



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

“The Leader Post” January 2016

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1-21-2016 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall
- 1-28-2016 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall
- 2-1-2016 Officers Board Meeting Buck Recreation Center 6:30 PM
- 2-3-2016 General Membership Meeting Buck Recreation Center 7:00 PM
- 2-8-2016 George C. Evans, Birthday
- 2-4-2016 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall
- 2-11-2016 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall
- 2-18-2016 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall
- 2-25-2016 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 Blvd.

COMMANDERS COMMENTS:

The Holiday time is behind us, and I sincerely wish that one and all had a healthy, happy and joyous season, spent with your loved ones.

The Post has received a request from Cindy Orton, Leader of Girl Scout Troop 256, to seek a donation for the purchase of Girl Scout Cookies to be sent to the Troops .

The request was discussed at the Executive Board Meeting and a vote was taken to approve a donation of \$250.00. The topic was brought to the General Meeting and a vote and motion to approve this request was made. The troop will be present at the February meeting, and a Check in the above amount, will be presented to Girl Scout Troop 256 at that time.

On Saturday, January 9th, Post 103 participated in a ceremony at Ft. Logan Cemetery, to honor those veterans who did not receive an individual military service burial. Members of Post103, and our Ladies Auxiliary Unit were in attendance.

The Post breakfast will be held March 12th at Englewood Elks Lodge, a reminder will be posted in our February Newsletter Calendar next month.

I read an email from Tyler Beck, a Boys State participant in 2015, informing me that he has received his appointment to the United State Naval Academy! I want to extend a sincere appreciation to Tyler for his many accomplishments.

We will be presenting at the February General Meeting, "The Four Chaplains" ceremony.

I want to wish "Fair Winds and Following Seas" to all Post members

“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 to volunteer and become involved in our activities.

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

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 our Membership Meeting were, Bud Goodwin, Dean Casey, and Mike Romero.

Five World War II Veterans were also present at our Membership Meeting.

Officers Report

Harry Ciruli - Adjutant:

The good news is, out of 471 members we have 391 that have paid their dues. I would like to have all dues in by February 2016. If you have any questions give me a call.

A copy of your DD214 is required to show proof that you as a Veteran were honorably discharged. I also need them in case a member's family can't find the DD214 for their loved ones funeral.

I have 145 DD214's at present on file. Please call me to confirm that I have your DD214 on file. My phone No. is: 720-287-2139. If there are any address and/or Email changes let me know.

Remember please get your membership renewal in ASAP.

Roger Masse - 1st Vice Commander:

Oratorical Speech Contest-

We will hold the Oratorical competition at Metropolitan State College, March 12, 2015. We will be needing volunteers for that day. Also, anyone that knows any high school students between 9th and 12th grades you are welcome to invite them to compete in the contest. They are eligible to compete all 4 years they are students, unless they win the National Contest in April 2016. Scholarships are given at the State level and at the National level. For more information contact: Roger Masse 1st Vice Commander.

Change in Oratorical Meeting Schedule:

Meetings will be held at The Buck Recreation Center, on the 6th, and 20th of February, with the last meeting on the 5th of March. Site for those meetings is: the Center Conference Room, behind the Front Desk. Meetings will begin at: 7:00AM.

Color Guard Season:

I need volunteers for the games at various schools. If you are interested, please email me at drivercoach69@yahoo.com. You can also call me at 719-648-2818 for more information and details. Thank you.

Bill Brudwick - 2nd Vice Commander: No Report

Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch: No Report

Mike Romero - Chaplains' Report:

Pat Callahan, Fell and gashed his left arm and in the process, hurt his back. As a result, home unable to do activities he likes to do.

Duane Leiker, Had the first of two neck surgeries, his wife Joyce says the surgery has made a remarkable improvement in his health and they will be doing the second surgery shortly.

Al Bevilacqua, Received a good report at his January 11th meeting with his doctor. He will be having a “follow up” exam in three months.

John Palmquist, Continues with his Dialysis treatments and is doing just fine health wise.

Ray Pearson and **Eileen Bennett**, Are still living at MorningStar, health wise, they are doing very well. Ray spends some of his leisure time playing Bingo, and the Post 103 Bingo volunteers miss him every Thursday.

Please, let's keep those mentioned, in our thoughts and prayers.

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 January meeting.

JAG - Gene Foyle: No Report.

AVHG- Harry Giglio:

The AVHG had 224 services for the year 2015. The breakdown was WWII-83, Korea-58, Vietnam-74, Gulf War-3, and Memorial Services-6.

The team had 17 services the month of December. The AVHG handled the Special Service on Saturday, 11:am, January 9th, at Ft Logan.

The AVHG received \$800 in donations in the memory of Chuck Blemler's wife Thelma, who passed in November. Chuck sends his thanks to everyone for their kind support.

Service Officer - Fred Himelspach:

We are in the Third Quarter of the Grant Assistance Program. Monday I sent my Second Quarter Report to the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs.

A quick summary of the Grant Assistance Transactions includes, a little over \$7300.00, directly to, helping three veterans with their rent and one veteran with utility charges. We also purchased a total of 60 Gift Cards in three different occasions.

*I am focusing on completing the Application for next year (2016-2017). They are accepting the **Original Signed copy of the Applications beginning December 1st, 2015 and no later than March 1st, 2016.** This is the **Veterans Trust Fund** and the **Veterans Assistance Grant.***

My goal is to have the Application completed and signed by the end of the January. I plan to ask for \$30,000 for the next year.

Historian - Gene Foyle: No report:

SAL Commander - Nick Arceo:



Nick Arceo, Squadron Commander
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Thank you, SAL members! We are holding strong at 25 members! Many of those members are Duel members! Please see me for more details on this! Colorado has a goal of 3,088 members for 2016; we are at 49.39% of that goal. If you join, you will help us get to our goal. Don't forget our Mid-Year Conference is coming up. This exciting event is scheduled for January 21-23, 2016. See Harry Ciruli for details. The Sons of the American Legion always has great workshops and information to share.

I have confirmed with Raccoon Creek that our SAL golf Tournament is on for this year. Date TBD. I would like to thank Past Commander Lynn Peterson and CALB for passing on this opportunity to use last years' deposit money and the work they put into this, that has made it possible this year for us to host this great Golf Tournament! I will be reaching out to SAL members to assist me with this event that will help with monetary donations going to the American Legion Children Welfare Foundation. The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion, and the Ladies Auxiliary form the Legion Family. A family with a total membership of nearly 3.6 million members! Thank You All!

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

For the Good of the Legion:

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



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The meeting of Unit 103 was called to order at 7pm on January 6th at the Buck Recreation Center. We discussed membership goals and Mid-Year Convention happening this next weekend of January 22-24 in Longmont, sponsored by Post 32. I want to extend a thank you to JoAnn Giglio for her idea of bringing cards to recycle and to all who brought cards or dropped off such to her - they will be put to a good use! Also, a huge thank you to all who brought items especially diapers for the Redistribution Center – February's donation will be canned meat.

I truly hope 2016 is treating everyone well and continues to do so!

See you at our February, 3rd meeting at 7pm!

Janelle Rodriguez
Auxiliary President

Post Spotlight: No Spotlight this month.