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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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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

Elections are around the corner

NOW is the time for Members to consider being an active member of the Executive Board.

Consider 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 are now interviewing members 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.

Oratorical Contest was March 9 at Metro State Univ.

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

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
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

Memorial Day Observed May 27th



- 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)

Please remember to turn in your volunteer hours to me as soon as you can. Even if you don't attend the meetings. I am sure you still do a lot of volunteering.

Save the Date: We cannot meet at the Buck Center in June due to a scheduling conflict. At our last meeting we decided to have a luncheon on June 1st. We hope that those that cannot attend the meetings will be able to attend this event. More to come.

The breakfast is on March 23rd at the Englewood Elks Lodge at 9:00 am.

Ward Oliver's Memorial Service will also be on the 23rd starting at 10:30 am.

I got a nice email from Margaret Orendorf's son. Margaret is now 100 years old and in an assisted facility in Ohio. She has been a member of our Auxiliary for over 60 years. We sent a birthday card to her.

Any questions please call or email me.

Adjutant – John Snyder

Membership renewals, transfers and new members have increased Post 103's current membership to 393 legionnaires. This represents 94 percent of our annual goal and we look

forward to achieving 100 percent as soon as possible. If you have not had an opportunity to renew, please take a moment to do so. Thank you.

Boys State

To date have received 7 on-line applicants.

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 94%.

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 6% short of its goal. Currently the Post needs 24 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, Colorado 80123 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. Again, please stay tuned for more email blast coming your way. The email blast will be announcing more Post Contact Table dates with times and locations.

2nd Vice Commander – Nick Bilak

Post Breakfast:

March 23, May 11

Admission is \$5 for breakfast.

Contact number: 619-602-2359

Chaplain – Mike Romero

Joseph D. Ryan, a Post 103 life time member as well as a Life time member of VFW Post 4666, passed away on February 26th at the age of 89. **Joe's** Memorial service will be held Thursday, March 14th, at Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver, Colorado 80246 at 10:00AM. A reception will follow at the church from 11:00AM to 12:30PM. Interment will be at Ft Logan National Cemetery, Shelter Area "A," following the reception. **"Rest in Peace Joe."**

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. A reception will be held at the church immediately after the service.

His Interment 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

Our Post income for February was approximately \$700 and consisted of dues renewal and donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard (AVHG). Similarly, Post expenses were only \$1,000 and consisted of dues payments to the Department of Colorado, miscellaneous operating expenses such as office supplies, telephone and the Post picnic reservations, and AVHG expenses.

Scholarships

The Post will be awarding a \$2,000 Claire Davis Memorial Scholarships and eight, \$1,000 Descendants of Veterans Scholarships in 2019. The scholarships application information is posted on the top right corner of the Post webpage (www.legionpost103.org). The completed applications packages including all required documentation must be received by March 15, 2019 and March 29, 2019, respectively. If you have a child, grand child or great grandchild that will be graduating from high school this year regardless of where they live, they may qualify for a scholarship. Also, if you have a neighbor who is a high school senior and lives in our Post service area and is a descendant of a veteran, they may qualify. Any questions

regarding scholarships or to receive a direct copy of the application package, please call Ed Pietsch 720-287-2108 or email me at e_pietsch@msn.com.

Service Officer – Joe Cordova

Assisted 2 veterans with rent.

Assisted 6 veterans with food cards.

We sent the 2019-2020 Grant application to Grant Office.

All Veterans Honor Guard – Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 15 services for the month of February. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 1, Korea 7, Vietnam 7. The breakdown for branches of service for February was Army 9, Navy 5 and Marines 1. We have had a total of 38 services for the year 2019. The Veteran breakdown for the year 2019 was WWII 7, Korea 16 and Vietnam 15. The breakdown for branches of service for the year 2019 was Army 20, Navy 11, Air Force 3 and Marines 4.

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: Received a report regarding an insurance regarding payments to the Insurance Commissioner of Pennsylvania. Consulted with Pat Smith, who believed it was a hoax. He will consult with National and provide me with a response.

SAL – Harry Ciruli

We now have 22 members paid up. To all members I expect to fill in the void now that Roger Masse has step down.

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

December Bingo

The Post made a very good Bingo profit of just under \$2,600 in February including one session we had to cancel because of snow. Bingo paid out Post expenses of about \$1,000 for attendance at Mid-Year Convention, a donation to the Four Chaplains Foundation and sponsorship of one contestant to the Colorado Oratorical Contest. Our next "Must Go" for Thursday March 7th and results will be reported next month. 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.

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