



"For God and Country"



"United We Stand"

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

Newsletter

The American Legion  
P.O. Box 281  
Littleton, CO 80160

November 5, 2018



## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

Joel D. Mendelson



## Joel Mendelson

Commander

## Meeting Dates

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

I visited Charles Bugosh to present him his 50 year pin for his 52 years of Legion Membership. See last page of this newsletter for more. The [Veterans Day tribute at the WWII Memorial at Kitring Park is Sunday, November 11, hopefully will be well attended.](#)

### MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS:

**Post 103 Honor Guard, Bingo volunteers, your Officers and active members are actively helping to keep these programs successful. I would like to encourage more of you reading this to extend any amount of spare time you have in participating on Bingo day on Thursdays, contact Ed Pietsch, for Honor Guard contact Harry Giglio. Their email address are below. We would love to see new faces. Please keep in mind a very large percentage of the help we provide our community are funded from Bingo and the Honor Guard proceeds.**

|        |                  |         |             |
|--------|------------------|---------|-------------|
| 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      |
| 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 |
| Jan 2  | General Assembly | 7:00 PM | Buck Center |
| Jan 12 | Post Breakfast   | 9:00 AM | *Elks Lodge |
| Mar 9  | Post Breakfast   | 9:00 AM | *Elks Lodge |
| May 11 | Post Breakfast   | 9:00 AM | *Elks Lodge |

\*Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 Jason Englewood  
\*\* WWII Memorial Ketring Park 6000 S Gallup St, Littleton.

## Auxiliary – Sherry Pietsch (President)

Remember we are NOT meeting this coming

Wednesday, November 7th but will meet on the 14th.

Our next breakfast will be Saturday, November 10th at Englewood Elks Club. You can bring can food items if you want to donate to the Redistribution Center at this time.

Condolences to the Leiker Family for the loss of Duane and also to Tommie Coleman for the loss of her sister-in-law. They are in our thoughts and prayers.

Please call or email if you have any questions.  
Sherry

### **A**djutant – John Snyder

As of October 31, 2018, a total of 285 membership renewals have been processed. This represents 68 percent of our membership goal. Thanks to all of those who have renewed. For those who have not had an opportunity to renew, please take a moment to continue your support of Post 103. If any member who has recently transferred to Post 103 has not received a renewal notice you can contact the Adjutant to obtain your membership cards.

Regrettably, two loyal Legionnaires from our Post recently passed away. Mr. Duane Leiker was an Army veteran who served during the Vietnam War. He was an active member who dedicated loyal support to the All Veterans Honor Guard. Our second loss was Mr. Ray Pearson. Ray was a Navy veteran who served in the Korean War and was a steadfast member of the American Legion for 25 years. A Post Everlasting ceremony honoring their service and memory will be held in the near future.

The documents authorizing the distribution of M-1 blank ammunition to the All Veterans Honor Guard has been processed with the guidance and in coordination with Mr. Harry

Giglio. Like most Army acquisitions, the process is designed be complex.

### **Boys State**

Nothing to report currently

### **Legion Baseball**

Nothing to report currently

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

This notice is a repeat from the October Newsletter. I am sending this out because Post 103 is still trying very hard to reach its goal of 100%.

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 it's 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.

May I please ask you to take note that on December 2, 2019 I will be setting up a registration table at the Ace Hardware Store off of Bowles and Kipling. That's a Sunday. The table will be up and running between the hours of 10-2. Come by and say hello and help encourage Veterans to sign up with Post 103.

Good news – I have gotten the names of several Veterans who are looking for a Post. Tom Bock was nice enough to send me those names from Lakewood, Littleton, and Green Mountain.

I am contacting the Englewood Elks Lodge to see what date will work to set up a Saturday call center to contact those Veterans.

## 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.

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

### Post Breakfast:

We are set as of now with the breakfasts for 2019. Spoke to Diane from the elks and January 12, March 9, May 11 are set.

Admission is \$5 for breakfast.

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

## Chaplain – Mike Romero

Ward Oliver, I was unable to get a final report on his health before this newsletter's deadline.

PC. **Bud Goodwin** is home from the rehab center and is well on his way to good health. He is still under doctor's care; however, he thinks it won't be long before he is able to work at Legion Bingo. He misses everyone and says hello.

PC. **Al Rodriguez** has been having recurring back problems that sometime get in the way of his mobility, but he doesn't let the pain get in the way of his AVHG service, he did 5 services this past Friday.

AVHG **C. Harry Giglio**, had surgery on his foot to correct a problem he was having. He tells me the surgery went well, but it may be about 3 to 4 weeks before he is able to get the temporary boot he is wearing, off.

**Winnie Burdan**, is still in rehab at Brookdale Meridian in Lakewood. She tells me that it may be a while before her fractured Pelvis is healed.

She also says she will have to decide if she will move into an Assisted Living Center and give up her home.

**Don Good**, is doing well in the new home, his Wife Margaret tells me he has started to put on some weight, however he is extremely careful when standing, his mobility is the problem, but he is doing what he should, and that's not bad for a 96 years young Legionnaire.

### 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.

## Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch

### Post Finances

Financially, we had a relatively slow October compared to the last three months. Total Post income was just under \$1,700 for the month. Membership renewals and donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard (AVHG) were both at \$800 each plus the 50/50 drawing at the meeting. Post expenses totaled about \$750 and consisted of regular Post operating expenses and a few minor AVHG expenses.

### 2019 Budgets

We are beginning to work on next year's Post and Bingo budgets. We generally build the budget around prior year results. However, we are always receptive to new ideas and

alternatives. Please share any ideas about some new or revised program or project with the Commander, Finance Officer or other Executive Committee member. Just call or send an email, we appreciate any input we receive.

.

## Scholarships

Nothing to report currently

## Service Officer – Joe Cordova

Nothing to report currently

## All Veterans Honor Guard – Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 16 services for the month of October. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 4, Korea 2, Vietnam 9, Memorial 1. The breakdown for branches of service for October was Army 9, Air Force 3, Navy 2 Marines 1 and Memorial 1. We have had a total of 193 services year to date. The Veteran breakdown year to date is WWII 50, Korea 49, Vietnam 86, Gulf War 7 and Memorial 1. The breakdown for branches of service for the year was Army 82, Navy 42, Air Force 43, Marines 22 and Coast guard 3 and Memorial 1.

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

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

### October Bingo

Unfortunately, we had another off month at Bingo with only two profitable days out of four in October. We netted right at plus \$300 for the month. There were no Post expenses paid by Bingo in October.

We have our big Progressive Bingo Jackpot “Must Go” day on November 29<sup>th</sup>. We need your help at Slammers Bingo Hall especially on a Must Go day when one or more customers will win the prize of about \$5,000. Please consider lending a hand. There are number of simple task to be performed and you will enjoy the experience. Slammers Bingo Hall is located at the Northeast corner of Jewell and Wadsworth. Volunteers show up at about 10 am and the session last until 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](mailto:e_pietsch@msn).

## Executive Board Members/Auxiliary President

| Post Officers                    |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Joel Mendelson, Cmdr.            | <a href="mailto:bigdaddyjdm@comcast.net">bigdaddyjdm@comcast.net</a>     |
| John Snyder, Adjutant            | <a href="mailto:sssieti@aol.com">sssieti@aol.com</a>                     |
| Steve Valdez, 1st Vice           | <a href="mailto:Steve.Valdez52@gmail.com">Steve.Valdez52@gmail.com</a>   |
| Nick Bilak, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice | <a href="mailto:nbilak88@hotmail.com">nbilak88@hotmail.com</a>           |
| Mike Romero, Chaplain            | <a href="mailto:mjromero44@gmail.com">mjromero44@gmail.com</a>           |
| Ed Pietsch, Finance Officer      | <a href="mailto:E_Pietsch@msn.com">E_Pietsch@msn.com</a>                 |
| Joe Cordova, Service Officer     | <a href="mailto:joedcordova@yahoo.com">joedcordova@yahoo.com</a>         |
| Wayne Arguello, Sgt-at-Arms      | <a href="mailto:wyn54@msn.com">wyn54@msn.com</a>                         |
| Richard Callan, Historian        | <a href="mailto:richardcallan@hotmail.com">richardcallan@hotmail.com</a> |
| Richard Callan, Judge Ad.        | <a href="mailto:richardcallan@hotmail.com">richardcallan@hotmail.com</a> |
|                                  |  |
|                                  |  |
| Harry Giglio, Cmdr. AVHG         | <a href="mailto:harrygiglio@comcast.net">harrygiglio@comcast.net</a>     |
| Roger Masse, SAL Cmdr.           | <a href="mailto:drivercoach69@gmail.com">drivercoach69@gmail.com</a>     |
| Sherry Pietsch, Aux. Pres.       | <a href="mailto:sherrypietsch@msn.com">sherrypietsch@msn.com</a>         |

Charles Bugosh Post 103 Member Received his 50 years Pin for being Member for 52 years. Charles and Arlene pictured

here have been married since 1952, 65 years. Charles joined the Army in 1952 in Brook Park, Ohio outside of Cleveland. Was stationed in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After serving, returned to Cleveland to work for the Cleveland Underwood Corporation and later the Olivetti Corp. They moved to Denver in 2006 to be closer to their 2 sons. He unfortunately has been mostly restricted to a wheel chair for 27 years due to a bad back situation. I must say during the interview I found them to be the warmest easy going couple and extremely outgoing and just loving life, with no complaints. Having the opportunity to meet them makes this job so rewarding. Joel Mendelson



The American Legion  
P O Box 281  
Littleton, CO 80160

**DATED MATERIAL**