



Pender Post 165-NEWSLETTER
July -2007
Post Home-910-259-4117



POST MEETINGS

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

COMMANDER'S NOTE.....Andrew Pfeil

Greetings to all, So much has gone on in such a short time that I'm not sure where to start. I feel privileged to be in the American Legion and to be a part of Post 165, Burgaw. Even more, I feel honored to be elected as your commander. It looks to me that we have a rich, distinguished past and more importantly we have a bright, exciting future.

I retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2002 and moved back to Wilmington from the Midwest. I started my military career in the U.S. Marines as an infantryman. After four years I'd made Sergeant then figured I'd done my part so I returned to civilian life. The adjustment was incredible. I went from an environment of doers to an environment of complacency. I longed for the camaraderie and brotherhood I'd left in the military. It didn't take much to convince me to return to a life in uniform.

Life in the Air Force was another adjustment but as soon as I could relax and take it all in, I became part of another family – the Air Force family. I spent the majority of my Air Force career on the flight line as a maintainer. After 24 years of Total Active Military Service I decided to start a new chapter in my life.

Once again I began the process of adjusting to civilian life. I went from a culture where absolutely nothing was impossible to a culture of what's in this for me. From a culture of self sacrifice to a culture of something for nothing. To say the least it was an unfulfilling transition.

Like the saying goes, "When in Rome do like the Romans" so I began to settle into a ritual of work, TV, sleep and work again. That's until by chance or luck Katie and I found the American Legion. I thought, what a way to get back to a life of service, pride and accomplishment. So, like I did so many years ago, it didn't take much to convince me to join a cause whose purpose was much larger than just me – the American Legion. Since then it's been a whirlwind of excitement including my nomination as commander of the Post.

We certainly have some opportunities and challenges facing us, one of the largest is recruitment and member participation. With Katie, Matthew, Patrick and Lily by my side I promise to

forge forward to again make our post one that we can all be proud to identify ourselves with, but I need YOUR help.

Sincerely, Andrew Pfeil

MEMBERSHIP - Ellis Wheeler

We have 180 renewals out of the National goal set of 194. This is 92.78 % 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.

Post Service Officer Eugene Meadows, will assist getting information to members from the County Service Officer, Roy Horne

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.

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

PROGRAMS

The post has implemented a new fund raiser. 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>

Another program that we are now doing with funds being sent directly to the post is the collection of cell phones for recycling. We urge you all to drop off your used cell phones, to the post or Southern Printing in Burgaw.

POST WEB SITE

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

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT-Pattye Ebert

Thanks to everyone for helping us reach 100% of our goal for membership this year! Welcome to our new member, Mary Benton.

Officers for the new year are: President-Pattye Ebert; V.P.-Biena Parker; Secretary-Donna Lohman; Treasurer-Flossie Harrell; Chaplain-Betty Rabalais; and Sergeant-at-arms-Nell Asper.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 14, at 7 p.m. At this meeting we plan to pack some gift bags for veterans in local nursing homes.

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, Each month send \$12.00 to the post.

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

BASEBALL – Jason Bentzler

Post 165 is sponsoring a Junior Baseball team this year through Heide Trask High. The season is coming to a close. If you have not attended these games to support the players, you must get to one. These young men are working hard for the post.

POST OFFICER ELECTIONS

Our elections for Post 165 officers for 2007/2008 will be installed at the July 10, 2007 meeting.

2007/2008 Post 165 Officers are;

Commander-Andrew Pfeil

1st Vice-Lonnie Hutchison

Chaplain-Billy Murphy

Adjutant/Fin Officer-Ellis Wheeler

Service Officer-Eugene Meadows

Sgt-at-Arms-AJ Harrell

NEW POST CHARTER

The Post Charter renaming the post the W Dudley Robbins Post 165 has been approved by National and has been received. Arrangements are being made to dedicate the post in the near future, tentatively August 25, 2007.

DIVISION II MEETING

Post 165 will host the 1st Division II meeting on August 15, 2007. Lunch will be served at 12:00 and meeting will follow.

JROTC

Academic and Military achievement medals were presented to Pender High JROTC, May 17, 2007 and to Heide Trask May 24, 2007.

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

SAL SQUADRON

The Post 165 SAL Squadron is reactivating. If you have a grand son, great grand son or son that would like to belong to this Squadron contact an officer of the post or call the post at 910-259-4117 and leave a message

COLLECTION OF PULL-TABS

The purpose of collecting pull-tabs is to help pay the rent for families of seriously ill children who stay at Ronald McDonald House of Durham NC. It is sponsored by your Department Children and Youth Commission.

At the 2007 convention in Raleigh our Post donated 24 lbs of tabs; statewide 7,766 lbs were collected. This generated a check for \$4,928.22 donated to the Ronald McDonald House.
