



# W. Dudley Robbins Post 165



**NEWSLETTER**  
**December - 2008**  
**Post Home-910-259-4117**

## **POST MEETINGS**

You are urged to attend our next scheduled meeting, at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday December 9, 2008.

## **COMMANDERS REPORT**-Lonnie Hutchison

We would like to know if it would be beneficial to the members and if it would help attendance to hold a regular meeting instead of the Executive meeting on the fourth Saturday rather than the fourth Tuesday of each month. Let me know.

The joint veteran's day salute to veterans with the Burgaw Historic Society November 11, 2008 was very well attended.

We had to stop having Bingo due to lack of support from the community. We hope to revamp and try again in the near future.

Anyone with ideas for a fund raiser will be greatly appreciated as we are in desperate need of ideas for means of support to pay our bills.

We still need assistance with the Post activities. If anyone could help a couple hours a month please give me a call 910-285-5704 or call the Grounds chairman at 910-259-4117 and leave a message.

*Friendship is like a bank account, you cannot draw on it without making deposits.*

## **MEMBERSHIP** - Ellis Wheeler

We have received renewal dues from 143 of our 187 members or 76.47%. When receiving your dues notice please don't hold them, send in your renewal and lets keep our membership year off to a good start. If you are not receiving mail from the American Legion, whether it be National, Department or post, please contact the Adjutant and make sure your address is correct. PUFLs that have undeliverable mail will have your membership suspended.

## **PUFL (PAID UP FOR LIFE)**

Members have the choice of annual or Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership.

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.

## **SPECIAL NEEDS**

Any member needing a wheel chair, walker, crutches or canes can contact the post.

## **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

**NOTE:** Roy Horne gave an interview to the Post newspaper and he wishes to let everyone know there is some inaccurate statements in the article. He is not a Vietnam veteran, he is a veteran of Granada and he does not have children in the military.

## **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.

## **ONLY IN AMERICA**

Sixteen years is a long time. That's how far the photo of my husband—looking slim and fit in his Marine Reserve uniform—goes back. Today, he's about 100 pounds heavier, so it was understandable when my friend's son asked who it was.

"That's my father," my daughter told him.

Looking at my husband, then at the photo, he asked, "Your first father?"

## **HAVE YOU HEARD:**

The Company Commander and the First Sergeant were in the field. As they hit the sack for the night, the First Sergeant said, "Sir, look up into the sky and tell me what you see?"

The CO said, "I see millions of stars."

1st Sgt.: "And what does that tell you, sir?"

CO: "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Theologically, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Top?"

1st Sgt.: "Well sir, it tells me that somebody stole our tent."

## **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 affect 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. We have placed a drop box at the post for your convenience. You may drop flags, cell phones and pop-top tabs for post collection

#### **POST NEWSLETTER**

The post newsletter is prepared and edited by Ellis Wheeler Please contact me at [post165@nclegion.org](mailto:post165@nclegion.org) or see me at the next general meeting for;

- \* Getting the newsletter delivered via e-mail
- \* Placing an article in the newsletter
- \* Advertising in the newsletter
- \* Any comments or suggestions you may have regarding your newsletter.

The future newsletters are available on the website It is expensive and our funds are very limited. If you wish to be notified when the newsletter is posted to the web site send your email address to [post165@nclegion.org](mailto:post165@nclegion.org) .

#### **DATA RECORD UPDATE**

If you have moved over the past year or changed your mailing address, notify the post to have your data updated.

#### **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](mailto:post165@nclegion.org)

#### **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT** Katie Pfeil

I would like to thank you all for your help with the wonderful Veterans Day event. It was a very special program and I am glad that the Legion family was a part of it. If you have not had a chance to read the transcriptions of Pender County's WW II Veterans oral history, call the Pender County Historical Society for hours of operation to view them. After the program, several of the Ladies distributed gift bags to Veterans and members who are residents of three local nursing facilities. I would like to thank everyone for their time and for their continued support.

Our YARD SALE will take place on December 6, from 7AM-2PM. If you would like to purchase a table, please contact Katie at 200-6014 it is not too late to reserve one (set up will be Friday from 4PM-6PM). Come take a look at all the great items for sale, you might find something you'll like. The CHRISTMAS PARTY will be on December 9th at 6:00 PM at the Western Sizzlin in Wallace (this is a Dutch Dinner (self pay). We would like to extend an invitation to all Legionnaires and their families to come and enjoy dinner with us. We also encourage everyone to bring prospective members to come and meet the Legion Family. Please bring a \$10.00 gift for the gift exchange. The women will buy for women; the men will buy for men. I know that we will all have a good time and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best Holiday wishes from my home to yours,  
Katie Pfeil, President

#### **SAL SQUADRON**

SAL is actively seeking new members. We would like to encourage any eligible new potential members to come out and see us on our meeting night, which is the 2nd Tuesday of every month at our post home.

Sons of the Legion is very important to a post to help make it successful, helping with all legion functions and fund raisers. If anyone has a direct descendant of a veteran and would like to have him join our SAL squadron, see an officer or call the post and leave a message.

#### **POST WEB SITE**

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

#### **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.

Please drop off all pull tabs before Mid Winter Conference in February 2009. Tab drop offs can be made at the post in our drop box.

#### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**

The post is seeking veterans and post members with motorcycles that would join our efforts to form an active Legion Riders within our post. Any one interested can call the post and leave a message

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

When people ask me how old I am, I tell them I'm 39 -- with 25 years of experience

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Dec 6 – Auxiliary Yard Sale

Dec 7 – Pearl Harbor Day

Dec 9 – Regular Membership meeting

Dec 23 –Executive meeting

Dec 25 - Christmas

#### **INSURANCE ACTIVATION**

If you have not activated your free Legion Insurance recently, do it today. Forms are being mailed with renewal cards and the forms are available at the post or you can call the Post Adjutant 259-4117 and leave a message. You may also call LIT insurance company at 1-800-235-6943 to see if you need to activate your enrollment,

#### **BINGO**

Until further notice there will be no Thursday Night Bingo at the post.

#### **DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM**

Welcome to The American Legion Prescription Discount Program! This program is not insurance. It is simply a convenient, easy to use program to save on prescription medicine when it is not covered by insurance. To learn more ,visit <http://www.caremark.com/legion>

#### ***Easy***

Simply present your American Legion Prescription Discount card along with your prescription(s) at a participating pharmacy. The program offers an average savings of 20 percent off the regular retail price. Finding a participating pharmacy is easy – nine out of 10 pharmacies nationwide participate in the program, including all major chains and many independent pharmacies.

#### ***No Limits***

You and your family may use your discount card any time your prescription is not covered by insurance. There are no restrictions and no limits on how many times you may use your card.

#### ***Extra Savings***

When you use your new prescription discount card, you will automatically receive a Health Advocate Card in the mail. Your special Health Advocate Card offers you a 20 percent savings

off CVS branded products in all CVS/pharmacy® stores nationwide. You will receive this card in the mail approximately two to three weeks after you begin using your prescription discount card. Once you receive your Health Advocate Card, simply present it at the time of purchase to receive this discount.

### **EYEWARE**

Your eye health is important. Regular eye exams can detect correction needs as well as vision conditions such as cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration and even symptoms of diabetes. If it has been two years since your last eye exam, then it is time to schedule an appointment. The American Legion has chosen EyeMed Vision Care as your vision care provider to offer you discounts on your eye exams and eyewear. To access your benefits:

1. Locate a participating network provider - LensCrafters, Pearle Vision, Sears Optical, Target Optical, or one of thousands of independent doctors of optometry.
2. Show your American Legion card to identify yourself as a member of The American Legion or Sons of The American Legion.
3. Save up to 40 percent on eyewear.
4. Use your discounts as often as you want.

To find a provider call 1-800-793-8626 or visit [www.eyemedvisioncare.com](http://www.eyemedvisioncare.com) - go to member access and then provider locator, scroll to bottom of page to Discount Plan Members and search under "A" for The American Legion

### **CONSIDERED FUTURE PROJECTS**

The Executive committee is asking for members to submit projects for post activities. Some considered are; opening post for card games, obtaining sponsors for monthly newsletters and work day for needed post repairs.

### **DROP BOX**



**For God and Country**

**Freedom  
isn't Free**



**Support  
Our Troops**