



W. Dudley Robbins Post 165



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

POST MEETINGS

You are urged to attend our next scheduled meeting, at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday March 11, 2008.

COMMANDERS REPORT-Andrew Pfeil
Greetings fellow Legionnaires.

Our delegates just returned from the mid winter conference full of information that we'd like to share with you at the next membership meeting. As the seasons change and the temperatures rise so will the activities schedule for our post. Spring and summer are normally the busiest times of the year and this year will be the same. Bingo is still in full swing, we've made some changes that promise to boost attendance. Also on tap is the birthday diner that's scheduled for March 15th that I feel will be a lot of fun for Legion members and our Auxiliary counterparts. In the planning stages are Memorial Day activities, Blue Berry Festival, and Legion Baseball. Obviously all these activities take volunteers to help support. We'd love to see as much support as we can muster to make our post's summer more of a success.

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 \$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 1174 as of this writing. We are at 93.05 % of our goal. If you have not paid your dues for 2008, please do so today.

There are 26 Legion members who have not renewed their membership yet. If this newsletter has a "RED" on the mail label, means you are one of the 26 not paid. Please try to get them in ASAP. This newsletter will be the last communication from Post 165. You will be removed from the Post 165 roster.

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 Charlie A Thur of Burgaw;

And welcome Charlie to our post.

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.

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. Keep members Raymond Nichols and Milton Malpass in your prayers.

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

BIRTHDAY DINNER

The 89th Birthday of the American Legion will be celebrated March 15, 2008. All post members and their guest are invited to attend. Social will begin at 6:00 PM with dinner served at 6:30 PM.

IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH

March is again a very busy month with Daylight Savings Time starting on Saturday, March 9th, Palm Sunday on March 16th, St. Patrick's Day on March 17th, Spring beginning on March 20th, Good Friday on March 21st, and Easter on March 23rd

MEMORIAL DAY

Plans for the Memorial Day Celebration is under way for a gala affair. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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:

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 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

A BIG THANK YOU

Post member Benjamin Pusey and son Matt, owners of Southern Printing in Burgaw, has graciously donated a commercial copy machine to the post. This will allow the post to send the newsletter more often. I urge all members to stop in and thank Ben and Matt for their gift.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT Patty Ebert

Auxiliary members had a great time on February 14. We delivered gifts to veterans at Dayspring, Huntington, and Pender Hospital. It was good to visit and see those smiles of appreciation. Thanks to Flossie Harrell for shopping and gathering all the supplies so we could get those gift bags packed at

our last meeting.

Our Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 3. Tables are \$10.00 each. Call Pattye or Katie to reserve a table. See any member to find out how to win a \$50.00 gas card or a \$50.00 Food Lion Gift Card.

Next meeting is Tuesday March 11 at 7 p.m. Our Poppy Poster contest is in progress and we will see some of the entries at that meeting.

Thanks,

Pattye

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.

Election of officers was held February 26, 2008. Officers elected were, Commander, Mathew Hammond, Adjutant Patrick Hammond, Sgt-at-Arms, Brandon Roas and Jacob Roas.

POST WEB SITE

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

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

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 has started Bingo again and it is presently adding a few dollars to the General account. The membership has approved to have both smoking and non-smoking sessions Attendance is improving 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!!!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

A spaghetti Dinner will be held March 7, 2008 at the hall from 12:00 noon until 6:00 PM. The donation is \$5.00 for all you can eat. Eat in or take out. Tickets available by calling the post at 259-4117.



POST OFFICER ELECTIONS

It is time for **nominations for post officers for the 2008-2009 year**. First nominations will be at the April and May meeting. The elections are scheduled for the June meeting. If you wish to serve as an officer see the Election Committee Chairman, and 1st Vice Lonnie Hutchison.

STUDENT TROOPER

Anyone interested in attending a week of Student Trooper School, scheduled June 15-20, 2008, call the post at 259-4117

BOYS' STATE

If anyone knows a good candidate for Boy's State and can attend June 22-26, 2008, call the post 259-4117. He must be a rising Senior.

DID YOU KNOW?

A broken clock is correct twice a day!!!!
Speaking of clocks - - Don't forget to "Spring Forward" on March 9th - - Daylight Savings Time Begins.

POST LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

Selection of Post Legionnaire of the year will be announced at the Birthday Dinner. March 15, 2008

**Freedom
isn't Free**



**Support
Our Troops**

For God and Country