



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

“The Leader Post” July 2016

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 7-16-2016 Post Picnic, Cornerstone Senior Shelter**
- 7-20-Ice cream Social Sterne Park 12:00**
- 7-21-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall**
- 7-28-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall**
- 8-1-2016 No Meeting**
- 8-3-2016 No Meeting**
- 8-4-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall**
- 8-11-2016 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:

Commander, Post 103 To be sent later.

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, 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:

We have started the 2016-2017 Post year.

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.

Lynn Peterson - 1st Vice Commander: No Report

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

Bill Brudwick - 2nd 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:

The times they are changing. Most of you may be aware that both the National and Department of Colorado have increased their dues. As a result, we use to retain \$9 dollars for every new member or renewal, now we keep zero dollars. Fortunately, bingo has been doing well. Most of our Program funds come from Bingo operations and now so will the Post operating funds. In addition to the June Financial Report, the Board reviewed the quarterly and semi-annual income and expense reports at the last Board Meeting. The month of June was pretty slow, with the only income being All Veteran Honor Guard donations and our 50/50 drawing. We did spend funds on one of the Clare Davis Scholarships (\$2,000) which will be reimbursed to the Post by our partner in this program, Compleat Lifestyles. We also had another \$800 in Post expenses mostly for AVHG expenses, supplies, nametags, telephone, etc. We also made our annual donations to MDA, Special Olympics and Meals-on-Wheels. The latter one is based on the 50/50 drawing results over this past year.

Mike Romero - Chaplain: Wendy Wood a volunteer from Post 209, Colorado Springs, drove **Josie Rivera**, Wife of soon to be Post 103 member, **Jesse Rivera Sr.**, to visit him on, June 18.

Jesse is currently living at State Veterans Center in Aurora at Fitzsimons, 1919 Quentin St., Aurora, CO 80045. He would be pleased to have Post 103 Members visit. I have also spoken with his son **Jesse Jr.** who is living in Florida; he has agreed to get a copy of his Dad's DD214, for our Post 103 files.

Of two wheelchairs that were on loan from Post 103, both have now been returned to our storage facility. **Gene Foyle** a post member has borrowed a walker to aide him after his knee replacement surgery which will take place, July 18th.

If you know of anyone needing an item to help them while rehabbing, let me know.

Duane Leiker is finally home and very glad to be, after taking a 6 month journey to various hospitals and rehab centers around town. He hopes to be walking on his own shortly and is still having some issues with his arms and hands.

Wayne Coleman is no longer receiving in-home rehab exercises, he is following a schedule that was provided for him and has been doing them on his own.

Pat Callahan is finally able to walk in his orthopedic shoes; they are helping him get about. He spent 2 days in the hospital due to headaches; he thinks they may be caused by the medication he is taking.

George Williams is very happy with the results of cataract surgery, is now wearing prescription sunglasses, he also is very happy to be able to drive at night again.

Rich Carlson is maintaining his breathing problems with occasional use of nebulizer and oxygen, will have meeting with his doctor to find out if the medication being prescribed is causing some of his breathing problems.

Ray Pearson is doing well with exception of his sciatic nerve; he is taking medication for the pain, but says he may have to have the dosage increased. He and 4 other veterans were taken to Centennial Airport for a 20 minute plane ride which he enjoyed very much. He also says hello to all the Bingo Volunteers.

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

Fred Himelspach – Service Officer:

Assistance activity:

In May, we processed five veteran assistances & spent a little over \$ 7,500

In June, we processed three veteran assistances, purchased 14 gift cards (\$700), and returned excess Grant funds (\$8.76).

We wrote six checks totaling \$ 4,492

The official closing of the 2015-2015 Grant year was June 30, 2016. The fourth Quarter report was submitted to the Grant personal on July 1, 2016.

The Post's Service Officer used two sources of funding for Veterans Assistances during the 2015-2016 year. The Grant funds are the primary source and the Post 103 funds are for the "Black Hole" period and when we are low on Grant Funds and waiting for the next advancement from the Grant.

Grant Funds				George C. Evans, Post 103 Funds			
A quick summary of how we spent \$30,000 during the 2015-2016 Grant Year:				A quick summary of how we spent \$3,941.84 of George C Evans, Post 103 Funds for Veterans Assistance for the 2015-2016 year.			
Car Repair	1	\$781.99	2.61%	Bus Tickets	1	\$47.00	1.19%
HOA Fees	1	\$267.45	0.89%	Medical	1	\$575.80	14.61%
Insurance	1	\$172.97	0.58%	Mortgage	1	\$800.00	20.30%
Mortgage	1	\$648.78	2.16%	Rent	3	\$1,950.00	49.47%
Property Tax	1	\$1,865.07	6.22%	Storage	1	\$154.09	3.91%
Rent	17	\$19,240.37	64.13%	Utilities	2	\$414.95	10.53%
Utilities	4	\$314.61	1.05%				
Gift Cards (\$50 each)	134	\$6,700	22.33%				
Assistance		\$29,991.24					
Return to Grant Fund	1	\$8.76	0.03				
Grant Funds		\$30,000	100.00%	Post Funds		\$3,941.84	100.00%
	26	Checks Written			9	Checks Written	
	23	Veterans Served			8	Veterans Served	

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: No Report

40 members present including 7 guests.

JAG - Gene Foyle: No Report.

Ed Pietsch – Bingo Manager:

We had an okay month in June making about \$2,000 with two profitable sessions, two break even sessions and one medium loss. The crowds have been on the small side since the beginning of June. We hope things begin picking up again in July.

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. Most workers arrive about 10 am.

If you have questions please call Ed Pietsch at 720-287-2108, Cal Wilson 303-470-7206 or our newest managers, Joyce Tuepker, 303-948-9916, 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

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Thank you Sons! I want to thank each and every one of our members. Last month I attended the annual S.A.L. Convention. A great time for everyone. I learned a lot of valuable information. I was proud and honored to see just how much the Sons of the American Legion does in support of our Vets and their families. I also was nominated for Chaplin for the Detachment of Colorado. I am pleased to announce that I have accepted this position. I look forward to serving in this new and exciting position with the Sons. Some other highlights were Department of Colorado Oratorical contest Winner, Ryan Klimek gave one of his speeches that won him first place! He was accompanied by our own Roger Masse, State Oratorical Chairman. What a great presentation. We also learned that Colorado's own Ken Yanke, most of you know Him, is a Candidate for S.A.L. National Vice Commander. Please support him in his venture. I want to thank the committee members of this years Golf Tournament. It is building

up to be a great event! Thanks to Roger Masse, Lynn Peterson, Howard Olson and Janelle Rodriguez. I could not have pulled this off without our help and support! You all have done a great job! The tournament is on Friday July 22nd. there is still time to get signed up for a great time at Raccoon Creek Golf Club. Let me remind you to get your dues paid. Please consider becoming a "Duel Member", what a great way to honor your Father or Grandfather! I look forward to seeing you all soon! Have a great summer!

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



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No Meeting in July or August.

Darlene Romero
Auxiliary President, Unit 103