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

Newsletter

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

April 3, 2019



COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

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Joel Mendelson

Commander

Meeting Dates

Don't forget that our next breakfast is **May 11th** at the Englewood Elks Lodge at 9:00 am, \$5 per person.

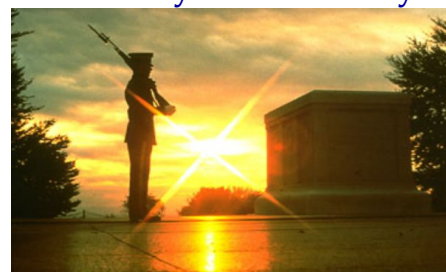
Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates/Other

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
May 27	Memorial Day	8&10AM	With VFW
Jun 1-8	Boys State	All week	
June 8	Post Picnic	12 noon	Cornerstone

*Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 Jason Englewood

EVERYONE be sure to read the last page of this newsletter for our REACH OUT MOMENT

Memorial Day Observed May 27th



Elections are around the corner.

I am in the throes of gathering information to submit required Departmental and National Reports.

We are currently at 94.72% of our membership goal, because of the efforts of our 1st Vice, Steve Valdez, reach out to the community and encourage veterans to join our Post.

Here are the nominees for this year's election

Commander: Joel Mendelson

1st Vice Commander: Steve Valdez

2nd Vice Commander: John Snyder

Adjutant: Wayne Arguello

Finance Officer: Ed Pietsch

Chaplain: Mike Romero

Service Officer: Joe Cordova

Historian: Gene Foyle

JAG: Richard Callan

Sgt-at-Arms: Greg Kuhn

AVHG Commander: Harry Giglio

1: 8AM Veterans Cir. Littleton Cemetery

6155 S. Prince St,

2: 10AM Littleton World War II Memorial

6000 S. Gallup St. Ketring Park

Auxiliary – Sherry Pietsch (President)

After attending a Post Ever Lasting service for Ward Oliver and three other Legionnaires, we were honored to hear Angel Pansini speak about TAPS. TAPS stands for Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors for Military families. Angel lost her brother after he came home Afghanistan nine years ago and now is one of their spoke's women. She gave very heartfelt speech.

Thank you to all who have turned in their volunteer hours. We have a lot of hard workers in our group. If you are one of the few that has not turned in any hours and do volunteer work, please call or email me what you have done. Everyone does something from flying the flag, recycling, or maybe just helping someone out.

At our May meeting we will have election of Officers. Please email me if you would like to be an Officer for the coming year.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 7pm at the Buck Center. No meeting at the Buck Center on June 5th (Legion will meet) but we will have a luncheon meeting at my house on June 1st which is a Saturday. We will have installation of officers for the upcoming 2019 - 2020 year at that time. Any questions please call or email me.

Adjutant – John Snyder

As of April 4, 2019, a total of 398 membership renewals have been processed. This represents 95 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.

During the April meeting, Mr. Dennis Heider USMC was initiated as a new member of Post 103. Welcome Dennis.

Regrettably, three loyal Legionnaires from our Post recently passed away. These members are Mr. James Lyle, Mr. Ward Oliver, and Mr. Joseph Ryan. A Post Everlasting ceremony was conducted in recognition of their honorable service to our nation. Post 103 will always remember their service to our country and their membership in the American Legion.

Boys State

No new updates

Legion Baseball Nothing to report

1st Vice Commander – Steve Valdez

Membership / Recruitment

From the First Vice Commander of American Legion Post 103 -2018-2019

This notice is a repeat from the February Newsletter. I am sending this out because Post 103 is still trying very hard to reach its goal of 100%, currently we are at 95%.

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.

I am asking Post 103 members to contact members they may know who have not signed up for the 2019 membership.

Currently the Post is 5% short of its goal. Currently the Post needs 17 more either renewed or new members to reach the 100% mark for 2019.

The purpose of this encouragement is so that the post 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 April 13, 2019 Post 103 will be at King Soopers – 9820 West Belleview Avenue – Littleton, CO from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00? Post 103 will be a hosting a Post Table contact day. Please feel free to come by and help reach out to new perspective members.

Stay tuned for more email blast coming your way. The email blast will be announcing more Post Contact Table dates with times and locations.

Also on Saturday May 5, 2019 – from 8 -12 at the King Soopers at 5050 South Federal Blvd, Englewood, CO 80110 – there will be another hosting of a Post Table contact day. Again, please feel free to come by and help reach out to new perspective members.

2nd Vice Commander – Nick Bilak

Post Breakfast:

March 23, May 11

Admission is \$5 for breakfast.

Contact number: 619-602-2359

Chaplain – Mike Romero

Don

Good, will be celebrating his 97th Birthday, June 1, 2019. His Wife **Margaret** also an Auxiliary member says Don is in a wheelchair now, but otherwise is in good health and spirits. If you would like to send a Birthday Card, their address is: High Point, #337, 6383 E. Girard Pl., Denver, CO 80222, Phone calls are also welcome at: 303-744-7390.

Howard Olson, a long-time volunteer for various Post projects has been pronounced well by his doctor from his heart problems he had last year. Although he has been unable to get to our meetings because of an eye problem that has come about, he says now that it is staying lighter

in the evenings, he may be able to make some of them.

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.

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

Our Post income for March was approximately \$800 and consisted primarily of a very generous donation of \$500 to the All Veterans Honor Guard (AVHG) from the Pat Hannon VFW Post 4666 in Littleton, as well as income from the Post Breakfast and the 50/50 raffle. Post expenses for March were only about \$300 and consisted of miscellaneous operating expenses such as office supplies, telephone and AVHG expenses.

The Post also just received a very generous donation from Lois Watts in memory of our fellow Legionnaire and long-time All Veterans Honor Guard participant, Doug Watts. Thank you, Lois, we will put these funds to good use. Doug will be longed remembered for his selfless service and dedication to the AVHG.

Scholarships

The Post will be awarding one \$2,000 Claire Davis Memorial Scholarship and eight, \$1,000 Descendants of Veterans Scholarships in 2019.

We received 13 applications for the Claire Davis Memorial Scholarship. Thanks to the hard work of the Scholarship Committee, the scholarship winner has been identified and will soon be notified.

We also have eight applicants for the Descendants of Veterans Scholarship and their applications will soon be reviewed. Three applicants are related to Post members and the other five live within the Post Service Area and our descendants of veterans. If they meet the all the requirements of the scholarship, they will each be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

We plan to have all the local scholarship winners attend the April or May meeting. For the first time, we have two applicants that live outside Colorado that are related to Post members. Remind your children or grandchildren wherever they might live about this scholarship in the future.

Service Officer – Joe Cordova

Assisted 2 veterans with rent.

Assisted 3 veterans with food cards.

All Veterans Honor Guard – Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 19 services for the month of March. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 3, Korea 7, Vietnam 8 and Gulf War 1. The breakdown for branches of service for March was Army 3, Navy 11, Air Force 2 and Marines 3. We have had a total of 54 services for the year 2019. The Veteran breakdown for the year 2019 was WWII 9, Korea 21, Vietnam 23 and Gulf War 1. The breakdown for branches of service for the year 2019 was Army 22, Navy 20, Air Force 5 and Marines 7. The All Veterans Honor Guard will also perform two special services on Memorial Day May 27th. They will be at the Littleton Cemetery on Prince Street at 8am and the World War two Memorial on Gallup Street in Littleton at 10am. Everyone is invited to attend.

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

JAG: Nothing new to report

SAL – Harry Ciruli

Nothing new to report

If you have any questions please call me at 303-791-6184, or email me at hciruli@comcast.net

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

The Post had an outstanding March Bingo profit of just over \$10,000 for the month. This is the 4th highest monthly profit since beginning Bingo 20 years ago. The majority of that profit came on our first Must Go of 2019 when we earned almost \$8,800 in one day. As I said before, Bingo is the life blood of the Post. It enables us to participate in many American Legion programs, support veterans, Littleton area youth and the community. It helps us to be “The Leader Post”.

We can always use assistance conducting our Bingo operations. Please come out and play or volunteer to work, we are scheduled to start at 11:30 am, every Thursday at Slammers Bingo Hall located at the northeast corner of Wadsworth and Jewell. Call Ed Pietsch at 720-287-2108 if you have any questions. We need you!!!

Our Bingo volunteers mourned the passing of our beloved co-worker, Ward Oliver, whose services we recently attended. Ward was always upbeat, ready with a joke or story or a

cartoon. Even with his illness he always, always

had a smile on his face and made everyone feel better. Thanks Ward, we miss yo

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REACH

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MOMENT

WE at American Legion Post103 are always seeking a higher level of involvement at Meetings, Bingo, Picnics, Banquets, Breakfasts, etc. We want and need to be attractive to the younger 20+ generation as members also. I am looking for viable suggestions from everyone, what would it take to get YOU to attend.

email Bigdaddyjdm@comcast.net

The best single way to explain what the Legion is to tell you our WHY we do what we do, then you will better understand why we would like to see more participation. It is called the Simon Sinek approach

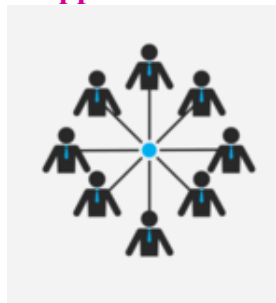
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPYeCltXpxw>

Every single Organization on the planet knows WHAT they do!

Some know HOW they do it!!

But very very few Organizations know Why they do what they do!!!

Simply stated our Why is because we support the following and we can't do it without YOU



The Four Pillars

- 1). Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
VA Benefits, claims
- 2). National Security, Nat'l Defense,
Transportation, Medical

- 3). Americanism, Baseball, Boys State,
Boys Nation, Oratorical, Boy Scouts,
Scholarships, Riders, Flag Protection,
Education
- 4). Children & Youth, Financial Assistance,
Grants to Family's, Family support, Social