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

Newsletter

The American Legion
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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

Alonzo F. Rodriguez



At our latest General Meeting we learned that if you can provide a physician verifiable document that shows you have at least a 1% hearing loss, you are eligible to receive a "Free" digital land line telephone. Two of our members have already claimed a device and said they were happy with the device. You should consult your phone carrier for more details.

We are closing in on completing 3 quarters of this Board's and Officer's tenure. We need you to think about how you might play a role in one of the key leadership positions. We will be soliciting members in May so as to fill our Post vacancies. Please give it some consideration as we need new "blood" to help revitalize an already great Post.

In the meantime, I'm looking for someone who might be interested in being our Legion Baseball Coordinator. We're anticipating sponsoring 2 teams this year and the primary responsibilities would be in getting the Teams to fill out the appropriate paper work, ensure that the Post submits the sponsorship check and have some fun watching young men play baseball. If interested, please contact me.

We continue to sponsor the Legion's State Oratorical Contest by donating \$300. The contest will be held on March 10 at Metro State Univ.

There are also a number of our Post members who volunteer on the day of the event.

Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates

Feb 5	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Feb 7	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Mar 3	Post Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks Lodge
Mar 6	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Mar 7	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Apr 3	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 5	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Jun 6	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center

*Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 Jason Englewood

Membership

We have been progressing pretty well in making our goal of 401 paid members. Records show that only 55 2017 paid members have not yet paid their dues for 2018.

For those who have not yet paid, let me share a few things:

- If you carried any insurance, that expired on December 31, 2017.
- Your subscription to the Legion Magazine expired on December 31, 2017.
- If you don't pay for 2018, you will lose your consecutive membership years and should you decide in a later year to rejoin, you will have to start with year 1.

Now, having said all this it is **NOT** too late for you to submit your 2018 dues. Dues for 2018 will be accepted until June 30, 2018. You will retain your consecutive years, and magazine. 2019 dues begin July 1, 2018.

So, send your dues in as soon as possible to:
American Legion Post 103
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Littleton, CO 80160-0281

Auxiliary - Sherry Pietsch (President)

Our February meeting started off with a joint opening with the Legion and listening to the presentation about the four **Army chaplains** who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the ship **SS Dorchester** sank on February 3, 1943, during **World War II**. They helped other soldier's board lifeboats and gave up their own **life jackets** when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship.

We had four new members join this month. They are Briana Karst, Diane Karst, Louisa Flores and Jennifer Elder Petty. Welcome Ladies!!!! In March we will hold an initiation for the above.

Please join us for the breakfast on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the Englewood Elks Lodge. We won't have a meeting before the breakfast so hope to see everyone there. Even though you can't come to the meetings, this is a good time to get to know everyone.

As an ongoing project for the VA hospital we are still collecting small shampoo, conditioner, lotion bottles, slightly used clothing, handmade baby blankets, hats, and lap blankets for wheel chairs (these blankets should be 5 by 7). You can call me and I would be happy to pick them up for you or bring them to the meeting.

Any questions please give me a call.

Sherry Pietsch
President



Adjutant - Al Rodriguez

As of February 7, we have 397 paid members, 99% of reaching our goal. We have already exceeded the Department goal of achieving 85% by the February 14 deadline.

On February 3, we had 4 Legionnaires who were initiated into our Post: **Ed Arcuri**; **Joe Holowell**; and the father - daughter team of **Ephraim Flores** and **Aleashea MF Bess**.

Welcome Comrades to our Post!

1st Vice Commander - Joel Mendelson

Membership / Recruitment

As of January 24, we are at 95.51% of reaching our membership goal.



Saturday 2 January 2018 at King Soopers doing meet and greet along with Nick Arceo, made a few contacts, handed out Tri-folds, meet with a few likely candidates.

Experienced some high winds in afternoon which made our task very difficult.

Waiting to secure ACE Hardware again based upon how cold it has been.

Post 103 sponsoring of the District 5 Call Center Day will be April 21st at the Englewood Elks from 9am to 3pm. Approved and on the calendar.

Attended Mid-year and participated in four Color Guard events.

2nd Vice Commander - Steve Valdez

Post Picnic

The Post Picnic will be on Saturday June 9, 2018. The location - Corner Stone Park. Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Please contact Second vice Commander Steve Valdez - steve.valdez52@gmail.com or 720-364-0490 if you wish to help in organizing this fun annual event.

Annual Banquet

July 14, 2018 is the Post 103 annual Banquet. Please place this date on your calendars.

The location for this year's banquet - The Englewood Elks Lodge --- 3690 South Jason, Englewood, Colorado 80110 --- 303-781-0257

Time - To be announced

Chaplain - Mike Romero

Ward Oliver, is still in very good spirits although he would like to get out of the house, and away from the television. He misses being at bingo, and tells me to tell all the bingo volunteers he thinks of them often, and has all in his prayers.

Duane Leiker, after spending time at Lutheran Hospital to clear a lingering infection, and 8 days at Orchard Park Rehab, he's finally home and on the mend. The Doctor has given him a new prescription to control water weight and his current weight has dropped to 220 lbs., with a goal of 210.

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

Winter months are generally slow months for financial activity. The Post income totaled about \$800 with most of it coming from the All Veterans Honor Guard (AVHG), membership dues and the Post Breakfast. Post expenses totaling \$550 included AVHG, new member nametags and pins, and the Post picnic reservation.

The Post Executive Committee made a decision to change the automatic 50/50 drawing donation from the Meals on Wheels Program which we have support for the last 10 plus years,

to the cash strapped American Legion Department of Colorado High School Oratorical Contest. This Department Program has been chaired by Post 103 American Legion Family members Past Commander Roger Masse, Past Auxiliary President Janelle Rodriguez and S.A.L. Commander Nick Arceo for the past three years.

The Post Executive Committee also agreed it was time to find a new storage location when it was announced our current location was raising the



monthly rental to \$170. An indoor climate controlled storage location adjacent to our current location agreed to rent the same size unit for \$124 a month plus two free months with a two year rental agreement. Several Executive Committee members have already begun to move items to the new location. The move will be completed before the end of February.

Scholarships

The Post will again be awarding two \$2,000

Claire Davis Memorial Scholarships and eight \$1,000

Descendants of Veterans Scholarships in 2018. The scholarships application

information is posted on the top right corner of the Post webpage (www.legionpost103.org). The completed applications packages for both scholarships including all required documentation must be received by March 16, 2018.

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 a scholarship. 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 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

Purchased \$1500 of King Soopers gift cards. No veterans were assisted in January.

All Veterans Honor Guard - Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 21 services for the month of January. The breakdown was WWII 6, Korea 4, Vietnam 9, and Gulf War 2 Memorial 0. The breakdown for branches of service for January was Army 10, Air Force 3, Navy 5 and Marines 3.

We have had a total of 30 services year to date. The breakdown year to date is WWII 9, Korea 7, Vietnam 12 and Gulf War 2. The breakdown for branches of service for the year was Army 15, Navy 7, Air Force 5 and Marines 3.

Let your families know that Post 103 All Veterans Honor Guard will be 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

Nothing to report.

SAL - Nick Arceo

Good Day Sons of the American Legion. Thank you for all you do to support The American Legion and their Programs. Our Squadron continues to "Make A difference". I attended the Mid-Year Conference last month and Squadron 103 received another award. Due to our efforts, we placed Second in the Detachment of Colorado to bring home the "Joe and Jackie Ross" Children & Youth program award! Thank you all! I also had the privilege of presenting a check for \$5,200. To the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, this money was raised at our Golf Tournament last year. A big thanks to all of you that made this happen. I attended the VAVS (Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service) Committee meeting. The new Facility is scheduled to have a Grand Opening on August 11th. This project is going good, budget is going well also, might have to maintain both facilities for a short time. Our Color Guard has held a few events and I am looking for some new members. See myself, Roger Masse or Joel Mendelson for information. We are holding strong at 32



members. Please see me for info RE membership to The Sons of The American Legion. Time is getting close for the next High School Oratorical Speech Contest. This event will be held on Saturday March 10th at Metro State University. See myself, Roger Masse, Joel Mendelson or Janelle Rodriguez for info. Please remember You can make a difference in our community. You can make a difference in the life of a Veteran. God Bless Our Country and all Those that protect our Freedom.

Programs. To operate Bingo we need dedicated volunteers that can help out on Thursdays from about 10 am to 2 pm. We can always use more help, the tasks are simple and the other volunteers and customers are friendly. Please join us at Slammers Bingo Hall at the northeast corner of Jewell and Wadsworth.

Ed Pietsch 720-287-2108, email, e_pietsch@msn.com.

Historian - Chris Bredesen

I have no report.

BINGO - Ed Pietsch

Bingo income for January was a little over \$1,300 and paid Post expenses of approximately \$325 including the Post Breakfast and the fee for a Colorado Secretary of State Annual Report for the Post.

Bingo is the Post primary source of revenue which we use to run our numerous Post



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