



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

**“The Leader Post” November 2016**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- 11-10-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 11-12-2016 Pos Banquet; 12:00 PM Englewood Elks
- 11-17-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 11-24-2016 NO BINGO!!!
- 12-1-2016 MUST GO !!!! Come one Come all
- 12-5-2016 Officers meeting Buck Rec. Center 6:30 PM
- 12-7-2016 General membership meeting Buck Rec. Center 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.



**COMMMANDERS COMMENTS: Commander Roger Masse**

Well, another meeting under my belt, and I’m learning every day. November is a very busy time. Veterans Day gives us the opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments of the past and plan for the future of the Legion. We have only to look around our Post to know that veterans come from all walks of life, and that we and our families take tremendous pride in the service given to our country. As we gather this weekend for our annual banquet, I look forward to celebrating our achievements and sharing that pride with all of you. Please continue to share your thoughts and suggestions with me, as it is extremely helpful for me to have the benefit of many ideas and diverse points of view.

I've been very busy since my last report. Our presence at Boo at the Zoo was valuable, and while I enjoyed passing out candy to all the kids I also had the opportunity to talk to many of their family members about membership and other aspects of the Legion. At the November general membership meeting we were fortunate to have four installations of new members. Sadly, we've lost three post members this month. I attended the funeral for John Palmquist, and services for Danny Fountain and Jesse Rivera are upcoming. On Friday we will be visiting schools and participating in public events for Veterans Day. And on Saturday I'm excited to welcome you all to our Annual Post Banquet.

12/5/16 – 6:30 pm – Executive Board Meeting at the Buck Center

12/7/16 – 7:00 pm – General Membership Meeting at the Buck Center (three Post Everlasting Services)

Please let me know if you have any suggestions, questions or concerns for the Post. I'm excited for the remainder of the year, and continuing to serve as your Commander. Thank you.

**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: 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 320 members renewed out of 478. 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:**

### **Membership / Recruitment**

We Ask All our Post 103 Legionnaire Members who have Not Yet Renewed their 2017 Membership Dues to RENEW NOW.....HELP US CONTINUE TO MAKE & KEEP Geo. C. Evans Post 103, Dept. of Colorado & The American Legion STRONG!!!,

Currently, Post 103 Membership is at 68%. For those that have Renewed for 2017, a Hearty Special & Appreciated Thanks. **If You have Not Yet Renewed your 2017 Geo. C. Evans Post 103 Membership. please do so immediately.** Department of Colorado's 2017 American Legion "Post Target Goal of 85%" Membership by November 15th,

Furthermore, To Help us meet our November 15th Goal, over 120 Email Renewal Reminders were recently sent to our Post 103 2015 Expired Members & 2016 Non-Renewal Members. If You Received a Reminder, don't wait.....**Renew Now!**

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 Credit/Debit Card Payment On-Line. **Visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)**

Additionally, Be apart of something Worthwhile, Help Post 103 Add to our Veterans Organization Strength by being a part of an upcoming November Denver Metro Recruitment (DMS) Event. For Interest, Please Contact 1st Vice Commander Lynn E. Peterson ([lepeterson47@comcast.net](mailto:lepeterson47@comcast.net); 720-841-5079) or Commander Roger Masse ([drivercoach69@gmail.com](mailto:drivercoach69@gmail.com); 719-648-2818).

### **Joint District 5 & 6 DMS Recruitment Day Events Scheduled**

1. **Metro Denver Area Direct Mailing Solicitation (DMS) Recruitment**
  - a. Friday, November 18th @ Dept. Hdqtrs., 12Noon - 4PM;
  - b. Saturday, November 19th @ Denver Post #1, 12Noon - 4PM; and
  - c. Sunday, November 20th @ Denver Post #1, 12Noon

**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](mailto:drivercouch69@yahoo.com)

**Joyce Tuepker 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:** Working on hand-off to John Mullin (Service Officer). Intent is to continue as Service Officer with John being the primary. I plan to assist where needed (paperwork, delivery of checks, working with ACVA, etc.).

Will be meeting with Janelle Rodriguez regarding the upcoming banquet on 12 November. There is a very short turnaround. Information will be sent out as plans are finalized.

Will continue to support the AVHG as much as possible.

Will continue to go through the paperwork I received regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander position and come up to speed as quickly as possible.

**Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch:** We had another positive month in October with Post income significantly exceeding expenses. This is in large part due to Past Commander Elmer Herbaly's generous donation to the Post from his Estate. We will always remember Elmer's as a fine gentleman, a mentor and a significant participant in Post Americanism programs especially the Post Oratorical Program which he chaired for many years. The Post also had received donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard (AVHG) for their participation in veteran's services at Fort Logan. Funds were also received for membership renewals and from National for our 40, Paid Up For Life members.

The Post Expenses were minimal and were mostly for membership paid out to the Department and National as well AVHG expenses, the Post telephone and office supply expenses.

We encourage all Post members that have not yet paid their 2017 dues to renew As Soon As Possible. This helps the Post achieve membership goals but also provides some financial income to meet Post expenses.

**Mike Romero - Chaplain:**

**James B. Love**, date of passing unknown. A "Sympathy Card" was mailed to his family, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Danny H. Fountain**, passed away on October 20<sup>th</sup>. A "Sympathy Card" was mailed to his family, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.

**John U. Palmquist**, passed away on October 31<sup>st</sup>. A "Sympathy Card" Was mailed to his family on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

**Jesse Rivera Sr.**, passed away on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. A "Sympathy Card" was mailed to his family on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

*These Post 103 members will be greatly missed by family and friends...*

**Pat Callahan**, tells me he is getting along as well as expected, and is attending his church services with the aid of his walker.

**Wayne Coleman's**, Wheelchair ramp was completed on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Both he and his Wife **Tommie**, are very pleased with the work done. This was a joint effort between, AL Post 103 and VFW Post 4666. It's very gratifying when you can get the cooperation of two great organizations to accomplish things for our veterans.

A second Wheelchair of ours is out on loan to **JoAnn Mompher** for her husband who is suffering with Alzheimer's.

Let's keep these 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](mailto: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 21 services for the month of October. The breakdown was WWII 3, Korea 7, Vietnam 8. And Gulf War 3. We have had a total of 206 services since January. The breakdown year to date is WWII 66, Korea 52, Vietnam 80, Gulf war 5, 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: 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](mailto:lepeterson47@comcast.net), 720-841-5079).

### **For The Good of the Legion**

**JAG – Joel Mendelson:** No Report.

#### **Ed Pietsch – Bingo Manager:**

We had a great crowd of 98, which help us make our door plus \$100. However our normal expenses for rent, supplies, bingo machine rental, liability insurance and accounting services totaled \$1,095. Our profits from bingo sales , double action sales and regular pull tab profits (does not include progress pull-tab) totaled \$1,098. That \$3 plus the Progressive pull-tab(show me the money) where we make\$104 per box ( we sold three), and Progressive Bingo sales from door, desk and floor (30% of total) made \$222. Our total net profit for the day was \$538.

The last week in October when Sherry and I were gone, you all did great with a profit of \$1,423 for the day and we ended the month with a net profit of \$1,103. The first two weeks of November we had losses.

Remember the Must Go is December 1st. Hope you can make it, we need

Come out, give us a try and we think you will like it. 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. We look forward to seeing you!

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:**

#### **SAL Commander – Nick Arceo:**



**Nick Arceo, Squadron Commander**  
 nicrco@ gmail.com

Thank you Sons of The American Legion. This year our goal is to get back to 17 members. We are currently at 7 members. If you still have not paid your dues, please get them in. I want to thank everyone once again for your help with the Golf Tournament. I received a thank you letter from The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, thanking us for the donation of \$2,532.00. Our check helped put the Sons total life time donation over the 7 Million mark! Our next goal is to get over 8 million! This year already Colorado is at \$8,475.00, total donations are at \$150,887. We are on our way to 1 million \$\$ . Please consider becoming a SAL. Eligibility is easy! If your Father or Grandfather served our great Country, you can join and honor them! We have several duel members here at post 103. Please see me with any questions you might have about the Sons of the American Legion. We are very involved in assisting the American Legion help Veterans and their families.

**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**

**303-973-2493**

**[darlene\\_romero@msn.com](mailto:darlene_romero@msn.com)**

There were 9 members in attendance at our November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. We currently have 23 paid members. If you have not paid your dues, you can send them to Jean Jesser at: 150 W. Sterne Pkwy, Littleton, CO 80120.

We are collecting warm clothes, such as gloves, scarves, hats, socks and sweat shirts and pants. Our Unit has donated \$200.00 to buy clothes for our Veterans at the VA. The volunteers are, Jean Jesser, Darlene Folger and Darlene Romero.

We are still collecting food for the Redistribution Center. The food of the month for December is: flour and sugar. Also, toiletries, plastic grocery bags, pop can tabs, canceled stamps, and small empty printer cartridges.

**Upcoming Events:**

The Post Banquet will be held November 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at the Englewood Elks Lodge. We will have a raffle for two crocheted blankets and a drawing for several gift cards.

Next meeting will be December 7<sup>th</sup>. We will have a quick meeting and have refreshments to celebrate the Holidays.

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

**Darlene Romero**

Auxiliary President, Unit 103