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George C. Evans Post #103 "The Leader Post"

Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

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Fellow Legionnaires, SAL and Auxiliary members we had a very busy month.

Joel Mendelson, Nick Arceo and I spent all or part of three days calling potential members. We were very successful as we transferred 37 new members into our Post. We continue to get call backs and hope that that number increases. Thanks Joel and Nick for your Herculean efforts.

As a reminder, the Veterans Day celebration is **Saturday, November 11** at the Littleton World War 11 Memorial. Ceremonies start at 11:00 am.

We communicate a lot by email so if you have an email address please send it to me. This is for those members who receive this Newsletter via mail. We do **not** sell nor do we share your personal information including your email address with anyone. We also save some costs by sending the Newsletter by email rather than by mail.

**The difference between winners and losers?
Winners do things that losers won't do!**

Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates

Dec 4	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Dec 6	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Jan 2	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Jan 3	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Jan 13	Post Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks Lodge
Feb 5	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Feb 7	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Mar 3	Post Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks Lodge
Mar 6	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Mar 7	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Apr 3	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Apr 4	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Apr 30	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
May 2	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
May 12	Post Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks Lodge
Jun 5	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Jun 6	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center

*Englewood Elks Lodge 3690 Jason, Englewood, CO

A Tribute to Our Veterans

On November 11 we take time to honor our Veterans who served and protected the lifestyles all Americans have come to appreciate. Thank you for carrying the burdens of this Great Nation on your shoulders, for the sacrifices you

made in your unselfish duty to preserve our freedoms, safety and heritage. You are all owed a deep debt of gratitude. It is important that all Americans who cherish our way of life ensure that the deeds and sacrifices of men and women who have served and are currently serving are remembered, honored and thanked.

To all members of Legion Post 103, I salute you and Thank you on behalf of your brothers of Post 103 for your faithful and dedicated service!!

**With Deepest Respect
Al Rodriguez**



Auxiliary - Sherry Pietsch

This month started off with a joint meeting with the Legion for a Post Everlasting Ceremony for our dear Past Commander, Pat Callahan. Pat will be certainly missed. He was always willing to help the Auxiliary whenever we needed help and was always one of the first to sign up to help with Poppies.

We also had the pleasure of having long time members of the Auxiliary Margaret and Laura Callahan join us for our meeting. Margaret presented the Auxiliary with a donation in Pat's name. Thank you Margaret and Laura. Hope to see you again.

Several things are happening this month. Three of our members have volunteered to go shopping for clothing for the VA Hospital. Each year we budget money for this project. The clothing will be used for both female and male vets on a need basis. We also collect slightly use clothing during the year. If you would like to donate clothing please call me.

Another one of our projects is the VA Xmas party. We donated money to this cause and this year we also had a business that matched our donation which is great. The money goes to the VA Gift Shop for the hospitalized veterans. The veterans are given a coupon book and can purchase things from the gift shop. Many Auxiliary Units throughout Colorado participate in this project. This event will be held on the second Sunday, December 10th.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 6th at 7 pm at the Buck Center. After the meeting a small Xmas party will be held. Please bring a goodie to share. Hope to see you there.

One last note, if you haven't paid your dues please do so.

From the Pietsch Family we wish everyone a very Happy Safe Thanksgiving. If you have any questions or concerns please give me a call. 720-287-2108 Home

Adjutant - Al Rodriguez

As of November 4, we have 310 paid members slightly above 77% of reaching our goal of 401. I know that several of you have not yet sent in your 2018 dues of \$40 and I strongly encourage you to do so today. It would be great to achieve our assigned goal by the end of December. Send your check to the address listed at the top of this newsletter and receive your new membership card. If you pay on-line it takes about 30-45 days for me to receive notice that you paid.

From the DMS recruiting efforts, we have transferred in 37 new members to our Post. The service from these members during their time is broken down: 24 served during Vietnam era; 9 served during Korea era; 2 served during WWII, 1 served during the Granada/Lebanon era; and 1 is unknown at this time.

Men and women of all ages were transferred into the Post and most noteworthy is Earle Reed who is **101 years young !!**

Sadly, we had a long time member, leader and friend pass in the last month, **Patrick Daniel Callahan**. Our Honor Guard team performed the Military Honors for his burial. We conducted a Post Everlasting for our departed comrade at our General Meeting and was pleased that his wife, Margaret and daughter, Laura, were present. You will be missed Pat! Thank you for not only your faithful and dedicated service to your country but to Post 103. Rest in Peace.

We also had 3 Legionnaires who were initiated into our Post, **Michael Ayala, Nick Bilak, and Earle Reed**.

Welcome Comrades to our Post!

The reason the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines squabble among themselves is that they don't speak the same language. For example, take a simple phrase like, "Secure the building."

***The Army will put guards around the place.**

***The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors.**

***The Air Force will take out a 5-year lease with an option to buy.**

***The Marines will kill everybody inside and make it a command post.**

1st Vice Commander – Joel Mendelson

The Hudson Garden for October 7, 2017 13th Annual Veterans Resource & Job Fair went off without a hitch. Thanks to Nick Arceo, Dean Casey, and Rich Callan.

The DMS October 20, 22, at Headquarters and October 21 at Post 161. Was very successful my sincere thanks to Al Rodriguez, Nick Arceo and Dean Casey for donating their valuable time in this endeavor. It yielded 37 transfers so far with follow up still in progress. Also, Dean for his Service Officer guidance to a few that were seeking VA information.

Recruiting at ACE Hardware at Bowles and Kipling on October 28th, 2017 yielded us 10 names and numbers. Letters, applications

forms, and return self-addressed envelopes have been sent out to all sign ups.

I also attended the District 5 Fall Conference at Post 178 on 10/28/2017.

2nd Vice Commander – Steve Valdez

The March 10, 2018 breakfast has been changed to the first weekend of that same month. Please put **March 3, 2018** on your calendar.

The breakfast will held at the Englewood Colorado Elks Lodge - 3690 South Jason Street Englewood Colorado 80110.

The reason for this change in dates is due the American Legion sponsored Colorado State Oratorical which will be held Metropolitan State University

Chaplain – Mike Romero

Ward Oliver, will not be attending Legion Bingo as a volunteer, he is no longer allowed to drive, and has been put on Home Hospice. He tells me, he feels as good as can be, under the circumstances.

Duane Leiker, had surgery on the 5th of Nov., the doctors inserted a stent into his left leg artery, and they cleaned out calcium deposits in his right leg artery. He will be in the hospital "St. Joseph" for at least a week.

Let's keep these members and all members in our thoughts and prayers.

If you know of anyone needing a visit or call, contact me at: 303-973-2493 or, email me.

NOTE: we currently have these medical items available for loan to our Post Members.

Canes: 2 adjustable, 3 non-adjustable. **Walkers:** 5 non-wheeled. **Wheel Chairs:** 1 with foot-rests, 1 without. **Motorized Chairs:** 2. **Shower Chair:** 1 Adjustable.

Bedside Commode: 1 adjustable.

Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch

Post Income and Expenses were basically equal with nothing extraordinary for October. Income was primarily from membership dues and All Veterans Honor Guard donations while expenses were for membership and miscellaneous operating expenses. The Post made some adjustments to the planned contributions for the remainder of this year and funded a donation to Toys for Tots as our Christmas Project.

We will begin planning the 2018 Budget over the next month; any ideas you have for new projects or activities should be made known, ASAP, to one of the Post Officers for consideration in the budget.

2018 Scholarship Information

The Post will again be awarding two \$2,000 Claire Davis Memorial Scholarships (limited to Arapahoe High School students) and eight \$1,000 Descendants of Veterans Scholarships in 2018. The new scholarships application information will be posted on the top right corner of the Post webpage (www.legionpost103.org) this month.

If you have a child, grand child or great grandchild that will be graduating from high school this year regardless of where they live, they may qualify for the Descendants of Veterans Scholarships. Also, if you have a neighbor who is a high school senior and lives in our Post service area and is a descendant of a veteran, they may qualify. Any questions regarding these scholarships or to receive a direct copy of the application package, please call Ed Pietsch 720-287-2108 or email me.

Service Officer - Joe Cordova

No Report

All Veterans Honor Guard - Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 23 services for the month of October. The breakdown was WWII 6, Korea 6, Vietnam 11, and Gulf War 0. We have had a total of 217 services since January. The breakdown year to date is WWII 57, Korea 62, Vietnam 90, and Gulf War 8. Let your families know that Post 103 All Veterans Honor Guard will be available to do services at Ft Logan on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of every week. You can contact me at 303-246-7648.

Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons

JAG - Joel Mendelson

No new developments to report.

SAL - Nick Arceo

Good day Sons! Thank you for your membership and support. Our Squadron continues to grow, we are currently at 33 members. We still have some members that need to pay their dues, please get them in ASAP. The Detachment of Colorado is currently at 952 members. We need 144 members to hit our next membership goal which is 35%. Do you know a candidate for the Sons? The Sons had a great 2017, here are a few highlights. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation: 407,971 total Volunteer hours recorded with 27,225 visits and \$1,701,928 in cash and gifts. Children & Youth: single largest contributor to The Child Welfare Foundation: \$594,414 with 71,565 hours of service. Americanism: \$16,863 in donations and 2,490 service hours to the Oratorical program involving 518 contestants. A total of \$3,408,183 and 1,145,266 hours of service in support of Americanism programs. WOW thank you Sons! If you have an interest in being more involved with any activities here at Post/Squadron 103, please see me. What are you interested in? We have plenty of things for you to do! Remember that Veterans Day is November 11. Please get out in your community and participate in a Veteran event and thank them for their service.

The time is fast approaching for the 2018 Colorado State High School Oratorical speech contest. I am inviting all Sons to help with this great American Legion event. This event will take place on Saturday March 10, 2018 at Metro State University. Please visit the website at www.colegionoratorical.org. For more information please contact Roger Masse, Janelle Rodriguez or Nick Arceo.

Keep up the good work, I really appreciate all that you do for our Veterans and their families. God Bless you and your family and God Bless the United States of America!

Historian - Chris Bredesen

No Report.

At the beginning of the Army-Navy football game, the coin toss is made. The Navy captain shouts, HEADS followed by the Army captain shouting LATRINES!

BINGO - Ed Pietsch

We had a poor October ending with our first losing month of the year. We hope to end the year with a strong finish in November and December. Bingo paid expenses for October

were limited to the storage unit rent and a donation to the Denver Hospice in the memory of Past Commander Pat Callahan. If you are interested in helping out at Bingo on Thursdays, please come to Slammers Bingo Hall by 10 am (it is located at the NE corner of Jewell and Wadsworth).

District News

The District 5 Fall Conference was held on Friday, October 27th, at Post 178 located in Arvada.

Members of Department Commander Clinton's leadership team were present and shared a variety of important issues. Among those included Commander's Clinton project called "Operation Bear Hug," a program to assist veterans in transitioning back into some form of a normal life after experiencing some traumatic events during their service. In addition we were encouraged to use several techniques in recruiting and in retaining legion members. Also, we received a briefing into a number of financial assistance programs for veterans and their families.

If the enemy is in range, so are you.

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