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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:

Joel D. Mendelson
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Happy Birthday George C. Evans

We are now past the half way point of the current Officers time in office. It is time for all Members to consider being an active member of the Executive Board. It would afford you a position to help make change and make policy. You can make a difference, think about how you might play a role in a leadership position. We will be soliciting members in May to fill our Post vacancies. Please give it some consideration.

We also are looking for someone as our Legion Baseball Coordinator. We hope to sponsor two teams this year and the primary responsibilities would be in getting the Teams to fill out the appropriate paper work, the Post will submit the check.

If interested, please contact me.

We continue to sponsor the Legion's State Oratorical Contest with participants and by

donation. The contest is March 9 at Metro State Univ.

There are also a number of our Post members who volunteer March 9th. We are also very active in Boys State, Richard Callan is working intensely to interview candidates.

Do to the vast participation of Post 103 in the Oratorical Contest we are moving the Post Breakfast at the Elks from March 9th to March 23rd to remove that conflict.

Joel Mendelson

Commander

Meeting Dates

week of the month. Don't forget that our next breakfast is **March 23th** at the Englewood Elks Lodge at 9:00 am, \$5 per person.

Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates/Other

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	Oratorical	8:00 AM	Metro State
Mar 23	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	forward to achieving 100 percent as soon as
May 11	Post Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks Lodge	possible. Thanks to all and especially to the
June 8	Post Picnic	12 noon	Cornerstone	volunteers who dedicated many hours to

accomplish transfers.

*Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 Jason Englewood



Post Picnic June 8th

The American Legion Oratorical Contest will take place this year at Metro State University on Saturday, March 9th, 2019 first contest beginning at 9am – if you would like to volunteer, please contact Laurie Kuntz, Volunteer Coordinator at Laurie.Auxiliary@yahoo.com. Post 103 will be sponsoring two students, one who is homeschooled and one from Arapahoe High School; we definitely appreciate the Post's support of this American Legion Children/Youth Program and all who volunteer for this contest! Questions, please contact Nick Arceo, Roger Masse and Janelle Rodriguez directly. Thank you,
Janelle Rodriguez
CO Oratorical Committee 2019

Auxiliary – Sherry Pietsch (President)

Due to snow our meeting was cancelled for this month.

Upcoming Events: Oratorical on March 9th. If you would like to help, please get in touch with Janelle Rodriguez.

Breakfast - March 23rd at the Elks Club.

Please email me your volunteer hours so we can get credit for all the wonderful things we do.

Remember it doesn't have to be all veteran related things.

See you next month.

Adjutant – John Snyder

Membership renewals, transfers and new members have increased Post 103's current membership to 389 legionnaires. This represents 93 percent of our annual goal and we look

During the past month three of our members have passed away. We mourn the loss of Mr. Alfred DePetro, Mr. James Lyle, and Mr. Douglas Watts. Mr. DePetro served in a U.S. Army Engineer Combat Battalion during World War II. Mr. Lyle served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Mr. Watts served in the U.S. Marines during the Second World War. We are proud to recognize their honorable service to our country and their membership in the American Legion.

Boys State

Nothing to report currently

Legion Baseball

Nothing to report currently

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 January Newsletter. I am sending this out because Post 103 is still trying very hard to reach its goal of 100%, currently we are at 93%.

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

I would like 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 8% 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 80160Or.....

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 in March (time to be announced) there will be a Post Table contact day at two local area King Soopers (to be determined).

2nd Vice Commander – Nick Bilak

Post Breakfast:

March 23, May 11

Admission is \$5 for breakfast.

Contact number: 619-602-2359

Chaplain – Mike Romero

Ward Oliver's Memorial service will be held Saturday, March 23rd at 10:30AM; at Shepard of the Hills Lutheran Church, 7691 S. University Blvd. 303-798-0711. His Internment will be at Ft Logan National Cemetery, March 25th at 2:00PM; at Shelter Area "A," with Post 103's All Veterans Honor Guard doing the Honors.

Ward was a very loyal member of Post 103, and a faithful Bingo volunteer who had a positive outlook on life, and was always quick with a joke and a laugh. He will be remembered for all the good things he said and did. **"Rest in Peace Ward."**

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

Most winter months are pretty slow on the financial front and January was no different. Our post income was approximately \$1,100 and predominantly for donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard (AVHG), dues renewal, Post breakfast and monthly 50/50 raffle. Similarly, Post expenses were only \$600 and consisted of dues payments to Department of Colorado, miscellaneous operating and AVHG expenses. Two motions were approved at the February Executive Committee Meeting. The first was to send a \$100 donation to Four Chaplain Foundation and the other to increase the Oratorical Contest Program budget from \$300 to \$400. This increase will enable the Post to sponsor two students to the Department Oratorical Contest at Metropolitan State University on March 9th.

Scholarships

Nothing to report currently

Service Officer – Joe Cordova

Assisted 4 veterans with rent.

Assisted 10 veterans with food cards.

All Veterans Honor Guard – Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 20 services for the month of January. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 5, Korea 7, Vietnam 8. The breakdown for branches of service for December

was Army 10 and Navy 4 and Air Force 3 and Marines 3. We have had a total of 20 services for the year 2019. The Veteran breakdown for the year 2019 was WWII 5, Korea 7 and Vietnam 8. The breakdown for branches of service for the year 2018 was Army 10, Navy 4, Air Force 3 and Marines 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

Performing review of Post Insurance Policy.

SAL – Nick Arceo for Roger Masse

Good day Sons. I bring you greetings from The Detachment of Colorado, Sons of The American Legion. Let me start saying thank you for all you do for The Sons! Thank you for supporting The American Legion programs. You make a difference for God and Country! I'm so proud to be a Son. I joined in honor of my Father, an Army Veteran during the WWII era. If you haven't joined in honor of Your Father or Grandfather, please see me and I will get you signed up! Here at Post 103, we have several "Duel" members! Yes, that's right you can be a Legionnaire and a Son. I will even present you with a duel member pin. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please get them in. our membership has dropped this year from 34 to 21. What has happened? Let's get this back in line. I'll bet you know someone that can join. I'll bet you know someone that hasn't paid his dues. Remind them that one time, they believed in this organization and joined. What has happened that they haven't renewed their membership? Are you doing your part to grow our

membership? We can do this together as a team. I am looking forward to seeing our membership grow and get back in line! What can I do for you? Please let me know. Again, thank you so much for all you do for this great organization.

Nick Arceo

Senior Vice Commander

Detachment of Colorado

Sons of The American Legion

303-903-5262 nicrco@gmail.com

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

The Post made a very good Bingo profit of just under \$4,000 in January averaging 100 customers at each session. This was one of our **best ever** non-Must Go months!!! We also had one session we had to cancel because of snow. Bingo paid out Post expenses of about \$400 to the Englewood Elks Lodge for hosting our membership recruitment event and our Post Breakfast.

We have scheduled our next Must Go for March 7th. 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.

Executive Board Members/Auxiliary President

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District 5

M*A*S*H* Night

When: May 11, 2019

Time: 5:00 PM – Happy Hour

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Where: American Legion Post 161

Arvada, CO

American Legion Family of District 5

Planning a FUN “M*A*S*H*” Themed evening.

An evening for the “American Legion Family”

(Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L, and A.L.R.)

Win \$500.00 for the Post (spend any way they choose)
most members present dressed as their favorite M*A*S*H* characters

1. Prizes for Post with most participation - (American Legion Family members dressed as their favorite MASH characters)

2. Prizes for Post with Highest Membership Present – (Combined Membership of American Legion Family)

RSVP: Jean Scott at JEASCOTT@comcast.net