

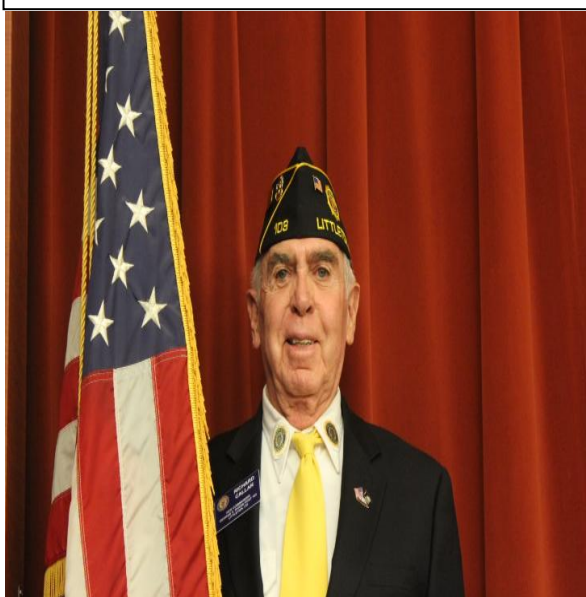


“For God and Country” GEORGE C. EVANS POST 103 “United We Stand”

“The Leader Post” November 2015

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- 11-19-15 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall**
- 11-21-15 POST BANQUET Englewood Elks-12:00 PM**
- 11-26-15 NO BINGO “Thanksgiving”**
- 11-30-15 BOARD MEETING Buck Rec. Center-6:30 PM**
- 12-02-15 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting-7:00 PM**
- 12-03-15 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall**
- 12-10-15 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall**
- 12-17-15 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall**

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

COMMANDERS COMMENTS:

I wish to submit my Monthly Report to the membership of Post 103 for November, 2016. At our monthly Executive Board meeting on November 2, 2015, routine administrative and financial details were discussed.

On Wednesday, November 4th, the monthly meeting of the members of Post 103 held the regular General Membership meeting. We had the pleasure of having in attendance Jimmy Walker, 5th District Commander. Commander Walker delivered a timely update on current Legion activities and programs.

The Executive Officers and Programs chairmen delivered their reports to the membership. I extend my sincere appreciation to all of these gentlemen for their hard work and devotion to our Post.

On Saturday, November 21st, we will hold our annual banquet at the Englewood Elks Lodge. Social hour will begin at 12 noon, with the meal being served at 1:00 PM, followed by a short program, with awards and prizes. There is no cost for this gala event!

In closing, I wish to extend my gratitude to all Post 103 members for their continuing support. It is sincerely appreciated by me.

“We Want You”

I want to issue a clarion call for members of Post 103 to step up and become part of the Post Management team. I would like more members volunteer and become involved in our many activities.

I don't expect any member to become a part of this august body, however, there is a need for post members to assist in special projects that require a brief period of time to be part of a special project or assist in an ongoing task. So, please make an effort to join your peers in becoming part of **“The Leader Post”**

Please contact myself or 1st Vice Commander, Roger Masse, to let us know that you are willing to volunteer for these important functions.

Remember, we are the **“The Leader Post”** because of its membership!

Richard Callan
Commander

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting was gaveled to order at 1900 hrs. Adjutant Harry Ciruli declared that there was a quorum present.

Past Commanders present at tonight's meeting:

Rich Carlson, Mike Romero, Ed Pietsch, Dean Casey, Pat Callahan, and Bud Goodwin

World War II Veterans Present at tonight's meeting:

Five Veterans from WWII were present at tonight's Meeting and we all thank you for your Service.

Officers Reports

Harry Ciruli – Adjutant:

The good news is out of 449 members we have 317 that have paid their dues. I would like to have all dues in by December 31st. 2015. So the members can avoid National's dues increase. If you have any questions give me a call. DD214's are required to show proof that all members were honorably discharged, I also need them in case a member's family can't find their DD214 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. Please get your membership renewal in ASAP.

Roger Masse - 1st. Vice Commander:

It is the beginning of Color Guard season. I need volunteers for the games at various schools. Please email me at drivercoach69@yahoo.com. You can also call me at 719-648-2818 for more information and details.

Colorado Oratorical State Chairman's' Report

The Colorado State Oratorical Contest will be held on March 12, 2016. We are still looking for a site, which we will announce at the November meeting. I attended the Fall Conference for District 11 in Gunnison and had some positive responses. I also went to the National Americanism Conference in Indianapolis for Oratorical training. There was a great turnout and I learned very important information.

Oratorical:

Meets once a month, on first Saturday of the month, at Department Headquarters. There are no meetings in June or July.

Boys State: No report

Bill Brudwick – 2nd Vice Commander: No report

Finance Officer – Ed Pietsch:

A Quarterly Report was presented to the Membership, reporting that we are in very good shape concerning Post Finances.

Mike Romero - Chaplains' Report:

Joyce Tuepker is currently at home in rehabilitation resulting from an accident. A "Get Well" Card was sent to her on behalf of Post 103 Officers and Membership. We all wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you at our meetings soon.

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: No Report

Sergeant-At-Arms- Rip Hobson: 37 Members were present at our meeting.

JAG –Gene Foyle: No Report.

AVHG- Harry Giglio:

We had 16 services for the month of October. Year to date we have completed 195 services. The breakdown by service era is: WWII-74, Korea-50, Vietnam-62, Gulf War-3, and memorial services-6.

We are on target to do approximately 230 service for the year.

Bingo Manager – Ed Pietsch:

We had one of our best totals at the last "Must Go" on November 5th. It was a great success as has been our entire year so far. We will have our most profitable ever. We have a tremendous team of volunteers, who provide our customers enjoyable experience. I want to thank each of our volunteers for all they do.

Most of you know, the Post would not be able to run our many programs and activities without the funds the Post receives from Bingo Operations. For example: When you enjoy your free banquet meal, thank a volunteer for making it possible.

We can always use more volunteers, so please come out and join us and our very loyal customers. Our Bingo customer sessions are on Thursday at Slammers Bingo Hall at the northeast corner of S.Wadsworth and Jewell. The session begins at 11:30AM. and ends about 2:00PM. Volunteers should arrive NLT 10:00AM. You can also join our early-bird workers who arrive about 8:45AM.

Service Officer –Fred Himelspach:

Beginning the 1st. of November, I received a \$1,000.00 assistance request for help on a Utility bill. The Arapahoe Service Officers are telling me to expect heavy demands in the month of November and December.

Historian - Gene Foyle: No report:

SAL Commander - Nick Arceo



Nick Arceo, Squadron Commander
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Thank you all SAL members! Our goal for membership is 18. Currently we are at 25 members, 147.06% and we are 100% renewal. Did you know many of the SAL members are duel members? That's right; you can become a duel member also if you qualify. If your father or grandfather served in the armed forces you can join SAL Squadron 103. This is a great way to honor them. Please see for more information.

The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) is a program established in 1933. Since then, the SAL has assisted the American Legion with its programs and activities. SAL assists the American Legion and the Citizens Flag Alliance in their efforts to secure a constitutional amendment to protect the flag of the United States from desecration.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

For the Good of the Legion:

A 50/50 drawing was held, and the lucky recipient was Fred Himelspach. He donated half to AVHG and half to Meals on Wheels. A good choice and thanks Fred.

The meeting was adjourned at 1940 hours followed by refreshments.



Janelle Rodriguez, President

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Post 103 American Legion Auxiliary meeting began at 7pm on Wednesday, November 5, 2014; we welcomed one guest to the meeting. Darlene Romero was able to drop off all the coats donated at the October 2014 meeting and it was so well received, we have asked all to bring in additional coats, and warm clothing for the December meeting, so a donation can be made again. We also had donations for the Redistribution Center; for December please remember to bring flour and sugar, any food items will be taken.

Membership is coming along nicely, almost to our goal of 40 members; Jean Jesser will follow up on this for the December meeting. We also heard an Oratorical Speech from Cameron Thomas, he will be presenting such on December 6th for our local post contest and again at the State competition on January 3rd. Sherry Pietsch will get the gift cards for the Annual Banquet being held November 22nd at 12:30pm, Elks Lodge in Englewood.

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 2nd. beginning at 7pm – we will have a short business meeting followed by a social time of drinks and appetizer/dessert foods, please bring an item to share. We look forward to seeing you there!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Janelle Rodriguez
Auxiliary President



Post Spotlight:
Kenneth Hopper

WWII Army

September 1946 to March 1948

PFC

Fort McClelland Alabama

After Infantry Training was shipped to Korea via Troop Ship to Inchon Korea

To fill in ranks for the Occupation Army

32nd Infantry 7th Division Charlie Company

The 32nd embarked for [Korea](#) to receive the [surrender](#) of all the Japanese troops south of the 38th parallel. During its campaigns through the Pacific, the 32nd Infantry Regiment traveled 16,910 miles. During the regiment's occupation stay in Korea, infantrymen obtained a preview of their future tour in the Korean War.



32nd Infantry Coat of Arms

After service in World War II Studied Civil Engineering at what is now Colorado State University with one year at Pueblo Junior College and went into Advanced ROTC Training sophomore year of College Commissioned as an Officer a year Before Graduation

Was in the Army Reserves 5 years while working Various Civil Engineering jobs

After discharge from the Reserves became an engineer at Boeing then came to Martin Marietta and retired in 1989

Married 64 years to Nellie Hopper

Two children a Daughter and son

Grandkids and great grandkids.