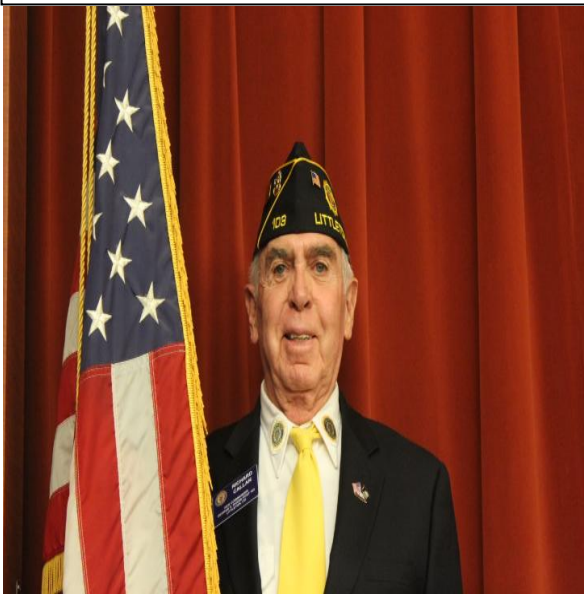




**“For God and Country” GEORGE C. EVANS POST 103 “United We Stand”**

**“The Leader Post” June 2016**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- 6-16-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6-16thru19 Department Convention Longmont
- 6-23-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 6-30-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 7-5-2016 Officers Meeting Buck Rec. Center 6:30 PM
- 7-6-2016 General membership Meeting
- 7-7-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 7-14-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 7-16-2016 Post Picnic, Cornerstone Senior Shelter
- 7-21-2016 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 June, 2016 was a very active month for Post 103. On Memorial Day in late May, Post members volunteered for poppy distribution at King Soopers at Wadsworth and Jewel. Our thanks to store Manager Nick Arceo for his assistance!

In our Veterans Assistance Program, Fred Himelspach continues to do an excellent job in processing veteran applicants requests for monetary assistance. This program is a very time intensive and detailed effort, and Fred we thank you so much for all of your dedication to this program.

As I enter the final month of my role as Commander of this great Post, I want to deeply and sincerely offer my appreciation to the Executive Committee for their kind assistance this past year. I simply could not have completed this task without the input, advice and counsel of one and all. Of particular note, I want to give special thanks to Chaplain Mike Romero and Legion

Baseball Chairman Lynn Peterson for their herculean efforts of support. There are many “behind the scene” gestures that many members are not aware of. These Executive Board members do so very much to contribute to the success of Post 103.

During my annual trip to Pueblo this month to participate in Boys State, I was so very proud of the many positive comments that were made in acknowledging the "Leader Post" Some of these comments were spoken by our current State American Legion Commander, Tom Florez, and Boys State Commander, Tom Bock. I sincerely request that you consider providing this same support to my successor, Roger Masse.

Again, I wish to offer my sincere appreciation to each and every Post 103 member. You have made this a year to remember!

Most sincerely,  
Rich Callan  
Commander, Post 103

### **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, Al Rodriguez, Rich Carlson, Dean Casey, Mike Romero, Ed Pietsch and Lynn Peterson.

**Four WWII Veteran Members** were also present; they were: Bud Goodwin, Fay Cunningham, Chuck Blemler, and Jack Pansini.

### **Officers Report**

#### **Harry Ciruli - Adjutant:**

The good news is, out of 476 members we have 420 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.

Results of Post 103 election were: **Commander**-Roger Masse, **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr**, “Appointed” Lynn Peterson, **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr**, Bill Brudwick, **Adjutant**-Harry Ciruli, **Finance Officer & Bingo Manager** -Ed Pietsch, **Service Officers**-Joyce Tuepker & John Mullin, JAG-Joel Mendelson, **Chaplain**-Mike Romero, **Sgt-at-Arms**-Rip Hobson, **AVHG Cmdr**-Harry Giglio, **American Legion Baseball**-Lynn Peterson. The position of Post Historian is vacant. Congratulations to all and Good Luck in the coming year.

**Roger Masse - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:**

**Oratorical Report:** We are starting to form a committee for the 2016-2017 Oratorical year. Site and Date are in the workings. If you would like to work on a committee or be an oratorical volunteer, Please contact Roger Masse at: 719-648-2818 or: [drivercouch69@yahoo.com](mailto:drivercouch69@yahoo.com)

**Bill Brudwick - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:**

Post 103 Annual Picnic will be July 16, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Site: **Cornerstone Senior Shelter**, SE Corner of W. Prentice Ave. and S. Hickory St. Prentice is one street South of Belleview and Hickory is one street East of Windermere. A map will be forthcoming. Bring your favorite side dish.

**Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch:** Thanks to donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard, the Post had a very profitable month. The AVHG received \$3,538 in donations in May including a very generous and surprising donation of \$3,000 from a family in California. The Post also received funds for four membership renewals, the Post Breakfast, and our monthly 50 -50 raffle.

Post expenses totaled only about \$300 for the month including membership dues paid to the Department, purchase of name tags, stamps, office supplies and the Post monthly phone bill.

**Descendants of Veterans Scholarships – Ed Pietsch & Fred Himelspach**

Post 103 American Legion Family awarded four \$500 scholarships to descendants of veterans this year. This included scholarships to three descendants of Post members and a granddaughter of a veteran.

At the June Membership meeting, Scholarship Certificates were provided to Jade Kassidy Moore of Chatfield High School whose grandfather is a Navy veteran, Angela Pansini of Heritage High School who is the granddaughter of Post member Jack and Ursula Pansini, family members who attended the presentation.

The other two winners were away on travel. Their Certificates were presented to their grandfathers, Post members Fay Cunningham accepted the Certificate for Bridgette Reynolds who attended Columbine High School, Grandfather, Alonzo Rodriquez accepted for Katelyn Rodriquez who attended Erie High School.

Congratulations to these scholarship winners. Please remind family and friends of this scholarship opportunity for next year's applications.

**Mike Romero - Chaplain:**

A "Sympathy Card" was sent to the family of **Carl J. Cornelius** on 5-24-201.

Two volunteers for transportation of Josephine Rivera from her home in Colorado Springs to visit her husband **Jesse Rivera**, who is currently living at State Veterans Center in Aurora, are members of Post 209 in Colorado Springs.

Of two wheelchairs that were on loan from Post 103, one was returned to our storage facility, leaving one still out on loan to The Arapahoe Service Office.

**Wayne Coleman** is home and receiving in-home rehab care, he says he does all that the nurses say.

**Pat Callahan** is currently trying to break-in his new orthopedic shoes and tells me it is a very slow process but, they are beginning to feel much better. He also had a small episode on Sunday while attending church service, his blood sugar level was out of control, he couldn't remember his name or where he was, the church members called an ambulance and he was taken to Littleton Hospital, where they were able to stabilize him and he returned home that same day.

**John Palmquist** is doing well with the exception of Bronchitis which should be gone by the time this newsletter is published.

**Duane Leiker** continues with his rehabilitation.

**George Williams** has had the first of two Cataract surgeries and will have the second one on June 10, he is looking forward to a 100% success.

**Rich Carlson** had an Echocardiogram procedure performed and the test results were favorable.

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)

### **Fred Himelspach – Service Officer:**

In April, we processed four Veteran assistances and spent a little under \$4, 300. In May we processed five veteran assistances and spent a little over \$7,500.

Our Close-out Report for the Grant Funds is due June 15<sup>th</sup>. Any funds we have left over will be returned to the Grant.

As of June 1, 2016, we have a little over \$2,500 to spend. At the end of the Grant year, we usually purchase Gift Cards for Arapahoe County Service Officers to distribute to veterans during the black hole period. Therefore, in reality we only have enough money to pay for one more \$1,000 Rent.

We received notice from the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, that we have been approved for \$30,000 for the 2016-2017 Grant Year.

### **Harry Giglio – Commander, AVHG:**

The AVHG had 24 services for the month of May. The breakdown was WWII 9, Korea 6, Vietnam 9. We have had a total of 97 services since January. The breakdown year to date is WWII 31, Korea 24, Vietnam 38, 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.

**Lynn Peterson - Legion Baseball:**

The 2016 Colorado American Legion Baseball (CALB) Summer Program is Officially Underway.

Current Post 103 Seven Sponsored Teams Include: Littleton Lions Legion A & C, Englewood Pirates Legion C, Rock Canyon Jaguars C1 & D, Skyview Prairie Dogs Legion B and Lutheran Parker Pride Legion B.

The 2016 Colorado American Legion Baseball (CALB) League Game Schedules are viewable on: [www.calb.org](http://www.calb.org). Specifically, the Geo. C. Evans Seven Sponsored Team Game Schedules will be viewable on Post 103 Website: <http://www.legionpost103.org> by June 10th. Please View & Support by Attending. The Summer Legion Baseball League Games Continue till Sunday, July 17th.

Additionally, the Littleton Lions will Host Both an Early Season Invitational Legion C Summer Bash Tournament, Thursday, June 9 - 11, 2016 and the 2016 CALB State Legion C Tournament July 20 - 24, 2016, Both at the Littleton High School Baseball Field (2 Bks. East of/on W. Powers & S. Broadway).

Come out... You have the Unique Opportunity to Watch some Good Ole Youth Legion Baseball - League, Invitational & State Tournament Games!!! Look for more exciting & continuing Legion Baseball News Next Month.

**Sergeant-at-arms - Rip Hobson:**

40 members present including 7 guests.

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

**Ed Pietsch – Bingo Manager:**

We had a great month In May with four profitable sessions including our Must Go. This was great news after a break even month in April. We needed that income to offset our payouts for Post Programs which totaled about \$7800 including Boys State, Legion Baseball, Memorial Day, Post Breakfast and three donations.

Now is the busy time of year for Post Programs and it sure is a great benefit with the funds that our derived from our Bingo Operations. We encourage you to join us and become a Bingo volunteer, have a great time with our friendly customers and enjoy working with your other Legion Family members.

Please consider joining us on any Thursday at the Slammers Bingo Hall which is located at 1884 South Wadsworth Boulevard (the northeast corner of Wadsworth and Jewell). Our session starts at 11:30 am and usually ends about 1:45 pm.

If you have questions please call Ed Pietsch at 720-287-2108, Cal Wilson 303-470-7206 or our newest managers, Harry Ciruli at 720-287-2139 and Roger Masse 719-648-2818.

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

**SAL Commander – Nick Arceo:**



**Nick Arceo, Squadron Commander**  
nicrco@ gmail.com

Thank you all Sons of the American Legion! We continue to grow and support the American Legion and their programs. We have several events coming the next few months. Please contact me if you are interested in being a part. Remember you can become a Sons of The American Legion member, see me for details. Our Golf Tournament is fast approaching. This year it will be held on Friday July 22nd @ Raccoon Creek Golf course. See myself, Lynn Peterson or Roger Masse for details. God bless you and our Veterans, and God Bless the United States of America, remember to keep our country in your thoughts and prayers.

**Special Request:**

Members bringing flags in for disposal must check that all flags are free of grommets; virtually all flags I have received still had their grommets attached. Chaplain, Mike Romero



**Darlene Romero, President**  
**303-973-2493**  
**darlene\_romero@msn.com**

Let me begin by saying, "Thank You Very Much" to all the volunteers who helped with poppies this Memorial Day. Because of you, we had another successful season.

At our June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting we had an installation of officers: **President:** Darlene Romero, **Vice President:** Janelle Rodriguez, **Treasurer:** Adreann Palmquist, **Secretary:** Marsha Callan, **Membership:** Jean Jesser, **Chaplain:** Darlene Folger, **Historian:** Sherry Pietsch, **Sergeant at Arms:** JoAnn Giglio.

Thanks to Marsha Callan, Unit 103 will be sponsoring 5 girls to attend Girls State being held this year in Greeley.

We are still collecting food for The Veteran's Redistribution Center. The food for the month of September is peanut butter. We are also collecting pull tabs from pop cans, printer cartridges, cancelled stamps, plastic bags, and travel size toiletries.

**Membership:**

We have 31 paid senior members and 5 paid Jr. Members. Auxiliary dues are still \$25.00 for senior members and \$5.00 for junior members for 2016-2017. They are due at our September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you would like to join our Auxiliary Unit or come to one of our meetings to see what we do, you can call me at: 303-973-2493.

**Upcoming Events:**

American Legion Convention in Longmont, June 17-19, 2016

Post Picnic, July 16. Please bring a side dish, such as salads or deserts or other favorites.

SAL Golf Tournament, July 22, 2016.

No Meeting in July or August.

Darlene Romero

Auxiliary President, Unit 103