



W. Dudley Robbins Post 165



NEWSLETTER
July - 2008
Post Home-910-259-4117

POST MEETINGS

You are urged to attend our next scheduled meeting, at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday July 8, 2008. **We will have a Dinner provided by the Post Auxiliary at 6:00 PM. The Officer Installation meeting will follow.**

COMMANDERS REPORT-Lonnie Hutchison

Another legion year has started. We will have our installation and dinner on Tuesday July 8 at 6 PM.

Our new officers will then be in place and I will be forming committees at that time. If you would serve on a committee, now is the time to volunteer. We need assistance with all committees; this is doing the Oratorical contest, Boys State, ROTC awards and other American Legion youth programs. Please contact me for these committees.

We sent one student to Boys' State. He is Casey Harrell of Burgaw, Son of Michelle and Vernon Harrell.

These programs; our youth programs and our veterans programs are the reason we have a Congressionally Chartered Veteran American Legion. You can assist with at least one of these programs.

Fund raisers: We are having Bingo each Thursday night. We need help with the weekly games. Call 259-7207 and volunteer a night.

The following are our officers for the 2008-2009 year.

Commander: Lonnie Hutchison

First Vice Commander Justin Rajas

Adjutant/Finance Officer: Ellis Wheeler

Service Officer: Eugene Meadows

Chaplain: Billy Murphy

Sgt at Arms: AJ Harrell

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your commander.

MEMBERSHIP - Ellis Wheeler

Post 165 finished the year with 177 members, 94.65% of our goal. Our next year goal will be established at 184. You should be getting your renewal notices soon if not already. Please don't hold them, send in your renewal and lets get our membership year off to a good start

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

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 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 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 .

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

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT Pattye Ebert

We plan to install our new officers at the July meeting. They are: President - Katie Pfeil; Vice President - Pattye Ebert; Secretary - Donna Lohman; Treasurer - Mary Benton; Chaplain - Nell Asper; Sergeant-at-arms - Flossie Harrell; and Historian - Dawn Murray. We will serve a meal at 6 p.m. followed by our meetings

Congratulations, Katie, on your election to the office of President of District 9!

Our membership cards are here and you can bring your dues to the next meeting. We were delighted to learn that our unit was over our membership goal for last year.

It has been a pleasure to serve as president of Unit 165 these last few years. Thanks to everyone for all you have done to make our projects a joy. Thanks, Pattye

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.

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.

Post 165 turned in 12 pounds at the Department Convention June 12, 13 and 14, 2008

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 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 WEB SITE

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

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Post 165 sent three delegates, Andrew Pfeil, Lonnie Hutchison and Ellis Wheeler to the Convention

The new Department Commander for 2008/09 is James Mayhew, Lincolnnton Post 30.

BOYS' STATE



Ellis Wheeler, Boys' State Staff and Casey Harrell

BINGO

Attendance is down 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.

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

DROP BOX

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



**Freedom
isn't Free**



**Support
Our Troops**

For God and Country
