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

Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

Alonzo F. Rodriguez



I want to take the time to acknowledge the many men and women of Post 103, the Auxiliary and SAL who spend many hours volunteering in the events that have become so dear to our hearts and serve as the core of who we are: **All Veterans Honor Guard, BINGO, and our Color Guard.** There are still others and some of the same ones who plan and participate in our Breakfasts, Yearly Banquet, and Yearly Barbeque, caring for our American Flag, cleaning our rifles, golf tournament, Welcome Week, scholarship program, State Oratorical and Boy's and Girl's State.

These activities take on a life of their own and without the many conscientious and committed members, this Post would not be what it is today. We continue to serve veterans and their families and provide inspiration to and support for our youth...the leaders of tomorrow.

I say this because as your elected Commander I have very little to personally take credit for. I **THANK** each and every one of you who continue to make this "The Leader Post" in

Colorado! And to you who are not able to take a more active role in our activities, I also say **THANK YOU** for your continued support of this Post and the American Legion. When and if you find time in your busy life to become more active, we welcome you any time.

To all our members, Thank you for your military Service!!!!

It's difficult to beat someone who never gives up"Babe Ruth

Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates

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



Duty, Country, Honor

Auxiliary - Sherry Pietsch (President)

At our March meeting we initiated four new members. Jennifer Elder-Petty, Diane Karst, Kari Townsend and Shauna Townsend. We welcome you ladies to our organization! We also had two visitors and hopeful potential members visit us that evening. Our membership continues to grow and for the first time in a long time we have achieved our 100% goal for this year.

A big thank you to the members that helped out at the Oratorical Contest this month. It is so rewarding to see positive young adults talk about our country and the Constitution.

Our next meeting will be April 4th at the Buck

Sherry Pietsch
President

Adjutant - Al Rodriguez

As of March 7, we have exceeded our goal of 401 paid members. When we include those members who transferred to our post this past year we actually have 439.

On March 7, we had 2 Legionnaires who were initiated into our Post: **Dennis Varos and Neal Huffman.**

Welcome Comrades to our Post!

Post Everlasting

Sadly, I must report that three of our members recently passed. They are **Robert Lambert, Ed Faulhaber, and Cleon Bostrom.** A Post Everlasting Ceremony was held in their honor and members of some of their families were present.

Discounts for Veterans

If you were not aware, both **Lowe's** and **Home Depot** offer a 10% discount on purchases. In addition, **Cabela's** and **Bass Pro Shop's** offer a

5% discount whether your purchase on line or in-store.

Boys State

Looking for some more high school boys that would like to learn more about our government, how laws are passed and the dynamics of our political structure. Expenses are paid by our Post for this week on the campus of UCCS where you will interact with young men from throughout the state. This leadership program will be held June 9 -15 2018. If you know of any high school boys interested in this exciting patriotic program, contact Rich Callan at 303-779-5097 for more information.

Legion Baseball

Stephanie Weber from last years' Englewood's Legion "B" team sponsored by our Post gave a summary of last year successes for the boys and said that she was looking for Post 103 to sponsor the program for this 2018 Year. While the number of victories were short of what they would have liked there was tremendous support from parents and the community and much was learned by the team.

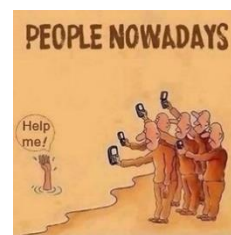
Baseball Program Director

Also, still looking for someone to step up and take the leadership role as our Legion Baseball Program Director. If interested, please contact me.

1st Vice Commander - Joel Mendelson

Membership / Recruitment

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



Attended 3 Color Guard events at Dakota Ridge High School.

2nd Vice Commander - Steve Valdez

No report

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, between my February Newsletter report, and this report, Duane was back in Littleton Hospital, however he was released and is home, without spending more time in a rehab facility. His goal is to get back to working with the All Veterans Honor Guard.

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

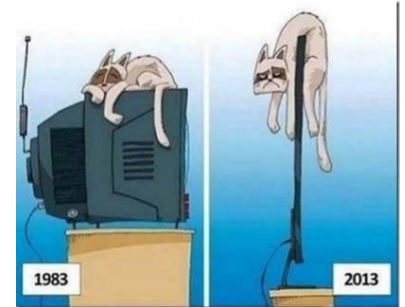
The Post income for February only totaled about \$380 with most of it coming from membership dues and the balance came from the 50/50 raffle at the Post meeting and the purchase of a Post Legion cap. Expenses were almost \$1500 and consisted of payment of membership dues to Department/National, purchase of stamps and office supplies, All Veterans Honor Guard expenses and the Post phone.

The Post found a new storage location at an indoor climate controlled facility adjacent to our old location and at a much reduced rate. A big thank you goes to Mike Romero, Joel Mendelson, Commander Alonzo Rodriguez, and Harry Giglio for helping move our items to the new location.

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

Scholarships

The Post plans on awarding two \$2,000 Claire Davis Memorial Scholarships and up to eight \$1,000 Descendants of Veterans Scholarships. The scholarship applications are posted on the top right corner of the Post webpage (www.legionpost103.org). The completed applications for both these scholarships including all required documentation must be received by March 16, 2018.



We will be announcing this year's winners and inviting them to the Post meeting over the next few months. Any questions regarding scholarships or to receive a direct copy of the application package, please call Ed Pietsch 720-287-2108, email, e_pietsch@msn.com.

The Post will again be awarding two \$2,000 Claire Davis Memorial Scholarships and eight \$1,000 Descendants of Veterans Scholarships in 2018. The scholarship application information is posted on the top right corner of the Post webpage (www.legionpost103.org).

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

Submitted the 2018-2019 VTF Grant Application requesting \$40,000 to assist veterans.

Assisted 3 veterans with rent in February.



All Veterans Honor Guard - Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 15 services for the month of February. The breakdown for Veterans is WWII 5, Korea 5, Vietnam 5, Gulf War 0 Memorial 0. The breakdown for branches of service for February was Army 6, Air Force 5, and Navy 4.

We have had a total of 40 services year to date. The Veteran breakdown year to date is WWII 12, Korea 7, Vietnam 10, Gulf War 9 and Memorial 2. The breakdown for branches of service for the year was Army 17, Navy 6, Air Force 11 and Marines 3 and Merchant 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

Sons of the American Legion! Thank you all for what you do for our Veterans and their families. I want to acknowledge all the dual members of Squadron 103, thank you for your membership and thank you for your service. Last month, I was privileged to attend The American Legion Washington Conference in D.C. There were several events that I participated in. Our National Commander Danny Smith laid a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. While at this event, I was able to witness the changing of the Guard at the tomb. Past Detachment Commander Mike Kirschner and I placed a wreath at the WWII Memorial. We visited Capitol Hill and meet with our Congressmen and Representatives, we shared The American Legion Legislative Agenda. This was a very good meeting. The Sons of the American Legion is a program of The American Legion and you might be eligible to join. Please contact me for information RE membership into The Sons. If you are interested in becoming an Officer, we will have several openings. Make sure to thank a Veteran for their service. Because of them, we enjoy Freedom in the greatest Country in the world! God Bless you and God Bless the United States of America!

Historian - Chris Bredesen

I have no report.

BINGO - Ed Pietsch

Bingo income for February was almost \$2,600 and paid Post expenses of approximately \$3100 which included a two year payment on our new storage facility, a few mid-year conference expenses and our annual donation to The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation

Bingo is the Post's primary source of revenue and enables us to participate in the numerous Legion and community programs that we undertake each year. To operate Bingo we need dedicated volunteers that can help out on

Thursdays from about 10 am to about 2 pm. If you can't stay the whole time, that is okay, we could use your help for part of the session. Most Bingo tasks are simple and easy to learn. Please join us at Slammers Bingo Hall at the northeast corner of Jewell and Wadsworth.

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Department News

Membership Incentives

"There are three Department-level membership incentives for membership recruitment."

1. 9 drawings for \$100.....one name selected at each membership goal. A member is signed up after they have signed up an eligible Legionnaire to the Post and their name is submitted for the drawing.
2. Follow the same entry method as described above and be the potential winner of a PUFL...a life time membership to the Legion.
3. A contest between the various Colorado Legion Districts who have the greatest percent of members.

Golf Tournament

The 2018 Inaugural Boys State Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, 19 May 2018 at the Kings Deer Golf Course, Monument Co. 4-person scramble (singles, two-somes, etc. welcomed). More information coming soon.

Colorado American Legion College

A one-day basic course on such topics as Americanism, public relations, leadership, Post operations, and responsibilities of Post Officers. Course will be held on May 12, 2018 at the Neal Thomas Jr Post in Colorado Springs. Special guest National Commander Denise Rohan.

Annual Department Conference

June 21-24, Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs, CO



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