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

Newsletter

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

**Alonzo F. Rodriguez**



We added 10 new members to our Post because of an organized "Call" to veterans who were not a member of any Colorado Legion Post. This was spearheaded by our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Joel Mendelson and assisted by a number of other members. This brings our total to 451 members.

At our General Meeting, a slate of new officers were presented by the Nomination Committee. Elections will take place at our June General Meeting and per our By-Laws you must be present order to cast your vote and there are no "proxies". There are still a few vacancies so if you're interested, please contact the Chair of the Nomination Committee, Mike Romero. Nominations will be taken from the floor at our June meeting.

May is the month that we set aside to formally may tribute and acknowledge those veterans who have passed. Without their commitment and devotion to duty, we would likely not have the Great Republic we do. Take some time to reflect on what you have and give some Thanks to the brave men and women who like yourself

believed that we must continue to stand for what we believe and who we are and to continue to be **The Greatest Nation in the World!**

The Post is involved in three formal Memorial Day Celebrations on May 28. The first is at the Littleton Cemetery at 8:00 am, the second at the Littleton WWII Memorial at 10:00 am and the third at the Olinger Cemetery north of (Arapahoe and S. Colorado Blvd) at 11:30. I would hope that you might be able to make one of these special days to honor our deceased Veterans.

Don't forget that our last breakfast for this term is **MAY 12** at the Englewood Elks Lodge at 9:00 am, **\$5** per person for a lot of good "grub".

I THANK each and every one of you for your

**Dedicated and Honorable Service.**

### Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates

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



## **A**uxiliary - Sherry Pietsch (President)

Again this month we began our meeting with the Legion to listen to the last four students who were awarded this year's Post scholarships. If you have a grandson or granddaughter graduating next year this is a good program for them to checkout and apply for a Post Scholarship.

Next year's officers were elected and they are as follows: Sherry Pietsch - President, Shauna Townsend - Vice President, Kari Townsend - Secretary, Darlene Romero - Treasurer, Vada Danforth - Chaplain, JoAnn Giglio - Sargent at Arms, and Historian - will be shared between Jennifer Elder-Petty and Shauna Townsend. We will have installation at our September meeting.

Hope to see everyone at the breakfast this coming Saturday at 9 am at the Englewood Elks Lodge. Please read the newsletter for information on Memorial Day, the picnic and the banquet.

Please feel free to call or email me if you have questions.

Sherry Pietsch  
President

## **A**djutant - Al Rodriguez

As of May 2, we have exceeded our goal of 401 paid members. We currently have 408. When we include those members who transferred to our post and paid 2018 dues this past year, we actually have 451.

I'm saddened to report that Michael Ayala who was very active in our BINGO program as well as a participant in our Bowling League recently

passed. We will conduct a Post Everlasting Ceremony in his behalf in the near future.

## **Boys State**

Due to the efforts of Rich Callan, he has recruited 23 high school boys to Boys State. These young men will be learning 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. .

## **Legion Baseball - Joe Hollowell**

In addition to sponsoring Englewood's Legion "B" Team, the Board recently agreed to sponsor their Legion "C" Team as well for this coming year.

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

### **Membership / Recruitment**

As of April 18, 2018, Headquarters report, we are at 408 members, 101.75%.  
Post 103 Call Center Day on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Englewood Elks saw Ed Pietsch, Mike & Darlene Romero, Dean Casey, Steve Valdez, Joel Mendelson & Tom Moermond attend.

We are processing 10 transfers and awaiting two more to pay their 2018 dues in order to finish processing

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

Attention Post 103 Members --- May is a busy month for Post 103.

Please remember the upcoming Post breakfast on May 12, 2018.

The breakfast begins at 0900. The breakfast will be at the Elks Lodge 3690 South Jason Street – Englewood, Colorado 80110.

The cost is 5.00 per person. Hope to see you there!

Remember, Memorial Day is on May 28, 2018. Post 103 will be participating in three Memorial Day observances.

At 0800 on Memorial Day Post members will be at the holiday observance will be at Veterans Circle – 6155 South Prince Street Littleton, Colorado 80120.

At 1000 hours at the World War II Memorial (Ketring Park) located at 6000 South Gallup Street – Littleton, Colorado 80120. Post members will be participating in the holiday observance.

At 1130 hours at Chapel Hill Cemetery – 6601 South Colorado Boulevard – Centennial Colorado 80121 Post members will be participating at that location's Memorial Day Observance.

Please come and help observe the holiday at any of the three locations.

Please mark June 9, 2018 on your social calendar. On that date, the Post will be having its annual picnic. The location of the picnic will be at Southeast Senior Shelter of Cornerstone Park – 5150 South Windermere Street – Littleton Colorado 80120.

The Post will be supplying the soda, water, hot dogs and hamburgers. Feel free to bring a dish (salad, baked beans, desert, etc.).

Please call Steve Valdez at 720-364-0490 or email [steve.valdez52@gmail.com](mailto:steve.valdez52@gmail.com) if you wish to help with set up and tear down of this event. Thank you.

Just a reminder – Should you wish to participate in the Columbine Valley July 4, 2018 Parade, please contact Steve Valdez at 720-364-0490 or [steve.valdez52@gmail.com](mailto:steve.valdez52@gmail.com) --- Thank you.

## Chaplain – Mike Romero

**Ward Oliver**, has taken a step backwards, but manages to find things to laugh about. His Doctor has put him on morphine capsules which

he has to take about every 11 hours, as long as he does this he is not in too much pain, but it has affected his eating.

He says hi to everyone at bingo, and I would ask all who know Ward to think of him in your prayers.

**Harry Giglio, AVHG Commander**, has successfully gone through Heart-by-pass Surgery, where his heart valve was repaired and an artery close by was opened up, To allow blood flow, after an 85% blockage during the same surgery.

He is home and is now beginning to sleep better, but still not in his bed. He tells me that it's just a matter of time for his strength to return. "Speed it up Harry, we need you at Ft. Logan".

**Wayne Coleman, Past Commander**, sometimes even Chaplains don't get their facts straight, last month I reported that Wayne had broken his leg, "Fake News", he did do damage to his ribs, but he is doing very well, and tells me for sure he's going to start walking again.

**Don Good**, a recent member to our Post, has moved with his wife Margaret to: *Hi Point*, an assisted living center. 6383 E. Girard Pl., Denver, CO. 80222 They welcome visits or calls from anyone at: 303-744-7390. Don flew for the USAAC, in WWII, he will be celebrating his 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**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

The Post income for March only totaled about \$750 with most of it coming from membership dues, Post Breakfast, All Veterans Honor Guard donations and Joel Mendelson's donation of over \$100 to next year's State Oratorical Contest. These funds were an accumulation of individual donations received by Joel and others manning membership recruitment tables in recent months.

Post expenses were only \$450 and consisted of payment of membership dues to Department/National, purchase office supplies, All Veterans Honor Guard expenses and the Post phone.

## **S**cholarships

The Post Scholarship Committee has awarded two \$2,000 Claire Davis Memorial Scholarships and eight \$1,000 Descendants Scholarship Committee of Veterans Scholarships. Six of the awardees attended the April Membership Meeting and it was great seeing and hearing these outstanding young adults. This is one of our most rewarding programs - it's the kind of program that makes us "The Leader Post". The remaining four winners will be attending the May Meeting, so please come out and see them receive their Certificates.

The Fifth Annual Claire Davis Memorial Award winners from Arapahoe High School are Bettina L. Meske and Rafael Levy-Diner. The Descendants of Veterans awardees are James A. Giglio, Nicholas E. Grant, Hanna S. May, Dillon S. Pietsch, Taylor E. Rapp, Taylor K. Stukey, Taylor D. Tesch and Isabel E. Walker. Four of these outstanding young adults are related to Post 103 members and the other four are related to veterans and reside in our Post service area.

I want to thank the Scholarship Committee for their hard work and I want to thank each Post member for continuing to support this program. The members of the Scholarship Committee are

Fred Himelsbach, Michael Romero, Roger Masse, Steve Valdez, Howard Olsen and Jan Lewallen, the retired Post Graduate Counselor from Arapahoe High School, and myself.

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

No report submitted

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

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 16 services for the month of April. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 4, Korea 4, Vietnam 7, Gulf War 1 Memorial 0. The breakdown for branches of service for April was Army 6, Air Force 4, Navy 2 Marines 4. We have had a total of 69 services year to date.

The Veteran breakdown year to date is WWII 18, Korea 14, Vietnam 25, Gulf War 10 and Memorial 2. The breakdown for branches of service for the year was Army 24, Navy 14, Air Force 20 and Marines 8 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.

## **J**AG - Joel Mendelson

No new items to report

## **S**AL - Nick Arceo

Good day Sons of The American Legion! Let me start with a big thank you for all you do! You are awesome! I want to thank my Father, a Veteran that served during the WWII era. It is because of him that I am eligible to be a Son. Also a great big thanks to Post 103 for their sponsorship. Here at post 103 we have several duel members, thank you so much for your support.

Here are the results of the National Oratorical contest. Our winner of the Department contest Kidus Zelalem form post 1864 in Parker did not make it to the Semi Finals. He will be back next year to compete. Kidus will be attending Boys State in June and is excited for that experience. He will also awarded an MIT (Boston) 6 week summer program for upcoming High School seniors.

The winner of the National contest is Carlissa N. Frederich of Paderich, Kentucky. She will receive a college scholarship in the amount of \$18,500 and will be invited to attend the 2018 American Legion National Convention as part of the Youth Champions Delegation.

The Sons of The American Legion CWF Banquet was a great success! We raised over \$14,000! Everyone had a great time. I will leave you with this thought...YOU can make a difference....for God & Country! Go out and make a difference in the life of a Veteran. God Bless you and your family and God bless the United States of America.

## Historian - Chris Bredesen

No report submitted.

## BINGO - Ed Pietsch

Bingo income for March was a little over \$4800, our best non-Must Go month in over two years. Bingo paid Post expenses of approximately \$400 which included the Post Breakfast and the Legion College training fee for Joel Mendelson. I want to thank our many volunteers who help support our Bingo Program. As you know, Bingo is the Post's primary source of revenue and enables us to participate in the Legion and community programs that we undertake each year. We need additional 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. Ed Pietsch 720-287-2108, email, e\_pietsch@msn.com.

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