



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

POST MEETINGS

You are urged to attend our next scheduled meeting, at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday June 12, 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 nominated 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 182 renewals out of the National goal set of 194. This is 93.73 % 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.

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.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Our annual Memorial Day Service will be held at 10:00 AM at the Courthouse Square, May 26, 2007. Public is invited. If you have the name of a veteran and would like his/her name honored at this service, call the post at 910-259-4117. Leave a message.

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 WEB SITE

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

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT-Pattve Ebert

Winning posters from our poppy poster contest are on display at the Pender County Library until the end of May. Winners are First Place, Luis Vega, seventh grade; Second Place, Marianna Willoughby, seventh grade; Third Place, Lauren Shafton, seventh grade; Honorable mention, Melissa Spence, sixth grade and Madalyn Morgan, eighth grade. We thank Millie Rowe and her art students at Burgaw Middle School for her help with this contest.

Two high school seniors, Daniel Johnson and Brock Harrell received our Scholarship Award. We are proud to assist and encourage children and grandchildren of veterans in their quest of higher education. Johnson plans to attend UNC-W this fall.

Mark your calendar for the second Tuesday in June for our meeting.

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 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 schedule is posted on our web site. Our first home game will be at Trask High, Friday May 25, 2007 at 7:00 PM. We will meet New Hanover.

POST OFFICER ELECTIONS

Our first nominations for Post 165 officers for the up coming year was in March with the last eligible nominees placed on the ballot May 8, 2007. The election of new officers was at the regular meeting of May 8, 2007

Elections for 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

JROTC

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

POST DANCE

The Post will have our monthly live Country Music and dance, May 26, 2007 at 8:00 PM. The event is alcohol free and open to the public with free admission.

Myke Roy, (post member) and Daryl Ramsey, Green Ice Records recording stars will provide the entertainment; all ages of the community are invited to this family atmosphere event. Join us for an evening of relaxation and enjoy the local talent and show your moves on the dance floor.

So, have no plans for May 26th, come out and join as we pay tribute to our comrades.

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

THIS IS NOT AN ADVERTISEMENT

\$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."

SAL SQUADRON

The Post 165 SAL Squadron is reactivating. If you wish to belong to this Squadron contact an officer of the post or call the post at 910-259-4117 and leave a message

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 2007 Department Convention will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton on JUNE 14-17, 2007. The newly elected Officers are encouraged to attend along with the delegates.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

will be at the JULY 10, 2007 meeting.