



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

“The Leader Post” February 2016

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2-18-2016 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall
 - 2-25-2016 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall
 - 2-29-2016 Officers Meeting Buck Rec. Ctr, 6:30 pm
 - 3-2-2016 General Membership Meeting
Buck Rec. Ctr, 7:00 pm
 - 3-3-2016 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall
 - 3-5-2016 Post Breakfast Englewood Elks, 9:00 am
 - 3-10-2016 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall
 - 3-12-2019 State Oratorical Contest Metro State Univ.
 - 3-17-2016 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall
 - 3-24-2016 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall
 - 3-31-2016 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 month of February, 2016 is a very active period for the Post. Here are some the ongoing programs:

On February 3rd, it was pleasure to present a check in the amount of \$250.00 to Cindy Orton Girl Scout Troop 256 Leader, to purchase Girl Scout cookies for shipment to U.S troops deployed to the Middle East. Our thanks to Cindy and her Girl Scouts!

At the General Meeting on February 3rd, a presentation of the "Four Chaplains Ceremony" was conducted by Post personnel. It was well received by all present!

Plans and site for the annual Post 103 Picnic have been firmed up. The picnic will start at 1:00 pm, on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at the same location as last year. Details to follow. As a note, Bill Brudwick has arranged for a special guest to attend. This guest is the son of one of

one of our regular Bingo players, he happens to be an NFL Official, and will give a talk about the NFL, players, games, etc!

At this the General Meeting we also celebrated the birthday of the Post Namesake, George C. Evans. All present enjoyed cake and refreshments. Happy Birthday George!

On March 5th, we will hold another Post Breakfast at the Englewood Elks Lodge. The cost is \$5.00 for anyone attending. This is an excellent event where we can meet, socialize and enjoy ourselves in a relaxing atmosphere. I look forward to seeing you!

On March 12th, the State Oratorical Event will be held. Roger Masse is the State Oratorical Chairmen, and he is asking for Post Members to serve as volunteers. This is your chance to take part in one of our many functions. I would ask that you become involved and contact Roger to offer your services. Thanks!

“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, Mike Romero, Ed Pietsch, and Lynn Peterson.

Three WWII Veteran Members were also present; they were, Bud Goodwin, Chuck Blemmer and Jack Pansini.

Officers Report

Harry Ciruli - Adjutant:

The good news is, out of 479 members we have 405 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 currently on file. Please call me to confirm that I have your DD214 on file. My phone 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:

Membership is the duty of the 1st Vice Commander.

This year at the Mid-Year Conference we received three Certificates' of Recognition awarded to, Dean Casey, Lynn Peterson and your First Vice Commander. They were signed by the National Commander.

Oratorical Report:

We now have 22 entries in the contest. We have contestants from the Front Range and one from Olathe Co. We still need help from the post for usher, escorts, tabulators, time keepers, and help in general. Contest is March 12, 2016 at Metro State University 7:00 a.m. Contest starts at 9:00Am in the Student Success Building. We are still working on parking. We will send out a map of the campus. Any questions please call Roger Masse at 719-648-2818. If no answer, leave me a message or you can email me at: drivercoachamlegionoratorical@gmail.com.

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.

Thank you.

Bill Brudwick - 2nd Vice Commander: No Report

Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch:

January Post Financial Report

We had a negative month in January with Post expenses exceeding income by a few hundred dollars. This is largely due to paying a few bills while I was on vacation and holding all deposits. Thus, both income and expenses will pick up in February. We anticipate a negative trend for the next several months until the membership drive begins in July. It is just that time of year.

Mike Romero - Chaplains' Report:

Margaret, Mother of **Harry Ciruli** Post 103 Adjutant, and Wife of **Bob Vunovich**, "Stepfather" to Harry, passed away recently. Her funeral was held in Colorado Springs on February 6, and will be buried in Bearcreek, Montana.

Pat Callahan, was released from SkyRidge February 8, after being admitted for chest pains earlier in the week. He was given a thorough examination and it was decided to treat him with medication, although he may be on oxygen from now on.

Ruth, Rip Hobson's, Wife was also released from the hospital February 8, after having hip surgery. Her hip replacement was a success; she's walking and feeling great.

Joyce, Wife of **Duane Leiker**, sent me this Text: "He is breathing on his own, twice a day 1-2 hrs. Will probably do a trek (sp) this week so tube can be removed."

Sherry Pietsch, Wife of **Ed Pietsch**, was admitted to SkyRidge Hospital after taking a nasty spill resulting in breaks to her left arm, while clearing ice and snow from their driveway. She was released on the 11th of February and will be at home getting well.

Our Post sent a "Sympathy Card" to the Family of **Jim Gates**, Past Department Commander, On the passing of his wife **Judy**.

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:

While it's just February, 2016 American Legion Baseball in Colorado, is "Well & Alive" with an expanding program year planned ahead. Upcoming 2016 Colorado American Legion Baseball (CALB) Team Registration & Scheduling Meetings will be in, March & April.

Geo. C. Evans Post 103, the Expected 2016 Sponsored American Legion Baseball Teams include: perennial Littleton Lions, coached by New Head Coach Bob Bote, assisted by Nationally & Colorado recognized Jim Danley & 2nd Year Englewood Pirates, with other area High School Baseball Teams Expected...Stay Tuned.

Look for more exciting Legion Baseball News in the coming months.

Sergeant-at-arms - Rip Hobson:

We had 22 members at our February meeting.

JAG - Gene Foyle: No Report.

AVHG- Harry Giglio:

The AVHG had 17 services for the month of January.

Our team also did the special Saturday service at Ft. Logan for 29 Veterans who had not received Military Honors during the December time period.

Last year our team had over 9600 hours of service at Ft. Logan.

Service Officer - Fred Himelspach:

Quick summary: In the last two weeks of December and the month of January, we assisted six Veterans for rents, rent deposits, mortgage payments, HOA payments, and gift cards at a cost of a little over 5,400 dollars.

We are running low on Grant money and I plan to send in my request for a third advancement from the Grant next week.

I am working on the completion of our 2016-2017 VTF Grant Application. Most of the application is drafted, and I need to put it all together. The requirements have changed due to the results of the Audit that were performed last year.

Bingo:

The funds necessary to run our most Post programs and projects are derived from our Bingo operations. Bingo funds pay for two-thirds of the total Post expenses every year. We finished 2015 with one of our best regular (non-Must Go) bingo sessions of the year and achieved our most profitable year ever. January picked up where we left off in December.

We thank all our Legion and Auxiliary volunteers for their assistance but we could use more help. Please consider joining us at Slammers Bingo Hall (northeast corner of Jewell and Wadsworth) every Thursday morning. The session runs from 11:30am to about 2pm.

Volunteers should arrive by 10 am.

Historian - Gene Foyle: No report:

SAL Commander - Nick Arceo:



Nick Arceo, Squadron Commander
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The Sons of the American Legion had some great accomplishments last year! Here are a few examples: 11,924 hours with \$62,056. Went to the Family Support Network. 122,398 hours, and \$620,738. Were in support of other Children & Youth programs, bringing the total yearly donations of all C&Y programs in at \$1,203,088. With 202,240 service hours! A total of 734,592 hours, and \$2,127,994. In support of Americanism programs! 2015 membership was 358,280 members in 6,072 squadrons in 54 Detachments! This is just a few examples of what The Sons of the American Legion do to support The American Legion and their programs. Thank you all so much! If you are interested in becoming a Son, please see me.

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.



Janelle Rodriguez, President

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Unit 103 met on February 3, 2016, the meeting was brought to order by President Janelle Rodriguez – we discussed the Mid Year meeting and membership luncheon, also the Oratorical Contest taking place March 12th, at 8am, we did have volunteers sign up for that day, if anyone else would enjoy helping that day, please contact Janelle at her email address listed below. We also met with the Legion to watch the Four Chaplains Memorial Service and enjoyed dessert after the meeting. Please keep tab of all you do to report back to the Auxiliary for the yearly report due in May, I will look forward to collecting the final papers at our May meeting.

Janelle Rodriguez
Auxiliary President

Post Spotlight:



Ed Winters
Army
Korean War 1952-1954

Basic Training

San Luis Obispo California

Was sent to Power Maintenance Controller School

Stationed at White Sands New Mexico



Worked while Stationed there

Survey Crew

Power Maintenance Controller

And drove Trucks



After Serving during the Korean war worked in the food sales Business sold food to Commissary and Exchanges and to different food Company

American Legion Member

Gideon Member

Serves food to Homeless

Married 63 years to Beverly

3 children 9 grandchildren 2 great grand children