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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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year, we did this by email, hopefully we can return to the normal procedure this year.

- **June**, we will vote on nominations. Due to our current month by month evaluation of Membership meetings, I will keep all informed. The Buck Center is open, but with certain stipulations, we hope to be back to our Membership Meetings real soon.

New Executive Board positions for 2021/2022 have been filled and agreed to. It is nice to see a couple of familiar returning names. Nominees' names are listed below. We will be accepting any write-in ballot names if any of you want to run for any of the positions. All are welcome.

April - we announced the names of the nominees.

- Commander - Al Rodriguez
- Sr. Vice CMDR - Joyce Tuepker
- Jr. Vice CMDR - Ted Hand
- Adjutant - Allie Bess
- Chaplain - Mike Romero
- Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch
- Historian - Gene Foyle
- AVHG - Harry Giglio
- JAG - Richard Callan
- SAL - Harry Ciruli
- Sgt-at Arms - Danny Danforth

- **May** is the nomination vote at the Membership Meeting for Executive Board. Last

WE WILL BE RETURNING IN MAY TO THE BUCK CENTER FOR MEETINGS. The meetings will have to be crisp. The Center has new hours they now close at 8:00PM. Our start time may have to be moved to the left eventually.

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

Apr 5	Executive Board	6:30PM	Zoom
Apr 7	General Assembly	7:00PM	Zoom
May 15	Breakfast	9:00AM	Golden Corral
Jun 19	Summer Picnic	12-4PM	Sterne Park

Auxiliary - Janelle Mendelson (President)

Happy Spring! Please look ahead to a **REGULAR meeting at the Buck Center on May 5th, 7pm** - I am so looking forward to seeing you ALL in person! YEAH!

As we are unable to hold our usual request over Memorial Day weekend for poppy donations at a local King Soopers and elsewhere, we are asking for an **in-kind donation so we can continue to help our Veteran's projects**. Please consider sending a check for a meal cost that you would have used last year eating out, but were unable to due to the COVID 19 restrictions - **please send your check to: Darlene Romero 4470 S. Wright Ct. Morrison, CO 80465**. We appreciate and thank all Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members of Post 103 for contributing to this cause!

Our District 5 Convention will take place Saturday, April 24th at Post 161 in Arvada beginning at noon - new officers for the district will be chosen at this time.

Blessings and hugs to all! See you soon!

Janelle Mendelson
President Unit 103
720 207 8008 cell#

Adjutant - Allie Bess

As of 31 Mar 2021, we've processed a total of 371 memberships for 2021. National membership report, dated 31 Mar 2021, shows that Post 103 has total of 381 members, Quota percentage is 94%.

If you have paid for your 2021 membership, but not received your 2021 card, please contact me via email at abess30@gmail.com or call at 720-284-1415. The 2021 membership campaign started in July 2020, so many of our post members renewed early. Please check your membership cards to make sure that you haven't already paid for 2021.

If you need to reprint your card or update your profile information, you can register on

www.MyLegion.org. This site will let you know if you are current for 2021.

If current American Legion members want to transfer to Post 103, please have them contact me at 720-284-1415.

1st Vice Commander - Steve Valdez

From the 1st Vice Commander of American Legion Post 103

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who have renewed their 2021 American Legion Membership. Post 103 is currently working on renewing memberships. The Post goal for the 2021 year is 384 renewal to make a 100%.

Currently Post 103 is at 371 renewed or new members. 13 renewals or new members are needed to make the goal of 384. If you have not renewed or signed up as a renewing or new member, please do so soon.

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 Ms. Allie Bess. That will include **updated addresses, telephone numbers and new email addresses**.

I am hoping that everyone is getting their communication from the Veterans Administration pertaining to the COVID-19 Vaccine.

Everyone is hopefully crossing their fingers that Post 103 will be back on the track of continuing its mission of serving veterans and the community.

Please know that the Executive Board of Post 103 is working hard to maintain its commitments to everyone.

With various counties beginning to work on lifting some restrictions - I am hoping that the Post will be able to begin passing out materials to veterans at various locations within the Post boundaries.

I would like to give the Post 103 Adjutant, Allie Bess, KUDOS. She has worked hard to maintain records, membership numbers and collecting membership dues. Allie's commitment to Post 103 has proven to be second to none. Her hard work has not gone un-noticed.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Until next month please keep smiling and here's hoping we see each other soon.

2nd Vice Commander - Greg Kuhn

Post 103 breakfast is scheduled for **15 May 2021 (Sat)** from **9:00 to 11:00AM** at the **Golden Corral**. The address is: **3677 S. Santa Fe Dr, Englewood**.

Chaplain - Mike Romero

John 16:33

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Past Sgt-at-Arms and Bingo Volunteer, Rip Hobson, tells me his last medical check-up was very successful. All his blood tests were in the negative category and he's very happy about that.

A Post 103 "Thank You Letter" signed by our Commander and Chaplain was given to **Jay Gryniewicz, Son of Joseph M. Gryniewicz**. **Joe** was buried at Ft. Logan on April 5th, 2021. **Joe** was a past member of the **AVHG** and also a **Bingo Volunteer**, our **AVHG** did his service. **Jay** donated in his father's name, **2 Stand-**

up walkers and **1 Sit-down Walker** which will help one of our members, should they be in need. Many Thanks to the **Gryniewicz Family** for the donations, and may God Bless them at their time of loss, and always.

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

Finance Officer - Ed Pietsch

Post Finances

Normally March is a slow month relative to the Post finances, but with Covid 19 restrictions it has been **extremely** slow. Post income was only \$48 which was all the result of membership renewals. Post expenses totaled \$146 which included dues to Department/National and the purchase of stamps.

Bingo

Bingo remained slow in March with two weeks of profits and two of losses. We ended the month with a plus \$600. The attendance has been slowly increasing and hopefully we will return to more normal operations in April. We have scheduled our first "Must Go" of the year for May 6th. This is when our Progressive Bingo Jackpot will be won by one or more customers. "Must Go's" are usually our biggest and best days of the year.

So please come out to Slammers Bingo Hall on the northeast Corner of Jewell and Wadsworth to help volunteer to run the games or to play. Most volunteers come about 10 am and the games start at 11:30 am and run to about 2:00 pm. Call Ed Pietsch at 720-287-2108 if you have any questions.

Dues Increase Approved

After many years of sticking to our current Post dues of \$40, despite the Post having to absorb the costs of dues increases imposed by both the Department and National, the Executive Committee and the membership agreed to finally increase the Post 103 dues to \$45 beginning July 1, 2021. Why this date? It is the beginning of

Legion's membership renewal for 2022. This is when the annual membership renewal notices will begin to be sent out. The \$45 was agreed to because in looking at the current range of dues (\$36 to \$52) in the 40 Legion Post located in the Denver metro area, and looking statistically at the mode, median and average of these Posts dues, everything pointed to \$45. This increase will help the Post continue to operate our programs and activities at the level we have become accustomed to and continue to be the "Leader Post". The new dues amount should remain in effect for at least five years before it needs to be revisited.

Service Officer - Joe Cordova

The post purchased \$1500 of King Soopers' food cards. We assisted 1 veteran with rent and 2 veterans with food cards.

All Veterans Honor Guard - Harry Giglio

The All Veterans Honor Guard had a total of 39 services year to date. For Fiscal year 2021, the All Veterans Honor Guard participated in the following services: WWII 6, Korea 8, Vietnam 23, and the Gulf War 2. The breakdown for branches for the Fiscal year were Army 16, Navy 11, Air Force 7 and Marines 5.

Our All Veterans Honor Guard Team is available for services at Ft Logan on Mondays and some Fridays.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the All Veterans Honor Guard, you can contact me at the below number and I will review with you the responsibilities of the Guard.

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

Harry Giglio

Judge Advocate - Richard Callan

No report for the month of Mar 2021.

SAL - Harry Ciruli

We have reached our goal for membership. Still looking for a few more. Those interested, please call or email me.

Harry P. Ciruli Jr.
872 Thames St.,
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126
hciruli@comcast.net
303-791-6184

Historian - Gene Foyle

Historical items are being posted on our Facebook page American Legion George C Evans Post 103.

Littleton Colorado Link is on Post web Page. Please visit the American Legion, Post 103 website at <http://www.legionpost103.org>.

Sgt of Arms - Danny Danforth

Executive Board Meeting was held April 5, 2021 with 10 members attending via Zoom.

General meeting was held April 7, 2021 with 23 members attending via Zoom.

Flags - Jack Pansini

Any Legionnaire interested in maintaining the flags at the WW2 Memorial, (Ketring Park) and at the Bucks Recreation Center, please call Jack Pansini at 303-794-5288 or e-mail at jj.pansini@gmail.com for more details.

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

*POST 103 MEMBERS WHO ARE NOW MEMBERS OF POST EVERLASTING
2020/2021*

*BREHM, DONALD
DEWALD, ADRIAN
DORYLAND, CHARLES
GARRETT, MICHAEL
GRAVELY, ROSANNA
GRAY, GAYLORD
GRIFFIN, RICHARD
GRYNIEWICZ, JOSEPH (Mar 2021)
HARDY, HERBERT
WRIGHT, SIDNEY*

From: Department Adjutant Pat Smith

We are excited to announce our Spring 2021 Raffle.

Our next drawing will be on May 14th, 2021 to celebrate Armed Forces Day. As our First Prize, we will be giving away a commemorative 1911 45 ACP pistol engraved with "I Stand For This". Retail value over \$3,000. Second prize is a standard Henry Big Boy Colt 45 rifle with a retail value \$650.00.

The drawing will be on May 14th, 2021 at 10 AM right here at Department Headquarters, 7465 E 1st Ave, Ste D, Denver. You do not need to be present to win. When you win, I will personally call you to give you the good news.

Winners must be able to pass the background check to take possession of the items.


Tickets \$20.00 each, 3 for \$50.00



Go to the following link to find more information about the raffle,
<https://raffle.coloradolegion.org/shop/uncategorized/raffles/i-stand-for-this-1911-pistol/>

American Legion Department of Colorado
Veterans Assistance Raffle
1st prize "I Stand for This" 1911 45 ACP Pistol
2nd Prize Henry Big Boy 45 Colt Rifle

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Drawing May 14, 2021 - 10 AM
7465 E 1st Ave Ste D, Denver, CO 80230
Colorado Bingo/Raffle License #2021-16021
Tickets \$20.00 each 3 for \$50.00
Winner need not be present to win

www.admlongproducts.com

Name _____
Addr _____
City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
Phone# _____
email _____

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WORLD WAR I

World War I Veterans will be honored during First Colors, a 90-minute virtual, free broadcast 10 a.m. Eastern April 16.

Actor Gary Sinise hosts the inaugural flag raising at the Memorial site and virtual program, held only online at <https://firstcolors.worldwar1centennial.org/>.

The program honors those who served in the trenches and on the home front. It also celebrates a nation forever changed by the sacrifices they made. The ceremony will feature remarks from present and past military officials and government leaders as well as entertainment celebrity appearances.



First Colors is presented by the World War I Centennial Commission in cooperation with the Doughboy Foundation, the National Park Service, and the American Battle Monuments Commission. For more information, visit www.ww1cc.org/firstcolors