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

Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

Joel D. Mendelson



Membership Mtg is Nov. 14th. These are during the second full week of the month.

Don't forget that our next breakfast is **November 10th** at the Englewood Elks Lodge at 9:00 am, \$5 per person.

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

Western Welcome week was a big success with 17 Post 103 Members participating in the Color Guard, including three vehicles. My thanks to all. I will continue monthly to send out email information blasts in our effort to keep members better informed of events and happenings. We also want to pass on our condolences to our Service Officer Dean Casey and Family for their recent loss.

Joel Mendelson
Commander

Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates

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
Dec 3	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Dec 5	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center

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

*Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 Jason Englewood



Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 3rd at the Buck Center starting at 7 pm. See you then.

Sherry Pietsch – President

Auxiliary – Sherry Pietsch (President)

Our first meeting back this year started off with the Legion. A presentation about the Honor Bell was given. This bell is taken to Fort Logan during funerals and is rung in honor of our veterans. After the meeting we were able to see the Honor Bell in the parking lot. The Auxiliary made a donation to this well-deserved project.

Also, at this meeting we were joined by Past Department President, Ann Ritacco and District #5 President Pilar Bottoms who presented Darlene Romero with a plaque for Unit Member of the Year for Colorado. Darlene was nominated by our Unit for being an outstanding member and always being involved with our activities. This is the first time ever we have had this honor given to one of our members. Way to Go Darlene!!!!

The budget for the year has been approved. If you were not at the meeting and would like a copy, please email me.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues for this year. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so by mailing your check to Jean Jesser, 150 West Sterne Parkway, Littleton, CO 80120.

We have decided to continue to bring food items for the Redistribution Center each month. Next month (October) please bring spaghetti sauces. If you are unable to come to the meeting and would like to donate, call me and I will gladly pick the items up for you. Also, at this time we are NOT collecting plastic bags anymore for the Redistribution Center.

The VA Hospital at this time is no longer collecting clothing. If this changes in the future, it will be posted in the newsletter.

Special note from the Danforth's

American Legion Post 103 & Ladies Auxiliary
I want to thank everyone who sent cards, came to visit and sent the much-needed prayers to

Danny as he recovered from his broken arm and cracked rib, (on July 20th). He is doing much better now and has even returned to doing Bingo on Thursday.

Vada and Danny Danforth

Adjutant – John Snyder

As of September 6, 2018, a total of 242 membership renewals have been processed. The Adjutant, in close cooperation with Department, is updating the Post 103 records to determine that each member's records are accurate and complete. All members are encouraged to contact the Adjutant to provide updates of their information.

Two members of Post 103 have earned the distinction of 50 years of continuous membership. Those Legionnaires are Mr. Charles Bugosh with 52 years of continuous membership and Mr. Charles Pat Smith with 50 years. We recognize and appreciate their long-standing support of the American Legion.

Boys State

Nothing to report currently

Legion Baseball

Nothing to report currently

1st Vice Commander – Steve Valdez
Membership / Recruitment

Ace Hardware and I are meeting this week. The purpose of the meeting is to arrange dates for recruitment purposes.

On Monday 9/10/18 - I have an appointment with Arapahoe Community College. My appointment is at 11. The purpose of this meeting is to offer American Legion objective to Arapahoe Community College Veterans.

2nd Vice Commander – Nick Bilak

Our Western Welcome Week Parade was a great success. Thanks to the many volunteers who participated in the parade, all branches of military service were represented with honor. While the flag holders were returned along with the flags to storage. It appears as if a few pairs of white gloves wandered off by accident. It will be greatly appreciated if we can retrieve the missing uniform items for the next event. Contact me at: 619-602-2359 or, email me at: nbilak88@gmail.com

Chaplain – Mike Romero

Ward Oliver, Is in great spirits. 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**, says he will not be coming home, she is unable to give him the care he needs at this time

Danny Danforth, is doing well and is back at bingo, he returned to bingo on Sep., the 6th, and very happy that he can get away from watching TV all the time.

Duane Leiker, is at home rehabbing. He tells me that he has been diagnosed with Spinal Stenosis

which may be some of the cause of the leg problems he is experiencing.

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 Finances

In August, the Post income was approximately \$2,200. 91% of it was related to membership renewals, along with a donation to the All Veterans Honor Guard (AVHG), the 50/50 raffle and the purchase of a Legion hat. August expenses totaled approximately \$2,700 with membership comprising 73% of the total, followed by AVHG, office supplies and stamps, and miscellaneous monthly operating expenses.

Understanding Post Finances

Post income is basically limited to membership dues and donations to the Post. We retain only \$4.00 of the annual \$40.00 dues paid by our members; the rest is required to be sent to the Department of Colorado and to National to cover their costs. The Post does receive donations primarily to the AVHG for funeral services at Ft. Logan National Cemetery and those funds are used to cover AVHG expenses. In most years, the AVHG donations exceed the AVHG expenses and the Post reaps the benefit of any positive offset. We usually receive a few

other small donations to the Post during the year.

The Post **net income** for the year is about \$1,600 (400 members x \$4.00) from membership and \$1,400 from AVHG and other donations after offsetting expenses for the AVHG. That is approximately \$3,000 to be used to pay for some of the Post operating expenses such as pins, nametags for new members, meeting expenses, office supplies and postage, the Post telephone and webpage, the purchase of flags and the Post picnic.

We also have several other **no profit** income activities such as the Post Breakfast, the sale of Legion hats and caps, and the 50/50 raffle. For example, you pay \$5 per person for that great breakfast put on by the Englewood Elks Lodge and the Post pays the Elks \$8 per person to encourage attendance and comradery. The hats and caps are sold at expense to encourage members to wear them which helps advertise the Post in the community. The 50/50 raffle, half goes for a donation to the Department Oratorical Program and half goes to the ticket holder who usually donates his/her half to the AVHG or another Post Program.

Where do we get the annual funds (\$30,000) to run our many Legion Programs such as baseball, Boys State, oratorical, scholarships, as well as donations to veterans and community organizations; and our other \$8,000 in annual Post operating expenses? **B I N G O - It is the Post's only fund-raising activity and is the financial life blood that helps make us "The Leader Post"**. By Colorado law and regulations, Bingo funds must be in a deferent financial account than Post funds and tracked and reported separately from Post funds in the budget, at meetings and in the newsletter.

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 21 services for the month of August. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 6, Korea 8, Vietnam 6, Gulf War 1 Memorial 0. The breakdown for branches of service for August was Army 5, Air Force 8, Navy 3 Marines 3 and Coast Guard 2. We have had a total of 163 services year to date. The Veteran breakdown year to date is WWII 44, Korea 40, Vietnam 64, Gulf War 13 and Memorial 2. The breakdown for branches of service for the year was Army 67, Navy 32, Air Force 40, Marines 19 and Coast guard 5. 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.

Harry Giglio

JAG – Richard Callan

Nothing to report currently

SAL – Roger Masse

Nothing to report currently

Historian – Richard Callan

At our web site www.legionpost103.org there are close to 1800 pictures of recent and past events including American Flag raisings, Breakfasts at the Elks, Picnics, Membership meetings, Parades, Memorial Holidays proceedings, and more. Once you go to the site under the heading **POST INFO** click on **Facebook**, log in and enjoy.

BINGO – Ed Pietsch

Great news, the first Thursday in August we had our first “Must Go” of the year. A Must Go is where our Progressive Bingo Jackpot of approximately \$5,000 is given away to one or more lucky winners. Obviously, this draws in bigger crowds, more spending and results in a great financial day for Post Bingo. We made a net profit of just over \$5,000 on this one day. The rest of the month was pretty evenly split between profits and losses. We ended with a cumulative profit of a little over \$5,500 for the month.

Normally this would have been our third Must Go of the year. But unfortunately, on two previous occasions in 2018 our Progressive Bingo Jackpot had been won by one of our customers before we reached the \$5,000 level needed to have a Must Go. Understandably

when this happens, it greatly impacts our profits for the year.

Hopefully results will get brighter the remainder of the year. We are looking for additional volunteers to be Bingo Managers, cashiers, callers and help sell pull-tabs. Please consider joining us, it is fun, and you will work with some great Legion family members in helping the Post be successful. Come visit us at Slammers Bingo Hall at the northeast corner of Wadsworth and Jewell, every Thursday from 10 am to about 2 pm. Like the Uncle Sam poster, “We Need You!” If you have any questions, please contact me at 720-287-2108 or e_pietsch@msn.com.

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Darlene Romero recipient of “UNIT Member of the year

Chuck Blemler recipient of a quilt from “Quilts of Valor

2017/2018 Award



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