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

Newsletter

The American Legion
P.O. Box 281
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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

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My sincere thanks to all that made 2018/2019 a very successful year. 2019/2020 is shaping up to be equally as good. My staff is experienced, has been tested and is up to any task. We are seeking a 2nd Vice Commander, please call me if interested.

The Banquet saw 66 attendees, Steve Valdez and Janelle Rodriguez did a very commendable job choreographing the event. Joe Cordova and Nick Arceo each received "The Medal of Merit" Steve Valdez received "The National CMDR Brett P. Reistad Membership Pin and "The Legionnaire of the Year Plaque", lastly Joel Mendelson received "The John U. Palmquist Leadership Appreciation Award" and "The Commander Award". The event was well received by all and crisply executed.

Joel Mendelson
Commander

Meeting Dates

Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates/Other

Aug 5	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Aug 7	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Aug 17	Wtrn Welcom Wk	8:00 AM	Littleton
Sept 3	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Sept 4	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Sept 14	Breakfast at Elks	9:00 AM	*Elks
Sept 30	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Oct 2	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Nov 9	Breakfast at Elks	9:00 AM	*Elks
Nov 9	Grant Ranch	1:00 PM	Color Guard
Nov 11	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Nov 13	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Dec 2	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Dec 4	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Jan 11	Breakfast at Elks	9:00 AM	*Elks
Mar 14	Breakfast at Elks	9:00 AM	*Elks
May 9	Breakfast at Elks	9:00 AM	*Elks

*Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 Jason Englewood

Auxiliary – Janelle Rodriguez (President)

Happy August! I hope you all are enjoying summer, seems to be flying by!

Please make time to go and see the parade for Western Welcome Week, Saturday August 17th

begins at 10am, though it is always good to go early for a parking and sitting spot – our Legion and SAL members are one of the first in line as the present the flags and they welcome all of us cheering them on! Make it a day and attend all of the events, and make sure you have a big bottle of water with you!



Labor Day is Monday, September 2nd! Colorado has been celebrating this day since 1887! The meaning behind Labor Day:” it is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contribution’s workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. “

Enjoy the LONG Labor Day weekend! And look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, September 4th for our welcome back meeting beginning at 7pm – Buck Recreation Center. In the meantime, continue to enjoy these long, hot days with friends and family! See you soon!

Janelle Rodriguez,
President Unit 103

1st Vice Commander – Steve Valdez

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who have renewed their 2020 American Legion Membership. Post 103 is currently at a 50% for renewals. That’s 211 renewed members. The Post goal for renewals for the 2019-2020 year is 409 membership renewal to make a 100%. There two ways you can renew your American Legion Post 103 Membership. You can mail your **40.00** renewal by the United States Post Office. Please address your envelope to American Legion Post 103, Attention Adjutant, P.O. Box 281, Littleton, Colorado 80160. Or. You may go to WWW.legion.org/members

Please use the to – go to the **Renewal Feature:** Submit payment of your annual membership dues.

I also take this opportunity to please ask everyone to get his or her updated information (if you need to) to our Post Adjutant Al Rodriguez. That will include updated addresses, telephone numbers and new email addresses. Please keep the following dates on your calendars:

Western Welcome Week is Saturday, August 17, 2019. You can sign up to march in this year’s event be emailing Steve Valdez –

steve.valdez52@gmail.com

Or give Steve a call at 720-364-0490

A big **THANK YOU** to Roger Massey, Al Rodriguez and Harry Giglio for volunteering the use of their beautiful cars for this year’s march. Again, the cars will be used to transport Post Members who will not be able to march and still wish to participate.

Flag carriers are in need for this year’s Parade.

Just a reminder the uniform the Western Welcome Week Parade is – your service hat, gray slacks, white shirt (if you are member of the - All Veterans Honor Guard, you may wear you Honor Guard uniform, black shoes, and white gloves (if you don’t have white gloves – please let Steve know).

Please check-in with Steve Valdez between 8:50-9:00 at 5748 South Gallup Street, Littleton, Colorado 80120. We must be lined up and ready to go by 9:15.

Parking will be available at Arapahoe Community College. Shuttle buses provided by Littleton Public Schools will run from the ACC parking lot up the parade route to the VFW every 15 minutes. Hope to see you there.

2nd Vice Commander Vacant

Chaplain – Mike Romero

Gene Foyle, Post 103 Historian, and his family has donated a new Raised Toilet Seat with Lock,

and Adjustable Arms. Thank you and your family Gene for the Gift, which has been added to the medical inventory below.

Let's keep these members and all members in our thoughts and prayers.

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

Wheelchairs: 2 with foot-rests, 1 without.

Shower Chairs: 2 Adjustable. **Bedside**

Commode: 1 adjustable. **Raised Toilet Seat:** w/Lock, and Adjustable Arms.

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.

If you know of anyone needing a visit or call, contact me at: 303-973-2493 or, email me at: mjromero44@gmail.com

Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch

July Post Finances

Post income was approximately \$5,000 for July which included renewal dues of \$4,500, \$500 in donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard, and \$65 from the 50/50 raffle.

Post Expenses were about \$5,600 including \$4,300 in dues payment to the Department of Colorado for those members renewing in July, All Veterans Honor Guard - \$500, Office Supplies \$370, pins, nametags and Post caps \$300 and Post phone and internet support service - \$150.

Mid-Year Budget Review

At the August Executive Committee meeting the Post Officers performed a review of the 2019 Budget and year-to-date expenses. The only change was in the Bingo budget. We approved a motion to transfer \$1,500 from our Legion Baseball account which was not used in 2019 into our account for donations to charities. We

also approved 12 charities to receive donations totaling \$5,000 the remainder of 2019. The motion was approved by the Committee and by the membership at the August Membership Meeting.

Service Officer – Joe Cordova

The initial deposit of \$7500 was deposited into our account on July 29. We purchased \$1000 of King Soopers food cards.

Joe

All Veterans Honor Guard – Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 19 services for the month of July. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 5, Korea 6, and Vietnam 8. The breakdown for branches of service for June was Army 10, Navy 6, Air Force 1 and Marines 2. We have had a total of 148 services for the year 2019. The Veteran breakdown for the year 2019 was WWII 27, Korea 48, Vietnam 69 and Gulf War 4. The breakdown for branches of service for the year 2019 was Coast Guard 2, Army 60, Navy 48, Air Force 18 and Marines 20. 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

22 members, 6 paid members, 3 PUFL members. Our goal is set at 23 members.

All dues are to be sent to 872 Thames St. Highlands Ranch, CO 80126.

Harry P. Ciruli Jr.

Squadron 103 (Commander)

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Historian – Gene Foyle

Post 103 Received a thank you Letter from Child Welfare Foundation for Post 103 200.00-dollar donation May 21, 2019

Post 103 Boys state Rich Callan and Roger Masse Received thank you notes from the Post 103 Boys states delegates from this year's Boys State week at Pueblo Colorado and we received from the director of Boys state Tom Bock a Thank you note for our Delegates Participation in this year's Boys state 185 Boys participated this year 25 from Post 103

As this year's Post 103 Historian I proposed since this year's theme from Department of Colorado is reignite patriotism what about presenting to the community a Certificate of Appreciation to businesses and individuals in our Community who promote the four pillars of the American Legion

Veterans Affairs and rehabilitation -Arapahoe County Service officers when was the last time we recognized their work for Veterans Post members who Volunteer their time to the Hospital, Veterans state home, To AVHG for all their hard work Radio personality's Stephen Tubbs 710 am Rick Crandle 1430 am and Colorado Memorial

National Security- Operation Comfort Warriors - POW / MIA , Boys Scouts - and

Scouts who help Veterans and projects for Veterans - Veterans day Presentations - Schools who put on Veterans day presentations give the schools a Certificate of Appreciation

BINGO – Ed Pietsch

July Bingo

The Post net profit from Bingo for July was only \$154. Bingo expenses supporting Post activities totaled about \$1,800 for the month. These expenses included the Post Banquet - \$800, the Colorado American Legion State Convention - \$700, donations to the Quilts of Valor -\$250 and \$75 to Sons of the American Legion Squadron 23 for their assistance in retiring numerous old and worn flags the Post has collected from members and the community.

We need additional volunteers to manage bingo and to help with calling, operating the cash registers, selling pull-tabs, and many other jobs. Please join us every Thursday at Slammers Bingo Hall at the northeast corner of Wadsworth and Jewell. We begin setting up at about 10:00 am and our session runs from 11:30 am until about 2 pm.

Please help out if you can. We need all the extra help we can get, even if it is for only part of the day. Please call 720-287-2108 or email me at e_pietsch@msn.com if you can help.

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Commander
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Colorado
For God & Country

Good day Post 103 family. Allow me to thank each of you for all your help and support during my Campaign for Commander of The Detachment of Colorado, Sons of The American Legion. I am humbled and honored to lead The Sons of The American Legion. At my first DEC meeting, I had the opportunity to tell the story how I got involved in our Organization. Thanks to then Commander Mike Romero, 1st Vice Ed Pietsch and Adjutant Harry Ciruli for inspiring me with the Flag raising ceremony at my King Soopers store eight years ago. Ever since then, I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of Post 103. My theme for this year is “you can make a difference” and my fund-raising project is “The Child Welfare Foundation”. As I hand out my Commanders Pin, I will accept donations to CWF. I look forward to continuing to make a difference for our Veterans and their families and being involved with the “Leader Post”

Sincerely
Nick Arceo
Commander

