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

Newsletter

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

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

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Happy New Year , welcome 2019. It is my goal to continue to emphasize to all we must continue to succeed in all we do.

Unfortunately, we as an organization cannot rest. We are all components of a group and we are only as good as we perform as a group. We have a membership goal too meet, we have members that will always be in need of assistance, many Veterans that rely on us to just be there. We may require extra effort on occasions but as long as we believe in each other we will endure.

Joel Mendelson

Commander

Meeting Dates

week of the month. Don't forget that our next breakfast is **January 12th** at the

Englewood Elks Lodge at 9:00 am, \$5 per person.

Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates/Other

Jan 2	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Jan 5	DMS at the Elks	TBD	*Elks Lodge
Jan 12	Post Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks Lodge
Feb 4	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Feb 6	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Mar 4	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Mar 6	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Mar 9	Post Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks Lodge
Apr 1	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Apr 3	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Apr 29	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
May 1	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
May 11	Post Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks Lodge

*Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 Jason Englewood

Auxiliary – Sherry Pietsch (President)

Happy New Year Everyone! Hope your year is starting out nicely. We were busy in December with two worthwhile projects. The Auxiliary along with a generous donation from the Legion made up 35 Christmas bags for the veterans at the VA hospital. These bags contained socks, scarfs, hats, games and food items. This is a

project that was started last year by past Squadron 103 Commander and current Sons of the American Legion, Detachment Senior Vice Commander, Nick Arceo. Nick was the primary coordinator with the VA hospital on this project. We received a very nice thank you note from the veterans expressing how much they appreciated the bags. Another project we completed was placing wreaths on graves at the Fort Logan National Cemetery for some of our members loved ones as well as other veterans as part of the Wreaths Across America Program. This also was a project we have participated in the past. Fort Logan is a pretty sight to see with all the wreaths on display at Christmas time. I thank all of our members that helped on these projects. We hope to continue participating in them both for years to come.

Please remember the Breakfast on January 12th, 9 am, at the Englewood Elks Lodge.

Love to see members who can't make the meetings in attendance at the breakfast.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 6th starting at 7pm.

Any questions please call me.

Adjutant – John Snyder

The number of Post 103 members who have renewed is now 369. This represents 88 percent of our total goal. Thanks to our members who have already renewed. We are significantly ahead of the Department of Colorado membership goal at this time.

If any member has changed their contact information or has concerns that contact information is not correct, please contact the Adjutant. Several contact issues have been brought to my attention and I wish to resolve those as quickly as possible.

Two new members to Post 103, Elmer Turley and Edmund Lynch, were initiated during the most recent meeting. We wish to welcome them to the Post.

Two dedicated Legionnaires from our Post recently passed away. The members are Mr.

Douglas Watts and Mr. James R. Lyle. Mr. Watts passed away on December 8, 2018. He served in the US Navy during World War II and was a member of the American Legion for 20 years. Mr. Lyle passed away on January 2, 2019. He was a Korean War veteran who served in the US Army. Both members will be sincerely missed. A Post Everlasting ceremony honoring their service and memory will be held in the near future.

Boys State

Nothing to report currently

Legion Baseball

Nothing to report currently

1st Vice Commander – Steve Valdez

Membership / Recruitment

This notice is a repeat from the December Newsletter. I am sending this out because Post 103 is still trying very hard to reach its goal of 100%, currently we are at 88%.

A big **'THANK YOU'** – to everyone who has renewed his or her membership.

I would to take the opportunity - to encourage any member of American Legion Post 103 - who has not renewed their 2019 Post membership, to please do during the months of December and January.

Currently the Post is 12% 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 renewal by United States Postal Service (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

Please use the go to Renewal Feature:

Submit payment of your annual membership dues.

May I also take this opportunity to ask everyone to get his or her updated information (if you need to) to

our Post Adjutant John Snyder. That will include updated addresses, telephone numbers and new email addresses.

May I please ask you to take note that on January 5, 2019 there will be DMS contact day? This will take place at the Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 South Jason Street – Englewood, Colorado 80110. The day is a Saturday. The time will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch will be served. If you can help – please contact Steve Valdez – 720-364-0490 or steve.valdez52@gmail.com

2nd Vice Commander – Nick Bilak

Post Breakfast:

January 12, March 9, May 11

Admission is \$5 for breakfast.

Contact number: 619-602-2359

Chaplain – Mike Romero

Ward Oliver, has been attending our Bingo sessions for the past 3 weeks as a player. He physically is feeling strong enough to get out of the house, and we at Bingo are glad to see him active again.

PC. Bud Goodwin, is well on his way to good health, you can't keep a good man down. He is marking his fourth week at Bingo, glad to see you back Bud.

Winnie Burdan, has move into Brookdale, an Assisted Living complex and is very happy. She says she probably will not attend any of our AL Meetings during the winter months, but will resume in the Spring and Summer.

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 Chairs:** 2 Adjustable.

Bedside Commode: 1 adjustable.

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Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch

Post Finances

December Post income was up significantly (\$7500), primarily because the Post received a generous \$5,000 donation from a Littleton resident with the intent that the funds be used to assist Littleton Area Veterans. Other income items of significance were renewal dues, and donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard (AVHG.)

Post Expenses were also up for December (\$6400), including the transfer of the \$5,000 donation to the Post Veterans and Family Assistance Fund, \$1,000 was paid to Department for membership renewals, \$270 in AVHG expenses, plus miscellaneous Post operating expenses.

Scholarships

Nothing to report currently

Service Officer – Joe Cordova

Assisted 3 veterans with rent.

Assisted 8 veterans with food cards.

All Veterans Honor Guard – Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 10 services for the month of December. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 3, Korea 3, Vietnam 4. The breakdown for branches of service for December was Army 6 and Navy 3 and Air Force 1. We have had a total of 218 services for the year 2018. The Veteran breakdown for the year 2018 was WWII 56, Korea 56, Vietnam 97, Gulf War 8 and Memorial 1. The breakdown for branches of service for the year 2018 was Army 97, Navy 51, Air Force 44, 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

No Report

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

December Bingo

Bingo income for December was a loss of \$1,100. But we still had a good year reaching 96% of our income goal. Bingo paid Post December expenses of \$1,400 including insurance and a donation to the Denver area Toys for Tots Program. We also transferred \$8,000 from our Bingo Checking account to Bingo Savings which is designated for a Building fund.

Please come out and join us as a volunteer helper or a player. Our session is every Thursday morning, we arrive by 10am and our usually finished around 2pm.

Where? Slammers Bingo Hall, at the northeast corner of Wadsworth and Jewell.

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From Past SAL Commander Nick Arceo

Each year Post 103 takes on a Christmas project. Again, this year we choose the Volunteers for Hospitalized Veterans. This group is made up of 30 plus Vets located on the Psychiatric Ward at The Rocky Mountain Regional V.A. Hospital here in Denver. As you can see, we put together Christmas gift bags to be delivered to these Veterans on Christmas Day. These Vets have no outside contact with family and cannot leave. Members of the VFHV delivery these gifts. Thank you to the Post, Auxiliary and The Sons for their monetary support. A special thanks to Sherry Pietsch and her unit for putting these gift bags together. The bags contained needed items such as, gloves, caps, scarves, sweatshirts, Holiday candy and many other items. This event was fantastic! The Vets were so appreciative. One vet said he had been hospitalized at the VA during Christmas last year in Missouri and that nothing like this had ever been done for them. He was very emotional. They enjoyed the gifts and thanked us numerous times. This is just another example of our Post Family leading the way helping our Veterans!

