



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

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- 5-19-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 5-26-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 5-30-2016 Memorial Day (See Commander Comments)
- 5-31-2016 Executive Board Meeting, Rio Grande Room, Buck Rec. Center
- 6-1-2016 General Membership Meeting, Buck Rec. Center
- 6-2-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6-9-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6-16-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6-23-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6-30-2016 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 May, 2016, is proving to be quite active and productive for Post 103. We are preparing for our annual Poppy Sales. This year's event will be held at the King Soopers store, corner of Jewell and Wadsworth. This site is managed by SAL Commander Nick Arceo, and we offer Nick our heartfelt gratitude! I would encourage Post Members to contribute 2 hours of your time on either Saturday or Sunday, May 28/29 for this Patriotic event. Please contact Darlene Romero, 303-973-2493 or Janelle Rodriguez [janlynn0525@gmail.com](mailto:janlynn0525@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Post 103 will participate in Memorial Day Celebrations jointly with VFW Post 4666, beginning at 8:00am. First location is Littleton Cemetery then 10:00am, Kettering Park, WWII Memorial located on Gallop Street.

Post 103 will then perform a separate ceremony at Chapel Hill Cemetery; this ceremony will begin at 11:30am.

The nomination and election of the Executive Committee members for the business year 2016-2017 is upon us. These positions and candidates are:

**Commander:** Roger Masse and Al Rodriguez,

**Adjutant:** Harry Ciruli,

**1st Vice Commander:** (Position Open)

**2d Vice Commander:** Bill Brudwick

**Historian:** (Position Open)

**Finance Officer:** Ed Pietsch

**Service Officer:** Joyce Tuepeker, John Mullin

**Chaplain:** Mike Romero

**Sergeant at Arms:** Rip Hobson

**AVHG:** Harry Giglio

**Bingo:** Appointed by Commander

**Sons of the American Legion:** Nick Arceo

**American Legion Baseball:** Lynn Peterson

The nomination and voting process will take part at the General Meeting on **Wednesday, June 1st, 2016**, at The Buck Rec. Center. Please make the effort to attend and have a say in the leadership of Post 103!

Boys State has reached an unprecedented number of applications this year! There are 22, 11th grade students who have applied and been accepted! Post 103 will be acknowledged as the highest achieving post for this year!

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](http://www.colegionboysstate.org)**

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: Lynn Peterson, Dean Casey, Al Rodriguez, Ed Pietsch, Mike Romero, Bud Goodwin.

Six WWII Veteran Members were also present; they were: Chuck Blemler, Doug Watts, Jack Pansini, Lin Mathews, and Faye Cunningham.

Commander Rich Callan presented Certificate of initiation to Post Members Steve Valdez, and Joel Mendelson.

**Past Commander, Ed Pietsch presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Claire Davis Memorial Scholarship Awards** to this year's winners. They are: **David C. Harrell** and **Nicholas D. Harguth-Gayles**. Their families were also present during the presentation, along with Post 103 Commander, Rich Callan and Post Service Officer, Fred Himelspach.

## 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 May 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 146, 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:** No Report

**Bill Brudwick - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:** No Report

**Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch:** No Report

### **Mike Romero - Chaplain:**

A "Sympathy Card" was sent to the family of **John W. Rickert** on 4-23-2016. I also sent a "Get Well Card" to **Bill Brudwick** who is now out of the hospital for hernia surgery.

**Wayne Coleman** was also sent a "Get Well Card." Wayne is currently in Someran Glenn, his wife **Tommie** who is also a Unit 103 Auxiliary member, tells me, she will know on May 17, when Wayne will be released.

**Pat Callahan**, should know by May 19 when he will get his new orthotic shoes. He tells me his medication is also helping and he only uses oxygen at night.

**Ed Pietsch**, had successful knee replacement surgery and is now at home, but still in pain. He was able to attend our (Must-Go) Bingo session which left him tired but in a good way.

**Mark Brady**, is in Aurora Medical Center getting tests for a mild stroke. His wife said, Mark is doing well and she expects him to be released shortly.

**George Williams**, is scheduled for cataract surgery on May 23 then will have the same Surgery, June 10 on his right eye.

Let's keep these members in our thoughts and prayers. If you know of anyone needing a visit or call, contact me at: 303-9732493 or email me at: [mjromero44@gmail.com](mailto:mjromero44@gmail.com)

**Lynn Peterson - Legion Baseball:** No Report

**Sergeant-at-arms - Rip Hobson:** 40 members present including five guests.

**JAG - Gene Foyle:** No Report.

**AVHG- Harry Giglio:**

The AVHG had 18 services for the month of April. The breakdown was: WWII 6, Korea 6, Vietnam 5, Gulf War 1. We have had a total of 76 services since January, the breakdown year to date is: WWII 22, Korea 19, Vietnam 31, Gulf war 3, 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 March, we processed three veteran assistances and spent a little under \$5,500. In April we processed four veteran assistances and spent a little under \$4,300

This week I plan to request my fifth and last advance from the 2015-2016 Grant funds, which is around \$4,000.

If we continue the spending at the current pace we will be out of money around the end of May, and we will be dipping into Post 103's Assistance Account.

**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. Thank all of you members for your support.

**Historian - Gene Foyle:** No report:

**SAL Commander – Nick Arceo:**



**Nick Arceo, Squadron Commander  
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Thank you Sons of the American Legion! Thank you for your membership. Please make sure to get your dues paid asap. Our Squadron is holding strong at 26 members. Colorado has a goal of 3,099 members. We are at 2,519, 81.28% to goal. I would love to help Colorado reach this goal! Please see me for eligibility into the Sons. All it takes to join is to have proof that your Father or Grandfather served in a branch of service. I'm also looking for current Legionnaires to join the SAL, we currently have several Duel members! I'm proud to be a part of the Son's of the American Legion and support all their programs. Thank you for all you do for our Veterans and their families.

Please keep this date. The Sons Squadron 103 will be hosting our Golf Tournament this year on Friday July 22, 2016. This year will we be playing a great Colorado Golf Course, Raccoon Creek, located in Littleton, Colorado. We lowered our entry fee this year! Individual fee is \$103, for one player. This will include Green Fees Cart, Continental Breakfast, All American Lunch and a goodie bag for each golfer. Free Prizes for Longest Drive, Closest to the pin and Longest Putt. We will have a raffle for some great prizes too! For more information please contact Nick Arceo 303-903-5262, Dean Creager 303-918-1503 or Roger Masse 719-648-2818. All proceeds will go to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Thanks for your support for this great fun event!

**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!



**Janelle Rodriguez, President**

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Unit 103 met on May 4th, the meeting was brought to order by President Janelle Rodriguez. We welcomed 12 members to the meeting.

Marsha Callan, reported that she has four girls interested in Girls State; Girls State will take place first week in June at UNC in Greeley – we will be excited to hear more about these girls at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

We discussed Poppy Sales being held over Memorial Day weekend and had a sign up time sheet available. We are selling poppies at the King Soopers near Wadsworth and Jewell this year starting on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> with first shift from 9am to 11am, 2<sup>nd</sup> shift, 11am to 1pm, and last shift from 1pm to 3pm. If we don't sell all poppies on Saturday; we will continue on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> with first shift beginning at 10am to 12 noon; please contact Darlene Romero directly for more information.

We held our Officer Elections and the new officers for 2016-2017 year are:

President – Darlene Romero  
Vice President – Janelle Rodriguez  
Secretary – Marsha Callan  
Treasurer – Adreann Palmquist  
Historian- Sherry Pietsch  
Sgt of Arms – JoAnn Giglio  
Chaplain – Darlene Folger

Thank you all for stepping into or continuing to fill these positions, it is much appreciated! We will be holding the installation of these officers at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting – and REMEMBER we do not hold meetings in July or August.

Upcoming events are:

- Memorial Day Weekend – selling of poppies Sat and Sun – Special memorials taking place on Monday, 5-30-16.
- American Legion Convention the third weekend in June in Longmont.
- Legion Annual Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 16, please bring a dish to share.
- Golf Tournament, July 22, more details to follow.

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

*Janelle Rodriguez*  
Auxiliary President

**Post Spotlight:** No Spotlight this month