

## **Pender Post 165-NEWSLETTER**

**March 2007**

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

### **POST MEETINGS**

You are urged to attend our next scheduled meeting, at 6:30 P.M., Tuesday March 20, 2007. The meeting will be a Legion Birthday Dinner in lieu of a regular meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday.

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

Fellow Legionnaires, I wanted to take a moment to speak on behalf of Post 165. I want to challenge all of our members to step up and volunteer time to support our post. The American Legion relies on our aggressive attitude and steadfast approach to success. In the coming weeks and months there are a lot of tasks on the calendar, and a few cannot uphold these tasks alone. We need your support to continue to grow and prosper. We have a country music dance, American Legion Birthday, important meetings, and plans to setup continuous programs to assist in our growth. Please put your mind in the troops that are in harms way and remember the sacrifice they are giving. Please give some of your time to help us continue and grow to be a proud resource in Burgaw, NC for veterans on active duty, retired etc. Step up now. Thank you for all you do. Godspeed.

### **MEMBERSHIP** - Ellis Wheeler

We have 176 renewals out of the National goal set of 194. This is 90.2 % of our members that have paid their 2007 membership dues, including our 46 PUFL members. If you have not paid your 2007 dues a red X is on the mail label. If you have a red X please send in your \$25.00 today.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

National raised the annual dues, \$4.50 at the National Convention in August. We at the post are forced to pass this increase to the members. Effective January 1, 2006 the post dues will be \$30.00. If you have not renewed we have waived the renewal fee until all last years members have had a chance to renew., you can take advantage of this and save \$5.00 by paying your dues now at \$25.00.. Call the Adjutant for more information at 259-7207.about a PUFL membership.

### **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

### **LEGION BIRTHDAY**

We have scheduled a Legion Birthday dinner for March 20, 2007 at 6:30 PM. Our guest speaker will be NC Department Commander Jeff Joyner. We plan to recognize local returnees from Iraq and Afghanistan. We will also make available blue star banners for any family that would like to have one. Call the post at 259-7207 with your RSVP by March 18, 2007.

### **PENDER COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER**

The Pender County Service Officer, Roy Horne in Burgaw, is available to serve veterans. Call 259-1203.

### **SICK CALL**

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 to the family of Horace Leffler. We will surely miss him

### **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 based on the 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>

### **BINGO**

Bingo was not a success and we stopped the program. We could not get support from the community. We still have our license and if we regroup and decide to bring bingo back again we cans.

### **NEW MEMBER**

Welcome recent new members Hazen L Taggart, Delco, Woodard H Danford and Andrew Pfeil, Rocky Point, Michael D Harrell, Mike Roy, Burgaw and John F Dillon, Currie, to our post.

We invite them to join our meetings.

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

Our condolences to the family of Horace Lefler. He and his wife, Jean, had moved from Penderlea a few months before his death. Jean Lefler's current mailing address is: 2324 Chestnut Grove Road, Charlottesville, Maryland 21782.

Our spring yard sale will be May 5th which is the first Saturday in May. Call 259-5344 to reserve a table.

Thanks to Donna Lohman and Flossie Harrell for the cards we delivered to veterans on 14 February. They generated some smiles and many thanks.

### **FROM THE ADJUTANT**

Post 165 has agreed to let the Burgaw Mission, AME Zion Church use the building on a monthly basis until they find a church building.

We are planning our 2<sup>nd</sup> fundraiser, March 10, 2007 with live country music and dance. It will be alcohol free and a family atmosphere from 8:00 PM until 12 Midnight. Admission is free but donations will be welcome. The community is invited, of all ages. The music will be provided by Myke Roy (post membewr) and Daryl Ramsey, Green Ice Recording artists..

Lonnie Hutchison and Adjutant Ellis Wheeler attended the Mid-Winter Conference February 23-24, 2007. We gathered important information to share with the post members. This information will be shared at the regular meetings.

Thanks to all that contributed pop-top tabs, we turned in 22 pounds. The Department collected 5, 982 pounds for a total of \$3,290.00 for the Ronald McDonald House in Durham.

### **POST OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

Our first nominations for Post 165 officers for the up coming year will be in March with the last eligible nominees placed on the ballot in May. 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.

### **POST WEB PAGE**

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

### **POST NEWSLETTER**

We do not have funds to mail our monthly newsletter every month, however it will be placed on the post website. If you do not have internet access and would like to receive your

newsletter

by mail, send \$12 to the post and you will receive a monthly newsletter in the mail. Send your \$12 donation to Post 165, PO Box 1294, Burgaw, NC 28425.

If you have an email address and would like to be notified of the

newsletter being posted and other update send an email to

[post165@nclegion.org](mailto:post165@nclegion.org)

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Memorial Day plans for May 2007 are under way. If you have suggestions or would like to help with the program, call and leave a message at the post, 259-4117.