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# George C. Evans Post #103 "The Leader Post"

Newsletter

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

**Alonzo F. Rodriguez**

I've included many of our yearly schedule of events so you can plan ahead in joining us for Bingo and our General Meeting and Post Breakfast. Feel free in contacting me anytime with your questions and/or concerns.

## Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates

Comrades and Auxiliary members, as you can already see by the Newsletter, a few changes have been made to the format of the Newsletter and include sections that I believe will be noteworthy to you. Our previous Adjutant has resigned his position and his duties have been reassigned to other Board members. Anything that has to do with the Newsletter and membership will be assumed by me.

A list of all Executive Member's emails are included in the Newsletter to help you get in contact with us.

The highlight of recent events include our participation in Western Welcome Week, our scheduled Post Breakfast at the Englewood Elks and conclusion of the Western Regional American Legion Tournament run by Lynn Peterson and greatly assisted by Nick Arceo and Steve Valdez. Roger Massey and Joel Mendelson were there also to lend assistance.

September activities included BINGO every Thursday and our first Post Breakfast saw over 50 people attend with many member first-timers and family members.

Oct 2	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Oct 4	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Oct 30	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Nov 1	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Nov 4	Post Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks Lodge
Dec 4	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Dec 6	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Jan 2	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Jan 3	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Jan 16	Post Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks Lodge
Feb 5	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Feb 7	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Mar 5	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Mar 7	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Mar 10	Post Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks Lodge
Apr 2	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Apr 4	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Apr 30	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
May 2	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
May 12	Post Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks Lodge
Jun 4	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Jun 6	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center

\*Englewood Elks Lodge

## Auxiliary - Sherry Pietsch

We had a great meeting with 15 members attending including our Department President, Ann Ritacco and our District 5 President and member Janelle Rodriguez. We also had two girls who attended Girl's State this year. They are both students from Heritage High School and did an excellent job describing their experience at Girl's State. Girl's State is open to any girl that will be starting their senior year in 2018. If you know of someone who may be interested please contact Marsha Callan.

Our Saturday Breakfast was on September 9th with a great attendance. Please join us for the next one which will be in November 4.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our food drive. Please continue to bring your items to the next couple of meetings. If you cannot make the meetings I would be more than happy to pick things up for you. Also, remember "almost" new clothing is always welcomed for the VA hospital.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues on time. If you haven't paid yet please send your check to Jean Jesser, **150 W. Sterne Way, Littleton, CO 80120.**

**Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 4th at the Buck Center starting at 7 pm.**

As always please feel free to call or email me with questions or concerns. 720-287-2108 -home 720-363-1470 - cell

Thank you.

## Adjutant -

As of Sept. 8, we have 264 paid members. For those who have not paid your annual dues, I strongly encourage you to do so. Our goal is to have at least 420 paid members for 2018.

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

### Membership / Recruitment

Preparing to set up within the next week a weekend Saturday at one of three King Soopers. Recruiting. Looking for input as to which location would be preferred.

Covered the Western Welcome Week Parade. I had the Honor of carrying the American Flag. I found the reception of the crowd of approximately 25 to 30 thousand people who were vocal, applauding and saluting to be extremely uplifting and made me proud to be an American. Pictures at [www.legionpost103.org](http://www.legionpost103.org)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander - Steve Valdez

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all Post 103 members who helped make this years' Littleton Colorado Western Welcome Week Parade a **Success!**

We were well represented in this year's parade. All of the service, POW, SAL, Auxiliary and the American Legion Post 103 flags were carried proudly. The convertible automobiles of Dr. Al Rodriguez, Mr. Harry Giglio and Mr. Roger Massey which also participated in the event carried the Post 103 World War II veterans. All members who marched smiled with a glow of pride as parade watchers yelled "Thank you for your service!"

**Attention all members.** Please put July 14, 2018 on your calendars. The Post annual banquet will be held on that date. The location for the banquet will be at the Englewood Elks Club located at 3690 South Jason Street, Englewood, Colorado 80110. All Post members will be receiving invitations sometime in the spring of 2018.

## Chaplain - Mike Romero

**Ward Oliver**, is still undergoing chemotherapy. He says the side effects have been preventing him from driving long distances, and have lately prevented him from attending our bingo

sessions. Other than that issue, he says hello to all the bingo gang.

Past Commander, **Pat Callahan**, is no longer wearing his special footwear. His shoe had opened a new wound so his doctor has him wearing footwear that will help heal the wounds. He tells me he is doing as well as can be expected. He gets therapy at home and walks with the aid of his walker. He is not allowed to drive, and that restricts his independence. Anyone wishing, can reach him at: **303-770-2857**.

Past Commander, **Wayne Coleman**, is sounding and doing very well. He is walking with the aid of his walker, and does as much walking outside the house as he can. He also does as much exercise as he can on his own.

Our past Bingo Caller, **Lin Mathews**, has been having foot and ankle problems for a long time, and they seem to be increasing. He gets around his home with the aid of a sit-down walker with wheels that Post 103 has on loan to him.

**Steve**, husband of **Joyce Tuepker**, is currently having medical diagnostic tests done to determine how best to overcome the health problem that has occurred.

**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)

**NOTE: we currently have these medical items available for loan to our Post Members.**

**Canes:** 2 adjustable, 3 non-adjustable. **Walkers:** 5 non-wheeled. **Wheel Chairs:** 1 with foot-rests, 1 without. **Motorized Chairs:** 2. **Shower Chair:** 1 Adjustable. **Bedside Commode:** 1 adjustable.

## **F**inance Officer - Ed Pietsch

August income totaled about \$3700 and was primarily the result of membership renewals and donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard

(AVHG). Similarly, the Post Expenses were approximately \$6500 with \$5600 paid out to the Department of Colorado for the July and August membership renewals, \$500 for AVHG expenses and \$250 for supplies and office expenses.

As required by Post Policies, the new Executive Board completed a review of the Post Budget at the September Board Meeting. A number of adjustments were made to the Bingo Expense Budget which will help carry our programs through the end of 2017.

## **Scholarships**

We will be finalizing our scholarship applications this month for the 2018 Claire Davis Memorial Scholarships (2 @ \$2,000 each) and 2018 Descendants of Veterans Scholarships (8 @ \$1,000 each). The Clare Davis Scholarship is limited to qualifying seniors from Arapahoe High School. The Descendants of Veterans is open to qualifying seniors. These applicants can be descendants of the Post 103 Family living anywhere in the USA or other descendants of veterans that live in our Post service area (as defined in the application document). By the end of September, these documents will be finalized and posted on the Post webpage [www.legionpost103.org](http://www.legionpost103.org). Just click on the applicable scholarship under the "Post Links Menu" at the top right corner of the webpage.

## **S**ervice Officer - Joe Cordova

Three veterans were assisted by providing them funds to cover their rent. Another veteran needed assisted with his utility bill and a check was written to help him cover that cost. They were all gratefully for our assistance.

## **A**ll Veterans Honor Guard - Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 20 services for the month of August. The breakdown was WWII 2, Korea 10, Vietnam 6, Gulf War 2. We have had a total of 179 services since January. The breakdown year to date is WWII 46, Korea 52, Vietnam 74, Gulf War 7.

Let your families know that our Post 103 All Veterans Honor Guard is available to do services at Ft Logan on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of every week. You can contact me at 303-246-7648.

## JAG - Joel Mendelson

No new developments to report.

## Historian - Chris Bredesen

Western Welcome Week is the Annual Parade gathering for Littleton, CO. I heard it was a very successful venue. I want to give lots of kudos and thank you to all post members, those that participated in the Honor Guard, all coordinators, and our 2 WW2 Veterans, who participated in this event.

Check out our Website, and press on the blue hyperlink (the website link), and it will take you there. Here it is:

<http://centennial.legion.org/colorado/post103>. Also check out our Face book page with pictures of the event that Joel Mendelson beautifully did. Here is that link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/georgecevanlittletoncoloradopost103>. If you have a Face book account just type in the search bar, American Legion George C. Evans post 103 Littleton Colorado, it will be the first one, and click on it, and it will take you to the Post 103 Face book.

## BINGO - Ed Pietsch

Bad news - for the five weeks in August the Post's net income for the month was only \$450. We had our toughest month of the year with low attendance and some big pull-tab winners.

Great news - September 7th was a Must Go day for our Progressive Bingo Jackpot. We had a great crowd and ended the day with a profit of almost \$7,000. We want to **thank** each of the Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion members who helped to make this a very successful day.

Bingo paid about \$3100 to cover Post expenses in August primarily for scholarships, the Post storage locker and the deposit for next year's Post Award and Installation Banquet.

## District News

Tom Moermond was recently elected as District 5 Commander. Our own Joel Mendelson was elected Adjutant.

## State News

Meet our new Department of Colorado



Commander, Terri L. Clinton. Commander Clinton is an Army veteran serving during the Panama era. She resides in Westminster with her 3 children. She attended the American Legion College in 2012, is a member the American Legion Auxiliary

Unit 1 in Denver and among her leadership positions served as Commander of Post 206 for 3 years.

Congratulations to Commander Clinton, we wish you a very successful year!

C. Pat Smith a member of Post 103 continues as the Department Adjutant, Way to go Pat !! We're proud of you.

## National News

Denise Rohan becomes the first female National Commander of the American Legion. She was elected on Aug. 24, 2017, in Reno, Nev., during the 99th national convention of America's largest veterans'

organization. Her theme as national commander is "Family First" and her fundraising project is the Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance program and the Legion's service officer program.



## Executive Board Members

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### Thought for the day (if not for life)

Work like you don't need money,  
Love like you've never been hurt,  
And dance like no one's watching!

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**Dated Material**