

## **Pender Post 165-NEWSLETTER**

**May -2007**

**Post Home-910-259-4117**

### **POST MEETINGS**

You are urged to attend our next scheduled meeting, at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday May 8, 2007.

### **COMMANDER'S NOTE**,.....John Stone

I want to thank all post 165 members and officer's. Thank you for your support and assistance for the past year while I was commander of Post 165. Keep your support growing, to build our post for the future and our next commander. Fair winds and following seas.

### **MEMBERSHIP** - Ellis Wheeler

We have 179 renewals out of the National goal set of 194. This is 92.3 % 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.

### **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.

Our condolences go to the family of W. Dudley Robbins. We to will miss Dudley.

### **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>

### **NEW MEMBER**

Welcome new member Anna Jordan, Atkinson to our post. We invite her to join our meetings.

### **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.

### **AUXILIARY PRESIDENT-Pattye Ebert**

Our auxiliary spring yard sale begins at 7 a.m. on Saturday 5 May at the Legion Building. We have 13 tables reserved. The drawing will be at 12 noon.

The poppy poster contest entries will be judged the last week in April. Awards will be presented at a spaghetti dinner at the regular meeting date Tuesday 8 May at 7 p.m.

Members are making plans to pass out poppies after the Memorial Day events on Saturday 26 May. We do not sell poppies. Donations are welcome and the response has been great in the past. We want to thank all who will give and help this year. All donations are used to encourage and help veterans and their families. Call Donna Lohman, our Poppy Chairman, at 259-9189 if you want to help.

### **POST WEB SITE**

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

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

### **BASEBALL** – Jason Bentzler

Post 165 is sponsoring a Junior Baseball team this year through Heide Trask High. Schedule will be posted at a later date.

### **POST OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

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 will take place on June 12th. If you would like to serve as a post officer, see myself, Adjutant Wheeler. Lonnie Hutchison or Commander Stone.

Slate of nominations for 2007/2008 election of Officers;

Commander-Andrew Pfeil

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Lonnie Hutchison

Chaplain-Billy Murphy

Adjutant/Fin Officer-Ellis Wheeler

Service Officer-Eugene Meadows

Sgt-at-Arms-AJ Harrell

### **LEGION BIRTHDAY**

Our Legion Birthday celebration was on Tuesday March 20th. This was well attended with about 65 in attendance. The NC Department Commander Jeff Joyner was our speaker and delivered an excellent speech..

The dinner was prepared by the Unit 165 Ladies Auxiliary. This was a delicious dinner and our thanks to the ladies preparing this dinner and decorating the hall for this event.

Legionnaire of the year was Will Murray, III. Will recently returned from Iraq and he served while being a member of the post.

Pictures of the event are posted on our post web site.

### **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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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."

#### **JROTC**

Academic and Military achievement medals will be presented to Pender High JROTC, May 18, 2007 and Heide Trask May 24, 2007.

#### **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.

#### **DISTRICT MEETING**

District 9 will hold an election meeting, May 5, 2007. Post 233 in Whiteville will host the meeting. Anyone wishing to attend let the post know and a ride will be provided.