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Newsletter

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

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

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My sincere thanks to our Honor Guard for spending so many 95+ degree days at Fort Logan Cemetery for up to 7 hours performing Services for as many as 9 Veterans and their families on some days.

Bingo is in full swing and we still need some more volunteers.



I am in contact with and awaiting a RSVP from The Buck Recreation Center for our Monthly Meetings.

I am fortunate to announce our Adjutant Allie Bess is taking over the publication of Post 103 Newsletter with this issue.

The Banquet replacement Breakfast is Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>

everyone has received a notice.

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

The Buck Recreation Center and The Elks operating at a reduced capacity now and I will announce their full reopening when I know it.

## Meeting Dates

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

Aug	Western Week		Canceled
			Resched
Sept 12	Annual Banquet	1:00PM	uled

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

**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

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## Adjutant – Allie Bess

As of 31 Aug 2020, we have processed a total of 237 memberships for 2021 memberships. We have 2 new members to the American Legion that have processed through our post. Welcome Robert Schofield and Mathew Hengel!

I encourage each of you to begin sending in your dues of \$40 for 2021 or renew your memberships for 2021 online at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew).

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

**From the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander of American Legion Post 103 -2020/2021**

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have renewed their 2020 American Legion Membership. Post 103 is currently working on renewing memberships from the 2020 year for the upcoming 2021 year. The Post goal for the 2021 year is 384 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 Ms. Allie Bess. That will include updated addresses, telephone numbers and new email addresses.

May I please ask everyone to continue to stay safe and healthy during this bleak time in history. And, here's hoping a vaccine is created SOON!

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

No report for Aug.

## Chaplain – Mike Romero

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For the sake of Christ, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Past Commander Richard Callan, had a fall down the stairs at his home. Luckily, no bones were broken, but he did sustain significant bruising. "All of us a Post 103 wish you well Rich, and a very speedy recovery.

Past Commander Roger Masse, had an episode of extremely low blood pressure, causing him to pass out at home. Latest news is, that he is doing extremely well and is monitoring his blood pressure 3 times a day. He also reports that he will be back to bingo later in September.

Howard Olson, Korean War Vet, and long-time member, and volunteer of Post 103 was presented very deservedly, with a "Quilt of Valor" at a ceremony held Saturday, August 29th, at Kettering Park, WWII Memorial. Howard, Post 103 Congratulates You!

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.

## **F**inance Officer - Ed Pietsch

### **Post Finances**

Membership renewals continue to be the financial driver for both Post income and expenses in August. Our total income of \$1,400 came from membership renewals except for \$150 in donations to the All Veterans Honor Guard.

Post expenses totaling \$1,600 were mostly for payment of membership to Department and National (\$1,050). Other Post operating expenses such as membership recognition, office supplies, Post phone, and All Veterans Honor Guard made up the remaining \$550 in expenses.

### **Bingo Finances**

As previously reported, we restarted Bingo in July. As anticipated, the August attendance remained down and our results were mixed (some profitable and some losses). We ended the month with a net profit of only \$600. The Post used \$600 in bingo funds to send donations to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Denver Honor Bell Foundation during the month.

### **Online Membership Renewal**

Please continue to get your membership renewal completed early. Save the Post and National time and money in mailing out reminder notices. If you have not yet renewed, go on line 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, please give it a try.

## **S**ervice Officer – Joe Cordova

The initial deposit of \$7,500 went into our grant account. We purchased \$1000 of food cards. We assisted 1 veteran with his application fee, security deposit, and his lease. We helped 3 veterans with food cards.

## **A**ll Veterans Honor Guard – Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had 26 services for the month of August. The breakdown for Veterans was WWII 3, Korea 8, Vietnam 12 and Gulf War 3. The breakdown for branches of service for August was Army 11, Navy 7, Air Force 5 and Marines 3. We have had a total of 114 services year to date for 2020. The Veteran breakdown for 2020 was WWII 16, Korea 36, Vietnam 55 and Gulf War 7. The breakdown for branches of for 2020 was Coast Guard 2, Army 56, Navy 22, Air Force 20 and Marines 14.

Our All Veterans Honor Guard Team is available for services at Ft Logan on all weekdays except Thursday.

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

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

No report for the month of Aug.

## **S**AL – Harry Ciruli

Squadron 103 has 16 paid members.  
13 members and 3 Paid up for Life.

All members need to send their dues to  
the address below.

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872 Thames St.

Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

Home: 303-791-6184

Cell: 303-886-4517

## **H**istorian – Gene Foyle

As the Historian, I've been posting military history on  
our Facebook page for the American Legion, George  
C Evans Post 103. The historian report for 2019-2020  
has been completed as a narrative report.

Please visit the American Legion, Post 103 website at  
<http://www.legionpost103.org>.

## **S**gt of Arms – Danny Danforth

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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.

Our sincere thanks,

Joel Mendelson