



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

“The Leader Post” March 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 3-9-2017 Bingo Slammers Bingo Hall 10:00 AM
- 3-11-2017 Colorado Legion Oratorical Contest @ Metro State College.
- 3-16-2017 Bingo Slammers Bingo Hall 10:00 AM
- 3-23-2017 Bingo Slammers Bingo Hall 10:00 AM
- 3-30-2017 Bingo Slammers Bingo Hall 10:00 AM
- 4-3-2017 Officers meeting Buck Rec. Center 6:30 PM
- 5-5-2017 General membership meeting Buck Rec. Center 7:00 PM
- 5-6-2017 Bingo Slammers Bingo Hall 10:00 AM
- 5-13-2017 Bingo Slammers Bingo Hall 10:00 AM

Englewood Elks: 3690 S. Jason St., Englewood, CO
Buck Rec. Center: 2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton, CO
Slammers Bingo Hall: 1884 S. Wadsworth Blvd.



COMMMANDERS COMMENTS: Commander Roger Masse

We celebrated the 116th birthday of George C. Evans at our meeting on February 1st. Happy Birthday, George! As most of you know, George was a longtime member of Post 103. During the first World War, George served as a Navy seaman on the USS New Hampshire, a battleship that protected American warships from German submarines as they crossed the Atlantic. After the war, he lived to over the age of 100, becoming one of the oldest survivors of WWI. Upon his death, Post 103 adopted his name to honor him. Sometimes when I’m working at our weekly Bingo fundraiser, just like George did, I think about how we’re carrying on his legacy. I think he would be proud of Post 103.

Also at our February meeting, we commemorated Four Chaplains Day. Mike Romero led the service, with the help of John Mullin, Jack Pansini, Nick Arceo and Harry Giglio who read the parts of the chaplains. Thanks to all of them for this moving and meaningful service. Our next meeting will be on the evening of March 1st at the Buck Center. The Executive Board will meet on February 27th.

The Department of Colorado annual Mid-Year Conference was held January 20-22, 2017 at the Denver Airport Convention Center Crown Plaza Hotel. Post members attending were Lynn Peterson, Joel Mendelson, Harry Ciruli, Nick Arceo, Rich Callan and myself. Highlights included Army Initiation on Friday evening, lots of educational programs and breakout sessions, and the banquet on Saturday evening. Two Legionnaires were married on Saturday, and the state Chaplain performed a nice service. There was also a Four Chaplains Service at the Conference on Sunday morning.

Our Post is very involved in preparations for the Department of Colorado High School Oratorical Contest on Saturday, March 11 at Metro State. It promises to be an inspiring day, with 23 students scheduled to speak and compete. The day will begin with volunteers reporting at 7:00 a.m., and the contest itself will start at 9:00. Volunteers are still welcome; if you're interested please contact me. Many of our members have also been participating in Color Guard presentations, on January 27th at Dakota Ridge High School and one for the Cub Scouts on February 7th. We performed a Flag Ceremony on February 7th at King Soopers at Wadsworth and Alameda in Lakewood. Another Color Guard presentation is scheduled for Valentine's Day, February 14th, at Dakota Ridge. Sounds like a great way to celebrate!

I want to thank my great Executive Board for all their help. As always, please contact me with your questions, comments and suggestions, and I look forward to seeing you on March 1st.

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: Mike Romero, Ed Pietsch and Lynn Peterson, Al Rodriguez.

Three WWII Veteran Members were also present; they were: Chuck Blemler, and Jack Pansini, Bud Goodwin

Officers Report

Harry Ciruli - Adjutant:

We have started the 2016-2017 Post year. As of today we have 401 members renewed out of 481. 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

As of the end of January 2017, Post 103 Renewed Membership, is at **92%** of Goal; which represent **387 2017 Renewed Members. Approximately 80 2016 Member Legionnaires remain** to Renew their 2017 Membership, with an additional 35+ Legionnaires, whose 2016 Membership has Expired.

IMPORTANTLY....Now it's Your Turn.... 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.....2017 Annual Post 103 Dues (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017) are \$40.00. You can RE-NEW 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: The Oratorical is the 11th of March at Auraria Campus in Denver. Post 103 is sponsoring one contestant.

There will be a Post 103 breakfast at the Englewood Elks on 15 April and one in May. All Legionnaires and their families are invited to attend.

10 June is the Post 103 picnic at Cornerstone Park in Littleton. We do have the reservation for the picnic area thanks to Richard Callan.

We will soon begin working on our involvement in the Western Welcome Week activities held in Downtown Littleton on Saturday, 19 August from 1000 to 1200.

Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch: The Post is now operating under its new 2017 Budget which was approved at the December 7, 2016 meeting. Since our January meeting was snowed out, I have included summary information for December and January.

The winter months are usually slow for Finance purposes and the months of December and January were no different. In December, we had income totaling a little over \$1,000 comprised of membership and All Veterans Honor Guard donations. In January, the total income was just over \$600 and included AVHG donations, membership and the Post Breakfast.

Expenses in December and January pretty much matched the income. December expenses were just over \$1,000 including AVHG expenses, membership paid too Department, and office and operating supplies. January expenses were only \$400 and included dues to Department, AVHG, Post telephone and a few office expenses.

Mike Romero - Chaplain:

Joyce Tuepker, and her family are going through trying times concerning the health of their mother. Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Let us also 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, 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**.

Bob Aliano's, wife **Kathy** was recently released from the hospital and is now at home rehabbing from her hospital stay.

Fay Cunningham, along with his wife **Geri**, moved into MorningStar, an assisted living center located on Kipling Parkway. He tells me they are getting used to the new living situation, but it's very different than what they were accustomed to. They have new old friends there; **Ray Pearson** and **Eileen Bennett** who also reside at MorningStar. **Ray** will have to teach **Fay** how to play bingo if he doesn't already know.

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.

Harry Giglio – Commander, AVHG:

The AVHG had 24 services for the month of January. The breakdown year to date is WWII 8, Korea 7, Vietnam 9, Gulf war 0, Memorial 0.

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

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. Volunteers to assist with the August 2-6, 2017 Tournament are Needed. Tournament & Volunteer information has been sent to All Colorado Posts.

For Tournament Fundraising, CALB will be conducting several upcoming Events.

Firstly, CALB will be Raffling a Silver Bar, valued at approximately \$1,700,00, on April 22, 2017. Raffle Tickets will be Available for sale in Mid February 2017. Watch for Information!!

Secondly, a follow up Silver/Gold Coin Raffle will be held in May 2017.

Lastly, in partnership with the Colorado Rockies Baseball Club, our CALB Commission will be Selling Prime Seat Tickets for Upcoming Season Games this Spring & Summer. Currently, Colorado Rockies Home Game Tickets, along 3rd Base @ \$40.00 each, are Available for the Sunday, April 23, 2017 1:10PM Colorado Rockies vs San Francisco Giants Game.

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 February, Post 103 assisted veterans in need.

Three veterans were helped with rent, using \$4758.44 from the VA Veterans Assistance Grant.

King Soopers Gift Cards were purchased, using \$1164.00 of Grant funds.

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

Veterans Assistance Grant - \$22,560.07

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

JAG – Joel Mendelson: No Report.

Ed Pietsch – Bingo Manager: The Post finished 2016 with a new record for income for the year but just barely beating out our 2015 numbers. We had a good Must Go in December and ended with just enough to give us a new record. January was not so good. We were snowed out our first session, and on the next we had both Progressive Jackpots (Bingo & Pull-tab) won by customers. The loss of the Progressive Bingo Jackpot virtually eliminated our chance of holding four, Must Go's during the year and that will cost at least \$6,000 in potential profit for 2017. We ended January with about \$1200 in profits for the month.

In December, Bingo paid out approximately \$1,000 in Post expenses including Storage Unit costs, contributions to Boys Scout Troop 114, and a donation to Toys for Tots. In January Bingo paid out about \$300 for the Post Breakfast, and two minor expenses for annual Post corporation fee to the Secretary of State and for Boys State.

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 Mid-Year was full of surprises, there were meetings, training sessions, swear-ins for High School students entering the Military and a first time at least in Colorado, a surprise wedding that only four people knew about. The Bride was not one of them!

The wedding surprise extraordinaire of Jim Hartshorn and Cheryl Mattrick before the American Legion Family on Saturday January 20, 2017. All photos courtesy of Darrell Myers, Department Photographer.



SAL Commander – Nick Arceo:



Nick Arceo, Squadron Commander
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Good day Sons of the American Legion! Thank you all for everything you do to support the American Legion and their programs to help Veterans and their families. It is a great privilege to be a part of the largest organization that reaches out to them. My eligibility into the Sons is through my Father who served in the Army during the WWII era. Please consider becoming a Son there's lot of work to be done! Our Squadron continues to grow! We are at 18 members. If

you haven't paid your dues, please get them in ASAP. Yearly dues are only \$15.00. As you go about your day, talk to your neighbors and friends about joining the American Legion family. We have a very special new member, Tim Cochran. He is married to Judith "Evans" Cochran the daughter of "George C. Evans", our Post namesake. I look forward to having Tim a part of our squadron. Here at Post 103, we have lots going on. We need your help reaching out to Veterans in our community. Please contact anyone of the Officers for details. God Bless you and God Bless the United States of America.

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"...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."

Unfinished Business: None

New Business None

For the Good of the Legion: A 50/50 drawing was held, and the lucky recipient was Rich Callan. He donated his winnings to AVHG. A good choice and thanks Rich



Darlene Romero, President



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We had 9 members attend our Unit Meeting. We joined the Legion for The Four Chaplains Ceremony, and celebrated George C. Evans Birthday. We discussed the Oratorical Contest, March 11th at Metro State University. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out, you can email Janelle Rodriguez at: janlynn0525@gmail.com.

We're still collecting food for the Redistribution Center. The food of the month for March is rice, 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.

I would like to thank, Adreann Palmquist, Sherry Pietsch, and Harry Giglio for donating clothes for the VA Hospital.

Upcoming Events:

Oratorical Contest March 11th at Metro State University.

The Post Breakfast will be April 15th instead of March 11th because of The Oratorical.

Darlene Romero

Auxiliary President, Unit 103