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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:

Joel D. Mendelson
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Our National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford was in town, at Post 151 and four Post 103 members attended a presentation by him. Pat Smith, Dean Casey, Nick Arceo and Joel Mendelson. His speech was mainly declining National membership, and the importance of continuously resigning existing members.

My Sincere thanks and appreciation to the Members, Honor guard, SAL, Auxiliary who attended and participated in the Veterans Day joint presentation with the Pat Hannon VFW Post 4666. It was 16 degrees and flurries.

The Executive Staff and I wish everyone a Happy and safe Holiday.

Joel Mendelson
Commander

Our November Elks Breakfast saw 49 Post Members. This was the first joint Breakfast between the Elks and Post 103.

Meeting Dates

Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates/Other

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
Nov 14	Bingo	9:30 AM	Slammers
Nov 21	Bingo	9:30 AM	Slammers
Nov 28	NO Bingo Holiday		
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
June 13	Picnic	TBD	TBD
July 11	Annual Banquet	1:00PM	*Elks

*Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 Jason Englewood

Auxiliary – Janelle Mendelson (President)

November and getting ready for Thanksgiving and quests arriving! Thank you all for attending the tad bit later meeting date this month – we were able to discuss our Christmas Wreath project and will be meeting at Sherry Pietsch’s home on December 7th at 10am for decorating the 25 wreaths – then if time and weather allows some or all will take the wreaths to Ft Logan that day or another day later in the week – the wreaths may be in place through the 2nd Thursday in January 2020. Sherry and Ed are moving, so their new address will be noted at the December 4th meeting. We certainly appreciate ALL of the personal donations made to this project and are excited for this wonderful opportunity of remembrance.

Nick Arceo, SAL is continuing his project of helping the veterans on a special VA hospital ward – this year Gerald Folger will be putting back on the red suit to give a bit of joy to these men and women during Christmas – we applaud both men for their outreach and our auxiliary will be supporting the project with a monetary donation.

Thank you to Darlene, Vada and Shauna for processing the audit of our books – we were able to verify and confirm all is in sound shape for our finances – we appreciate all of the work Darlene does in keeping us up to date with deposit making and check writing!

Judith Cochran shared an essay written by her daughter Dakota regarding Veterans Day:

“We all know Veterans day. It is well known. In this essay I will be talking about Veterans and what Veterans Day means to me. One meaning to me is people who went bravely into war and fought for our country. Another meaning to me is being brave enough to leave their families to fight for our country. One reason I chose these reasons was because my Mom's Dad was in World War I. He fought bravely. And lived. He lied about his age and got in. He lived to the age of 100 years, 4

months, and 10 days. That is one of the reasons I chose those I think amazing reasons.

Some facts are people think Veterans Day is the same as Memorial Day. Americans get confused. To be honest it gets a little annoying to all the breathing and living Veterans. What Veterans Day is about is honoring all those who served in peace and war, either living or dead. It was invented to thank breathing and living Veterans for their personal sacrifice. Veterans Day wasn't always called that. It was originally called "Armistice Day." It was call Armistice Day for the end of World War I. That is what Veterans Day means to me. Thank you for reading this essay.”

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 4th at 7pm, Buck Recreation Center - we will be bringing in holiday goodies and appetizers to be shared with all – Legion members please bring your wives for this, as the more the merrier!

Happy Turkey Day!

Janelle Mendelson

President Unit 103

Adjutant – Al Rodriguez

We continue to make strides in our recruitment of members; however, it is clear to me and others that the goal established by Department is pragmatically out of our reach. Unfortunately, due to the deaths of many members this past year, our current base has eroded and even if we got all the members who have not yet paid to do so we would fall short. Notwithstanding, our efforts particularly those of a few individuals lead by our 1st Vice, Steven Valdez continue to embark on several events to recruit new members. We continue to pursue this goal with vigor.

For those 100 or so that have not paid your dues for 2020, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Post cards were recently mailed to those of you who have not paid. Your dues help the Post to help veterans and their families in need.

We received a few Thank You notes from some agencies that received our monetary contributions and a special note from a fellow veteran who was very thankful for having the Post loan him a wheelchair so he can have more mobility. Thanks to A. W. Schnellbacker, a Post 103 member for getting this wheelchair to him.

Virginia and I would like to extend to all of our members a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

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 73% for renewals. That is 303 renewed members. We would like to get 114 more renewals. The Post goal for renewals for the 2019-2020 year is 409 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 – 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:

Please keep your calendars open for the following dates, **November 23rd**. **On that date, the Post will be holding a recruiting DMS to boost membership.** That day's event will be at the Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 South Jason Street, Englewood, CO 80110. Please contact First Vice Commander Steve Valdez at 720-364-0490 or steve.valdez52@gmail.com if you wish to participate. Lunch will be at 11:00 on that day. The hours of the event will be 9-1.

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. If you wish to participate please contact First Vice Steve

Valdez at 720-364-0490 or

steve.valdez52@gmail.com I hope to see some of you for a couple of hours at this event.

On November 9th – Post 103 was asked to participate as Color Guard for the Grant Ranch Veterans Memorial Wall. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who participated and made this event an outstanding success.

Please mark **June 13, 2020 on your calendars.**

That is the day for the Post Picnic. Please stay tuned for future information for this event.

Please put **July 11, 2020 on your calendars.** The

Post Banquet will be, 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

John Snyder, and his **Wife Glenda**, continue you to improve with their rehabilitation after their surgery. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

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

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.

Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch

October Post Finances

Post Finances

As usual October was a slow month. Post income was approximately \$900 mostly resulting from membership renewal, followed by a little for the All Veterans Honor Guard (AVHG) and the 50/50 raffle. Post expenses totaled almost \$1,100, mostly membership dues to Department/National, followed by Office Supplies, AVHG expenses, and post phone and meeting expenses

Post Budget

December is almost here, that means it is budget time for our 2020 fiscal year. We generally build off prior budgets but are always looking for new ideas on projects and activities. Please let me or any Board Member know if there is something you would like to see the Post try to get involved with. That is how we grow and expand. Please give us some new ideas that Post members might be interested in!

Service Officer – Joe Cordova

We purchased \$1000 of food cards.

We assisted 1 veteran with rent.

We helped 2 veterans with their security deposits. We helped 3 veterans with their utility bills. We helped 4 veterans with food cards.

Joe

All Veterans Honor Guard – Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 12 services for the month of October. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 3, Korea 3, and Vietnam 6. The breakdown for branches of service for October was Army 6 and Navy 5 and Air Force 1. We have had a total of 198 services for the year 2019. The Veteran breakdown for the year 2019 was WWII 37, Korea 59, Vietnam 95 and Gulf War 7. The breakdown for branches of service for the year 2019 was Coast Guard 2, Army 84, Navy 67, Air Force 23 and Marines 22.

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

Dues are to be sent to me at the address below.

Dues are \$15.00

Harry P. Ciruli Jr.

872 Thames St.

Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

Harry P. Ciruli Jr.

Squadron 103 (Commander)

303-791-6184

hciruli@comcast.net

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

Bingo

Bingo Expenses for the Post were \$0, and we had a bad month at Bingo with our first loss of the year at (-\$1,039.12). We had two days snowed out, two losing days, and only one profitable day. However, we had a great Must Go on November 14th. We appreciate all the extra help in making it a success! We will discuss the results in next month's newsletter.

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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