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

Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

Alonzo F. Rodriguez

Fellow Legionnaires, SAL and Auxiliary members a **THANK YOU** to those of you who assisted in our "Must Go" Bingo session. We made one player very happy with over a \$5000 pot and we still managed not to go in the "Red" for the day. It takes a lot of volunteers to run any Bingo session and I can't say enough of how much your volunteerism means to our Post.

We are in the midst of our membership recruitment and our 1st Vice, Joel Mendelson, has been hard at work in representing our Post at recruitment activities at local businesses and community colleges. In addition, reminder notices have been sent to our members who have not yet paid their 2018 dues. I encourage those of you who have not to send your checks in soon.

Over the past month several of our members have passed away and we conducted a Post Everlasting ceremony for them and we had a few new members who were initiated this month.

Planning for the Veterans Day tribute at the WWII Memorial in Littleton has begun and I hope you can attend this years' Saturday, November 11 ceremony honoring veterans.

Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates

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 13	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

NOVEMBER 11 VETERANS DAY

**Don't judge each day by the harvest
you reap but by the seeds you plant**

Robert Lewis Stevenson

Auxiliary - Sherry Pietsch

We had another good turnout for our October meeting. Thank you all for attending. Once again, we had a girl whom represented our Unit at Girl's State speak to us. It is so exciting to hear about these girls' experience at Girl's State and how the program has introduced them to a new field of interest.

If you know of any girl that is a junior in high school, in our Unit service area, and may be interested in this program please call me and I will give the name to our chair person.

The Unit will be donating to the National Auxiliary Emergency Fund this year. The money will be used for the hurricane families in different areas. We have also donated money to the VA Hospital Gift Store for their annual Xmas party for veterans put on by Auxiliary Units of Colorado.

Please continue to save items for the Homeless Veterans and also food items for the Redistribution Center. If you can't come to the meeting and have items, call me and I will pick them up.

Mark your calendars:

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 1st, 7 pm at the Buck Center
- Breakfast: Saturday, November 4th, at 9 am, Englewood Elks.

Thanks to everyone who have paid their dues for 2017-2018 year. If you have not done so, please send a check to Jean Jesser, 150 W. Sterne Pkwy, Littleton, CO 80120

Any questions or concerns, call me at 720-287-2108, or email me sherrypietsch@msn.com

Adjutant - Al Rodriguez

As of October 4, we have 280 paid members almost 70% of reaching our goal of 401. I know that several you have not yet sent in your 2018

dues of \$40 and I strongly encourage you to do so today. It would be a great to achieve our assigned goal by the end of the December. Send your check to the address listed at the top of this newsletter and receive your new membership card.

Sadly, we had two members pass in the last month and we conducted a Post Everlasting for our departed comrades.

We also had one Legionnaire, Chuck Schloss, initiated during the formal ceremony at our General Meeting. **Welcome Comrade to our Post!**

**"Nothing is impossible. The word
itself says I'm possible."**

Audrey Hepburn

1st Vice Commander - Joel Mendelson

Membership / Recruitment

Attended Arapahoe Community College on 09/25, 26/2017 from 9:00am to 3:00pm and provided guidance and advice, and handed out written information to prospective Legionnaires.

Have booked Hudson Garden for October 7, 2017 and will have a table spot for the 13th Annual Veterans Resource & Job Fair, presented by Humana from 9:00am to 1:00pm. 6115 So. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO 8012.

Other recruitment efforts include:

- DMS October 20, 22, at Headquarters and October 21 at Post 161.
- Recruiting at ACE Hardware at Bowles and Kipling on October 28th, 2017
- Generated three recruiting aids with Commander Al's assistance. One is a Power Point sheet illustrating our Post's community service involvement by way of the Honor Guard, Color Guard, Boy Scouts, Oratorical, Boys & Girls State, College Scholarships, Assisting Veterans with financial issues, and Bingo. Another document is a flyer designed for store windows informing people who we are. The third explains just how inexpensive it is to be a Post member - \$0.11 cents a day.

2nd Vice Commander - Steve Valdez

Due to conflicts with other activities such as Veterans Day and the State Oratorical Contest, the dates for our scheduled Breakfasts have been changed. The **Post Breakfast for November** is **NOV 4** not Nov 11 as we will be involved with the Veterans Day tribute along with the VFW Post 4666.

Chaplain - Mike Romero

Ward Oliver has been taken off chemotherapy until his doctor sees improvement of his liver functions. Other than that issue, he says he feels good and will try to make it back to bingo soon.

Past Commander, Pat Callahan, had a visit to the emergency room at Sky Ridge last week for stabilization of a low blood sugar count. His foot is still a real ongoing problem, but tells me he is doing as well as can be expected. Anyone wishing, can reach him at: 303-770-2857.

As those present observed, **Past Commander, Wayne Coleman**, was feeling well enough to attend our post meeting on the 4th of October. We all wish him continued improvement and hope to see him at more post meetings.

Past Finance Officer, George Williams, will have an out-patient procedure on the 8th of October, and does not anticipate any complications, we wish you well.

Steve, husband of Joyce Tuepker, had a successful medical procedure without any complications, he should be back to his new self-right away.

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: 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.

Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch Post income and expenses began slowing down this month after the July and August membership renewal rush we experience every year. Post income for September was approximately \$1,300 and was still dominated by membership (\$700). Membership receipts include funds from National for our "Paid Up For Life" members, 2018 dues renewals paid to the Post and our Post portion of the dues for those members who renew online at National. Other income included in September were receipts from the Post Breakfast, the purchase of Legion Hats and ball caps, a donation to the All Veterans Honor Guard and 50 - 50 raffles.

Post expenses (\$900) for September were for membership dues paid to Department of Colorado & National, All Veterans Honor Guard and Post operating supplies.

2018 Scholarship Information

The Post will again be awarding two \$2,000 Claire Davis Memorial Scholarships (limited to Arapahoe High School students) and eight \$1,000 Descendants of Veterans Scholarships in 2018. The new scholarships application information will be posted on the top right corner of the Post webpage (www.legionpost103.org) this month.

If you have a child, grand child or great grandchild that will be graduating from high school this year regardless of where they live, they may qualify for the Descendants of Veterans Scholarships. Also, if you have a neighbor who is a high school senior and lives in our Post service area and is a descendant of a veteran, they may qualify. Any questions regarding these scholarships or to receive a direct copy of the application package, please call Ed Pietsch 720-287-2108 or email me at e_pietsch@msn.com.

Service Officer - Joe Cordova

We have exhausted our previous grant allocation and am still waiting for our new grant money allocation so we can help those Vets in need.

All Veterans Honor Guard - Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had over 30 services for the month of September. We have had over 200 services since January

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.

SAL - Nick Arceo

Good day everyone. Thank you for your membership into The Sons of The American Legion. Our Squadron has a goal this year of 25 members. Do you know someone that could join The Sons? What a great way for them to honor their Father or Grandfather! Please consider becoming a duel member, we have 11 here at Post/Squadron 103, thank you all!

Last month I attended The American Legion Oratorical College along with Janelle Rodriguez. We gained some great information and look forward to our next contest. For more information please contact Roger Masse, Janelle Rodriguez or myself.

This year our SAL National Commander Danny Smith's theme for the year is "Following their footsteps", with these themes - Courage, Faith, Teamwork and Perseverance. Let's join him and make this year great! We look forward to a possible visit from Commander Danny to Colorado, I will keep everyone up to date.

The Sons of The American Legion (SAL) is a program of the American Legion established in 1933 in Portland, Oregon. Since then, the Sons of The American Legion has assisted The American Legion with its programs and activities. Please

see me for opportunities to get involved with Post/Squadron 103 activities.

In closing, I would like to bring attention to our Flag. "The American Legion is one of the original architects of the US flag code." The code calls on all present to stand at attention while the anthem is played". I support this and I know you do too. I stand for the Flag and kneel for the Cross.

God Bless you and your family and God Bless the United States of America. Make sure to Thank a Veteran for their service! Please contact me for information about The Sons of The American Legion.

"Victory goes to the player who makes the next-to-last mistake"

Historian - Chris Bredesen

Pictures taken by Joel Mendelson of this last months Post 103 Breakfast at the Englewood Elks are on our Face book page, just type in post 103 on the Face book search bar, and it will be the 1st choice.

I will be moving Post information that has in the past been placed in CD's onto a Flash Drive which has 64g of memory and easier to maintain.

BINGO - Ed Pietsch

We have a great team of volunteers that help at Bingo, but we can always use more help. Please stop by and just watch or help out; we actually have a pretty good time. Our session runs from 11:30 am to about 2 pm every Thursday. We are located at Slammers Bingo Hall at the NE Corner of Jewell & Wadsworth. Most workers arrive about 10 am.

District News

District 5 Fall Conference is scheduled for Friday, October 27th, Place TBD

State News

Commander Terri Clinton was featured in a video presentation on the National Legion web page regarding her passion about helping her

fellow veterans and their families heal. The title of her short but informative message was “**I Am The American Legion**”. Go to legion .org to see and hear it for yourself.

“It’s our duty to help our brothers and sisters heal from the physical and mental scars of war.”

Terri Clinton

State Oratorical

The High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, “A Constitutional Speech Contest” will be conducted on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at Metro State University. The American Legion has sponsored this Contest for over 79 years. The purpose of the National High School Contest is to develop knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to speak clearly, intelligently, and acceptance of the responsibilities as well as the privileges of American citizenship.

The following cash scholarships will be awarded:

- \$2,500 for First Place
- \$1,500 for Second Place
- \$1,000 for Third Place

The Department winner will represent The Department of Colorado at the National level,

which includes an all-expense paid trip with a chaperone to Indianapolis, Indiana. The student will receive an additional cash scholarship award of \$1500.00 for attending the Indianapolis Contest. Scholarships are presented to the three finalists in the final round of the National contest as follows: 1st place- \$18,000; 2nd place \$16,000; 3rd place \$14,000.

For more information please contact Roger Masse, Janelle Rodriguez or Nick Arceo.

Believe that you can and you’re halfway there.

Theodore Roosevelt

Boys State

This 6-day hands-on experience for high school juniors going into their senior year provides students the experience of our Republic form of government.

Students are sponsored by local Legion Posts and their fees are paid for by the post. Boys State 2018 will be conducted on the campus of Colorado State University – Pueblo from **June 3 -9**.

Students should consult with their high school counselor for information about setting up an interview with Post 103 Boys State Coordinator, Rich Callan.

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