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## Newsletter

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

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

August 8th, 2020



Commander: Joel Mendelson

We consider it a privilege to serve you the Membership and our Veterans.

The Buck Recreation Center and The Elks are still closed for now and will announce their reopening when they know it.

These are unprecedented times we are all experiencing, I personally know of no one that has contracted Covid19. For that alone I am thankful.

We are back to work at Fort Logan with the Honor Guard and Bingo is on again every Thursday. We have experienced some retirements and can always use volunteers at Slammers at 10:00 AM every Thursday, **See bottom of newsletter for important message** The following Executive Committee is always available

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander; Steve Valdez
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander; Greg Kuhn
- Adjutant; Allie Bess
- Chaplain; Mike Romero
- Finance Officer; Ed Pietsch
- Service Officer; Joe Cordova
- Historian; Gene Foyle
- Judge Advocate; Richard Callan
- Sgt-at-Arms; Danny Danforth

## Meeting Dates

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

Jun 1	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Canceled
Jun 3	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Canceled
June 13	Picnic	1-5PM	Canceled
June 25	Dept. Convention		Canceled
Jun 29	Executive Board	6:30 PM	Canceled
July 1	General Assembly	7:00 PM	Canceled
July 4	ColumbineParade		Canceled
Aug	Western Week		Canceled
Sept 12	Annual Banquet	1:00PM	Rescheduled

We are not posting further Calendar events at this time on this newsletter due to current uncertainty.

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

May I please ask everyone to stay safe and healthy during this bleak time in history.

### **Auxiliary – Janelle Mendelson (President)**

My best to you all and will continue to be in touch with info received from thoughts above – Keep well and safe ~

Janelle Mendelson  
President Unit 103  
720 207 8008 cell

### **Adjutant – Allie Bess**

I'm currently on leave and will be back in town Thursday night. I'm off military orders 7 Aug 2020, so in-process that day and go to my civilian job on 10 Aug 2020.

I encourage each of you to begin sending in your dues of \$40 for next year, 2021.

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

**From the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander of American Legion Post 103 -2020**

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who have renewed their 2020 American Legion Membership. Post 103 is currently at 92% for renewals. That is 382 renewed members. The Post goal for renewals for the 2021 year is 383 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 NEW Post Adjutant Ms. Allie Bess. That will include updated addresses, telephone numbers and new email addresses.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Greg Kuhn**

Happy to be your new Vice Commander . ☐ ☐☐☐☐☐

### **Chaplain – Mike Romero**

**Matthew 24:13 “But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”**

**Gal.6:9, And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.**

**Past Commander Richard Carlson**, with his **Wife, and Auxiliary Member Wanda**, have been in town from their home in Yuma, AZ., to visit friends in Colorado. They both are in good health and are enjoying their stay. They both say Hi! To everyone.

**AVHG Firing Line Commander Bill Hines**, is back Commanding our Firing Line and is quickly showing signs of good health, “You Can’t Keep A Good Man Down!”

**Past Commander Wayne Coleman**, is doing well, so is his **Wife, and Auxiliary Member as well as Past President Tommie**, they’re both wishing we will all be together soon.

**Past Finance Officer George Williams, and Wife Dee**, have moved into Lakewood Leisure Home, and are enjoying it very much. He says they are in the process of selling their former home which had way too many stairs to climb.

**Lin Mathews**, Long time Bingo Volunteer has hit upon some very slow paperwork by the VA, in getting help from them to secure housekeeping for him. Let’s hope Someone gets that paperwork off their desk and does something.

**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**

July begins the Legion's new membership year and we were busy processing documents to keep up with the initial rush. We received income of just over \$5,000 for the month. The majority was membership paid directly to the Post and also our Post portion of the members that paid on line. We also had \$550 from donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard who restarted their Fort Logan funeral service schedule in July. Post expenses totaling \$4,700 were mostly for payment of membership to Department and National (\$4100). The Post only retains 10% of your dues (\$4), the rest is split evenly between the Department of Colorado and National to help defray the cost of Legion Programs and to pay for salaries and other expenses. Other Post operating expenses such as membership recognition, office supplies, Post phone, and All Veterans Honor Guard made up the remaining \$600 in expenses.

## **ONLINE RENEWALS**

Thanks to all you who got an early start on membership renewal in July. But please continue to get your membership renewal completed early. Save the Post and National money in mailing out reminder notices. If you have not yet renewed, go online now by going to "legion.org/renew", click on the renewal button, enter your Legion Membership Number from your Legion Card, enter your last name and the credit card information. It is quick, safe, you do not need to write a check or place a stamp on the envelope, no extra charge for using a credit card, and it saves you and the Post both time and funds versus when you mail your dues to the Post. If you have not used it, give it a try.

## **Service Officer – Joe Cordova**

We submitted the initial \$7500 of the Grant Fund to help our veterans. The Arapahoe County Veterans Service Office is not assisting American Legion Post 103 with veterans. I need some help in assisting our veterans in need. Thanks.

## **All Veterans Honor Guard – Harry Giglio**

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 46 services for the month of July. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 8, Korea 15, Vietnam 20 and Gulf War 3. The breakdown for branches of service for July was Coast Guard 2, Army 22, Navy 7, Air Force 8 and Marines 7. We have had a total of 88 services year to date for 2020. The Veteran breakdown for 2020 was WWII 13, Korea 28, Vietnam 43 and Gulf War 4. The breakdown for branches of for 2020 was Coast Guard 2, Army 45, Navy 15, Air Force 15 and Marines 11.

Our All Veterans Honor Guard Team is available for services at Ft Logan on all weekdays except Thursday. We welcome back **Bill Hines** and our new member **Joel Mendelson**.

If you have any questions you can contact me at 303-246-7648  
Harry Giglio

## **Judge Advocate – Richard Callan**

No Report.

## **SAL – Harry Ciruli**

We have added 5 new members with 7 renewals and 3 PUFLs for a total of 16 members so far. Dues have gone up for 2021 they are now \$20.00. Please send dues to the address below.

Thank you;

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## **Historian – Gene Foyle**

Posted Pictures on Facebook of Executive Board,  
Posting History articles on Facebook

## **Bingo – Ed Pietsch**

We finally restarted Bingo in July. As anticipated the attendance was down and our results were mixed (some profitable and some losses). We ended the month with a net profit of \$700. The Post used \$11,000 in bingo funds to pay universities for our scholarship winners. A list of winners is provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Slammers Bingo Hall has complied with virus requirements. It has put up plexi-glass and plastic protection at the cashier windows and the pickle bar (pull-tab sales) location. They check every ones temperature before admission, and set seats apart for social distancing. Vada

Danforth made all the volunteers an impressive patriotic flag mask so players know who the workers are. Most volunteers also wore gloves provided by the hall. Slammer's has the hall sprayed by a company every other day. I want to thank all volunteers who made it a successful return to our only Post fund raising activity.

## **Scholarships – Ed Pietsch**

### **2020 Scholarship Winners**

Unfortunately, because of the virus, we did not have a chance to meet our outstanding scholarship winners at one of our Post Meetings. But let me at least identify them, their High School and the school they will be attending.

**Claire Davis Memorial Scholarship** \$2,000

Elisa E. Ikeler, Arapahoe HS, Brigham Young

**Descendants of Veterans Scholarships** \$1,000

Luke M. Aden, Dakota Ridge HS, Montana State

Ellinore M. Ament, Heritage HS, Colgate

Jaley M. Benedict, Dakota Ridge HS, Tampa

Nathan L. Harvey, D'Evelyn HS, Utah State

Anastasia M Rendon, Columbine HS, Colorado (Colorado Springs)

Granddaughter of Post member Alonzo Rodriguez

Connor A. Rhodes, Dakota Ridge HS, Colorado (Boulder)

Megan N. Rouse, Chatfield HS, Kentucky

Stephanie A. Russell, Columbine HS, Azusa Pacific

Mackenzie L Stuhlsatz, Arapahoe HS, Kansas State

Genevie N. Webster, Chatfield HS, Colorado Mes

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

### **Post Officers**

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To The Membership:

Every month this newsletter requests for more volunteers for Bingo and even the Honor guard could use a few. We have a yearly membership of roughly 386 members. Out of this we have only a total of **26 members** that are dedicated to bingo and Honor Guard. We desperately need more either part time or full time volunteers to stay successful for both. Bingo is where we are really short on people. **These 26 volunteers are carrying the whole load for all of the Post for the biggest majority of our major fund raising.**

Occasionally a few of these volunteers have to miss, and then we are working truly shorthanded. Bingo is every Thursday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. **Just 4 hours** a week, call Ed Pietsch 720-287-2108. The Honor Guard at Fort Logan days and hours can be explained to you by Harry Giglio 303-246-7648

Our sincere thanks,

Joel Mendelson

The Legion's 2021 membership year started on July 1<sup>st</sup>. You will be receiving your membership notices in the mail. Get a head start and renew online now by going to "legion.org/renew", click on the renewal button, enter your Legion Membership Number from your Legion Card, enter your last name and the credit card information. It is quick, safe, you do not need to write a check or place a stamp on the envelope, no extra charge for using a credit card, and it saves you and the Post both time and funds versus when you mail your dues to the Post. If you have not used it, give it a try.

**Ed Pietsch**