



# POST 1 NEWSLETTER

## OFFICIAL BULLETIN

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### COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

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The past seven months have been productive ones for Post 1:

- Steve Wilson advanced to the State Oratorical Finals
- Plaques were presented to Raleigh policeman Corporal R.G. Benjamin and Officer F.G. Maddocks; and to fireman Lt. John D. Rehluick, Capt. Greg Wall and Fireman B.J. Averette.
- Several property improvements have been made: three new lights have been installed; a new sign has been added on the end of the building facing the parking lot; motion lights have been installed over entrances to the three buildings; the deck has been repaired and the wood treated; smoke detectors have been placed in the meeting hall, new fire extinguishers have been installed in the main building; the water supply was tested and received a high rating; the waste system has been updated; the meeting hall capacity has been approved for 99 people.

Thank you for the dedication and hard work of many members who made this progress possible.

**Please check your membership card.** It is important that the 258 members who have not renewed their membership for 2005 send in your renewal check of \$25.00. Of that amount, \$18.00 goes to the Department and National Headquarters. The remaining \$7.00 stays with our Post to keep our programs strong. Thank you for your cooperation.

**BOYS STATE:** The Boy's State will meet at Post 1 at 9:00 am June 19th for breakfast then leave for Catawba College. They will be there from June 19th to the 25th.

**GIRLS STATE:** They will be at Catawba College in Salisbury from June 12th to the 18th.

#### MAY 29th — MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

The Memorial Day Service this year is May 29th at the National Cemetery on Rock Quarry Road at 1400. As a veteran, all readers know how important this day is. The Post could use LOTS of help with this event. Please help participate in this important day or at the very least, ATTEND



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL 2—Easter Dance: There will be an Easter Dance at the Post. Please see Tom Collins for further details about the time.

APRIL 6 - LEGISLATIVE MEETING: There will be a meeting at the state Legislative Building from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm. All veterans are invited and encouraged to attend.

APRIL 14th—Membership Meeting: Highlight of this meeting will be a short presentation by Matthew Hall. Mathew is a member at our Post and was deployed by the North Carolina National Guard in Iraq. Social hour starts at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 and the meeting at 7:30.

MAY 7th—Yard Sale: We need workers before to help set up, to work the yard sale itself and finally to help clean up. If you can't help...please come and BUY SOMETHING and tell your friends and neighbors!!!

MAY 12th — Membership Meeting: Highlight of the May meeting will be the election of officers for Post 1. PLEASE be there and vote. Social hour starts at 6:30. Dinner is at 7:00 and the meeting starts at 7:30.

JUNE 9th—Membership Meeting: Social hour starts at 6:30. Dinner is at 7:00 and the meeting starts at 7:30.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The Executive Committee meets every 4th Thursday evening at the Post at 6:30. All members are welcome.

### NEWS & NOTES



- If you are interested in service on the Executive Committee as an officer of the Post, please call one of the members of the Nominating Committee. ANY-ONE and EVERYONE interested in serving are encouraged to call.

- Yard sales are planned for May 7th and September 10 this year. We are still looking for volunteers to coordinate these sales or just help in the set-up and tear down. These yard sales are important to the Post because of the money they generate to help us keep running. Please contact the Commander if you are willing to coordinate these yard sales.

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- We are looking for applicants to go to Boys and Girls State, and we are looking for Student Trooper applicants also. Please keep these in mind and send applicants in the right direction.
- Baseball season is coming up. Let's go to some games and show the young men we support them.



### ORATORICAL CONTEST

Steve Wilson (representing Post #1) has advanced to the State Competition by winning the Division Level Oratorical Contest, Saturday Feb. 19, at the American Legion Headquarters in Raleigh. Steve was among three contestants that were competing in the Division Contest.

Pictured L-R: Dept. Adjutant Frank Stancil, Steve Wilson, and Dept. Vice-Commander Morris Ferguson.

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 1 ANNUAL FIREMAN AND POLICEMAN OF THE YEAR



L-R: Firefighter Averette, Lt. Rehbock, Captain Wall

The American Legion Post #1 presented the "Fireman of the Year" award to Captain W. G. Wall, Lieutenant J. D. Rehbock and Firefighter B. J. Averette of the Raleigh Fire Department.

These men were recommended as a group for what they accomplished "above and beyond" their normal duties which demonstrated their dedication of the fire department. These men were instrumental in bringing current Rapid Intervention techniques to the Raleigh Fire Dept. They recognized a need for this training, found the courses, and participated in training in Baltimore, MD. at their own expense. They, then, brought the information back and started training other fellow firefighters. The training became so successful that the Fire Training Center used their program to train the entire fire department.



L-R: Sgt. Jordan, Off. Maddocks and Corp. Benjamin

The American Legion Post #1 of Raleigh on Feb. 10, 2005 presented the "Policeman of the Year" award to both Corporal R. E. Benjamin and Officer F. J. Maddocks of the Raleigh Police Department.

On July 14, 2004, Corporal Benjamin and Officer Maddocks responded to a fire call on Brentwood Road. When they arrived, flames were showing through the roof of the apartment building. The Raleigh Fire Department was en-route but not on the scene at that time. Both officers began evacuating residents and were able to evacuate 25 families. Only when the roof started to collapse did both officers retreat from the building.

## POST 1 MEMBERSHIP

Goal.....1014  
Current.....905  
Percent .....89%

Numbers above reflect new members also and not just renewals

## POST EDIQUITE DID YOU KNOW.....



That during Legion meetings, if you must leave the room you should salute the flag. You should do the same upon returning. During membership meetings, saluting the Commander is equivalent to asking for the floor. His return salute is granting your right to speak. Saluting him after you are done is returning the floor to the Commander

POST OFFICERS	
<b>Commander:</b> H. (Bud) Conner	<b>Adjutant:</b> Harold Barndt
<b>Finance Officer:</b> Paul West	<b>Historian:</b> Larry Rozier
<b>Chaplain:</b> Jack Albright, Sr.	<b>1st Vice Commander:</b> David Toothaker
<b>Service Officer:</b> John Gibson	<b>2nd Vice Commander:</b> George House
<b>Sergeant at Arms:</b> Charles Birdsong	<b>3rd Vice Commander:</b> V. Wayne Adams
<b>Directors at Large:</b> Milton Walker, Joseph Tobert, Mike Clement	<b>Judge Advocate:</b> John Hollis

**Directions to Post 1**

From the 440 Bellline,  
Take US 1 (Capital Blvd) North,  
When US 1 / 401 splits—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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