



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

“The Leader Post” April 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 4-3-2017 Officers meeting Buck Rec. Center 6:30 PM
 - 4-5-2017 General membership meeting Buck Rec. Center 7:00 PM
 - 4-6-2017 Bingo Slammers Bingo Hall 10:00 AM
 - 4-13-2017 Bingo Slammers Bingo Hall 10:00 AM
 - 4-15-2017 Post Breakfast Englewood Elks 9:00 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

As we welcome March, the American Legion Department of Colorado High School Oratorical Contest is upon us. This Saturday, March 11, at Metropolitan State University, some of the most talented high school speakers in Colorado will gather to compete for generous scholarships and the honor of representing our state at the National Finals in Indianapolis. Our post is certifying one young man to compete, Matthew Yohannes, a senior at Arapahoe High School. The competition begins at 9:00 a.m., and volunteers should arrive between 7:00-7:30. Spectators are welcome as well, and if you have never been to the Oratorical Contest I encourage you to attend and hear these inspirational young people share their knowledge of the Constitution of the United States. You will be proud to know that the future of our nation is in their hands.

Daylight Saving Time begins this weekend as well, so remember to “spring forward” an hour on Sunday. The official start of spring usually brings some of our heaviest snow in Colorado, and I hope we see some of that before the grass greens up and the birds come out. Don’t forget the “wearin’ o’ the green” on St. Patrick’s Day and enjoy some corned beef and cabbage!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our events in April. The Executive Board will meet on Monday, April 3 and the general membership meeting is on Wednesday, April 5. And we have a Post Breakfast on Saturday, April 15 at the Englewood Elks Club.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns you have about the Legion and our Post. Have a great month of March!

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 405 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 February 2017, Post 103 Renewed Membership increased to **95%** of Goal (420 Membership Goal); representing a **2017 Renewed Membership of 405** To Date, Ninety-nine **2015 & 2016 Expired Member Legionnaires remain** to Renew their 2017 Membership.

As a result of both American Legion National & Department of Colorado Leadership “Membership Push” initiatives during February 2017, a “Post 103 4-Member Call Committee” was formed, consisting of: 2nd Vice Cmdr. Joyce Tuepker, Judge Advocate/Historian Joel Mendelson, Squadron 103 Cmdr. Nick Arceo & 1st Vice Cmdr. Lynn Peterson. Collectively, approximately 80 Unrenewed Post 103 Legionnaires were contacted directly by Phone & Email. As a result, approximately 18 Unrenewed/Expired Members Completed & Submitted their 2017 Post 103 Membership.

IMPORTANTLY....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

Post Financial Results for February.

We had one of those break even months where the Post income equaled the Post expenses. Income was mostly form membership but also included a reimbursement from the Ladies Auxiliary for Mid-year convention expenses, reimbursement from Comcast for switching to a new cellular phone service and a donation to the All Veterans Honor Guard. Expenses included membership dues to Department, a flag, picnic reservation, meeting expenses and a small AVHG expense.

We Need You!!

When combined the Post Budget, Bingo Budget and State Grant provides a large footprint of support to veterans programs, youth programs, and charities in the community. To continue to fund and support these programs to our maximum ability, we need volunteer manpower. Please consider joining your fellow members at meetings, get involved in some of the Post programs and projects or just help out at bingo. I am sure there are some activities that will interest you and your input and participation will strengthen existing programs and provide insight on other opportunities to better serve the community. Also, consider becoming involved as a Post Officer and serve on the Executive Board. There will be several openings in Post Executive Board positions next year, please contact Chaplain Mike Romero if you might be interested. Mike is Chairman of the Post nominating Committee for Commander Roger Masse and he can be reached at 303-973-2493.

Mike Romero - Chaplain:

Steve Dillman, Past Department Commander passed on February 11, 2017. A Sympathy Card was mailed to his family on behalf of Post 103.

Fred Himelspach, is out of the hospital after back surgery. He says the surgery was a success and is surprised at how much better he feels at this early stage. I know he'll be "chompin' at the bit" to get back to all the legion things he's involved in.

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

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

NOTE:

Both of our standard wheelchairs and one walker are out on loan for now, but we have several other walkers and canes available to loan any of our members, we also have 2 electric wheelchairs if anyone is in need. Please, email or call me at the above number for more information.

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.

Harry Giglio – Commander, AVHG:

The AVHG had 18 services for the month of February. The breakdown year to date is WWII 3, Korea 4, Vietnam 9, Gulf war 2, Memorial 0.

Total services year to date 42—WWII 11, Korea 11, Vietnam 18, Gulf War 2..

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

Presently, plans are being made to solicit Littleton Area Post 103 Legion Baseball Team Sponsorships. It is anticipated, Littleton & Englewood High School Baseball Teams will again participate in our 2017 Summer Legion Baseball Program.

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 (lepeter47@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: A Bingo jinx has been placed on the Post. In our first sessions in January and March, someone has won our Progressive Bingo Jackpot and on the same days, someone else had one our Progressive pull-tab jackpot. That has rely, rely set us back for 2017. We have to start all over again trying to rebuild our jackpot, so we can have a Must Go (when we have a big pay day). In February we only made a profit of a little over \$800, while Bingo paid Post expenses in February for the mid-year convention, storage unit and oratorical fee. These expenses totaled about \$1,600.

We thank all our volunteers for their assistance each week, but could use several more especially some of you new members. 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. You will have a good time and the jobs are not difficult.

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:

Post 103 Color Guard Nick Arceo, Roger Massy, and Joel Mendelson participated in Color Guard duties twice in February, Cub Scout Troup 161 and Dakota Ridge High School Honors assembly for a complete gymnasium full of students and teachers. There were 72 students with

a GPA of 3.8 – 3.9 and 323 students with a GPA of 4.0. See George C. Evans Post 103, Face book for Pictures at www.legionpost103.com



Nick Arceo, Roger Massy, and Joel Mendelson also performed a Flag Raising ceremony at King Soopers at Alameda and Wadsworth. Our Post retired their old Flag which had seen better days. See George C. Evans Post 103, Face book for Pictures at www.legionpost103.com



SAL Commander – Nick Arceo:



Nick Arceo, Squadron Commander
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Good day Sons. Thank you for all you do. The American Legion is dedicated to helping Veterans and their families, mentoring and protecting youth, promoting Americanism & patriotism and supporting a strong national defense. The Sons of The American Legion are a big part of this. SAL was established in 1933 and continues to be part of the American Legion.

Please consider joining our squadron. If you Father or Grandfather served in the Military you are eligible. We are currently at 21 members, 117% of our goal, thanks! We are at 93% renewal. If you have not paid your dues please get them to adjutant Harry Ciruli. I want to invite you to our upcoming CWF (child welfare foundation) Banquet on April 1, 2017 at Post # 1985, 870 1st Street, Firestone CO. 80520. SAL National Commander Jeff Frain will be our honored guest. The Sons meet the first Wednesday of every month, 7p.m. at the buck Recreation Center along with the American Legion Post 103. Please join us next month. God Bless You and God Bless the United States of America.

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."

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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March 1st. Unit meeting we had 8 members and one guest, **Pillar Bottoms**, 5th. District President. She talked about the upcoming State Convention, in Colorado Springs in June, and Membership.

If anyone would like to join our Unit or pay their dues can call Jean Jesser at: 303-771-2746.

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.

Upcoming Events:

Oratorical Contest March 11th at Metro State University.

Post Breakfast at the Englewood Elks Lodge, 9:00AM April 15th.

Darlene Romero

Auxiliary President, Unit 103