



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

**“The Leader Post” August 2017**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- 8-10-2017 Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall-10:00-2:00 PM**
- 8-17-2017 Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall-10:00-2:00 PM**
- 8-19-2017 WWW Parade- 10:00 AM**
- 8-24-2017 Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall-10:00-2:00 PM**
- 8-31-2017 Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall-10:00-2:00 PM**
- 9-4-2017 Officers Meeting Buck Rec. Center- 6:30 PM**
- 9-6-2017 General Membership Meeting-Buck Rec. Center-7:00 PM**
- 9-7-2017 Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall-10:00-2:00 PM**
- 9-9-2017 Post Breakfast- Englewood Elks- 9:00 AM -11:00 AM**
- 9-14-2017 Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall-10:00-2:00 PM**
- 9-21-2017 Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall-10:00-2:00 PM**
- 9-21-2017 Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall-10:00-2:00 PM**
- 9-28-2017 Bingo- Slammers Bingo Hall-10:00-2:00 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 Alonzo F. Rodriguez**

Comrades and Auxiliary members, I want to extend my sincere appreciation for having been elected as Commander. I’m confident that we have a knowledgeable and dedicated Executive Board – some whom have been in leadership positions before and a few new ones that we can help grow into our future leadership. I welcome your input into the content of the Newsletter and anything else that you think will enhance our ability to help veterans, our community and the Post. We have another exciting year ahead of us. Right now we’re concentrating on several things: Joel Mendelson, our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice has been working diligently on a recruitment plan and staying in close contact with our local newspapers, Steve Valdez, our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice has been coordinating our annual participation in Littleton’s Welcome Week and though we will not officially meet in August your Executive Board has been making plans for a very busy agenda in September. Still time for those of you who want to participate in Welcome Week. Contact Steve Valdez. I’m looking forward to another outstanding year and will do whatever I can for us to continue to be [The Leader Post](#).

## **General Meeting Minutes**

No meeting for August

### **Officers Report**

#### **Harry Ciruli - Adjutant:**

We have started the 2017-2018 Post year. I have started to receive dues now. We have 212 renewals so far.

Remember please get your membership renewal in ASAP. When you send in your 2018 renewal dues please send them to the PO Box 281, Littleton, CO 80160-0281, or renew on line. DO NOT SEND DUES TO NATIONAL, it will delay your renewal, Dues are \$40.00. Also, if your phone number has changed please let me know.

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 136, 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.

#### **Joel Mendelson - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:**

##### **Membership / Recruitment**

The following weekends 4/8, & 4/15 resulted in a collection of 23 names from King Soopers. I called all 23 on 7/15/2017 spoke to half, still doing follow up calls. Did a follow up mailing to 18 that included a letter, tri-fold and a pre-stamped self-addressed envelope to Harry Ciruli's home and a few SAL to Nick Arceo's residence.

I also have a new updated here's "Who we are letter" and procured 250 recruitment Tri-folds. I visited Dept. Headquarters and Tom Bock printed out the Holding Post 0211 for a 5 mile radius, 500 names on it. Going to start calling soon. Want to give previous members time to re-up on their own during July.

Spoke to Howard Olson and he is still working with the Columbine Courier and Littleton Independent for advertising our meetings. My Thanks  
Joel Mendelson (303) 973-8342 [Bigdaddyjdm@comcast.net](mailto:Bigdaddyjdm@comcast.net)

## **Steven Valdez- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:**

The Post 103 breakfasts at the Englewood Elks will begin in September 2017. They will be held on the second Saturday in September, November, January, March and May.

We will be participating in the Western Welcome Week activities held in Downtown Littleton on Saturday, 19 August from 1000 to 1200. Please let me know if you are interested in marching in the parade and/or carrying a flag.

Steve Valdez 720-364-0490

## **Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch**

### **Post Financial Results for July.**

With the start of the 2018 membership drive, Post income significantly exceeded Post expenses in July. While membership made up about 75% of the July income, we also had income from donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard (AVHG), a donation to the Post from the City of Columbine Valley, 50 – 50 drawing and a small reimbursement for Posts hats and caps purchased for members. Expenses included the usual monthly payouts for office supplies & stamps, Post telephone, AVHG expenses, and payout for one of the Claire Davis Memorial Scholarship winners.

Detailed reports and balances are provided to Board members and are available to any member upon request.

**Scholarships – Ed Pietsch :** No Report

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## **Chaplain - Mike Romero**

**Ward Oliver** is having his share of “ups-n-downs” with his health. He has chemotherapy three times a week, and says he does very well and does not have many side effects other than his feet being affected. **Ward** is a Post 103 Member, and a very loyal Bingo volunteer, he shows up when he can, and is a great asset to our Post 103 Bingo.

Past Commander, **Pat Callahan**, now has a new pair of shoes. He says he is doing well as can be expected. He gets therapy at home and walks with the aid of his walker. He is very determined to get back to see the clan at Bingo. Pat we can't wait to see you! Anyone wishing, can reach him at: **303-770-2857**.

Past Commander, **Wayne Coleman**, is also doing very well now. He too is walking with the aid of his walker. **Tommie** says he does his best through therapy and follows all his instructions.

Department Adjutant, **Pat Smith**, who is also a member of Post 103 was in for surgery, on July 10<sup>th</sup> at Rose Hospital. The surgery was a success and his rehab is coming along very well. He is already back at work and happy.

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](mailto:mjromero44@gmail.com)

### **AVHG - Harry Giglio**

The AVHG had 25 services for the month of July. The breakdown was WWII 5, Korea 8, Vietnam 10, Gulf War 2. We have had a total of 156 services since January. The breakdown year to date is WWII 43, Korea 42, Vietnam 66, Gulf war 5, 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.

303-7718632

### **Veterans Assistances Program - Joe Cordova:**

We have received notification that Post 103 has again been successful with our Grant application and will receive \$30,000 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

**JAG - Joel Mendelson:** No report

### **Bingo Manager - Ed Pietsch:**

Bingo income for July was almost \$2400. We had one terrible week, one great week and the other two average sessions. Bingo paid just under \$9,000 in Post expenses in July. These included expenses for the Departments Annual Convention, the Post Awards and Installation Banquet, a donation to CALB for hosting the Region 8 tournament at Metro State, the payment of two Descendants of Veterans scholarships and providing additional funds to the Post Veterans and Family Assistance Fund to help our Post Service Officer assist needy veterans and their families in the community. This is critical for helping these families during the period of time when grant funds are not available to help meet these needs.

**We thank all our Legion, Auxiliary and SAL volunteers for their assistance but we always could use more help especially with summer vacations.** 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 need 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 – Chris Bredezen:**

On Saturday the 22nd of July 2017, SAL (Sons of American Legion, for those who don't know the abbreviation for SAL) Thanks to the leadership of SAL Commander Nick Arceo the Squadron 103 hosted their annual Golf Tournament. We are all grateful for those who attended, especially all those that volunteered their time to make this happen. We thank Joel Mendelson for taking some terrific pictures.

On Saturday the 8th of July we had our Induction for our New Board members. We thank the Elks Club for letting us have our Banquet there, and those who volunteered for this event. We wish all those that were inducted as officers a good harmonious leadership to make Post 103 a better post.

If you so desire go to see the pictures of both events, we have them posted on FB and our Post 103 website. Joel Mendelson took some awesome pictures of both events.

### **SAL Commander – Nick Arceo:**

Good day Sons. As we start another year, I want to thank you for all your work supporting the American Legion and their programs. Each one of you are important to the success of our Squadron and Post 103. I look forward to being your Commander in our efforts reaching out to Veterans, their families and our community. The Sons of the American Legion are strong in numbers. The Detachment of Colorado has 3,049 members. Our Squadron is strong at 24 members and growing. We have several Duel Members, if you would like to honor your Father or Grandfather please contact me for information. Remember no August meeting. See you in September. Have a great summer.

Contact me with any questions, suggestions or comments.

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## **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 Alex Williams. He donated his winnings to Dakota Ridge Color Guard. A good choice and thanks Alex.

### **Auxiliary Unit 103 - Sherry Pietsch, President**

Hope everyone is having a nice summer.

Our annual banquet was a success and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. If you did not attend maybe you can next year. Thank you to everyone who helped with the event. The next meeting will be held the first Wednesday in September (6th). Please plan to pay your dues at that time. They have increased to \$30.00 this year due to the increase in National dues. If you cannot attend the meeting please send your dues to Jean Jesser. Also, please keep track of all of your volunteer hours you do in the community and turn your hours in at the next meeting. If your email or address has changed please tell me so we can keep our records updated.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

If you have any questions please call me at 720-363-1470 or email me at [sherrypietsch@msn.com](mailto:sherrypietsch@msn.com).

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