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

Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

Joel D. Mendelson



We came to play and stayed to work. A great way to start out as the new Commander of Post 103 known as The Leadership Post. My sincere thanks for the opportunity to serve you in this role. I've had a lot of support and have the privilege of having a seasoned staff of Officers with enhanced backgrounds and a lot of talent. Steve Valdez my 1st Vice is already preparing a recruitment agenda, as well as readying Nick Bilak our 2nd Vice whom assumed Steve's last position. I prefer a style, where all are welcomed to participate while still maintaining appropriateness. Thank you for this opportunity.

Joel Mendelson
Commander

Meeting Date changes

Please take note that in the coming months for the Officers as well as membership there are date meeting date changes, due to the Buck Center scheduling conflicts. Most notable is November the Executive Board Mtg. is Nov. 12th, the Membership Mtg is Nov. 14th. These are during the second full week of the month.

Don't forget that our first breakfast for this new term is **Sept 8th** at the Englewood Elks Lodge at 9:00 am, \$5 per person.

I thank each one of you for your
Dedicated and Honorable Service.

Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates

Sept 4	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Sept 5	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Sept 8	Post Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks Lodge
Oct 2	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Oct 3	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Nov 10	Post Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks Lodge
Nov 12	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Nov 14	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center

*Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 Jason Englewood



Auxiliary – Sherry Pietsch (President)

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 5th at 7 pm. We will be installing our new Officers for this year. We will also be discussing our Budget for the year. Hope to see you there. Any questions please call me.

Sherry Pietsch
President

Adjutant – John Snyder

The August 2018 meeting of American Legion Post was conducted on August 1 at the Buck Center, Littleton, Colorado. The meeting began with two ceremonies. The first was a Post Everlasting ceremony for Walter J. Brown who served in the US Navy during the Korean War Era. A resolution recognizing his service to the country will be sent to his family.

The second ceremony was a Member Initiation ceremony for John M. Snyder. Mr. Snyder currently serves as the Adjutant for Post 103.

Adjutant's Report

As of August 1, 2018, a total of 212 membership renewals have been processed. Those numbers include 44 Paid Up for Life, 32 renewing On Line, two new members, and one transfer. All members are encouraged to contact the Adjutant for updates of their contact information.

The Post's Annual Banquet, held at the Elks Club on July 14, 2018, was well attended. At the end of the Banquet, the new officers for the Post were sworn in by Mr. Charles "Bud" Goodwin. The names of the new officers and their contact information are listed in this newsletter. Please use this list for any inquiries you may have.

The Sergeant at Arms confirmed that the meeting was attended by a quorum of members, thus two motions were introduced for consideration and approval by the Post 103.

The First Motion proposed to donate \$1,000 to fund the operations of the Honor Bell Organization for their services at Ft. Logan National Cemetery funerals. This motion was passed unanimously by the Post 103 membership and will be implemented.

The second Motion moved that Post 103 spend \$500 to provide funding for Christmas presents for approximately 30 patients in the psychiatric ward at the VA Hospital. This is an American Legion Family Project involving the SAL Squadron, Auxiliary Unit, and the Post. This motion was passed unanimously and will be implemented.

Boys State

Nothing to report currently

Legion Baseball

Nothing to report currently

1st Vice Commander – Steve Valdez

Membership / Recruitment

To all American Legion Post 103 members – Just an update of my upcoming recruiting plans for the year of 2018-19.

Various businesses and institutions of higher education will be contacted in the Littleton area. The purpose of these contacts will be to see if an American Legion Post 103 recruiting table can be set-up within their establishments.

Dates and times will be sent out to all American Legion Post 103 members. Help will be requested to help at the establishments. All help will be greatly appreciated. Please stay tuned for future communication on this venture.

2nd Vice Commander – Nick Bilak

Greetings fellow Legionaries,
The following information is for Western Welcome Week 2018

The route we will be covering is One Mile
Our starting point will be: VFW Building-
5748 South Gallup St, Littleton, Co.
Parade Start Time is **10:00 am**

ARRIVAL TIME: Please be present between 9:15 and 9:45 am for line up. Car line up should be set up by 9:30

VOLUNTEER PARKING: Volunteers will be able to park at the Arapaho Community Parking Lot. There will a shuttle ride allowed for us up to the starting point at the VFW start point.

UNIFORM: 1. American Legion Post Uniform, Gray Slacks, White Shirt, Dark Shoes, White Gloves

NOTE: All Honor Guard Uniforms will be permitted for honor guard members.

Last note: If you wish to volunteer and did not sign up to volunteer at the Aug meeting, please contact Nick Bilak at nbilak88@gmail.com or 619 602 2359

Chaplain – Mike Romero

Ward Oliver Is in great spirits. He is scheduled for a hearing test at the VA in golden the 1st of Aug. He is eating well but not too much, just enough to keep up his energy.

He still thinks of everyone at Bingo and wishes he could join us.

Doug Watts is back in Rehab to strengthen his legs, so he can have more mobility. His Wife **Lois** doesn't know when he will be home, it just depends how fast he recovers. Those wishing to send a "Get Well" card, can send it to: 6477 W. Arbor Dr., Littleton, CO 80128-4138.

Don Good, is doing well at home, his Wife **Margaret**, says he is finally putting on some weight after weighing 100 lbs. He misses not being able to go to our meetings but wants to see us when bowling starts.

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 1: We currently have these medical items available for loan to our Post Members.

Canes: 2 adjustable, 3 non-adjustable. **Walkers:** 6 non-wheeled. **Wheel Chairs:** 1 with foot-rests, 1 without. **Shower Chair:** 1 Adjustable. **Bedside Commode:** 1 adjustable.

NOTE 2: As Post Chaplain, I am charged with preparing Post Everlasting Resolutions, and Post Initiation Certificates. If you members know of anyone needing this service, call me, or email me at the information I have provided above.

Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch

Post income and expenses for July were both just over \$6,000 in July. More than half of both the income and expenses were the result of membership renewals. As dues come into the Post, all but \$4 is sent out to Department of Colorado/National.

Other income items included a donation to the All Veterans Honor Guard (AVHG) and one to the Post from Columbine Valley in support of their July 4th parade. Other expenses included

AVHG, purchase of flags and routine administrative expenses for name tags, awards, office supplies and the Post telephone. July Bingo expenses paid a little over \$3,000 in support of Post programs and activities. These included expenses for two Descendants of Veterans Scholarships, the AL State Convention, and the Post's Annual Awards and Installation Banquet.

Mid-year Budget Review

Every year, the new Post Executive Board is required to complete a mid-year review of the Post Budget to identify items that may have been under or over funded and to identify any new activities for the remainder of the year. The reviewed focused on the 20 activities in the Bingo Budget. Seven-line items were identified with excess funds and those amounts were shifted into the Contribution line item. The Board and membership approved two new activities under Contributions line item including support for the Honor Bell and funds to purchase Christmas presents for Psych Ward patients at the VA Hospital. This VA Project is supported by the Post, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion and has been coordinated by past SAL Commander, Nick Arceo. The total Bingo Budget for 2018 remained at \$38,200 which was established at the December 2017 Membership Meeting.

Scholarships

Nothing to report currently

Service Officer – Joe Cordova

No monies in Post account ordered \$1500 of King Soopers food cards.

All Veterans Honor Guard – Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 23 services for the month of July. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 1, Korea 6, Vietnam 15, Gulf War 1 Memorial 0. The breakdown for branches

of service for July was Army 10, Air Force 5, Navy 6 Marines 2. We have had a total of 139 services year to date. The Veteran breakdown year to date is WWII 37, Korea 32, Vietnam 56, Gulf War 12 and Memorial 2. The breakdown for branches of service for the year was Army 60, Navy 28, Air Force 32 and Marines 16 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 – Richard Callan

Nothing to report currently

SAL – Roger Masse

Nothing to report currently

Historian – Vacant Looking for applicant

BINGO – Ed Pietsch

July bingo expenses in support of Post programs and activities are covered under the Finance Report. The Post had its first losing month in about four years. Because of smaller attendance and a few big winners, the Post lost just over \$100 in July.

But things are looking up for August because we had our first Must Go of the year on August 2nd. Someone won \$4968 at this session. The Must Go results will be report in the next newsletter along with the monthly totals.

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

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Medical

Veteran

assistance information

South Metro Medical Equipment Loan Closet A "library checkout-type system" of medical equipment. Their mission: "to receive and distribute durable medical equipment to those 18 and over free of charge in the south metro area who are in need on a short term loan basis." (walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, canes, toilet risers, shower chairs, oxygen generators, scooters, etc.) Their contact number is 720.443.2013 (leave a message for a callback).

Website: <https://www.hopechangeslives.org/south-metro-medical-equipment-loan-closet/>

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