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

Newsletter

The American Legion
P.O. Box 281
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May 5, 2019



COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

Joel D. Mendelson
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JAG: Richard Callan
Sgt-at-Arms: Greg Kuhn
AVHG Commander: Harry Giglio

Joel Mendelson

Commander

Meeting Dates

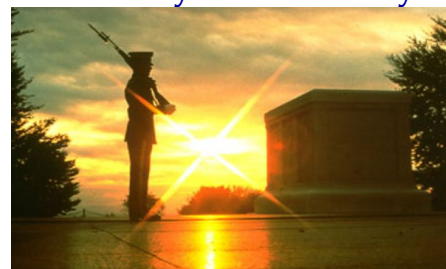
Don't forget that our next breakfast is **May 11th** at the Englewood Elks Lodge at 9:00 am, \$5 per person.

Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates/Other

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
July 13	Elks Banquet		*Elks Lodge

*Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 Jason Englewood

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.

At our General Meeting, a slate of new officers were presented by the Nomination Committee. Elections will take place at our June General Meeting and per our By-Laws you must be present order to cast your vote and there are no "proxies". Nominations will be taken from the floor at our June meeting. 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

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)

At our last meeting we elected officers for 2019-2020 year. Thank you and congratulations to Janelle Rodriguez - President, Darlene Romero - Vice President, Shauna Townsend - Secretary, Darlene Romero – Treasurer, Vada Danforth - Chaplain, Kari Townsend - Historian and Jean Jesser – Sergeant-at-Arms.

We will NOT meet at the Buck Center for our June meeting. The room is not available. Instead, we will have a luncheon at my house on Saturday, June 1st starting at 11:30 am. We will also have installation of Officers at this time. Please RSVP to me by May 30th if you plan to attend. Either email or call me.

Don't forget the breakfast at the Englewood Elks Lodge this coming Saturday, May 11th at 9 am.

Sherry Pietsch

sherrypietsch@msn.com **A**djutant – John

Snyder As of May 1, 2019, a total of 404 membership renewals have been processed. This represents over 97 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 May meeting, Mr. Donald Boswell, US Air Force, was initiated as a new member of Post 103. Mr. Boswell served during the Vietnam Era. Another new member was also introduced during the meeting. Mr. William Davis Jr. served as an Airborne Ranger during his career in the Army and is training to become an American Legion Service Officer. Post 103

extends a sincere welcome to both of these new members.

Boys State

Per Rich Callan he has 20+ registered individuals.

Legion Baseball Nothing to report

1st Vice Commander – Steve Valdez **Membership / Recruitment**

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 97%. 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 do so at this time. Currently the Post is by 3% short of its goal. Currently the Post needs 13 new and renewed 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. 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.

A BIG THANK YOU! To the following post members who helped on the April 13th recruiting drive at King Soopers at 9820 West Belleview, Littleton, Colorado – Joel Mendelson, Joe

Cordova, and Nick Arceo. Gentlemen – thank you for weathering the cold on that day.

A BIG THANK YOU! To the following post members who helped on May 5th recruiting drive at King Soopers at 5050 South Federal Boulevard – Englewood, Colorado --- Joel Mendelson, Dean Casey, and Harry Ciruli. Gentlemen, again thank you for all your help.

2nd Vice Commander – Nick Bilak

Post Breakfast:

May 11

Admission is \$5 for breakfast.

Contact number: 619-602-2359

Chaplain – Mike Romero

Nick Hatfield, a Post 103 Member has generously donated, 1 Standard Wheelchair with Foot Rests, 1 Walker with Wheels, Seat, and Basket, and 1 Standard Walker to our Post for members needing the use of such items.

All members of Post 103 thank you **Nick**, for your kindness, and we collectively send our condolences on the loss of your Father, “God Bless You and your Family.”

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:**

7 non-wheeled. 2 sit-down Walkers **Wheel**

Chairs: 2 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.

mjromero44@gmail.com

Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch

Post Finances

Post income for April was approximately \$6,000 and consisted primarily of a very generous donation of \$5000 from Lois Watts in memory of our fellow Legionnaire and long-time All Veterans Honor Guard participant, Doug Watts. Also, Post income included \$350 in donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard (AVHG), approximately \$300 from membership dues, and \$340 in donations from a member recruitment booth at King Soopers. Post expenses for April were a little over \$600 and consisted of miscellaneous operating expenses such as office supplies, telephone, plus AVHG expenses and dues paid to the Department of Colorado.

Scholarships

The Post had the pleasure of presenting 5 scholarship awards at the May 1st meeting. The recipients received an award certificate, said a few words and thanked the Post members for their generosity. Four Descendants of Veterans Scholarships of \$1,000 were presented to Kira Cordova and Madison Tesch both from Columbine HS, Timothy Bond from Cherry Creek HS and Dalton Robberson from D’Evelyn HS. Also, a \$2,000 Claire Davis Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Spencer Fleming of Arapahoe HS.

Spencer was chosen from thirteen applicants. All scholarship winners demonstrated scholastic accomplishments, participated in extracurricular activities and provided volunteer service in their community.

There will be two more award winners at the next Post Meeting. We also have two out of state winners this year. They will all be covered in next month’s newsletter.



Service Officer – Joe Cordova

Assisted 4 veterans with rent.

Assisted 6 veterans with food cards.

All Veterans Honor Guard – Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 14 services for the month of April. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 4, Korea 4, Vietnam 6. The breakdown for branches of service for April was Army 6, Navy 5 and Marines 3. We have had a total of 78 services for the year 2019. The Veteran breakdown for the year 2019 was WWII 15, Korea 29, Vietnam 33 and Gulf War 1. The breakdown for branches of service for the year 2019 was Army 32, Navy 27, Air Force 7 and Marines 12.

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

Judge Advocate – Richard Callan

JAG: Nothing new to report

SAL – Harry Ciruli

We are at 23 members. We had a good and productive time at the CWF Banquet. We raised over \$20,000 for CWF. Squadron 103 made 100% of their goal.

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 another good month in April with a Bingo profit of just over \$3,000 for the month. Bingo funds were used to contribute \$300 to Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS). Angel Pansini, granddaughter of Post member Jack Pansini briefed Post members at the April meeting on how this program has helped her and other survivors of active duty and veteran's suicides. Thanks to Past Commander Dean Casey for donating his share of the 50/50 raffle winnings to this great cause.

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.

Executive Board Members/Auxiliary President

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Happy Birthday American Legion! Did you know this year is the 100th Anniversary of The American Legion? WOW! One-hundred years of Veterans serving Veterans and their families. I am so proud to be part of The Sons of The American Legion and support all the programs of The American Legion. This is a one-time event, so let's have a celebration. American Legion Posts across the country are having events and so are we. Our anniversary celebration will be in conjunction with our annually summer Post picnic. Our picnic this year will be on Saturday June 8th at 12:00 noon, Cornerstone Park. More details coming. I encourage you to visit The Centennial Celebration website at centennial.legion.org and check out all the information. I have formed a committee and we are working on having lots of fun with lots of "Door Prizes"!! Make sure you plan on attending this great event and spread the word and let's have the largest crowd ever! Watch for updates coming soon.

Nick Arceo

Sr. Vice Commander

Sons of The American Legion