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

Newsletter

The American Legion  
P.O. Box 281  
Littleton, CO 80160

February 10th, 2020



## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

**Joel D. Mendelson**  
(303)973-8342



**March** is finalization time for Officer nomination

**April** is announcement of Names being nominated

**May** is the nomination vote at the Membership Meeting.

We are in need of volunteers for various positions. Please contact me 303-973-8342 home or Mike Romero 303-912-5841.

**55** of you haven't paid yet **your 2020 dues**  
**Please send them in as soon as possible.**

**Joel Mendelson**  
Commander

## Meeting Dates

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

Feb 3	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Feb 5	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Feb 6	Bingo	9:30 AM	Slammers
Feb 13	Bingo	9:30 AM	Slammers
Feb 20	Bingo	9:30 AM	Slammers
Feb 27	Bingo	9:30 AM	Slammers
Mar 2	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Mar 4	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Mar 14	Breakfast at Elks	9:00 AM	*Elks
Mar 30	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Apr 1	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
Apr 11	Nick Arceo Home	Coming	Post 178
May 9	Breakfast at Elks	9:00 AM	*Elks
June 13	Picnic	1-5PM	*Sterne Prk
July 11	Annual Banquet	1:00PM	*Elks

\*Englewood Elks Lodge, 3690 Jason Englewood  
\* Sterne Park 5800 South Spotswood St. Littleton, Colo.

**Auxiliary – Janelle Mendelson (President)**  
**Happy Valentine's Day and to the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of 2020 already!** Thank you for a nice turnout at our February meeting – Chris Harvey, PDP was in attendance and gave an interesting talk regarding Girls Nation which committee nationally she sits on. We will be providing her a donation for the Girls Nation to make/fill back

packs for homeless veterans. We also decided to donate money to CO Girls State, if we receive any applications will consider case by case.

Upcoming event is our CO Oratorical Contest on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8am, Metro State University Denver location.

See you all at our March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, 7pm at Buck Recreation Center!

Janelle Mendelson  
President Unit 103

### **Adjutant – Al Rodriguez**

Our Post is currently at 88% of reaching our goal. 55 members have not yet paid, If you are one of those comrades, please send your \$40 dues in as soon as possible.

From time-to-time especially in an election year, questions arise on what the Legion can and can't do to get involved in the political process of getting people elected. Here are a few questions and answers dealing with the issue. The American Legion values its independence and effectiveness on veterans' issues.

**1.** Can I get The American Legion at the local, state and national level to support a candidate running for Congress or any political office?

**No.** In Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution of The American Legion, "The American Legion shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment."

**2.** Can I wear my American Legion cap to a political event?

**No.** The American Legion cap is considered the official legion uniform. If attending a political event, The American Legion cap, or any clothing with The American Legion emblem visible, must be removed so as not to imply any endorsement by The American Legion.

**3.** Can we use our American Legion post for a political event?

When using post facilities to host any candidates, the post must remove American Legion emblems and American Legion flags to

avoid any impression of endorsements.

Candidates for all parties must be presented equal opportunity to use the facilities on the same terms and conditions as other competing candidates.

**4.** Can our post accept political donations?

**No.** If financial contributions are offered by candidates for political office, campaigns, political action committees or political parties, your post should politely decline. The American Legion must avoid any perception of supporting any candidate or political party at all times.

### **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 83% for renewals. That is 360 renewed members. We would like to get 57 more renewals. The Post goal for renewals for the 2019-2020 year is 417 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, and P.O. Box 281, Littleton, Colorado 80160.

Or

You may go to [WWW.legion.org/members](http://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:

February 29<sup>th</sup> (Leap Day). Post 103 will be involved with assisting with the 2020 Oratorical competition.

This event will be held at Metropolitan State University. Please feel free to (If you have a chance)

to come by and watch this outstanding event. On April 5<sup>th</sup> Post 103 will be holding a recruiting table at the King Soopers on Broadway and Littleton

Boulevard. We will be setting a table up in front of this location 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](mailto:steve.valdez52@gmail.com) I hope to see

some of you for a couple of hours at this event.

Please mark June 13, 2020 on your calendars. That is the day for the Post Picnic. Times for this event will be from one to five in the afternoon at Sterne Park – 5800 South Spotswood Street – Littleton, Colorado 80120. Hope to see you there 😊

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.

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

### Chaplain – Mike Romero

**Past Commander, and State Service Officer, Dean Casey**, is back to work and is feeling much better after the foot problem he was having. He attended our last meeting along with **Asst. Service Officer, Will Davis**.

**Past Chaplain, Carter Jones**, is doing well, but tells me that he will be in Alabama next month for a visit with his younger sister who is suffering with health problems, I told him she will be in my prayers.

**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 Financial

It had been a typical January as far as Post finances. The Post checkbook increased about \$500 with income exceeding expenses for the month. Post income included funds received from membership, donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard (AVHG) and the Post Breakfast. Similarly expenses included membership dues paid to the Department of Colorado/National, AVHG costs, the Post telephone and a few other operating expenses.

I want to recognize Joyce Leiker, an Auxiliary member and our Post insurance agent. Joyce always donates her agency's commission from the Post policy back to the All Veterans Honor Guard. Thank you Joyce for all you do.

### 2020 Budgets

The Post Executive Committee approved the proposed Post Income Budget, the Post Expense Budget and the Bingo Paid Post Expense Budget for next year. The membership then approved these budgets at the December membership meeting. We are ready to begin 2020 with our financial plans for next year as well as approved the transfer of some current year funds into our accounts establish to help acquire a future Post Home.

### Service Officer – Joe Cordova

Assisted 4 veterans with rent.

Assisted 1 veteran with his security deposit.

Helped 1 veteran with his utility bill.

Helped 4 veterans with food cards.

### All Veterans Honor Guard – Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 9 services for the month of January. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 1, Korea 2 Vietnam 6. The breakdown for branches of service for January was Army 6, Navy 1, Air Force 1 and Marines 1. We have had a total of 16 services year to date for 2020. The Veteran breakdown for 2020 was WWII 2, Korea 5, Vietnam 9. The breakdown for branches of for 2020 was Army 9, Navy 3, Air Force 2 and Marines 2.

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

### **J**udge Advocate – Richard Callan

The JAG & Boys State is as follows:

JAG: No Report.

Boys State: To date, I have received 3 on-line applications; two for 2020 and I for 2021.

Rich Callan

### **S**AL – 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](mailto:hciruli@comcast.net)

### **H**istorian – Gene Foyle

Nothing new to report

Gene Foyle

### **B**INGO – Ed Pietsch

#### Bingo Financials

What a lousy way to start the New Year. We lost money 3 out of the first four weeks of 2020. We had major losses going for the month.

Thankfully, we had 5 weeks in January. We had a fantastic session, balancing out all our previous losses and we ended up making \$44 for the month.

Bingo paid Post expenses for the Mid-Year Convention, Post Insurance, Post Breakfast and the reservation for our annual Post Picnic, totally almost \$1,900.

### **O**ratorical – Ed Pietsch

Oratorical Contest (if Steve is covering this – you can exclude my input)

We almost had one Post contestant, a female from Scout Troop 114. She was under a time crunch and had to back out this year. She has two more years to participate and hopefully a few others will join her. The contest this year is once again at Metropolitan State University on the morning of Saturday, February 29th. As always, volunteers are needed to support this event, please contact Steve Valdez if you are available.

**Executive Board Members/SAL/Auxiliary President**

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