



# W. Dudley Robbins Post 165



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

## **POST MEETINGS**

You are urged to attend our next scheduled meeting, at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday April 8, 2008.

## **COMMANDERS REPORT**-Andrew Pfeil

Spring is finally here and not a moment too soon. As usual we have an active schedule over the next couple of months. The Blueberry Festival is right around the corner as is Memorial Day and the beginning of summer. As we begin to mark the transition between Spring and Summer we'll also be transitioning with leadership in the Post in the form of Post Officer elections. We will also be marking milestones in the form of our last push for Post membership. I bring these two events up specifically because they set the tone for the upcoming year. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Post during my tenure as your Commander. We've tried to do some good things and I believe we've succeeded in supporting the goals and objectives of our American Legion. I hope we can continue the momentum and do even better this year. I feel as though we haven't even scratched the surface of what we are capable of when it comes to servicing our veterans and our community. I've tried to motivate Legionnaires to support the activities of the post without much luck so I'll leave you with this. A guy named Steven Covey wrote a book "The Seven Habits of Highly Successful People" and one of his habits is "Start with the ending in Mind". The gist of the chapter in the book is how will people remember you when you're gone. Were you on the field doing what you can, or sitting on the bench? There are a lot of people out there that need our help - some of them won't get any and I think that's a shame. Regardless how much you can contribute every little bit helps, hope to see you out there on the field.

## **MEMBERSHIP** - Ellis Wheeler

Post 165 has 187 members and usually 12 to 20 members attend the General meetings which are held the second Tuesday of each month. Dues are \$30 for 2008. Dues collection for new members joining now begin with 2008 although members who are not current for 2007 and wish to keep continuous membership can still pay for 2007 when they pay for 2008. Our renewal stands at 177 as of this writing. We are at 94.5 % of our goal. If you have not paid your dues for 2008, please do so today.

**Please note:** If you have paid your dues and received your membership card but still get statements in the mail requesting payment, please disregard them. It takes a few months for dues payments to find their way through the process.

**Welcome New member Ross Bowden of Burgaw and transfered member Robert Harvell of Willard;**

We welcome Ross and Robert to our post and invite them to join our next meeting.

## **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

## **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

## **POST EVERLASTING**

We are sorry for the loss of Gene Brown a 60 year member. Our condolences go to the family. We shall truly miss Gene as well.

## **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

## **BIRTHDAY DINNER**

The 89<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the American Legion was celebrated March 15, 2008. All post members and their guest attending enjoyed the affair. The dinner was great. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary. Pictures of the affair are on the web site.

## **MEMORIAL DAY**

Plans for the Memorial Day Celebration is under way for a gala affair. Mark your calendars and plan to attend at the Courthouse Square Saturday, May 26, 2008 at 10:00 AM  
**RAFFLE**

We are raffling off a BBQ Grill with the drawing to be May 26, 2008. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Call the post at 259-4117 and leave a message if you would like to support the fund raiser. Each member will be receiving tickets in the mail.



## **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.

## **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:

1. Getting the newsletter delivered via e-mail
2. Placing an article in the newsletter
3. Advertising in the newsletter
4. 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 memorial, birthday greeting, anniversary etc. Contact Ellis Wheeler 910-259-7207 or e-mail [post165@nclegion.org](mailto:post165@nclegion.org)

## **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT Pattye Ebert**

Our Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 3. Tables are \$10.00 each. Call Pattye or Katie to reserve a table. See any member to find out how to win a \$50.00 gas card or a \$50.00 Food Lion Gift Card.

## **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.

Elected officers Mathew Burke, Adjutant Patrick Burke, Sgt-at-Arms, Brandon Rojas and Jacob Rojas.

## **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.

Tab drop offs can be made at the post

## **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 contact Commander Pfeil or call the post and leave a message.

### **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.

### **POST OFFICER ELECTIONS**

It is time for **nominations for post officers for the 2008-2009 year**. First nominations will be at the April meeting. The nominations will be closed at the May meeting. The slate of nominations will be presented at the June meeting for elections. If you wish to serve as an officer see the Election Committee Chairman, and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Lonnie Hutchison.

### **STUDENT TROOPER**

Anyone interested in attending a week of Student Trooper School, scheduled June 15-20, 2008, call the post at 259-4117

### **BOYS' STATE**

If anyone knows a good candidate for Boy's State and can attend June 22-26, 2008, call the post 259-4117. He must be a rising Senior.

### **BINGO**

Attendance is improving and hopefully we will make a go of the BINGO. For a nice evening of fun, relaxation and chance to win some money, come out and join us. Doors open at 6:00 PM with games beginning at 7:00 PM.

A big thank you to members Lonnie Hutchison, Larry Murray and Ellis Wheeler for their dedication every Thursday night. Thanks to Commander Pfeil for setting the machines up each week and the Auxiliary members, Delaine Hutchison and Dawn Murray for their continued help.

**POST MEMBERS, COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER!!!**

### **POST LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR**

Selection of Post Legionnaire of the year, Justin Rojas was announced at the Birthday Dinner. March 15, 2008. Congratulations Justin and we know you will continue to contribute to the help of the post.

**Freedom  
isn't Free**



**Support  
Our Troops**

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**For God and Country**

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