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Newsletter

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

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

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See November meetings dates are different than normal due to Buck Center scheduling conflict.

OUR November Elks Breakfast is \$ FREE \$

Meeting Dates

Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates/Other

Sept 30	Executive Board	6:30PM	Buck Center
Oct 2	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Oct 3	Bingo	9:30 AM	Slammers
Oct 10	Bingo	9:30 AM	Slammers
Oct 17	Bingo	9:30 AM	Slammers
Oct 24	Bingo	9:30 AM	Slammers
Oct 31	Bingo	9:30 AM	Slammers
Nov 9	FREE Breakfast	9:00 AM	*Elks
Nov 11	Veterans Day	11:00AM	WWII Mem.
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 6	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Jan 8	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
July 11	Annual Banquet	1:00PM	*Elks

Post 103 is almost halfway thru our new year, dates, & places for events are being established, your Executive Committee is addressing a high number of items, some of which require multiple follow ups.

The Bingo volunteer's situation is just that. we continue to just barely get by with the same helpers weekly, if one of us has to miss a week, someone else has to multitask a lot of the time, we are working on a shoe thread, we really need more volunteers, even if you can make it for just a few hours between 9:30 AM to 11:30AM during our busiest time it would greatly help! A Longer timeframe is better.

Joel Mendelson
Commander

*Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 Jason Englewood

Auxiliary - Janelle Rodriguez (President)

October – and snow is coming in this week!

Though it sounds like it will be a skiff, still the “white stuff” is on its way!

So enjoyed the large member turnout this last Wednesday; we also had in attendance District 5 President Kay Apocado, DEC Lynn Cody and Secretary/Treasurer Jeannette Scott. These three ladies brought greetings from District 5 and shared some info from the fall conference held in September.

One of the items they mentioned was a “Red Coat Ambassador” – this is a program that the American Legion Auxiliary has partnered with the VA for – the Red Coat Ambassadors are volunteers that greet people as they come into the VA center to assist in finding locations, giving directions, and walking Veterans/families to their appointments directly – any time you might have to do this would be appreciated from a few hours every few weeks to coming in once or more per week – please contact Tina Cooper, Vice President of CO, for more info at tcooperaux38@gmail.com or by calling her at 719 299 9645.

I was able to meet out National President, Nicole Clapp, when she was in CO – her theme is “Celebrating a Century of Service” as this year the Auxiliary is 100 years old! She was able to tour the Denver VA, a homeless shelter for Vets in Colorado Springs, and was part of a special celebration with Pueblo School District and the Legion there as they have been working together in the schools for the past century.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 13th at 7pm (please note this change in date) we will be meeting at our regular place in the Buck Recreation Center, also Veterans day is November 11th – please read the Legion newsletter for place and time that this important date will be remembered.

Janelle Rodriguez,
President Unit 103

Adjutant – Al Rodriguez

We seemed to have peaked our initial rush for membership. We now have 265 members 63.5% of our goal of 417. We THANK the membership for your service to our country and your continued support.

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 62% for renewals. That’s 254 renewed members, we would like to get 155 more renewals. 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.

May 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: The Post Breakfast is Saturday, November 9, 2019. Breakfast will be served starting at 9:00 a.m. The location is the Englewood Elks Lodge – 3690 South Jason Street – Englewood, Colorado 80110. There is no charge for this event. Hope to see you there. Please keep your calendars open for the following dates, November 3rd and December 8th. Post 103 will be holding recruiting tables at these two locations. We will be setting a table up in front of those two locations from 8-12. Our goal is to hopefully sign up new members for Post 103.

On November 9th – Post 103 has been asked to participate as Color Guard (only four Post members are needed) for the Grant Ranch Veterans Memorial Wall. Report time is between 10:45. Lunch will be served after the ceremony. The address for Grand Ranch is 7255 West Grant Ranch Boulevard, Littleton, Colorado 80123. Please contact Steve Valdez at 720-364-0490 –

steve.valdez52@gmail.com if you wish to be part of the color guard. I’ve been told that lunch will be outstanding.

Please put July 11, 2020 on your calendars. The Post Banquet will be held on that date at the Englewood Elks Lodge – 3690 South Jason Street – Englewood, Colorado 80110. Times and agenda to follow.

2nd Vice Commander – Vacant

Chaplain - Mike Romero

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. **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.

Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch

September Post Finances

We had a good September financially as our Post income was twice as much as our Post expenses. Post income was almost \$2200 which included renewal dues of \$900, \$900 in donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard, a donation from a Post member and income from the monthly 50/50 raffle.

Post Expenses were \$1030 including dues payment to the Department of Colorado for those members renewing in September, All Veterans Honor Guard expenses - \$250, and other miscellaneous expenses - \$250.

Service Officer - Joe Cordova

We assisted 3 veterans with rent.

We helped 1 veteran with car repairs.

We helped 8 veterans with food cards.

Joe

All Veterans Honor Guard - Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 13 services for the month of Sep. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 2, Korea 3, and Vietnam 7 and Gulf War 1. The breakdown for branches of service for September was Army 9 and Navy 4.

We have had a total of 179 services for the year 2019. The Veteran breakdown for the year 2019 was WWII 32, Korea 56, Vietnam 86 and Gulf War 5. The breakdown for branches of service for the year 2019 was Coast Guard 2, Army 76, Navy 59, Air Force 21 and Marines 21.

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 have 23 total members – 11 have paid their dues. We have 3 paid up for life members. I am sending out this newsletter to the SAL membership asking if anyone has an interest in forming a Ham radio club for Post 103. If anyone would like to get a license, we could help them in learning what they must do. This is open to all Post members.

Dues are to be sent to me at the address below. Dues are \$15.00

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Historian - Gene Foyle

Continuing the Department of Colorado reignite Patriotism Looking for individuals and Business that fly the American Flag and or Hire Veterans.

BINGO - Ed Pietsch

The Post net profit from Bingo for August was \$840. This was a slow month with one great day, one break even day and two days of losses. Yes, we do have days where the payouts are larger than the income.

Bingo paid Post expenses were over \$5300 in September and consisted primarily of donations to approved veteran support organizations and not for profit children charities as well as the Post Breakfast.

Bingo is the “life blood” of our Post; it provides the funds for almost all of our Programs and activities. The Post receives a small annual income after expenses from membership about \$2,000 and from All Veterans Honor Guard donations \$1,500. The bingo profit has averaged \$33,000 annually for the last ten years. Out of our total Post net income, bingo provides over

90% of our resources to finance all the Post programs and activities.

This is why we say “**Thank You**” to those Bingo volunteers so often. But we need additional volunteers to help with calling, operating the cash registers, selling pull-tabs, and many other jobs. **We need you!**

Please consider joining us Thursday at Slammers Bingo Hall at the northeast corner of Wadsworth and Jewell. We begin at about 10:00 am and our session runs from 11:30 am until about 2 pm. Please call (720-287-2108) or email (e_pietsch@msn.com) Ed Pietsch for further information.

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