



# POST 1 NEWSLETTER

## OFFICIAL BULLETIN

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For God and Country

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### COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

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Who benefits by the dedication of a legionnaire who is truly committed to the Post? Everyone! Each person has unique ideas and talents to contribute that will be helpful to the group, as well as being self-satisfying.

People and circumstances change, so that one may not presently be able to do all they formerly did. But everyone has something worthwhile to offer. The fellowship is stimulating and the projects are worthy of your support.

Our thanks to all who are giving so much of their time and service to Post 1. I invite each member to begin 2005 with a resolution to be a regular attendant and fully participating member of the Post.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **13 JANUARY—Membership Meeting:** Highlight of the membership meeting this month will be the installation of our new members by Garnett Shropshire. Social hour starts at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:30 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.
- **10 FEBRUARY—Membership Meeting:** The program for this month will be the annual Awards Program designed to recognize one of Raleigh's policemen and a fireman. Please make every effort to attend this membership meeting.
- **10 MARCH—Membership Meeting:** On the program for this month will be State Adjutant W. Frank Stancil whose topic will be the anniversary of the American Legion.
- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Every 4th Thursday evening at 6:30 pm at the Post. Post members are always invited to attend.
- **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY:** Meetings are held every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm in their meeting room beside the Post.



## YOUR POST NEEDS YOU NOW



We have over 1000 members in Post 1 and the vast majority of us live right here in the greater Raleigh area. Our Post has room for nearly 75 members to attend a meeting at one time. We need right now for approximately 300 to 400 of our members to step up to the plate and start participating in our Post programs. We know that too many of our 253 WWII members can no longer get out in the evening and know that what the American Legion does is very important so they keep up their membership faithfully and most of them pay their dues in July when it is due. We know our 322 Vietnam era members are still working and are still raising children and likely are working evenings. We know that many of our members are working so much for church or some other very worthy organization that they do not have enough time to go around for other things. So, I, as the writer of this article and as your 2005 membership chairman, am asking many of the 190 Korean era members and most of the rest who really do not have a good excuse for not attending meetings to start today by writing the second Thursday of each month in your day planner or on your calendar for a social hour from 6 to 7 PM and then a meal and ing for an hour or more. For you who have never attended and for you not attended for several years I want you to know that we do a lot of busi-hour and very often have an interesting speaker or program. More impor-meeting is the fact that when you come to a meeting, we learn what you ested in and ask you to help on the committees of your choice. Right now approximately 25 to 30 members who do almost all of the work for the Post. We have another 25 to 30 who help out a little. If we had 300 members coming to 3 meetings a year, we would fill the hall and have 300 people to do 90% of the work. The Commander and the Adjutant still have the rest of the work. I could go on and on and on about committee help needed. I will just say, **PLEASE Think about it. We need you now.**

David Toothaker, Membership Chair

RENEWALS	
Goal.....	1014
Current.....	680
Percentage.....	67%

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

For information, please call:  
President — Betty Jean Faulkner, 872-2755  
Secretary — Mildred Honeycutt, 872-3479

### POST ETIQUETTE DID YOU KNOW...



- That during membership and executive meetings, minutes are being taken. When making a motion, please speak clearly and slowly so the Adjutant can properly record the correct wording of the motion for the record.

**RECENT EVENTS AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 1**

**FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY**



Saluting the Retired Flags

Participating Members in the Ceremony

**VETERANS DAY PARADE**



Post 1 Color Guard

Some of the Marchers and Drivers

**THE FOLLOWING WERE WINNERS FROM THE RECENT AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL RAFFLE.**



Robert Case, winner of a \$100 Gift certificate from WalMart.



Vernon Gross, winner of a \$200 Gift Certificate from Lowe's



H.W. Hintz, winner of a 19" color TV from Lowe's

**A LETTER TO THE COMMANDER**

WHY AM I / I AM PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

The question posed above, sententiously, requires more than just a simple answer. It deserves a dedicated posit — an acknowledgement of what this country carries as its heritage.

In reverie, I can reach back to the thirteenth century and recall a document known as the Magna Carta. In it is mentioned the familiar terms “Liberty, Rights, and Privileges.”

Nearer to our own time, in the eighteenth century, an attempt was made to coalesce these qualities of human relations into a workable instrument of governance. The success of that venture is self-evident. It is our own cherished Constitution of the United States.

With pride comes the responsibility to support that pride. The resilience of our Constitution allows us both.

We are all aware of patriotic phrases such as: “Of the People, By the People, For the People” and “Ask Not What Your Country Can Do For You, But What You Can Do For Your Country.” The essence of their philosophy extends to me a responsible pride.

Because it upholds the hopes and aspirations of so many, whatever I can do to strengthen it I will and with a pride derived from a consciousness that, historically, our system is the best that has yet evolved.

It is well worth holding on to.

Charles Birdsong,  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Post 1, Raleigh NC

**POST OFFICERS**

**Commander:** H. (Bud) Conner  
**Adjutant:** Harold Barndt

**1st Vice Commander:** David Toothaker  
**2nd Vice Commander:** George House

**3rd Vice Commander:** V. Wayne Adams  
**Sergeant at Arms:** Charles Birdsong

**Chaplain:** Jack Albright, Sr.  
**Service Officer:** John Gibson

**Directors at Large:** Milton Walker, Joseph Tobert, Mike Clement

**Finance Officer:** Paul West  
**Historian:** Larry Rozier

**Directions to Post 1**

From the 440 Bellline,  
Take US 1 (Capital Blvd) North,  
When US 1/401 split—Stay to the right  
This is US 401 North (Louisburg Road)  
Go thru first traffic light  
After 1 block, turn right on St. James Church Road  
Go 1/2 mile, turn right at Lee Road  
Pass thru the gate at the end of the pavement,  
You can now see the Post Home

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