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

Newsletter

The American Legion  
P.O. Box 281  
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**Joel Mendelson**  
Commander

## Meeting Dates

### Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates/Other

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 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

Danny Danforth was presented at the September meeting "The Grateful Appreciation Medal" It was for all of the volunteer work, unselfish helping of others and always being there to do anything requested always with a smile. Thanks to our Historian Gene Foyle we are off and running with thank you Appreciation Certificates to People and Businesses for their displays of Americanism. Nick Arceo and I are his Committee men.

Post 103 is inviting all local Veterans to join, following a change in legislation that expanded the eligibility criteria. The American Legion is now open to any Veteran who served honorably in the U.S. armed forces since Dec. 7, 1941.

Auxiliary – Janelle Rodriguez (President)

**September is upon us and fall is just around the corner** – hopefully it brings some cooler days and evenings to enjoy!

Thank you for the wonderful turnout for our first meeting last Wednesday, it was great to see you all and catch up a bit.

Darlene Romero and myself attended our District 5 Fall Conference this last Saturday – President Tracy Trujillo went over writing of annual reports and the importance of turning these in as they are used on the National level for government funding purposes, she also gave details for our National President's, Nicole Clapp, trip to CO the last weekend of this month – they have plans to see the VA here in Aurora and spend time at Colorado Springs and Pueblo events.

Please take a moment this month and go to: <https://www.alaforveterans.org> this website has a wealth of information on what the auxiliary does and has to offer members.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 2nd at 7pm - we will be meeting at our regular place in the Buck Recreation Center, if there is a change in location, time or date an email will be sent out to all.

Meanwhile enjoy the turning of the leaves, taking a drive in the mountains, or just having that first pumpkin spice muffin!

Janelle Rodriguez,  
President Unit 103

### **Adjutant – Al Rodriguez**

We seemed to have peaked our initial rush for membership. We are nearly at 60% after only 2 months. I suspect many of our 188 remaining members will be sending in their \$40 dues in the next few months. We THANK the membership for your service to our country and your continued support of Post 103 and the activities we are engaged in that support veterans and their families.

If you encounter any veteran with questions about our Post, please do not hesitate in giving them my contact information. If I cannot answer

their questions, I will get them to the person(s) who can.

To the extent possible, I encourage you to get involved with our Post activities and maybe start with our Post Breakfast on Saturday September 14 at 9 am at the Englewood Elks Club.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Steve Valdez**

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who have renewed their 2020 American Legion Membership. Post 103 is currently at a 57% for renewals. That's 236 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](http://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, September 14, 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. Hope to see you there.

Please keep your calendars open for future dates to be announced. Post 103 will be holding recruiting tables at four locations. Those locations, dates and times will be announced as soon as the merchants give their confirmation. Post 103 is in the process of working with the Englewood Elks Lodge for two dates (one this fall and another in the Spring) for DMS

recruitment. When the dates are confirmed the Post First Vice – Steve Valdez will be asking for your help. You will be asked to bring your telephones and help out to reach current veterans who do not have a home American Legion Post. They will be asked to sign up for Post 103. Please watch for further communication for the date confirmations. 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.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander - Vacant

## Chaplain – Mike Romero

Joe Gryniewicz, continues to improve his leg strength with the aid of his walker, as he walks on the sidewalk at home. The VA sends a Therapy Nurse and they also send aides that help him keep his home in order. He walks around inside the house without the aid of his walker. His appetite is good and he is able to prepare his own meals.

**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](mailto: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

### Post Finances

Post income was \$1,750 for August which included renewal dues of \$1,300, \$300 in donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard, a donation from Columbine Valley of \$100 and \$50 from the 50/50 raffle.

Post Expenses were \$1900 including \$1,200 in dues payment to the Department of Colorado for those members renewing in August, All Veterans Honor Guard - \$350, Office Supplies \$150 and Post phone and other miscellaneous expenses- \$200.

## Service Officer – Joe Cordova

We assisted 1 veteran with rent.

We helped 4 veterans with food cards.

Joe

## All Veterans Honor Guard – Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 23 services for the month of August. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 4, Korea 6, and Vietnam 13. The breakdown for branches of service for August was Army 8, Navy 9, Air Force 4 and Marines 2. We have had a total of 166 services for the year 2019. The Veteran breakdown for the year 2019 was WWII 30, Korea 53, Vietnam 79 and Gulf War 4. The breakdown for branches of service for the year 2019 was Coast Guard 2, Army 67, Navy 55, 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 22 members. I am looking for somebody to fill some small office position

**Harry P. Ciruli Jr.**

**Squadron 103 (Commander)**

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## Historian – Gene Foyle

We continue with our post In Reignite Patriotism at next month's meeting we will presenting 2 Certificates of Appreciation , and I will be working on a list of more certificates to be presented.

As for SAL Squadron we will trying to do Fundraiser for Child Welfare fund in early November

## BINGO – Ed Pietsch

The Post net profit from Bingo for August was \$8,800. This was a great month which included our second Must Go of the year which brought in \$7,000. **A big thank you goes out to all Bingo volunteers.** Bingo expenses supporting Post activities were only \$250 which was for a deposit for next year's annual Installation and Awards Banquet.

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 call or email Ed Pietsch for further information.

**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](mailto:e_pietsch@msn.com) if you can help.**

## Executive Board Members/SAL/Auxiliary President

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A message from Nick Arceo.

Good day Legion Family 103. Last month at National Convention in Indianapolis Indiana, I received a very prestigious National award. Every year, The Sons of the American Legion receive Nominees from around the Nation for the Charles B. Rigsby VA&R Volunteer of the year award. My name was submitted and I received the award. Selection is based on volunteer hours Etcetera, but most importantly, what I do to impact Veterans and their lives. Because of your help and support over the past few years with projects like the Christmas Gift bags and other events with my group, Volunteers for Hospitalized Veterans, this award was made possible for me. I am humbled and honored to receive this award on behalf of the George C. Evans Squadron 103, Littleton Colorado. I can't begin to thank everyone for their contribution to efforts at the Rocky Mountain Regional V.A. Hospital. I plan to continue my volunteering weekly as this is the highlight of my week! Thank you all so much.

