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

Newsletter

The American Legion  
P.O. Box 281  
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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

Joel D. Mendelson



This last month saw the Executive Board working to update the "Policies and Standard Guidelines for Operation." This document is 13 pages and will be emailed to every member with an email address when released. We will supply a copy to members without email upon request at this meeting.

Our 1stVice, Steve Valdez has been perusing various venues for recruitment purposes at local businesses and a community college.

**In addition, reminder notices have been sent to our members who have not yet paid their 2018 dues. I encourage those of you who have not, to please now it is the time to send your checks.**

Over the past month several of our members have passed away and we conducted a Post Everlasting ceremony for them and we had a new member who was initiated this month. Planning for the Veterans Day tribute at the WWII Memorial in Littleton has begun and I

hope you can attend this year's Saturday, November 11 ceremony honoring veterans.

**Joel Mendelson**

Commander

## Meeting Date changes

Most notable is November the Executive Board Mtg. is Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, the **Membership Mtg is Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates

Nov 10	Post Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks Lodge
Nov 12	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Nov 11	Veterans Day	11:00AM	**WWII
<b>Nov 14</b>	<b>General Assembly</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Buck Center</b>
Dec 3	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Dec 5	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Jan 2	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Jan 12	Post Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks Lodge

\*Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 Jason Englewood  
\*\* WWII Memorial S Gallup St. & W Caley Ave.

## NOVEMBER 11, 2018 VETERANS DAY City of Littleton WWII Memorial



### **Auxiliary – Sherry Pietsch (President)**

Our October meeting started with an initiation for our newest members. We welcome Vada Danforth and Glenda Snyder to the Auxiliary! Thanks to everyone who brought food items for the Redistribution Center. Next month our theme is Thanksgiving and they are asking for the following items; cans of cranberry sauce, corn, green beans, yams, boxes of instant potatoes. Also, they need plastic bags. They need these items BEFORE our next meeting which is November 14th. If you would like to donate please bring your items to the Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 10th, or if that does not work I would be more than happy to pick up items from your home or call me and we can work something out. You don't have to be an Auxiliary member to participate in this project we welcome donations from everyone. Due to a scheduling conflict with the Buck Center we will not meet on November 7th but will meet on November 14th starting at 7 pm. Don't forget the Breakfast at the Elks Club on November 10th starting at 9 am. Also, Sunday, November 11th at 11 am at the WWII Memorial there will be a Veteran Day Ceremony. Thanks to everyone for paying your dues. We have 10 people who have not paid yet, if you are one of them; please send your dues to Jean Jesser, 150 W. Sterne Parkway, Littleton, CO 80120. If you have decided not to join this year let us know.

Like always, please feel free to call or email me anytime.

### **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

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Steve Valdez Membership / Recruitment**

To all American Legion Post 103 members: I would to take this opportunity - to encourage any member of American Legion Post 103 - who has not renewed their 2019 Post membership to please do so between this month and November. **Currently the Post is short of its goal by many members who have not renewed as of this communication.**

The purpose of this encouragement is so that the post can still continue with its Community Based activities, in which all members are encouraged to participate.

Please note – If you have already renewed your membership – Thank you.

Should you wish to renew your Post 103 membership – you may do so using the following manner.

You can mail your (USPS) your 40.00 to the Post 103 Adjutant. The address is ---  
American Legion Post 103  
P.O. Box 281  
Littleton, Colorado 80160  
Or You may go to [WWW.legion.org/members](http://WWW.legion.org/members)  
Please use the go to Renewal Feature:  
Submit payment of your annual membership dues.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Nick Bilak

Veterans Day November 11<sup>th</sup> Set up begins around 10:20 to set up chairs which will be provided and on site. The ceremony begins at 11:00 at the WWII memorial.

A final meeting on the event will be conducted on Nov. 6th at 18:00 at the VFW for any last second items.

Honor guard will be present with blue jacket and tie for veterans day.

### Post Breakfast:

As discussed in the post meeting, our post breakfast will be at 9:00 on Saturday Nov. 10th. Location is Elks club. Admission is \$5 for our great breakfast! See you there.

Contact me at: 619-602-2359 or, email me at: [nbilak88@gmail.com](mailto:nbilak88@gmail.com)

## Chaplain – Mike Romero

Ward Oliver, Is in great spirits. He is eating, but not too much. He also is having difficulty with his knee that was replaced 15 years ago, he manages the pain with the pain medication his is on.

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

PC. Bud Goodwin, gave the Volunteers at Bingo quite a scare this past Thursday. He is very faithful in attending Bingo sessions and did not show up that morning. As it turned out he was in bed with severe

Vertigo, he is now in Littleton Hospital where he is being attended to with his family at his side. His Son says he will be there at least until the 8<sup>th</sup> of October, and has shown some improvement in his condition.

PC. Wayne Coleman, is doing well with his exercising, such as walking with his walker, and doing push-ups. He tells me that he still has problems with his legs from time to time and is currently experiencing stomach problems that seem to come on when he eats, and also in the evening.

Duane Leiker, is home now, and has physical therapy set up at home a few times a week. He had an adverse reaction to a muscle relaxer that put him in the hospital for 5 days, and 5 days in rehab. He had then had a reaction to another drug, and also sustained a toe injury, but he has the determination of a Pit Bull.

Doug Watts, is doing as well as can be expected. His Wife, Lois says he is in a good care facility where he is very well looked after, and that takes some of the anxiety off of her. She and her daughter visit him as much as they can, but she still wishes he could be home.

**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 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.

**Commode:** 1 adjustable.

## Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch

Post Finances

Post Income for September was approximately \$1800. The vast majority (\$1600) was split evenly between membership income and donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard (AVHG) for providing final honors services to fellow veterans at Fort Logan National Cemetery. Additional income was derived from the Post Breakfast at the Englewood Elks Lodge and the purchase of a post cap and baseball cap. Post expenses totaling \$1,000 consisted of membership renewal payment to the Department of Colorado, the purchases of pins provided to new members at the time of initiation and AVHG expenses.

By Colorado law and regulations, we are required to keep separate accounts for both our bingo funds and our State Veterans Trust Fund Grant which are used to provide assistance to needy veterans and their families. Neither Bingo nor Grant funds can be commingled with other Post funds or with each other. Quarterly reporting of bingo and grant activity is reported to the Secretary of State's Office or the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, respectively.

Detailed financial reports are presented monthly to the Post Executive Committee including income, expenses, and net worth for all Post related accounts; checking, savings, certificates of deposit and investments. These reports include the Post accounts, Bingo accounts, Sons of the American Legion account, and information regarding our Veterans Trust Fund Grant with the State. Any member wishing to receive a copy of the detailed information please email me at [e\\_pietsch@msn.com](mailto:e_pietsch@msn.com) or 720-287-2108.

## Scholarships

Nothing to report currently

## Service Officer – Joe Cordova

We assisted 3 veterans with rent. Helped 8 Veterans with food cards.

## All Veterans Honor Guard – Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 17 services for the month of September. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 3, Korea 3, Vietnam 10, Gulf War 1 Memorial 0. The breakdown for branches of service for September was Army 8, Air Force 2, Navy 4 Marines 2 and Coast Guard 1. We have had a total of 177 services year to date. The Veteran breakdown year to date is WWII 46, Korea 47, Vietnam 77, Gulf War 7 and Memorial 0. The breakdown for branches of service for the year was Army 73, Navy 40, Air Force 40, Marines 21 and Coast guard 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.

Harry Giglio

## JAG – Richard Callan

Nothing to report currently

## SAL – Roger Masse

I was away for the month of September on the east coast due to family obligations and attending the Americanism Conference in Indianapolis. There's lots to do now that I've returned, and Post 103 SAL has two priorities for the month of October. We need to work on membership and renewals, so please plan to renew and be thinking of potential members we can approach. Also, we are required to ratify the new SAL Constitution before November 1. I will be contacting SAL members in the second week of this month to arrange a meeting for that purpose. I'm sorry for being away so long, but I'm back in the saddle again and ready get things done!

Roger L. Masse

Post 103 SAL Commander

## Historian – Richard Callan

At our web site [www.legionpost103.org](http://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**

### **September Bingo Report**

Well we had one of those months where we lost a little money two weeks and made a little money the other two weeks. We ended in the plus with \$16. We ended the quarter with about \$5400 in profits pretty much all due to our first Must Go Jackpot of the year on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Must Go is where a progressive bingo jackpot

prize of about \$5,000 is awarded to some lucky customer(s).

We have scheduled our next Must Go for November 29<sup>th</sup>. We have had several volunteers on travel or out sick so if you can help out we would appreciate it. If you can only stay for part time, any help will be welcomed. We meet every Thursday at Slammers Bingo Hall and the bingo session starts at 11:30 am and goes until about 2 pm. Workers usually arrive about 10 am. So, come out and play or volunteer. Slammers is at the northeast corner of Jewell and Wadsworth. We want to thank Danny Danforth for becoming our newest Bingo Manager!!!!

Like the Uncle Sam poster, “We Need You!” If you have any questions, please contact me at 720-287-2108 or e\_pietsch@msn.

## **Executive Board Members/Auxiliary President**

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In the last newsletter was a photo of Chuck Blemler recipient of a Quilts of Valor. The Organization sponsoring this is Abiding Hope Church 6337 S. Robb Way, Littleton, CO. Any donations can be sent to Spiritual Threads C/O Bev Egger 7277 S. Independence, Littleton, CO. 80128. For more information contact Kathy Gillett 303-359-7383.



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## **Dated Material**