeks away, in early April. So Now is the Time for You to finalize your Spring Training - **Step Up To The Plate** – contribute to Post 103 and for the Good of the Legion by Proactively becoming Involved in some way, shape, form or another, with our Post 103 Activities, be it assisting in What We Do for our Veterans, Youth &/or Community. **Come Join and Help Us Make a Difference** AND Make it a Goal to Attend our Monthly General Membership Meeting(s). **We Welcome your Support, Patriotism & Participation.**

A Re-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!!!**

Also, Much Appreciation to our few, but committed Five-member Post 103 Color Guard Legionnaire Members, who per invitation by Dakota Ridge HS Athletic Dept., Presented Colors at their recent February Dakota Ridge Eagles vs Chatfield Chargers Senior Varsity Basketball League & Post Season Dakota Ridge Eagles vs Lincoln Lancers Tournament Games. This simple, non-time consuming, but meaningful Post 103 Community Activity, may be just what You would like to do. We would like to Grow this Community Service Event. Help us Out & Let us Know!!!

Repeated Thanks to Regular Attending Legionnaires who attended our March Monthly General Membership Meeting. The opportunity, to: hear what Littleton Girl Scout Troop 256 has and continues to do in Support of our Serving Veterans across the miles, with Their Girl Scout Cookie Hometown Heroes Program. Thanks Young Lady Girl Scouts of Troop 256. In addition to our Post 103 Presented \$200.00 Check, not to be outdone by VFW Littleton Post 4466, several Attending members added contributions; collectively resulting in a Donation Total upwards of \$300.00 to their cause. **Thanks Fellow Legionnaires.**

As an additional meeting Highlight, our own Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Member, Littleton High School Senior & Littleton United Methodist Church Sponsored BSA Troop 114 Eagle Scout Candidate, Phillip Huggins, gave a Brief Video Interview Recorded Presentation, concerning his Eagle Project - George C. Evans Post 103 WWII Member Military Documentary, which cumulatively Highlighted 16 Post 103 WWII Legionnaires. Thanks Comrades & Phillip for recording, preserving & telling your Military Stories. DVD Copies of this Post 103 WWII Legionnaire Member Documentary will be made available in the next several months.

Looking ahead, Join Us at our Bi-monthly Post 103 Breakfast at Englewood Elks Lodge, on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 9Am – 10:30 Am. Then, in April we hope to Initiate our New Members & Transfers. Come Welcome Them. Also, we Expect to have available our Updated George C. Evans Post 103 Tri-Fold Brochure for Distribution. Join Us!!

Lastly, in preparation for our rapidly upcoming June 2015/2016 Election of Officers, Chaplain Mike Romero again offered his services, to serve as Chairman, Nomination Committee. Anyone interested in assisting, please immediately contact Chaplain Mike (mjromero4@gmail.com).

**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.

### **Officers Reports**

**Harry Ciruli – Adjutant:** At present we have 445 paid members. We have totaling **502** 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 145 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

We can now use Square to pay dues or buy Hats and caps, etc. (Credit card).

**Rich Callan - 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice Commander:** I am available to assist the Commander for any assignments or assigned duties he may assign.

**Boys State:** To date, there are 3 confirmed Boys State Applicants, all from Heritage High School. I will continue to work with school counselors to seek more Boys State applicants.

**Roger Masse - 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice Commander:** Post breakfast March 14<sup>th</sup>. 2015 at Englewood Elks Club 9:00 AM.

**Oratorical :** Post committee meets March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Buck Center to talk about how we want to go forward. Next state meeting is on April 4<sup>th</sup> at State Department, starts at 10:00 AM. Looking for sites to hold 2016 State Contest.

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

**Mike Romero- Chaplains' REPORT: MARCH 2015**

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

**Dave Penland,** is doing well in his rehabilitation at Briarwood Center.

**Walt Brown,** is up and walking with cane and walker, planning on attending a membership meeting.

**Duane Leiker,** is currently in rehabilitation at his home.

**Jim Clarke,** is currently at Someran, his wife, Darlene says he has good and bad days.

**Danny Fountain,** is currently is eating on his own, and is walking with his walker under supervision, will be released to home care soon.

**John Palmquist,** along with his wife Adreann, visiting with family in Florida, is doing well.

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

**Ray Pearson,** is back home after Eileen's heart attack, both doing well.

**Ed Pietsch,** our Post 103 Past Commander, is doing well after Pace-maker surgery.

**Fred Himelspach,** is home after back surgery, will soon have surgery on his arm and elbow. "Get well" card sent from our Post.

**Bryon Zimmerman,** is home for rehab after Stroke. "Get well" card sent from our Post.

**Al Bevilacqua,** had knee replacement surgery, is doing well. "Get well" card sent from our Post.

"Sympathy Card" sent to family of **Gary Konz,** also to family of **Tom Garrison.**

Please keep those mentioned, in our thoughts and prayers.

Please contact me at: 303-973-2493 or: [mjromero44@gmail.com](mailto:mjromero44@gmail.com) if you know of any member needing a visit or call.

**Lynn Peterson - Legion Baseball:** American Legion Baseball (ALB) and Colorado's American Legion Baseball (CALB) Program has been Active & becoming busier by the week, with much Planning & Preparation underway.

At the **Post 103 level**, we again will be Sponsoring several Littleton High School Lions Summer Baseball Teams, with expectations of Heritage High School Eagles Team(s). Hopefully, Sponsored Team Coaches will be able to attend our April or May Monthly General Membership Meeting(s).

With the increased Interest & Growth of Legion Baseball in the Metro Denver Area, more Local South Metro Teams will be joining too. More opportunities to watch our Local Youth Baseball Players. Post 103 has budgeted for potentially more Area Teams; as a result, Post 103 could be looking to add Sponsorship Team(s).

Lastly, at the **State-level**, in 2015 & 2016 Colorado will be Host to the American Legion Baseball Western Region 8 Tournament, to be held August 5 – 10, 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 possibly Participating in this Regional Tournament (Transportation, Catering, Concessions, Admission, etc.) OR Participating in (Golfer, Hole Sponsor/Attendent, Raffle/Silent Auction, etc)/Contributing (Donator) to one or more of the following Fundraiser Events: Two Golf Tournament's (June 13th @ Raccoon Creek, Littleton, CO and June 27<sup>th</sup> @ Fox Hollow, Lakewood, CO ) & Two Colorado Rockies Games (Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> CR vs SF Giants & Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> (Fathers Day) CR vs Milwaukee Brewers). Flyers for these Fundraising Events are Available. **Please Contact me for Details Now and Make your Reservations Soon!! Plan to Participate &/or Attend.**

**Also, If You would like to assist by Serving on the CALB/Post-SAL-Auxiliary 103 Planning Committee contact either myself ([lepeterson47@comcast.net](mailto:lepeterson47@comcast.net); 720-841-5079) or SAL Commander Nick Arceo ([nicrco@gmail.com](mailto:nicrco@gmail.com); 303-903-5262).**

**NOTE: These Golf Tournament Fundraisers are in our Back Yard; they're close to us in Littleton & Lakewood. Become apart of an Important Premiere Colorado American Legion Baseball Event.**

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

**JAG –Gene Foyle:** No Report.

**AVHG- Harry Giglio:** The AVHG had 18 services for the month of February. Calendar Year to date we have 37 services under our belt. Breakdown to date WWII-19,Korea 8,Vietnam 9,Memorial 1.

**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:** February was relatively busy with assistance to three veterans for rent and a renewed supply of gift cards to Arapahoe County VSO. A request for the fifth advance on our \$20,000 grant was submitted Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. No word, as yet, on our application for the 2015/2016 grant.

Anyone needing assistance please call me at 303-770-2857, or e-mail at [pdcal@q.com](mailto: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 123.55% over our goal and 100.% renewal. Thanks to all!

Our SAL Squadron continues to support our Post in all activities, veterans programs, fundraising, support to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, American Legion Baseball, Boys State, High School Oratorical Scholarship Program and a vast range of activities involving Americanism. If you are interesting in joining SAL, please see me for details. Thank you and God Bless America.

**Unfinished Business:** None

### **New Business**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2003 hours followed by refreshments.



**Janelle Rodriguez, President**

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American Legion Auxiliary meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 was opened at 7pm by President Janelle Rodriguez. Discussions included:

We have exceeded our membership goal from Department for the year! Yeah!! Thank you all for your paid dues, and a special thank you to Jean Jesser for tackling this yearly project.

We also discussed at length Girl's State – the fees for such have gone up this year per girl from \$300 to \$350, we have two girls so far interested in this great program, the amount that is being asked of each participant on the brochure is \$150 that leaves each unit responsible for \$200 per girl. The consensus was this year we have the money in our treasury to cover the \$200 fee per participant, we will then decide this Fall, after reviewing our budget, what we can do going forward. Please contact Marsha Callan at 303-779-5097 or via email at [callan5097@msn.com](mailto:callan5097@msn.com) if you might know of any girls that are Junior's right now that are going into their Senior year of high school that would be interested in Girl's State.

Please continue to bring any dry good/canned items to our meetings for the Redistribution Center. Our next meeting is April 1, 2015, 7pm at the Buck Recreation Center. I also look forward to seeing everyone at the Breakfast this Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 9am, at the Elks in Englewood.

*Janelle Rodriguez*  
Auxiliary President

**Post 103 Spotlights:** March Spotlight

Edward Butler

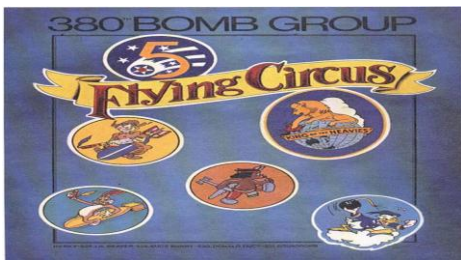
WWII



Army Air Corp Dec 9 1942- Oct 24 1945  
Basic Training Fort Lee Virginia  
Technical Training Air craft Welder/ Morse code  
Physical training Instructor in School



Assigned to B-24 as a Belly Gunner  
380 Bomb Group 5<sup>th</sup>. Air Force  
531<sup>st</sup> Bomb Squadron as part of the Flying Circus  
Member of the Flying Circus Association



Patches was Name of plane during Service  
After WWII service

Became an Electrical Engineer studied at Denver University/ Colorado University



Worked for ATT for 38 years

American Legion

Post 103 AVHG

Married wife Paula in 1942

Met While she was doing Portraits at a USO-NCCS for Service Members wife was Portrait and greeting card Painter

Have five Children

Luckiest Person Alive

