



**W. Dudley Robbins Post 165-
NEWSLETTER
September -2007
Post Home-910-259-4117**



POST MEETINGS

You are urged to attend our next scheduled meeting, at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday September 11, 2007. **Social will begin at 6:00 PM with hotdogs, chips and drink.**

COMMANDER'S NOTE.....Andrew Pfeil

I know that the heat is on with heat indices topping 100 degrees. Its hard to believe that Fall is fast approaching and what an exciting Fall we think it will be. We have big plans this year from raffles and festivals to BINGO and parades. My goal is to put Post 165 back on the map. We are very excited about the rededication of the post to the W. Dudley Robbins Post 165. I've never met Dudley but I think his accolades speak for themselves. We plan to hit September running with a strong membership drive and finish off the year with lots of fun activities. I feel we have to pursue membership in order to survive. Of the 180 plus members, our ranks generally consist of the same 8 to 10 people who are actively involved in post activities. We'd love to see even 100 members at a monthly meeting, we'd fill the place with blue hats. It would be like seeing the Calvary in a John Wayne movie. For whatever reason you joined and no matter how long ago you joined something must have attracted you. Maybe it was service or the fellowship or the sense of belonging. Whatever the reason we need you now more than ever. I urge you to pick up your pack and rifle and follow me. Lets make Post 165 once again synonymous with the best our country has to offer. You won't regret it!

MEMBERSHIP - Ellis Wheeler

Our membership goal has been set at 187 by National. Thanks to all that have sent in early renewals. We have received 87 renewals to date. Thanks to all for renewing your membership with post 165. Including our PUFL's we are at 120 of our goal or 64 %..

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.

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 WEB SITE

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

POST NEWSLETTER

The post newsletter is prepared and edited by Ellis Wheeler. Please contact me at ellis1@intrstar.net or see me at the next general meeting for:

1. Getting the newsletter delivered via U.S. Mail rather than 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 newsletter will only be available on the website after this mailing. 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. If you wish to receive your monthly copy by mail, each month send \$12.00 to the post address, PO Box 1294, Burgaw, NC 28425. All monthly newsletters will be placed on the web site.

NEW POST CHARTER

The Post Charter renaming the post the W Dudley Robbins Post 165 has been approved by National and has been received. We will be having a dedication ceremony September 22, 2007 at 11:00 AM. In order to have enough food prepared **we must have an RSVP** to the post address no later than September 8, 2007..

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

SAL SQUADRON

SAL is actively seeking new potential 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 EVERLASTING

We are sorry to have lost Angelo Maiuro and Herman Barnhill. Our prayers and condolences go out to the family. They will surely be missed.

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.

At the 2007 convention in Raleigh our Post donated 24 lbs of tabs; statewide 7,766 lbs were collected. This generated a check for \$4,928.22 donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

DATA RECORD UPDATE

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

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 COMMITTEES

Thanks to the people who have stepped up to assume a position on one of the post committees, however, we need many more people to step up to the plate and volunteer to get on other committees. We want to have fundraisers this year and other projects, but we need your help and ideas and your time.

WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION. Let Commander Pfeil know you are interested. We have Boy's State, Oratorical, Student Trooper, Scholarship and other committees that need your support. I know this is a problem in every Post, but this Post, I believe, can **DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.** We are growing and we need you to get involved to make this a successful Post.

FLAG SALUTE

"When this Bill passes all veterans will hand salute the flag. WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) today praised the passage by unanimous consent of his bill (S.1877) clarifying U.S. law to allow veterans and servicemen not in uniform to salute the flag. Current law (US Code Title 4, Chapter 1) states that veterans and servicemen not in uniform should place their hand over their heart without clarifying whether they can or should salute the flag. "The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," Senator Inhofe said. "Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform."