



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

“The Leader Post” January 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1-5-2017 Meeting Canceled –Due to Weather
- 1-12-2017 Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall
- 1-14-2017 Post Breakfast Englewood Elks 9:00—11:00 Am
- 1-19-2017 Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall
- 1-19-1-21-2017 Mid-Year Conference
- 1-24-2017 Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall
- 1-30-2017 Officers Meeting 6:30 PM
- 2-1-2017 General membership meeting 7:00 PM

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 Roger Masse

Happy New Year! With the start of 2017, we are renewing the focus on growing the membership of Post 103. Our national website states, “The American Legion’s success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.” I believe strongly that our post is an asset to our community, and that letting the greater community know who we are and what we do will lead to increased interest in membership in the Legion and our Post.

I encourage you to share your Legion experiences when you meet fellow veterans. I will always be grateful to Chuck Blemler for sharing his story with me, which led me to join the Post and gave me some of the most meaningful experiences I’ve had in recent years. My family

can tell you, when I meet veterans in our community I make sure they know how important my involvement in the Legion has been to me and the opportunities it provides for camaraderie, networking, volunteerism, advocacy and personal assistance. It has given me the opportunity to positively impact youth and learn from all of you. Please join me in spreading the word to help us build our Legion family.

On December 14th, with Christmas around the corner, we learned that the Aurora branch of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation would be unable to fulfill up to 90% of local requests. Upon a vote of the Executive Board, it was decided to donate \$500 from Post 103 and \$500 from the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 103, for a total of \$1,000. On December 20th, Sons Commander Nick Arceo and I were honored to present the donations to Staff Sgt. Jon Kilpela at the warehouse location in Aurora. Thanks to JAG-Historian Joel Mendelson for joining us to take pictures.

Upcoming events include our Post Breakfast this Saturday, January 14th at the Englewood Elks Club. The doors open at 8:30 a.m. and breakfast will be served at 9:00. The Department of Colorado annual Mid-Year Conference will be held on January 20-22, 2017 at Denver Airport Convention Center Crown Plaza Hotel, 15500 East 40th Ave, Denver, CO 80239. Opening session will be on Friday morning at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited to this event. More details can be found at <http://coloradolegion.org/event/mid-year/2017-01-20/>

As our general membership meeting for January was cancelled due to weather, there will be a full agenda for February. The Executive Board will meet on Monday, January 30th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. and the general membership meeting will be on Wednesday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m. Among other things at the general membership meeting we will have a Four Chaplains Memorial Service, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the sinking of the US Army Transport Dorchester and the heroic actions of the four Army chaplains who were aboard. Stay warm in these wintry days, and I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Roger Masse

Commander, Post 103

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting was gavelled to order at 1900 hrs. Adjutant Harry Ciruli declared that there was a quorum present.

Past Commanders present at our Membership Meeting were: Dean Casey, Mike Romero, Ed Pietsch and Lynn Peterson.

Four WWII Veteran Members were also present; they were: Chuck Blemler, and Jack Pansini.

Officers Report

Harry Ciruli - Adjutant:

We have started the 2016-2017 Post year. As of today we have 376 members renewed out of 490. We are looking great; our goal has been set 420.

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:

Membership / Recruitment

Despite the Holiday month of December, continued Progress is being made in our 2017 Post 103/Dept. of Colorado Headquarters Membership campaign!! Currently, Post 103 Renewed Membership is at **89.5%** of Goal; representing 4th out of 19 Posts in District 5. Special & Appreciated Thanks to those current **376** Post 103 2017 Renewed Members.

As a Result of One December 2016 Email Renewal Reminder Notification, an Additional **14** Post 103 Legionnaires have Renewed for 2017; with More Renewals To Come. Approximately 40 Post 103 2016 Members Remain that have Not Yet Renewed for 2017. Hence, a Challenge to ALL Remaining 2017 Non-Renewed Members, to RENEW by Department's January 19th Deadline..Due your Part.

So.....If you have Not Yet Renewed your 2017 Geo. C. Evans Post 103 Membership. Please do so immediately. RENEW NOW.....HELP US CONTINUE TO MAKE & KEEP Geo. C. Evans Post 103, Dept. of Colorado & The American Legion STRONG!!!,

As a Reminder.....Annual Post 103 Dues are \$40.00. You can RENEW simply by EITHER Sending a Check Payable to: George C. Evans Post 103; & Mail to: Adjutant Harry Ciruli, Geo. C. Evans Post 103, P.O. Box 281, Littleton, CO 80160 OR More quickly make via On-Line Credit/Debit Card Payment On-Line. Visit www.legion.org.

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

Joyce Tuepker 2nd Vice Commander: No Report

Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch: We had a very slow month in December with Post income and expenses each totaling about \$1,000. Most of this income was from membership renewals but we are still receiving some income in the form of donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard in the memory of Past Commander John Palmquist.

The Post expenses consisted of the usual: membership paid out to the Department and National as well AVHG expenses, the Post telephone and office supply expenses. Bingo funds paid for the Post annual donations to Boy Scout Troop 114, the Post's Christmas Project donation of \$500 to the Toys For Tots Program, and our storage unit rent.

We are switching our Post phone from a land line to cellular to reduce costs. Fortunately we have been able to keep the same phone number for the cellular phone, so you can still reach the Adjutant at 720-287-2139.

Copies of the Post Budget with detailed line item information are available to any member by contacting me by e-mail at e_pietsch@msn.com or by calling me at 720-287-2108.

Mike Romero - Chaplain:

Donald F. McCoy, 103 Post Member passed on December 12, 2016.

A "Sympathy Card" was mailed to his family, January 6, 2017.

Let us all say prayers for **Ward Oliver**, during this time that he is experiencing with his health. **Ward** is a Post 103 member, and a very loyal Bingo Volunteer. He told me to tell all the bingo volunteers he's thinking of you.

Pat Callahan, is doing well using his walker. He tells me the sores on his foot are almost healed so he is doing as well as can be. He also would appreciate a call from some of our members, he can be reached at: 303-770-2857.

Wayne Coleman, is also doing well with his walker, he walks as much as he can to build up strength in his legs.

Howard Olson, experienced a scary episode while attending church service this past Sunday. While standing, he felt a little faint, but did not lose consciousness.

He was taken to Littleton Hospital by ambulance where he spent about 2 hours in the emergency. The doctors checked him, found a touch of dehydration but were able to give his vitals a clean bill of health.

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 at: mjromero44@gmail.com

American Legion Post 103 1st Quarter Closure Report for the 2016 Veteran Trust Fund.

During the month of October, Post 103 assisted four veterans in need.

Two veterans were helped with housing, using \$5,450 from the VA Veterans Assistance Grant. Two veterans were given rent assistance using \$3,300 from the Post 103 Veterans and Family Assistance Fund.

Respectfully Submitted by John Mullin.

2nd Vice Commander Joyce Tuepker: No Report

Harry Giglio – Commander, AVHG:

The AVHG had 21 services for the month of December. We have had a total of 248 services since January. The breakdown year to date is WWII 77 , Korea 67, Vietnam 93, Gulf war 6, Memorial 5.

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: Post 103 Sponsored Teams
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No Report

Statewide - Colorado American Legion Baseball (CALB)

The 2017 & 2018 American Legion Baseball (ALB) Western Region 8 Tournament will be Hosted by Department of Colorado's CALB Program. CALB will be looking for Fundraising & Post Donation(s); including Post Member Volunteer Assistance. More Tournament & Volunteer information will be forthcoming in the next several months. In the interim, any Interested Post 103 Legionnaire Baseball Fans & Supporters should Contact Lynn E. Peterson (lepeterson47@comcast.net, 720-841-5079).

Veteran Service Officer- John Mullen: During the month of December, Post 103 assisted veterans in need.

Five veterans were helped with housing, using \$5,693.63 from the VA Veterans Assistance

Grant.

\$1,500 in King Soopers Gift Cards were purchased and presented to Arapahoe County Veterans Administration Service Officers for distribution.

To date this fiscal year, we have spent the following:

Veterans Assistance Grant - \$14,763.63

Post 103 Veterans and Family Assistance - \$7,277.67

JAG – Joel Mendelson: No Report.

Ed Pietsch – Bingo Manager: December was a mixed month with one great day (our Must Go) followed by two losing weeks and then two winning weeks. 2015 was our best year ever but we managed to surpass it by a very, very, small amount (less than two thousandths of one percent or \$71) on the last session of 2016. We did it thanks to the efforts of all our great volunteers. 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.

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:

Commander Post 103 Roger Masse, SAL Chaplin Nick Arceo presenting Metro Denver “Toys for Tots” two checks totaling \$1,000.00 at Christmas 2016



Toys for Tots

SAL Commander – Nick Arceo:



Nick Arceo, Squadron Commander
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Happy New Year Sons! As we start another year I want to thank you once again for all your support to the American Legion and their programs. It is truly an honor to be a part of this great organization that reaches out to Veteran's and their families. My eligibility into the Sons is through my Father. He served in the Army during the WWII era. I come from a Military family as many of us do. My three uncles all served, one in the Air Force, one in the Army and one in the Marines. Our Squadron continues to climb towards our 2017 goal of 18 members. Our strength is now at 15 and I believe we have at least one new member! Great job! Post 103 have several "Duel" members, Legionnaires that are also Sons. I ask you to consider becoming a "Duel" member. What a great way to honor your Father or Grandfather. As you know, The Sons are a big part of supporting the Child Welfare Foundation, an American Legion program that help the youth of our country. 2017 donations are \$242,953. Colorado, \$10,125. Thank you so much! I would urge you to consider getting involved with volunteering in our post. There are many areas that could use you! Please contact me for additional information. God Bless you and your family this New Year and God Bless the United States of American.

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 you all had a Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year.

We didn't have a meeting January 4th because of the bad weather. Our next meeting is February 1st.

We're still collecting food for the Redistribution Center. The food of the month for February is canned meat, or any food item you have on hand. Also, pop can tops, empty small printer cartridges, canceled stamps, plastic grocery bags, and travel size toiletries.

Upcoming Events:

Post Breakfast at the Englewood Elks Lodge January 14th. Cost is \$5.00.

Midyear Conference, January 19-21st. at the Crown Plaza Hotel DIA, Denver, CO

If you would like to join our Auxiliary Unit or come to one of our meetings, you can call Darlene Romero at: 303-973-2493.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Darlene Romero

Auxiliary President, Unit 103