

Pender Post 165-NEWSLETTER

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Post Home-910-259-4117

POST MEETINGS

You are urged to attend our next scheduled meeting, at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday April 10, 2007.

COMMANDER'S NOTE.....John Stone

Great to see all the support for Post 165. We had a wonderful American Legion Birthday on the 20th of March 2007. Lots of great food, awards and a special appearance by our newly found talent of music.

Upcoming we have Memorial Day and many more functions to add to our growing support of veterans and our community. Please stand up and provide support for our post. Our Post 165 is exactly what we make of it. Support our Veterans, active and retired.

God Speed to all service members, local and abroad.

Thank you all for your support. To all members, please call me for your ideas and plans on how we can grow further at 910-259-0071

MEMBERSHIP - Ellis Wheeler

We have 178 renewals out of the National goal set of 194. This is 91.6 % of our members that have paid their 2007 membership dues, including our 46 PUFL members. If you have not paid your 2007 dues please send in your \$25.00 today. We need to reach our 100 % goal.

PUFL (PAID UP FOR LIFE)

It is a "good deal", pay once - never have to pay Legion dues again - not even if dues increase several times in the future. Pay one full amount or in twelve equal monthly payments (no difference in the amount to pay). Call the Post home at 259-4117.

PENDER COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

The Pender County Service Officer, Post 165 member, Roy Horne in Burgaw, is available to serve veterans. Call 259-1203.

SICK CALL - Billy Murphy

We wish those shut in or ill a speedy recovery. Chaplain, Billy Murphy, requests that he be notified of any Post member or veteran that is ailing so the Post may offer help or assistance.

Our condolences go to the family of W. Dudley Robbins. We to will miss Dudley.

MEMORIAL FUND

A post Memorial Fund has been established in the name of W. Dudley Robbins This fund will be used for youth programs. You may contribute to this fund in any amount by sending your check with W. Dudley Robbins Memorial Fund in the memo.

On your next visit to the post look at the Robbins memorial placed on the wall.

POST HOME RENTAL

The Post Home is available to rent for weddings, parties and meetings. For further information call the Post 259- 4117

LAWN MOWER

We are in need of a usable riding lawn mower. To keep from having to hire someone to keep the grass cut at the post we are asking if anyone has a used mower that they are not using to please donate it to the post.

PROGRAMS

The post has implemented a new fund raisers. We have Joined Food Lion in the Shop & Share program and registering your

Food Lion VIP card to receive income from amount spent. This does not effect your discount at all. If you have not already registered your Food Lion VIP card number, call the post or Ellis Wheeler 259-7207 and give us all 12 numbers, (including the "little" numbers at each end) of the reverse side of the card. Additional cards of friends and neighbors may be registered as well. You may also go to our website and register; <http://nclegionpost.org/foodlion.htm>

NEW MEMBER

Welcome new member Anna Jordan, Atkinson to our post. We invite her to join our meetings.

CELEBRATION

A live country music dance is scheduled for April 14, 2007, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The event is in celebration of the wedding of post member Andrew Pfiel and Katherine Hammond. Admission, food and drink is free. Music will be provided by Myke Roy and Daryl Ramsey, Green Ice Records recording stars. It will be alcohol free. So, have no plans for April 14th, come out and join Andrew and Katie celebrate their wedding.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT-Pattye Ebert

Good News. Our membership is at 88.24% of goal. Let's go for 100%.

Thanks to Flossie Harrell for the delicious birthday cake for the American Legion birthday celebration. And Biena Parker's potato salad was a treat. Others bringing food and helping were Donna Lohman, Nell Asper, Delaine Hutcheson, Pattye Ebert and Betty Rabalais. Thanks to each.

Please save the date for our yard sale the first Saturday in May. We have a few tables left. Call 259-5344 to reserve.

Poppy Poster Contest is this month for students at Burgaw Middle School. We will present awards in May. Call Donna Lohman, Poppy chairman, at 259-9189 for more information.

Our condolences to the family of Dudley Robbins. He will be missed.

Continue to remember our veterans and our service men and women.

POST WEB SITE

You can view our monthly newsletter and announcements on our web site; <http://nclegion.org/post165.htm>

POST NEWSLETTER

We plan to continue mailing the Post newsletter as we have the funds. It is expensive and our funds are very limited. If anyone would like to contribute to the cost of the newsletter, it would be greatly appreciated. Send your donation to Post 165, PO Box 1294, Burgaw, NC 28425. All monthly newsletters will be placed on the web site. If you wish to receive your monthly copy by mail, send \$12.00 to the post.

If you would like to be notified by email when the newsletter is published send your email address to post165@nclegion.org

BASEBALL - Jason Bentzler

Post 165 is sponsoring a Junior Baseball team this year through Hyde Trask High. Schedule will be posted at a later date.

POST OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Our first nominations for Post 165 officers for the up coming year will be in March with the last eligible nominees placed on the ballot in May. The election of new officers will take place on

June 12th. If you would like to serve as a post officer, see myself, Adjutant Wheeler, Lonnie Hutchison or Commander Stone.

LEGION BIRTHDAY

Our Legion Birthday celebration was on Tuesday the 20th. This was well attended with about 65 in attendance. The NC De4partment Commander Jeff Joyner was our speaker and delivered an excellent speech..

The dinner was prepared by the Unit 165 Ladies Auxiliary. This was a delicious dinner and our thanks to the ladies preparing this dinner and decorating the hall for this event.

Legionnaire of the year was Will Murray, III. Will recently returned from Iraq and he served while being a member of the post.

Pictures of the event are posted on our post web site.

POST 165 BOOSTER PROGRAM

We have established a booster membership to help off set the cost of the newsletter. For \$25.00 you can place a booster which will run for a calendar year in the bulletin as a memoriam, birthday greeting, anniversary etc. Contact Ellis Wheeler 910-259-7207 or e-mail post165@nclegion.org

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\$4 Dollar Prescriptions at Wal-mart. Veterans can purchase more than 300 different generic prescription drugs at most Wal-mart stores nationwide for as low as \$4 per prescription for a 30 day supply. That is half the cost of filling 30 day prescriptions at VA pharmacies. According to Wal-Mart, "The program is available at all Wal-mart, Sam's Club and Neighborhood Market pharmacies (except in North Dakota where Wal-mart does not operate its own pharmacies but instead lease space to third party providers". The Wal-mart program began as a pilot in Tampa, Florida in September 2006. Quickly expanded, it is now available in 27 states. Approximately one dozen other large regional and national retail pharmacies are offering similar services. Fully aware of the difference in cost, the Veterans Health Administration has convened a work group to examine options for making generic drug co-payments more affordable for veterans. For more information, including a list of qualifying drugs visit <http://www.walmart.com/pharmacy> and access "Generic Drug Program."