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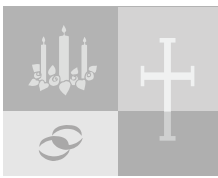


COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Tom Collins
662-7958

As we enter the second half of this year I hope that each of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have made a good start on some of our goals. We still have a lot of work to do. I again ask your support for the officers that you elected at the beginning of this year to lead Post 1. We are trying to improve the efficiency of this post to carry on our many programs which include support of our troops, our veterans, their families and communities, especially our youth. I thank the members who have worked so hard this year and would like to see more members get involved in the second half of this year.

Post 1 membership has approved a dues increase to thirty-five dollars, effective January 1, 2007. The increase was necessary to compensate for national dues increase of four and a half dollars and the continued support of our programs. This will also decrease the dependence of fund raising by a small number of Post 1 members and create a more equitable sharing of financing Post 1 activities. Time is quickly running out to take advantage of renewal or considering life time membership at our current dues rate. Dues payments should be addressed to American Legion Post 1 and must be received before December 31 to be renewed at the current rate of twenty-five dollars.



Chaplain's Corner:

Most of the work of this office thus far this year has been support of our meetings and sick call. We will

again outline our new sick call procedures since it will most likely affect all members of this Post. Members naturally are concerned when fellow members or their families are ill or injured and Post 1 would like to provide any help or assistance needed. Post 1 has initiated a procedure to allow family members to update the member's status or request assistance from the Post members. Call either the Chaplin, Charlie Birdsong 266-0210 or the Post Commander, Ryland Collins 662-7958 and determine whether you want to call them or have them call you daily or as necessary for a condition update, who will then be responsible for passing the information to the rest of the membership. The concern of others is comforting to families during an illness, however the need to return numerous phone calls or having to repeat the same information can be overwhelming at a stressful time.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY 6 - Oratorical Contest: Contest will be held at the Post Home, 10:00 AM.

JANUARY 11 - Membership Meeting: Highlight will be the initiation of new members. Social 6 to 7, dinner at 7, meeting 7:30.

JANUARY 20 - District Oratorical Contest: At the State HQ, 4 Blount St., 10:AM. SHARP

JANUARY 25 - Executive Board Meeting: 6:30 PM. All officers are expected to attend. Please notify the Commander if you can not make it.

FEBRUARY 3 - Division Oratorical Contest: Call for time and location.

FEBRUARY 8 - Membership Meeting: Police and Firemen of the Year awards. Social 6 to 7 PM, dinner at 7 and meeting at 7:30.

FEBRUARY 17 - Valentine Dance: Starts at 7 PM, Single \$8.00, couple \$15.00.

FEBRUARY 22 - Executive Board Meeting: 6:30 PM. All officers are expected to attend.

FEBRUARY 23—25 - Mid-Winter Conference: At N. Raleigh Hilton. For special room rate reservations call 1-800-445-8667 before Feb. 8 and mention Legion rate.

MARCH 2 - District Meeting: At Post 116 in Fuquay, 7 PM meal served.

MARCH 8 - Membership Meeting: Legion Birthday. Social 6 to 7, dinner at 7, meeting 7:30.

MARCH 10 - Department Oratorical Contest: At First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Goldsboro.

MARCH 22 - Executive Board Meeting: 6:30 PM. All officers are expected to attend. All Post One members are always welcome.

COLOR GUARD

We are continuing our effort to establish a color guard at Post 1. We now have a chairman and several members. They have participated in several events this year, including the Veterans Day Parade on November 11 in Raleigh. Color Guard Chariman, Charles Kelly, states that we need more volunteers so that we will have enough members to perform at a given time. We usually get a short notice to perform and all members are not able to go for each request. If you would like to join the group please call Ryland Collins (919) 662-7958 or David Toothaker (919) 518-1928.

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS

We will be holding a new member initiation during the January membership meeting. Please call Harold at 787-3929 if you are a new member in the last year and will be able to attend the ceremony. We like to know about how many will attend as we have to order your pins and plan on food, etc.



NEWS & NOTES



- At our December 14th membership meeting we had a resolution from our National Executive Committee. The resolution outlined the distinguished service to his country and outstanding contributions to the American Legion made by Garnett Shropshire. It was presented to Mrs. Shropshire by S. Marvin Burton, a Post 1 member and past Department Commander.
- Post 1 participated in the **Veterans Day Parade** on November 11, 2006. We had thirteen marchers that included Post 1, Post 157, Post 297, SAL members and our Department Adjutant. We had two cars with several passengers that included Post 1 Commander, Adjutant, Chaplain, a WWII Vet and Post 1 Ladies Auxiliary members including their President.
- **We need a Memorial Day event Chairman.** This is a very important committee. Pat Daley tells me that he has the needed information for the procedure organized well. It should not be hard for the new Chairman to assume the Committee. Anyone interested in this, please call Post 1 Commander (919) 662-7958.
- **Post 1 Color Guard** and other members have been involved with several funerals recently. One was our own Garnett Shropshire on October 8. We also had a request from Watkins Post 277, Staten Island, NY to participate in the funeral of one of their members, Nathan Monroe, who resided in Raleigh. This was a joint effort with two Post 157 members. We received a nice letter of appreciation from both families for participating.
- **Our Yard Sale** in November went well. Funds continue to come in. We estimate the total to be about \$1,950. The Ladies Auxiliary received more than \$350 from the food and clothing sale. The Post sincerely appreciates the strenuous efforts exerted by many dedicated Legionnaires and also thanks those who donated items for the sale.
- The **Regatta at Lake Wheeler** was somewhat disappointing because of inclement weather. Some funds were raised by donations and other sources. These funds were donated to the Durham and Fayetteville Veterans Administration and the American Legion Child Welfare Fund in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- The Historian position has been filled by Ernest Charles (848-0633).

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The new lawn mower purchased this summer has been a great help. Ernest Charles, Jerry Padden, David Toothaker and several other members kept the grass cut the entire summer. The mower is now being used to pick up leaves. David requested the purchase of the leaf bagger and agreed to pay for it himself. He did ask for donations from other members who were willing to help. It is now paid for. David would like to thank all who donated very much.

HELP OUR WWII MEMBERS: Last year we started a new program at our Post. Simply put, if you are willing to donate to a fund to pay the dues of any of our long time World War II era members who feel they can no longer afford to pay their dues, please mail a check to the Post address with a special note explaining what it is for. When the situation arises, as it has in the past, we will have your donation ready. The whole purpose is to keep our WWII veterans in the legion and say thank you to these deserving veterans.

ORATORICAL CONTEST SET: Our Post Oratorical Contest has been set for January 6 at 10:00 AM at the Post. If you are willing to help with one of the many duties that day, please contact Gerry Coleman at 833-2075 or 783-9746. The District contest will be at state headquarters (4 Blount St.) on January 20, 2007 at 10:00 AM. Gerry will need helpers then also. **These contests are very enlightening and the kids will impress you.**

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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