



W. Dudley Robbins Post 165



NEWSLETTER
December - 2007
Post Home-910-259-4117

POST MEETINGS

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

COMMANDERS REPORT-Andrew Pfeil

My fellow Legionnaires,

As promised, we have had a full plate to wind down this year. I am so grateful for those who have come out and supported our endeavors and look forward to seeing more of you at future events

Our first Spaghetti Dinner was a great success. We were able to feed many, and enjoy their company. We have planned to make this a monthly event so if you missed the first dinner, we will be standing over the pot once again tentively on January 4th.

We have also started Bingo on Thursday nights. This is a great opportunity to get out and see folks that you may have not seen in quite a while as well as a great chance to earn some spending money while supporting your post. We have chosen to make this a non-smoking, non-alcoholic beverage event to encourage a more inclusive atmosphere for our members and guests. There will be many breaks for those who have the need to step outside.

Lastly, I would like to invite all of our members to celebrate this holiday season with your legion family. We will be having a potluck Christmas Dinner at 6:30PM on Tuesday, December 11th. We will also be having a brief regular business meeting. So bring a dish to share and good tidings of great joy. I look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully,

Your Commander

Andrew J. Pfeil

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 \$25 for 2007 and \$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 152 as of this writing. We are at 82.0 % of our goal. If you have not paid your dues for 2008, please do so today.

There are 35 Legion members who have not renewed their membership yet. Please try to get them in by the first of the year.

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 and Parade Grand Marshall;

Nicholas Farmer

Welcome new transfers;

Gregory H Hanna Jr, Watha

Frederick Hayes, Ivanhoe

Richard H Andrews, Burgaw

John E Bergman, Burgaw

Louis R Faircloth, Burgaw

Virgil C Lewis, Burgaw

Ralph Pickett, Burgaw

Donald L Reitz, Burgaw

Anthony Spain, Burgaw

Harold Stauber, Burgaw

Henery R Hatcher II, Maple Hill

Alton Lanier, Maple Hill

David D Bettencourt, Rocky Point

William G Herring, Rocky Point

Clark Moore, Rocky Point

John A Williams, Rocky Point

William R Young, Rocky Point

Donald Highsmith, Willard

George C Hollingsworth, Willard

PUFL (PAID UP FOR LIFE)

Members have the choice of annual or Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership. The PUFL this year (2007) is attractive because it is offered at the 2007 dues rate of \$25 and next year (2008) will be at the dues rate of \$30.

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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Due to "Security Reasons", if you are sending mail or packages to soldier's overseas, you will need the name of soldier OR address to the Commanding Officer of a Company, Battalion or Regiment.

Letters with a thickness of over ¼ inches must have a Custom's Form attached. This is according to Postal Regulations.

NOTE-WORTHY

American Legion Vision Care Program

You can get considerable discounts from eye care providers simply by showing your American Legion member card. Participating retailers include Lens Crafters, Pearl Vision, Sears Optical, JC Penny Optical and Target Optical, plus a network of independent Doctors of Optometry. For more information call **1-800-793-8626**.

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

5,907 U.S. SOLDERS LOST

In November and December 1952, during the Korean War we lost a tremendous number of troops. The majority of these were in the 2nd Division. We almost lost the entire Division. On November 30th we lost a total of 791 men. During this period Paul Harvey told the public, "If you have a love one in service write to him, if you have someone in the 2nd Division, Pray for Him!" New Hanover County lost six native sons during these two months. This was 55 years ago during the Korean War, the "Forgotten War."

VETERANS DAY

November 11, or what has come to be known as Veterans Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor Armistice Day – the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislature that was passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored WWI veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954 November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Uniforms Holiday Bill ensured three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays:

Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. Under this bill, Veterans Day was moved to the last Monday of October. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971.

Finally on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law that returned the annual observance of Veterans

Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. Since then the Veterans Day holiday has been observed on November 11.

LEGIONNARIES INVOLVED IN MASSACRE.

Four killed, 5 wounded Chehalis is a small town 85 miles south of Seattle, Washington in the lumber country. A group of men came to town in 1917 that openly opposed World War I. They called themselves "The Industrial Workers of the World (I.W.W.). They protested openly in the small conservative town and was philosophically against US participation in WW I, believing the country should concentrate on labor problems here in this country. The towns people viewed this as unpatriotic and wanted them out of town.

In 1919 with WW I veterans returning tension was at a high level. Commander Warren O. Grimm was the commander of the newly formed American Legion Post in Chehalis, Washington. Commander Grimm was a local sports hero and had gained national honors at the University of Washington before he entered WW I. On November 11, 1919, an Armistice Day parade was sponsored by the Red Cross with the Elks Club, Boy Scouts, Nurses, Members of the new American Legion Post members in their uniforms. The word was already out that the I.W.W. meeting hall would be raided during the day.

As the parade approached the I.W.W. hall, Commander Grimm ordered his post members to halt. The group of unarmed WW I legion members broke rank and approached the hall. Gun fire broke out and Commander Grimm and another legionnaire were killed and other veterans were injured. Later two of the injured died. It was determined that Wesley Everest of the I.W.W. fired the fatal shots. He was captured and put into the local jail while angry mob gathered outside.

The town was in a state of shock. Four legionnaires had been murdered and others injured. That night someone cut the power off to the town. When this happened a group broke into the local jail, and removed Wesley Everest who had killed two legionnaires, took him to the Chehalis River and proceeded to hang him from the Mellen Street Bridge. He was also shot over 20 times. The next day the local undertaker refused to accept his body. Fellow I.W.W. members that had been placed in jail built a coffin. On the 13th of November Everest body was examined by a contrived coroners jury, which included no witnesses. The jury ruled that Everest had died from strangulation and gunshots by unknown persons. Four I.W.W. prisoners guarded by the National Guard buried him in an unmarked grave.

The I.W.W. members in the local jail were accused of murder. The case went to trial and made a mockery out of the justice system. They were convicted of 2nd degree murder and the judge gave the men a sentence of from 25 to 40 years, far more than the standard sentence for 2nd degree murder. The last of the group was paroled in 1939. In 1942 a statue was erected that honors those legionnaires that were murdered.

VETERANS DAY 2007

The Veterans' Day parade held November 10, 2007 in Burgaw was a successful event. Thanks to all that participated and those that came out in support of the veteran.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

The post spaghetti dinner fundraiser held November 17, 2007 was a success with a good amount of donations. Thanks to all that came out and supported the post and a special thanks to

Andrew, Katie, Mathew, Patrick, Danielle and Ellis.

MILITARY MOTTO'S

U.S. ARMY - - - "THIS WE'LL DEFEND"

U.S. AIR FORCE - - - "INTEGRITY FIRST

SERVICE BEFORE SELF
EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO"

U.S. NAVY - - - "HONOR, COURAGE, COMMITMENT"

U.S. COAST GUARD - - - "SEMPER PARATUS"

(Always Ready)

U.S. MARINE CORPS - - - "SEMPER FIDELIS"

(Always Faithful)

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 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 future newsletter will only be 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. 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.

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 offset 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

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT Pattye Ebert

No Report at this time

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.

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.

POST WEB SITE

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

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.

BINGO

Post 165 will start Bingo again November 29, 2007. We have changed the program in order not to lose our shirts with a few people in attendance. 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!!!

DISTRICT 9 MEETING

A District 9 meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 9, 2007. The meeting will be hosted by Post 10 in Wilmington at 1:00 PM. A meal will be served.

For God and Country

**Freedom
isn't Free**



**Support
Our Troops**