



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

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- 5-21-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 5-28-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6-1-2015- Officers meeting-6:30 PM-Buck Rec. Center
- 6-3-2015- General Membership meeting-7:00 PM-Buck Rec. Center
- 6-4-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6-11-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6-18-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6-25-2015- Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6-26-2015-6-28-2015- Department Convention

Englewood Elks- 3690 S. Jason St., Englewood, CO
 Buck Rec. Center—2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton, CO
 Bingo – Slammers Bingo Hall Slammers Bingo Hall-1884 S. Wadsworth-
 Lakewood, CO

COMMANDER’S COMMENTS It’s Armed Forces Week!!! Many Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day annually on the third Saturday of May. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve the United States’ armed forces. Armed Forces Day is also part of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May.

So.....Happy Armed Forces Week & Day Fellow Veterans, Comrades & Legionnaires!! Join in on your local community events. Show your Colors.

Of late, We’re all reminded that it’s Spring Time in the Rockies & Yes, though always appreciated, we’ve had our Share of Rain; not to mention a Rare Mothers Day snow. Great to be in Colorado.

Also, it’s Time to Spread some more Patriotism in you neighborhood & work place. Speaking of which, we now have our Newly Updated George C. Evans Post 103 Tri-fold Brochure. What a perfect tool for spreading the word about Post 103 and What We Do for

Veterans, Our Country & Patriotism. **If you would like some Post 103 Tri-fold Brochure flyers to share, give me a holler. I will arrange to see that you get some.**

I'm not bashful to ask, but..... We Need a few more Good Post Legionnaires to Step Up. Only requirement.... Must be a Busy Person. You see, Busy people are the one's who most often get things done. So be a Busy Buddy and let us know your interest(s). We always can use more of you and your interests, talents & gifts. **Become Involved.**

Likewise, We're Recruiting Interested Legionnaires to Serve on & Provide Color Guard Duty on an, as needed basis. It's Simple, not requiring much time. For further information, please contact either 2nd Vice Cmdr. Roger Masse, Adjutant Harry Ciruli and/or myself. You will not regret it. I anticipate numerous community Events that we can show up for & show off for. Let us know.

Thank You's go out to our attending Legionnaires, Auxiliary & Sons of the American Legion members attending our May 9^h Bi-monthly Post 103 Breakfast at Englewood Elks Lodge. Despite the Rain, 40+ present, including attendance by former Post 103 Stalwart Members Gary & Pam Bone, who reside in Castle Rock. Thanks for Coming & for your Efforts in securing Post 103's "Haus" & current owners Post & Unit 103 Members Jonn & Cheri Neuroth.

Again, a reminder of our upcoming June 2015/2016 Post 103 Officer Elections at our June 3rd General Membership Meeting. Current Nominations include: Commander – Richard Callan, 1st Vice Cmdr. – Roger Masse, 2nd Vice Cmdr. – Bill Brudwick, Adjutant – Harry Ciruli, Finance Officer – Wayne Arguello, Service Officer – Fred Himelspace, Chaplain – Mike Romero, Judge Advocate/Historian – Gene Foyle, Sergeant-at-Arms – Rip Hobson, and AVHG – Harry Giglio. Officer Nominations remain Open for Others.

In closing, several Important upcoming Events.

Cherry Creek West Middle School Memorial Day Program – Thursday, May 22 & Friday, May 22. Volunteers Needed.

Dedication of Englewood Veterans Monument Invitation; Englewood HS, Sunday, May 24th. Participants Needed.

Colorado Rockies vs SF Giants Fundraiser Game – Sunday, May 24th @ 2:00 Pm w/Post 103 Color Guard. Attendance Needed.

Memorial Day Program Events – Participants Needed.

Littleton Cemetery; 8Am

WWII Memorial @ Ketring Park, 10Am

Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary & Cemetery; 11:30Am

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, John Palmquist 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: Presently we have totaling **504** Post 103 members, of which 455 have paid their dues, and we have 24 members in the SAL 103 Squadron. 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 on file. 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 - 1st. Vice Commander: No report for Vice Commander for this month.

Boys State: We now have 4 candidates, and possibly 3 more from Mountain Vista and 2 from Arapahoe High School."

Roger Masse - 2nd. Vice Commander: I am starting to work on the Post picnic in July.

Oratorical: Meets once a month 1st. Saturday at Department, no meeting June or July.

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

Mike Romero- Chaplains' REPORT: APRIL 2015

Danny Fountain, is now well and strong enough to attend our Legion Bingos on Thursdays.

Duane Leiker, is doing well enough to attend some, All Veterans Honor Guard Services at Ft. Logan.

A “Sympathy Card was mailed to the family of Melvin Frohardt on 4-15-2015, also to Stanley and Joyce Goggin on the loss of his Mother, also to Hugh and Monica Norwood on the loss of their Son.

Please keep those mentioned, 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

American Legion Baseball (ALB) and Colorado’s American Legion Baseball (CALB) Program have completed Team Registration & Game Scheduling. Visit www.calb.org for further details; **Team Game Schedules are currently Posted. Plan to Attend our Sponsored Teams League Games this Summer.**

For the 2015 Boys of Summer American Legion Baseball Program, Post 103 has Sponsored Three local High Schools – Littleton, Heritage & Englewood, representing Six Teams: 1) Littleton High School Lions Legion B & C; 2) Heritage High School Eagles Legion C1 & C2; and 3) Englewood High School Pirates Legion B & C Team(s).

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. **Help us out** by Participating in (Golfer, Hole Sponsor/Attendant, 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 July 12th @ 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 Contact me for Details Now and Make your Reservations Soon!! Plan to Participate &/or Attend.**

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

Month of April had 13 services.

We also had 19 Honor Guard Member receive awards at the Veterans Banquet totaling 32,943 cumulative hours for the team.

Bingo Manager – Ed Pietsch: The Bingo Team made a profit of \$1,145 for the month and paid out \$274 in Post expenses. One of our regular players who is also a Post member hit our Progressive Bingo Jackpot for over \$4,400 in April. While that was great news for him, it eliminated our Must Go day in May and it will delay our big Must Go payday for approximately 3 months.

Please consider joining us on any Thursday at the Slammers Bingo Hall which is located at 1884 South Wadsworth Boulevard (the northeast corner of Wadsworth and Jewell). Our session starts at 11:30 am and usually ends about 1:45 pm. We also have special occasions such as the TV drawing or “Must Go” days when we give away our Bingo Progressive Jackpot of more than \$5,000 and the crowds are much larger than normal. We always can use extra hands on these days.

If you have questions please call Ed Pietsch at 720-287-2108, Cal Wilson 303-470-7206 or our newest manager, Harry Ciruli at 720-287-2139.

Service Officer – Pat Callahan April was a slow month for activity in assisting veterans, primarily due to the Arapahoe County Veterans Service Officer and his assistant being involved in about a two week training session. However, during this same period the Post did receive the long awaited 5th and 6th advances on our \$20,000 grant. The advances came to \$4803.11, leaving a paltry sum of \$149.63 to be requested from State. In April on, y two veterans were assisted with rent needs. In May, so far, two assisted have been made both for rent assist. These four assists reduced our funds by \$2695.00. Purchase of Walmart and King Soopers gift cards further reduced our funds by \$1,970.00, leaving the grant fund with a balance of \$789.86 as of this writing. Within weeks we will be looking to dip into Post funds that have been set aside for the “gap months – That period between the end of the 2014/2015 grant and the beginning of the 2015/20126 allotment. The need is great – funds are limited.

As my fourth year as your Service Officer comes to a close let me assure you that Fred is willing and more than able to continue the task at hand. I will be at his beck and call, should he need assistance.

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.

Scholarships

Descendants of Veterans Scholarships – Ed Pietsch & Fred Himelspach

The Post had received no applications for our new **Descendants of Veterans Scholarships** by May 1st.

We still may be receiving one from a relative of a Post member. We will be getting the information out earlier and more widely publicized next year.

The Post Scholarship Committee for the **Claire Davis Memorial Scholarships** at Arapahoe High School had tough decisions to make in reviewing the fourteen applications received. After two rounds of review, the Committee had narrowed it down to three deserving applicants. A Motion was made to the Executive Board to award three scholarships instead of two since we had money available from the Descendants of Veterans Scholarships. The Board approved this motion and the following individuals were notified that they would be awarded \$2,000 each as the 2nd Annual Claire Davis Memorial Scholarship winners: Elijah Bachali, Meagan Bruno and Kristen Stucker. These outstanding scholars and community volunteers and their families have been invited to our June meeting to receive their Scholarship Certificates.

The Post Scholarship Committee for the Claire Davis Memorial Scholarship consist of Post Members Fred Himelsbach (Co- Chairman), Michael Romero, Howard Olsen, and Roger Masse and myself. Also, Connie Sevinson, the owner of Compleat Lifestyles and a partner with the Post on these scholarships, is a Committee person. Compleat Lifestyles donates \$2,000 to the Post each year to fund one of the Scholarship. Fred and I thank everyone for their effort in reviewing the applications and making selection recommendations.

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



Nick Arceo, Squadron Commander
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SAL – Nick Arceo Thank you all S.A.L. members we continue to grow in numbers. With that being said, are you aware you can become a duel member? That's right, you can be a Legion member and join our S.A.L. If your Father or Grandfather served in service to our Great country, you are eligible. What a great way to honor your Father or Grandfather be becoming a Duel Member. Please see for details. As a member of S.A.L. you will be a part of the American Legion and all the Support to our Veterans and families. I hope that you will consider becoming a Duel Member. Currently Post 103 has several Duel memberships. Why not join us today.

Nick Arceo

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours followed by refreshments.



Janelle Rodriguez, President

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Unit 103 American Legion Auxiliary meeting was opened at 7:00pm by President Janelle Rodriguez on May, 6th with 14 members in attendance. First of all, thanks to Marsha Callan our Unit will be sending four girls to Girls State beginning the first week of June, we appreciate her hard work on this very worthwhile project. Next our major fundraiser of selling poppies is Saturday, May 23rd – this year we will be split between two locations – King Sooper’s at 9551 S University Blvd and 1927 S Wadsworth Blvd each respectively beginning at 11am and going to 3pm, signup sheets were passed at the meeting, Darlene Romero has the final list, please contact her as necessary to find time and where you signed up to be – we have plenty of poppies and flags and thank all of our fellow Legion and SAL members for donating of their time to help our cause! Three Memorial services will take place May 25th, beginning at 8am, 10am and 11:30am – please see main newsletter for location of each, we look forward to seeing all at one or more of these. We elected new officers to the Auxiliary and in June these ladies will officially take their new/retained duties over, we will be celebrating such with finger foods and drinks –

President – Janelle Rodriguez
Vice President – Open
Recording Secretary – Marsha Callan
Treasurer – Adreann Palmquist
Historian – Joyce Leiker
Sergeant of Arms – JoAnn Giglio
Chaplain – Darlene Romero

Please continue to bring items for the Redistribution Center in June –

Janelle Rodriguez
Auxiliary President

Post 103 Spotlights: May Spotlight