



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

“The Leader Post” August 2016

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 8-11-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
 - 8-18-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
 - 8-25-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
 - 9-1-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall Must GO
 - 9-5- 2016 Officers meeting, Buck Rec. Center, 6:30 PM
 - 9-5-2016 LABOR DAY
 - 9-7-2016 General Membership Meeting, Buck Rec. Center 7:00
 - 9-8-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
 - 9-10-2016 Post Breakfast, Englewood Elks, 9:00 AM
 - 9-11-2016 Patriots Day
 - 9-15-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
 - 9-22-2016 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: I joined the Legion after moving to Littleton in 2010. I got to know my neighbor, Chuck Blemler, and he told me to put down Post 103 so I wouldn't go to the holding Post, 211. When I joined the Legion, I thought that I would just go to meetings. But then I became involved with the Honor Guard and eventually I became Sergeant at Arms. Then 2nd Vice Commander, and then 1st Vice Commander. Here I am Commander, five years later.

This journey wouldn't have been possible without the friendship and support of all of you, and it solidifies my conviction in the American Legion and Post 103 as a caring community that reaches out and supports veterans from all walks of life. This motivates me to strive for one of my main goals for the year: to attract new members and encourage greater participation from our current members. Please contact me if you have suggestions for meeting this goal.

August brings us the Western Welcome Week Parade in Littleton and the beginning of the Oratorical Contest season. The parade takes place in downtown Littleton on Saturday, August 20th, and we hope to have a large group involved. More details can be found in the 2nd Vice Commander's report, and I urge you to join us that day. The Colorado Oratorical Contest will take place on March 11, 2017, and we are still working on a venue. Already eight students have been referred from National to find out how to participate.

Since we always take August off from our regular meetings, please look for information in this newsletter from all of the Executive Board members. Not much going on in August, but in September we will have our Executive Board meeting on Tuesday, September 5th and our general meeting on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Buck Center in Littleton. On that night, we will have a Post Everlasting for three veterans: John Rickert; Carl Cornelius and Raymond Jones.

As I begin my year as Commander, I want to thank everyone again for your support, your advice and your trust. I will say that I will do my best. I keep learning every day, and I want to communicate very effectively. I hope everyone is having a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Roger Masse

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, 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. As of today we have 209 members renewed out of 477. We are looking great.

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:

Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch: Things changed rapidly in July with the start of the 2017 membership year. We had 95 members renew in July either by sending a check in to the Post or renewing online through the National database. In addition to almost \$3100 in dues, we received almost \$800 in donation to the All Veterans Honor Guard (AVHG) and another \$350 in miscellaneous receipts. Our total income for the month was about \$4,400. Of course when membership money comes in, it must also go out to National and the Department of Colorado. Expenses for the month for dues, AVHG, donation to Meals On Wheels, and miscellaneous recurring Post expenses totaled a little over \$4,500. We ended with a slight loss for the month.

We received a nice thank you note from Meals on Wheels for our generous donation of \$500 which comes from our monthly 50/50 raffles at the Post meetings.

Mike Romero - Chaplain: **Pat Callahan** has officially been assigned to Palliative Care, consisting of a doctor and two nurses. He is still getting around with his cane, and he says his foot is healed for the most part. His main concern is the headaches he is currently enduring, two Cat Scans have revealed nothing, but the headaches are affecting his mobility and vision. He is accepting calls, and can be reached at: 303-770-2857.

Gene Foyle is home and recovering from knee surgery, he gets around by crutch, he exercises three times a day and also works out with a stationary bike. He hopes to be using a cane very soon.

Floyd Ditson is doing well after back surgery, his back was preventing him from standing for any length of time, but since the surgery, he can now go about his business, and is planning a

trip to Washington, DC. He says, when he gets back home, he intends to get back with our Post 103 Honor Guard.

Joe Gryniewicz will have surgery on his right shoulder on the 11th of this month. The injury occurred when he took a tumble while walking his son's dog. He says he would like to be back for our "Must Go" on September 1st.

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

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

Joyce Tuepker - Service Officer:

1. John Mullin and Joyce Tuepker met with (along with Fred Himelspach) Gail Hoagland, the Grand Administrator for training.
2. John Mullin and Joyce Tuepker met with (along with Fred Himelspach) TJ Westphal and David Fry, the Service Officers for Arapahoe County.
3. John Mullin and Joyce Tuepker participated in the telecom with Gail Hoagland and all Service Officers
4. John Mullin worked to get the VA Grant contract, got it signed by Roger and put in the mail to the Loan Administrator.
5. Fred Himelspach completed his handoff of bank accounts and checkbooks to John Mullin and Joyce Tuepker.

Thank you Fred for all of your help. The job you did was outstanding.
Thank you John for getting the grant contract completed and ready to execute. You rock.
Please let us know if you have a specific form or format you would like us to use.

Respectfully Submitted by John Mullin and Joyce Tuepker.

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Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance!

Harry Giglio – Commander, AVHG:

The AVHG had 20 services for the month of July. The breakdown was WWII 7, Korea 4, Vietnam 9. We have had a total of 143 services since January. The breakdown year to date is WWII 50, Korea 32, Vietnam 56, Gulf war 2, Memorial 3.

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

JAG – Joel Mendelson: No Report.

Ed Pietsch – Bingo Manager: The crowds have been on the small side since the beginning of June. July resulted in a profit of about \$850 which was below expectations. Hopefully things will pick up in August as kids go back to school and parents are freed up to participate.

We will be having a **Must Go on September 1st**. At the Must Go one or more individuals is guaranteed to win a Jackpot prize of over \$6,000. We will have almost double our normal crowd and we have many simple things you can help us with. 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 – Joel Mendelson:

The 4th of July celebration started out with seven members of Post 103 carrying Flags to lead The Columbine Association Annual Parade at their sub division. The following members showed up at 0730 Roger Masse, Joyce Tuepker, Ed Pietsch, Steve Valdez, Lynn Peterson, Jack Pansini, Bill Baldasini, Nick Arceo, Joel Mendelson. All were dressed in uniform minus a tie and coat. It was really warm that day so no coat made everyone more comfortable. The association was having a pancake breakfast and offered us whatever we wanted. That was very generous of them. The parade took approximately a half hour. The street had people in their driveways that really enjoyed seeing us there.

The George C. Evans Post 103 Annual Picnic was held at Corner Stone Park & Senior Center on July 16, 2016 1:00 to 5:00 pm. It was a pot luck with the George C. Evans Post 103 supplying the Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, buns, chicken, sautéed onions, and all of the of condiments.

Many WWII & Korean Vets and spouses attended. They and current post members, donated home style bacon bake beans, salads, potato salad, quite a few brought homemade desserts and other items. It was great to see them and their wife's and listen to their diverse history. The attendance was awesome with a large group showing up right at 1300 hours. There was more food at the end than we ever anticipated. Total attendance was in the order of 50 to 60. A 50/50 raffle was held and one of the WWII Veterans was the lucky recipient.

Thanks to the organizers, cooks, and helpers. Of special note Bill Brudwick & Wife, Joyce Tuepker & Husband, Lynn Peterson, Nick Arceo, Dan Danforth, and Joel Mendelson. The George C. Evans Post 103 attended an Ice Cream Social that was held at Sterne Park on July 20, 2016 12:00 noon. It was sponsored by "The 55 Plus Meet Up Group" chaired by Nicki Crouse. They had 35 members in attendance.

There was a special American Flag Ceremony reenactment for the attendees of the thirteen folds of the American Flag performed at Military Funerals. This was performed by Past Commander Richard Callan and Service Officer Joyce Tuepker, Dan Danforth was the attendant and Marsha Callan and Joel Mendelson were also present. Nick Arceo read off what was represented by the 13 folds as Richard and Joyce performed the folding ritual. Amiel brought his harmonica and did a rendition of GOD Bless America and America the Beautiful. The George C. Evans Post 103 hosted the SAL Golf Tournament Friday 7/22/2015 at The Raccoon Golf Course. Raffle tickets were included in each Golfer Gift bag. 39 items from Sponsors were drawn for thru ticket sales. Gifts included Gift Cards for everything from Restaurants to a Brand New Golf Bag. Unfortunately, a grand price of a brand new Harley Davidson Motorcycle for a "Hole in one" on the 17th hole was not claimed. A lot of participants wanted it though. During the afternoon festivities Nick Arceo recognize every Sponsor and Person responsible for the raffle items. Most importantly all proceeds after expenses were donated to "**AMERICAM LEGION CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION**" Heading up this endeavor was SAL Member and SAL Officer Nick Arceo.

Special thanks to the following organizers Nick Arceo, Roger Masse, Janelle Rodriguez, Howard Olsen, Lynn Peterson, George Williams. The assistant worker helpers including the following Mike and Darlene Romero, Pam Arceo, Linda Rodriguez, Ed and Sherry Pietsch, Dillon Pietsch, Alan Houchins, Joel Mendelson. Special Thanks to the Raccoon Golf Course and Bob Armstrong whom went out of his way to make us very welcome, with complete assistance for all

SAL Commander – Nick Arceo:



Nick Arceo, Squadron Commander

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I want to thank all the Sons for all you do and for attending our meetings! Please join us! The Sons of the American Legion are busy! Our Golf tournament was a huge success! Once again thanks to everyone that helped make this event great! Janelle Rodriguez, Roger Masse, Lynn Peterson, Howard Olson, Mike and Darlene Romero, Ed and Sherry Pietsch, Dillon Pietsch, Joel Mendelson, George Williams, Pam Arceo, Linda Rodriguez and Allan Houchins. I will be writing a check to The American Legion "Child Welfare Foundation" for \$2,532.00. It's time to pay your dues. Please see either myself or Harry Ciruli. Our Squadron goal this year is to get back to 17 members, we have a ways to go. Colorado SAL membership is at 2,941 with a goal of 3,253. Let's help Colorado get to that goal Littleton! I attended my first DEC meeting last month.

The SAL Detachment Of Colorado Financial position is in good shape. Total Assets \$78,146.39. Carol Kennedy, Department of Colorado Boys State Chairman spoke about the upcoming Event. Boys State 2017 will be held June 4-9 at CSU Pueblo. The Sons of the American Legion are being asked to assist in recruiting and fundraising, visiting schools and churches to promote the program, See me for details. Past State Commander and SAL Advisor Tom Florez was another honored guest that attended our meeting. Tom forwarded a Thank You from Commander Jay Bowen for all that the Sons did last year. Keep up the good work Sons! I am still looking for Duel Members for our Squadron. What a great honor to your Father or Grandfather to join the Sons. See me for details. Also discussed the upcoming Nation SAL Convention being held in Cincinnati. I will attend and bring a full report back to you. One other note of importance, Ken Yanke, which many of you know well, is a candidate for S.A.L. National Vice Commander, we wish you Godspeed Ken.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

"...To Adopt in Letter and Spirit all the Great Principles for which the AMERICAN LEGION Stands and to assist in carrying on for God and Country."



Darlene Romero, President

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I hope everyone had a good summer. Our next meeting is September 7th.
7:00 pm. at the Buck Center.

We are still collecting food, pop can tabs, canceled stamps, used printer cartridges, plastic grocery bags, and travel size toiletries. Food of the month of September for the Veterans Redistribution Center is peanut butter.

At our September Meeting we will be collecting the dues for 2016-2017. If you can't make the meeting, you can mail your check to: Jean Jesser, 150 W. Sterne Pkwy, Littleton, CO 80120. Dues are \$25.00. Next year, 2017 our dues are going up to \$30.00. National raised our dues to \$25.00, that's the reason for the 5.00 increase.

Upcoming Events: Post Breakfast at the Elks Lodge, September 10, 2016 at
9:00 am. It is \$5.00 and you can bring a guest.

A big Thank You to all of the Auxiliary Members that volunteered for the SAL Golf Tournament. It was a very successful day.

Darlene Romero

Auxiliary President, Unit 103



Columbine Association Annual Parade



George C. Evans Post 103 Annual Picnic