



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

"The Leader Post" April 2016

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 4-21-2016 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall
- 4-28-2016 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall
- 5-2-2016 Officers Meeting 6:30 PM
Rio Grande Rm. Buck Rec. Ctr.
- 5-4-2016 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
Buck Rec. Center
- 5-5-2016 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall
- 5-7-2016 Post Breakfast Englewood Elks
9:00 AM-11:00 AM
- 5-12-2016 "MUST GO BINGO" Slammers Bingo Hall
- 5-19-2016 BINGO Slammers Bingo Hall
- 5-26-2016 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 April, 2016 is a very active period for the Post. Here are some the ongoing programs:

We are approaching the time of year when we begin the nomination process for the 2016/2017 business year. I would kindly ask for Post members to consider participating in becoming a member of the Executive Committee. These tasks can easily be learned, and support from current and former board members is always available. Positions available are: Commander, Historian, Judge Advocate, and Service Officer. Possibly other positions will be available. Any expenses incurred by a member are fully reimbursable. If you are interested in any position, please contact: Post Chaplain: Mike Romero, 303-973-2493 or mjromero44@gmail.com also Post Adjutant: Harry Ciruli, hciruli@comcast.net

"Your Legion Post Needs You!"

Please remember, Memorial Day is approaching and we are finalizing plans for our three traditional ceremonies which will be at Littleton Cemetery, the Littleton WWII Memorial at Kettering Park and Chapel Hill Cemetery. The first two are conducted jointly with VFW Post 4466, and the last one is just Post 103 participants. Details will be included in the May Newsletter.

Our Bingo operation continues to perform in a very effective manner, under the strong leadership of Ed Pietsch. Bingo continues to produce the revenues which are the main source of support for the many activities the Post sponsors. I would also like to thank the many volunteers who contribute to this very important function.

This is the time of the year that the Boys State Program is recruiting high school junior students to apply for this excellent endeavor. I would ask that if any Post member knows of a high school junior who might be interested to contact myself or Roger Masse to learn more details. The website for Boys State is:

www.colegionboysstate.org To date we have 9 Boys State Applicants.

This offer applies to girls also, as there is a Girls State program as well.

The date for the next general meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7:00 PM May 4, 2016, at Buck Recreation Center. I look forward to seeing you!

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: Rich Carlson, Dean Casey, Al Rodriguez, Ed Pietsch, and Mike Romero.

Four WWII Veteran Members were also present; they were: Chuck Blemler, Doug Watts, Jack Pansini, and Lin Mathew

Officers Report

Harry Ciruli - Adjutant:

The good news is, out of 476 members we have 419 that have paid their dues. I would like to have all dues in by April 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: No Report

Bill Brudwick - 2nd Vice Commander: No Report

Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch:

January Post Financial Report

We had a break even month in March with Post expenses equaling Post income. Financial activity in the first quarter of every year is always pretty slow. We anticipate a negative trend for the next several months, until the membership drive begins in July.

Mike Romero - Chaplain:

I received a very warm "Thank You" card from **Darlene Clarke**, Wife of **James M. Clarke**, thanking me, and our AVHG for, as she said, "Beautiful Send Off" for her Husband Jim.

Thank you Darlene, it was our honor.

The Family of our Post 103 AVHG Commander, Harry Giglio, was sent a "Sympathy Card on the passing of his Father, Harold who was a WWII Marine.

Bud Goodwin, has had a rough two weeks with a stubborn cold that had him missing two weeks of bingo volunteering but, he assures me he's well now, and ready for bingo.

Another bingo volunteer, **Pat Callahan**, tells me that the doctors will be taking the cast off his foot and will decide if he can be fitted with orthopedic shoes. He is still on heart medication, and is doing as well as possible. He says he misses not being able to attend our bingo sessions.

I spoke with **John Palmquist**, he tells me he is doing as well as can be, all the tests he is given, indicate favorable results, and I know he misses not being able to attend bingo also.

Duane Leiker, has been moved to: Jewell Care Center of Denver, 4450 E. Jewell Ave. He will be there for physical rehab.

I was sent an email from our Department Service Officer, **Dean Casey**, He asked me if I would go visit a Veteran of WWII at Colorado State Veterans Living Center at Fitzsimons. His name is **Jesse Rivera**, so **Darlene**, and I went to see him, I Gave him a Post "Get Well" card and spoke with him a short amount of time. He was asleep when we arrived but the nurses said to wake him. However, he was not very coherent so I told him I would come back at another time for a longer visit.

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:

The 2016 Colorado American Legion Baseball (CALB) Summer Program, with its Expanded Marketing efforts, resulted in Additional Teams being added in South East, South & South West Denver.

With the Lack of team sponsorship capabilities from Other South, Southeast & Southwest Denver Metro American Legion Post's, George C. Evans, Post 103 graciously filled in the gap and extended our Service Area for Sponsorship of Nine 2016 CALB Teams, which include: Littleton Lions/Littleton - Legion A, C, and D; Englewood Pirates/Englewood - Legion C; Skyview Academy Hawks/Highlands Ranch - Legion B; Rock Canyon Jaguars/Highlands Ranch - Legion C (2) & D; and Lutheran Lions/Parker - Legion B.

Attending Legionnaires at the April 6th Geo. C. Evan Post 103 General Membership Meeting were introduced, and met our 2016 Post 103 Sponsored Team Coaches from Littleton HS - Head Coach Bob Bote, and Asst. Coach Kirk Danley; Rock Canyon HS/Highlands Ranch - Head Coach Steve Tschetter; Skyview Academy HS - Head Coach Ben Nelson; and Parker HS - Head Coach Park Vogel, Parker. Missing was the Englewood HS Coach.

It was announced that Littleton HS Lions was selected, and would be Host & Site for Both the 2016 CALB District & State Legion C Tournament, to be held July 13 - 17, 2016, and July 20 - 24, 2016, respectively.

Visit CALB Website, www.calb.org, for Team's, and Game Schedules.

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

Sergeant-at-arms - Rip Hobson:

We had 43 members attending our April meeting including 8 guests.

JAG - Gene Foyle: No Report.

AVHG- Harry Giglio:

The AVHG had 20 services for the month of March. The breakdown was: WWII 8, Korea 2, Vietnam 9, Gulf War 1. We have had a total of 55 services since January, the breakdown year to date is: WWII 16, Korea 12, Vietnam 24, Gulf war 2, Memorial 1.

Also, let your families know that our Post 103 All Veterans Honor Guard, Unit is available to do services at Ft Logan on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of every week, if the need arises.

You can contact me if you have any questions.

Service Officer - Fred Himelspach:

In February, we processed three veteran assistances, and spent a little under \$3,500. March, we processed three veteran assistances, and purchased 30 Gift cards for under \$5,500.

I sent the third quarter Grant Report. We also serviced eight Veterans and purchased 30 Gift cards for a total of almost \$10,000.

As a summary” of the Grant Year to date:

1. We were allotted \$30,000 for the 2015-2016 Grant Year.
2. Our first quarter started on July 1, 2015 and ended September 30, 2015.
3. We did not receive our first funding until 2nd quarter, in October.
4. We ended our 3rd quarter on March 30, 2016 and spent \$18,000 to date.
5. At the end of the 4th quarter, we need to return any money not spent on assistance back to the Grant. My goal for this quarter is to spend \$12,000 on assistance before the end of June.

Bingo:

The funds necessary to run our Post programs and projects are derived from our Bingo operations. Bingo funds pay for two-thirds of the total Post expenses every year. The big programs will occur during the coming quarter when Boys State, Legion Baseball and Scholarship awards will consume approximately 50% of our annual Bingo Expense Budget.

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. Remember our big bingo payday’ the Must Go, is scheduled for May 12th. The Must Go is when our Progressive Bingo Jackpot anticipated being more than \$5,500 will be given away to one or more lucky customers. As always, we will need extra volunteers on that day to handle the increased crowd and activity. So please join us and help support the Post

Historian - Gene Foyle: No report:

SAL Commander - Nick Arceo:



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Thank you all Sons of the American Legion! I want to personally thank each member of the Sons. As a member of the Sons, you are a part of the American Legion Family and you support the greatest organization that reaches out to all Veterans and their families. I am so proud that I joined the Sons in honor of my father that served during WWII. You too can feel proud to join the SAL. Please see me for details. I am proud to announce that the Sons will host a Golf tournament this summer that will benefit The Child Welfare Foundation, an organization that the American Legion and the Sons have supported for years. Our tournament will be on Friday July 22nd at Raccoon Creek Golf Club. More details to follow. I need golfers and volunteers! Please see me for details. Thank you for your support, I look forward to a great golf outing!

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

For the Good of the Legion:

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



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Janelle Unit 103 met on April 6th, 2016, the meeting was brought to order by President Janelle Rodriguez; special visitor Pilar Bottoms, President for District 5 was in attendance. Thank you all for getting me your donated time and “what you do” to make the American Legion Auxiliary

successful; I am busy on getting those compiled and will email off so all is in by due date of April 15th!

Marsha Callan, reported that she has two girls interested in Girls State; Girls State will take place first week in June at UNC in Greeley, if you know of any girls going into their Senior year of HS that would be interested in this program, please contact Marsha with that info so she can contact them soon.

We discussed Poppy Sales being held over Memorial Day weekend, we will have a sign-up time sheet available at the May meeting. We will be selling poppies at the King Soopers at Wadsworth and Jewell this year, starting Saturday, May 28th and if we don't sell out that day, will continue on Sunday, May 29th. Please consider donating your time for this special remembrance of veterans.

We will be holding our Officer Elections at the May meeting and then installing at the June meeting, we do not meet during July or August.

Upcoming events are:

1. May 7th, Post breakfast will be held at Englewood Elks beginning at 9am – this is a date change!
2. Memorial Day Weekend – selling of poppies Sat and Sun – Special memorials taking place on Monday – more info to follow.
3. Am Legion Convention the third weekend in June in Longmont.
4. Legion Annual Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 16th.
5. Golf Tournament – July 22nd – more details to follow!

Please mark your calendars for these and I look forward to seeing you all attend!

Rodriguez

Auxiliary President

Post Spotlight:

No Spotlight this Month