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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Tom Collins
662-7958

As in-coming Commander, I take this opportunity to thank the membership of Post One for your support and your vote for me as your Commander and for all the other newly elected officers. I also ask you to continue your support as we continue the many programs that we now have in place and for the additional activities that we may add in the coming year. Your vote for us was only the first step. We need your help to achieve our goal to support our veterans, their families, our youth and the future leaders of this country. Join one of our committees today. It will give you a great sense of pride as you observe the positive results of your efforts. My big project for the year is to get more members on each committee and to try to get one member to chair only one committee. That chair would be constantly training a committee member to be his replacement if necessary. This is to get more members involved with Post activities. Please call Tom at 662-7958 and volunteer to be on or chair a committee.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 12 — Membership Meeting: Social 6:30; Dinner 7:00; Meeting 7:30. Guest speaker LTC. Bobby Davis, Seymour Johnson AFB Command Post (Military preparedness).

OCTOBER 26—Executive Committee Meeting: Meeting starts at 6:30 pm. All Exec. Comm. members are expected to attend. Please Notify Commander if you are not able to be there. All members are welcome to attend.

OCTOBER 27 – Ladies Auxiliary Banquet: Start time is 6:00 PM. All Post members are invited.

OCTOBER 20—22 – Conference: American Legion Fall Conference at the North Raleigh Hilton.

OCTOBER 28 – Post Dance: Dance at the Post. Dinner at 7:00 PM, Dance at 8 PM.\$8.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple. Come join the fun.

NOVEMBER 9 – Membership Meeting: Social 6:30; Dinner 7:00; Meeting 7:30. Guest speaker is Beverly Hall, Dir. Of NC Radiation Protection.

NOVEMBER 16 – Executive Committee Meeting: Meeting starts at 6:30 pm. All Exec. Comm. members are expected to attend. Please Notify Commander if you are not able to be there. All members are welcome to attend.

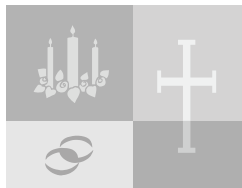
NOVEMBER 17 – District Meeting: District 11 meeting in Four Oaks, NC. Meal at 7 PM.

NOVEMBER 17—19 – Yard Sale: Post One yard sale. Help is needed before, during and after the sale. If you can help, please call Ernest Charles, 848-0633, or Jerry Padden, 846-2563.

DECEMBER 2 - CHRISTMAS PARTY: Christmas Dinner at the Post at 7:00 PM, dance at 8 PM. Cost is \$8.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple. Come join the fun.

DECEMBER 14 – Membership Meeting: Social 6:30; Dinner 7:00; Meeting 7:30. Speaker is our Post member M.H. Green, a WWII veteran.

DECEMBER 28 – Executive Committee Meeting: Meeting starts at 6:30 pm. All Exec. Comm. members are expected to attend. Please Notify Commander if you are not able to be there. All members are welcome to attend.



Chaplain's Corner:

Sick Call: A sick call procedure to be implemented by Post One to get the info to Post One members without overwhelming the member's spouse or other family member with excessive phone calls. If you as a Post One member become sick or injured, have a family member call our Chaplain, Charles Birdsong at 266-0210, or Post Commander, Ryland Collins at 662-7958. Make a decision to call the Chaplain, or have the Chaplain call the family daily or every other day as necessary for a condition update. The Chaplain will then call several key members who will then start a network of calls to pass on the info.

2007 DUES

Fiscal year 2007, (July 1 2006 thru June 30 2007) dues are due on July 1 2006. We ask all members please get your dues money in before the end of October this year. Dues are going up effective January 10, 2007 because National voted to raise their portion by \$4.50. So save yourself some money and save your Post membership committee a lot of calling time by submitting it now. Most important to you, **if you have been thinking of paying your dues up for life**, this is the time because the fee goes up when the dues go up. It must be paid before the end of December to get the current rate. You can also pay it monthly over the next 12 months if you wish. Call Harold Barndt for details, 787-3929.

MEMBERSHIP GOAL

Post One achieved 100+% membership renewal this past year. This presents a real challenge for us this coming year with the increase in membership dues and the prospect of losing members because of the increase. We must all work hard to compensate for this by recruiting new members.

NOTIFICATION OF BY-LAWS CHANGE

DUES INCREASE

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE THAT WE WILL HAVE A VOTE AT THE NOVEMBER 11, 2006 MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT THE POST AFTER 7:30 PM TO RAISE THE DUES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10, 2007.

Our annual budget is about \$40,000.00. Our annual dues bring in about \$20,000.00. The members who actually participate in meetings and projects raise all the rest of the money needed thru hall rentals, work at yard sales, or raffles, or just plain donations. Therefore, we are asking to raise the dues so that all members pay their fair share.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

The Post was given a very small 30 inch riding mower this spring. Jerry Padden, Earnest Charles and David Toothaker have been mowing our Post lawn and field since April. It took about 24 hours to mow the whole thing. So we just purchased a new 42 inch John Deere and Lowes gave us a discount. We hope the new mower will save us \$1000 each year over the next 4 years. We could use several more volunteers to mow. Please call David at 518-1928. David personally authorized us to purchase a leaf bagger. He is asking all members who are willing to help him with its purchase to make a small donation to the Post and mark on your check 'LEAF BAGGER' and send it to the Post address. It is \$309.00 and he wanted it because we have so many leaves in the fall.

COLOR GUARD

We have a Color Guard Chairman, (Charles Kelley) and several members but we need many more to have enough for a crew at any given time. Please call the Commander if you are interested in helping out. We will have a few practices before the Veterans' Day Parade. We managed to get a 5 man team together for the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new veterans' clinic near Wake Med. He wants a large marching unit and members who wish to ride in the parade may contact the Commander soon. A well trained color guard could be used in many of our Post activities.



NEWS & NOTES



- The Vietnam Memorial traveling wall will be in Raleigh Nov. 10—12 at the Halifax Ct. Veterans may view it early on the first night.
- We have installed new floor covering in the Post kitchen, thanks to Mike Clement and several other helpers. It looks really nice now.
- Post One assisted a veteran having financial problems after having household items ruined due to flooding recently – helped him move, provided him with a mattress, a stroller and a check for \$100.00.
- Please continue to save pop-top pull tabs and turn them in to the Post for Ronald McDonald House – (Due in October)
- We had a good 4th of July celebration that included breakfast for yard sale workers compliments of the Chairman, unserviceable flag retirement ceremony, free food all day and our annual raffle drawing to support Post One programs.
- We were invited to the Trinity Baptist Church on Six Forks Road to perform the unserviceable flag retirement ceremony on July 5th. The ceremony went very well. We received a call from the Church inviting us to perform the ceremony again at a later date.
- George says he could use more help cooking. Do we have any members who like to cook and are willing to help on any second Thursday of most months? If you can assist, please talk to George.

POST OFFICERS	
Commander: Ryland (Tom) Collins	Adjutant: Harold Barndt
Finance Officer: Paul West	Historian: Vacant
Chaplain: Charles Birdsong	1st Vice Commander: David Toothaker
Service Officer: Milton Walker	2nd Vice Commander: George House
Sergeant at Arms: Nicholas Jones	3rd Vice Commander: Anthony B. Bonapart
Directors at Large: Joseph Tobert Anthony Ray Virgil Jones	Judge Advocate: John McNeil, Jr.

Directions to Post 1
From the 440 Beltline,
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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