



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

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- 9-22-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 9-29-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 10-3-2016 Officers Meeting Buck Center 6:30 PM
- 10-5-2016 General membership meeting Buck Center 7:30 PM
- 10-6-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 10-10-2016 Columbus Day
- 10-13-2016 BINGO, Slammers Bingo Hall
- 10-14-2016 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: Commander - Lynn E. Peterson, Acting

Communication / Inquiries & Requests / Activity Participation

- a. Conducted Post Everlasting Ceremony for: Raymond Jones, US Navy; Carl Cornelius, US Army Air Corps; & John Rickert, US Army.
- b. Announced Geo. C. Evans Post 103 Host for Charlie Schmidt, Newly Elected AL National Commander Colorado Visit: Sept. 12 - 15, 2016. Post 103 to Host Luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 13th, 11:30AM - 1:30PM at Englewood Elks Lodge #2122.
- c. Dist. 5/6 FALL Conference - Saturday, Sept. 17th @ Commerce City Post 151; 10:00AM.

Post Program(s): Activities, Needs & Actions – Veterans Service, Americanism, Community Relations

- a. Patriot Day - Sunday, Sept. 11th; 15th Anniversary - Sept. 11, 2001 - Sept. 11, 2016
- b. POW / MIA Recognition Day - Friday, Sept. 16th
- c. 2016 AL Natl. Combined Americanism Conference - Sept. 23 - 25, 2016; Indianapolis, IN
- d. 2017 State Oratorical Program Contest - Saturday, March 11, 2017 @ Metro State University. More Post 103 Member Volunteer Activities & Needs forthcoming.

We have several dual members of our Post 103 and the Pat Hannon, VFW Post 4666. It is an honor and a privilege to report that one such Legionnaire, Allan Stone, has been elected to the position of Commander of the Colorado Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars for 2016-2017. Allan and his wife, Phyllis, work tirelessly on behalf of veterans and their families across the State. On behalf of all members of Post 103, I congratulate Allen for this achievement and wish him much success in his new position. We know he will do well!

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 252 members renewed out of 478. We are looking great, our goal has been set 220.

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

Currently, in process of working with Dept. of Colorado, on Updated Denver Metro DMS Listing, which would include Post 103 Service Area. Dept. of Colorado working on DMS Recruitment Plans for Denver Metro Area. They include:

Joint District 5 & 6 DMS Recruitment Day Events on: Friday, November 18 @ Dept. Hdqtrs; Saturday, November 19th @ Denver Post 1 & November 20th @ Arvada Post 16.....Times to follow.

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: Mark your calendars. Friday, November 11, 2016 at 11:00 am will be our annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Littleton World War II Memorial at Ketring Park near the Littleton Museum on Gallup Street. This is a joint Ceremony put on by Post 103 and VFW Post 4666. Details are being finalized and will be included in next month's newsletter.

Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch: The Post Finances for both income and expenses were dominated by membership dues again this month. Of the almost \$4,000 in Post income, 91% was a direct results to membership dues payment. The remaining balance were a result of donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard (AVHG) and a donation to the Post from the City of Columbine Valley in appreciation for the Post's participation in their July 4th Parade.

Of the approximately \$3,700 in Post expenses in August, in addition to the majority going to membership paid to Department/National, \$800 went to supplies for the AVHG team, and the remainder to Post Operating Expenses including monthly telephone bill, the annual Post Office Box rental, the annual Post webpage support, office supplies and nametags and pins.

The net result was an increase of about \$250 in the Post checking account. The Post Executive Committee reviews all the Post accounts each month. Only summary information is discussed at the membership meeting or in the newsletter. Any member who wishes to see the detail information, please contact me at 720-287-2108 or e-mail me at e_pietsch@msn.com, and I will make it available to you.

Mike Romero - Chaplain:

Pat Callahan is currently at Center at Lincoln, he is due to be released to home care, Tuesday, 9-12-2016. Pat can be reached at: 303-770-2857

Allan Stone who is also a member of VFW 4666 is currently at Sky Ridge Hospital. He is having trouble with a cyst on his neck that is causing pain to his spine.

Wayne Colman has been moved back to Someren Glen, from Littleton Adventist Hospital. Wayne was walking with his wife **Tommie** when he got too close to the edge of the sidewalk, lost his balance, hit his head, and also broke his hip in the process.

Jesse Rivera Sr. one of Post 103's newest members, is currently at University of Colorado Hospital being treated for a strong case of pneumonia.

Roger Masse Post 103 Commander, continues to slowly gain strength and improve from West Nile Decease.

Joe Gryniewicz is continuing to slowly heal from rotator cup surgery, he tells me he has an appointment on the 23rd of September, to evaluate whether he can be released from his arm sling. He doesn't know if the doctor will allow mobility enough to go back to bingo calling.

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

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.

Joyce M. 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: Post 103 Sponsored Teams

With the 2016 Colorado American Legion Baseball (CALB) Season concluded, several Highlight's of & from our Geo. C. Evans Sponsored Seven Legion Baseball Teams.

Summary

Post 103 Sponsored Teams

2016 CALB Program, Post 103 Sponsored Seven Teams:

- Littleton HS / Lions: Legion A & Legion C
- Englewood HS / Pirates: Legion C
- Skyview Academy HS / Prairie Dogs: Legion B
- Rock Canyon HS / Jaguars: Legion C & D
- Lutheran Parker HS / Pride: Legion C

League / Post Season

League Standing

Post Season

Littleton Lions - Legion A	7 - 3; Tied 1st	Qualifier/Participant
Littleton Lions - Legion C	11 - 7; 4th	Qualifier/Participant
Englewood Pirates - Legion C	1 - 17; 10th	Non-Qualifier
Skyview Prairie Dogs - Legion B	4 - 14; 10th	Non-Qualifier
Rock Canyon Jaguars - Legion C	10 - 4; 2nd	Qualifier/Participant

Rock Canyon Jaguars - Legion D 14 - 6; 2nd
Lutheran Pride - Legion B 15 - 1; 1st.

Qualifier/Participant
Qualifier/Participant/Co-State Champ

JAG – Joel Mendelson: No Report.

Ed Pietsch – Bingo Manager: The summer months are usually slow, and this summer was no exception. We did make a little over \$1,500 for the month and we survived not giving away our Progressive Bingo Jackpot. Our Must Go for September 1st was safe, and we had a great Must Go session that we will talk about next month. Bingo paid out Post expenses for the storage unit and deposited \$3,000 into the Post Veterans and Family Assistance Fund. This fund is used by our Post Service Officers to help needy veterans and their families, especially during the period when the Post is out of funds from our State of Colorado Grant.

We thank all our Legion, SAL and Auxiliary volunteers for their assistance but we could use more help. The last two weeks, we have been a little short-handed. We like to have enough volunteers so that the volunteers and the customers feel comfortable. These past two weeks with several volunteers sick or vacationing, we could have used a few more helpers. Come on out, the jobs are easy and the volunteers have fun. Most of our customers are great and the day is usually one everyone looks forward to. Remember, you do not have to work every Thursday, but you can fill in when we are short-handed and for Must Go's.

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: No Report

SAL Commander – Nick Arceo:



Nick Arceo, Squadron Commander
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Good Day Sons of the American Legion. Thank you all for your membership into the Sons. My eligibility is through my Father, he served in the Army during the WWII era. I'm very proud of my Father and honored him by joining the Sons of the American Legion. I am looking to grow our Squadron here at 103. The Sons are very active supporting the programs of the American Legion. I would ask you to consider joining the Sons. What a great way to honor your Father or Grandfather. It time to pay your dues. Dues for the Sons are \$15.00 per year. We have many Duel Members and I hope you will join us. God bless you and God bless The United States of American. Please see me with any questions.

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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We had a good meeting of 12 members and one guest, Ranya Kelly. She is the coordinator for the Veteran's Redistribution Center we donate food and plastic grocery bags to. She also talked to us about the Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber program for our veterans.

We also collected this month's dues. If anyone wants to pay their dues, you can send them to: Jean Jesser, 150 W. Sterne Pkwy, Littleton, CO 80120. Senior Dues are \$25.00 and junior dues are \$5.00.

At our next meeting, October 5th we are having Pilar Bottoms, President of District 5 visiting us. 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