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

Newsletter

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

March 9th, 2020



COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

Joel D. Mendelson
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Our March meeting had 37 in attendance which was awesome, we would like to see our attendance

continue to grow. Please try to make some meetings we would like to meet you.

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

2020/2021 Nominees names as follows

- 1st Vice Commander; Steve Valdez
- 2nd Vice Commander; Greg Kuhn
- Adjutant; Aleashea "Allie" Bess
- Chaplain; Mike Romero
- Finance Officer; Ed Pietsch
- Service Officer; Joe Cordova
- Historian; Gene Foyle
- Judge Advocate; Richard Callan
- AVHG; Harry Giglio
- Sgt-at-Arms; Danny Danforth
- Commander: Joel Mendelson
- Squadron CMDR; Harry Ciruli
- Auxiliary President; TBD

April is announcement of Names being nominated

May is the nomination vote at the Membership Meeting.

Meeting Dates

Executive Board/General Assembly Meeting/ Breakfast Dates/Other

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 4	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
May 6	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
May 9	Breakfast at Elks	9:00 AM	*Elks
May 25	Memorial Day	TBD	TBD
Jun 1	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center
Jun 3	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Buck Center
June 13	Picnic	1-5PM	*Sterne Prk
Jun 29	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Buck Center

July 1 General Assembly 7:00 PM Buck Center
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 St. Patrick's Day! Our CO Oratorical Contest on Saturday, February 29th resulted in Emily Tuttle, a Home Schooled Senior coming in first place – she is from Co Springs, sponsored by Post 2008 – she will be representing CO at Indianapolis National Finals in April.

Nick Arceo, CO SAL Commander, will be having his [Homecoming dinner at Post 178 Lakewood](#) on Saturday, April 11th beginning with the Social Hour 5:30 pm, at Dinner at 6:30 pm – please RSVP via email janrod103@gmail.com your attendance to me by April 1st!

See you all at our April 1st meeting (No Fooling!), 7pm at Buck Recreation Center!
Janelle Mendelson
President Unit 103

Adjutant – Al Rodriguez

Membership: Our current membership stands at 370 with our designated goal of 417. That translates into 89% as of March 3. There are still about 50 current members who have not paid their dues and are encouraged to do so. If members “skip” a year in paying any accumulated years are lost and if a member re-joins their membership years begin with one.

Ft Logan National Cemetery: Did you know that all honorably discharged veterans and their spouse are eligible to be buried at Ft Logan? All your family or you need is the veteran's DD 214 showing their honorable discharge. Funeral homes will generally make the arrangements. Veterans can also receive a burial with an Honor Guard ceremony with a flag of the United States provided at no charge to the family. In addition,

there are no costs incurred for a burial at the cemetery and a headstone is also provided by the U.S. government.

Ft. Logan was established in 1887 as a military post and is named after General John Alexander Logan who served in the Civil War. The oldest burial in the cemetery is Mable Peterkin, daughter of Private Peterkin, who died in June 28, 1889. She is buried in Section E, Grave 100 at the cemetery.

The government recently bought some more land adjacent to the cemetery which is expected to have space until about 2060. There are currently about 140, 000 graves being occupied; included in this number are three **Medal of Honor** recipients.

1st Vice Commander – Steve Valdez

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who have renewed their 2020 American Legion Membership. Post 103 is currently at 89% for renewals. That is 389 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

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: April 5th Post 103 will be hosting a Recruiting Table at King Soopers. The location for this event will be at Broadway and Littleton Boulevard. The times are from 8-Noon. If you can help please call Steve Valdez at 720-364-0490 or email Steve at steve.valdez52@gmail.com hope to see you there.

Stay tuned for the upcoming Memorial Day Events. Information will be sent out to everyone as soon as the event schedule is finalized.

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.

2nd Vice Commander - Vacant

Chaplain – Mike Romero

Past Commander, and State Service Officer, Dean Casey, says he passed his examination for his foot problems, his doctor said he's doing great!

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

Post Financial

February is traditionally a very slow month in the Post finance world and this year was no different. Our total income of only \$200 and expenses of \$540 were from the usual accounts: membership, the 50/50 raffle, office supplies and legion caps. Things will be picking up as we move into the Spring and Summer months.

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 1 veterans with rent.

Assisted 4 veteran with his security deposit.

Helped 0 veteran with his utility bill.

Helped 5 veterans with \$600.00 food cards.

All Veterans Honor Guard – Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 15 services for the month of February. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 3, Korea 4 Vietnam 7 and Gulf War 1. The breakdown for branches of service for February was Army 10, Navy 3, Air Force 1 and Marines 1. We have had a total of 29 services year to date for 2020. The Veteran breakdown for 2020 was WWII 5, Korea 8, Vietnam 15 and Gulf War 1. The breakdown for branches of for 2020 was Army 17, Navy 4, Air Force 5 and Marines 3.

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

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

SAL – Harry Ciruli

SAL –We have 22 paid members of those 3 are PUFL.

Squadron 103 has donated \$250.00 to the Child Welfare Foundation

and a check was given to Detachment Commander Nick Arceo.

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

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Squadron 103 (Commander)

303-791-6184

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Historian – Gene Foyle

February 17 we presented a certificate of Appreciation to Steffan Tubbs 710 KNUS Commander Joel Mendelson SAL Detachment of Colorado Nick Arceo SAL Squadron Commander Harry Ciruli, Service Officer Joe Cordova, Historian Gene Foyle
Gene Foyle

BINGO – Ed Pietsch

Bingo Financials

We had only one expense paid by Bingo in February and that was for the Colorado

American Legion Mid-year Convention. Bingo did much better this month as our net income for February was almost \$2,400. We also had a Must Go on the first Thursday in March, and we had another great day with a large crowd and a net profit of just under \$7,000. “THANK YOU” goes out to all our regular workers and to those extra helpers that help us on Must Go days. As you know, Bingo provides the funds that help us to be the “Leader Post”.

Scholarships – Ed Pietsch

Remember to remind your family members and neighbors and friends, the Post has eight, \$1,000 Descendants of Veterans Scholarship to be awarded to high school seniors. If the student is a direct descendant of any Post member, regardless of where they live, they are eligible to apply for a scholarship if they meet the criteria. Also, other high school seniors, who are descendants of veterans and live or go to school in our Post Service Area, are eligible to apply. The application form including qualification criteria is available on the top right hand corner of the Post webpage at www.legionpost103.org or you can call me for a copy. The applications must be received by April 3rd.

Executive Board Members/SAL/Auxiliary President

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Detachment of Colorado	
Nick Arceo - Commander	nicrco@gmail.com

Sons of The American Legion **Commander Nick**

Arceo's Homecoming Dinner

Saturday, April 11, 2020.

Place: Lakewood Post 178, 1655 Simms Street,
Lakewood, 80215.

Menu: Roast Pork with applesauce, mashed potatoes & gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls and desert.

Time: Social Hour 5:30 pm, with Dinner at 6:30 pm.

Cost: Free (meal cost generously provided by
Littleton Post 103 Legion Family)

Donations: Donations will be greatly appreciated going
towards Commander Arceo's major project, The American
Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Additional donations will
also be accepted going to- wards the SAL Detachment VA&R
projects. Master of Ceremony: Scott Garrett, SAL Adjutant.

RSVP by April 1 to

Janelle Rodriguez

Email: janrod103@gmail.com

