



# POST 1 NEWSLETTER

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Raleigh, North Carolina

For God and Country

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### COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Tom Collins  
662-7958

This year as your Commander is quickly coming to an end. Reflecting on the activities of the year, I think many of our programs were successful. They include several great guest speakers at our membership meetings, including our own M. H. Green, a WWII vet. We had members representing Post 1 at all District meetings and most Division meetings. We established a color guard with a chair and vice chair and we participated in many activities including funerals. We established a maintenance committee who made many improvements around the Post Home. Grass was cut by several members using 1 purchased and 1 donated mower with significant savings to the Post. We held 2 very successful yard sales. We were well represented with several marchers and a motorcade at the Veterans Day Parade. The Raleigh National Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony hosted by Post 1 was a great success, with increased participating organizations and community attendance. We have found a way to acquire phone cards (for free) and we are distributing them to the Durham VA Hospital, the USO at RDU and deploying troops. We sponsored a kid of a deployed troop to a summer camp, (\$300.) We held a flag retirement ceremony at the Post Home and 1 at a local church. We sponsored an Eagle Scout project for a local boy scout. We transported disabled members and spouses to membership meetings and other Post activities. We held a joint Post Everlasting Ceremony with the Ladies Auxiliary for this years departed members. We paid the dues for several WWII Vets and 1 other Vet. We added phone cards as prizes at the VA Durham bingo games and the ladies continue to bring refreshments. We helped a flooded out veteran with furniture and finances and assisted him in moving. We provided transportation to a Vet from the VA to his home. We donated books, toys and other items to the Fisher House at Fort Bragg. We recognized a Raleigh Police and Fireman of the Year and had more than a dozen officers present for the occasion. The AMERICAN WAY, the Ladies Auxiliary and Post 1 assisted a young man in relocating and provided furnishings. We responded to a student requesting a flag and another request for an interview with a WWII Vet. We had 3 contestants at the Post oratorical contest. We are sending 38 boys to Boys State this year. We continue to support the pull tab program to help families at the Ronald McDonald House. We donated furniture and many other items to Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abuse, Inc. We nearly furnished an apartment for a lady and her children whose husband had just taken everything and left. I do regret most of all that we were unable to find a coach this year for a baseball team.

We named 2 Legionnaires of each quarter and will be asking the membership to pick one from this group as Legionnaire of the Year. We had many other activities to numerous to list and many Post members worked hard on our projects and we do not have space to mention all of them. I will just say "A BIG THANKS TO ALL OF YOU". It has been a good year, very busy with lots of work, but a very good year. I hope now to do some traveling and other things that have been postponed for some time.

We would like to offer a special THANK YOU to two Realtors from Re/max One Realty at 100 Lynn Road for their donations to cover most of the cost of our Memorial Day Service. **Linda Craft and Team** printed and paid for the 250 color programs and **Marti Hampton** paid for the chair rental. About \$350.00 total. We thank **Jackrabbit** sign co. for donating the event sign and the **Boy Scouts** and their families for placing the flags.

Reminder: **Your fund raiser tickets need to be in by July 1.** We have more than 40 prizes. This is a very good once

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| Outback - - - -1 @ \$45.00          | Food Lion - - - 1 @ \$25.00          | Kroger - - - - 1 @ \$10.00       |
| Bonefish Gril - 1 @ \$45.00         | Food Lion - - - 1 @ \$10.00          | Lowes Food 2 @ \$10.00           |
| Lowes Hdwe - 1 @ \$200.00           | Autowash - - - 2 @ \$16.95           | Jersey Mikes 5 Lunches           |
| Ace Hdwe - - - 1 @ \$10.00          | Starbucks - - 6 @ \$5.00             | Applebee's - 1 @ \$25.00         |
| Buffalo Brother's - - 1 @ \$7.50    | Panera Bread 5 @ 2 items             | Casa Carbone - ???????           |
| Hayes Barton Grille - 1 @ \$50.00   | Roast Grille - 2 @ Meals             | Highland Park Bar - 1 @ \$10.00  |
| Ral. Rubber Stamp - 1 Address Stamp | Tournament Promotion - 2 Door prizes | 5 Guys (Knightdale only) 4 meals |

a year project. If each member purchased or sold 5 tickets, it would raise more than \$20,000.00 to support our programs. The drawing is usually at noon. Bring them to the OPEN HOUSE or Mail them to: American Legion Raleigh Post 1 P O Box 40097 Raleigh, NC 27629.

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**FROM THE COMMANDER-ELECT  
Anthony Bonapart**

I would like to thank the members of American Legion Post One for electing me as the Commander. I first would like to acknowledge and thank Commander Tom Collins for his outstanding service to Post One. Tom served with distinction and I would like to thank everyone who assisted him during his very successful tenure. My goals for the coming year include the following. First, we will continue to support our troops and their families as situations are brought to our attention. Second, we will continue to support Veterans services via our outreach program. Third, we will build teamwork among your elected officers and as a team we will strive to build the membership and uphold the professional image of Post One. Fourth, we will continue to build and support the ground breaking American Legion community projects such as the annual Memorial Day service that was started by Post One over 70 years ago. Fifth, we will improve communications between Post One members. A better informed post will result in more participation, strengthen camaraderie and increase membership.

If you are not an active member of Post One, I urge you to get involved. There are a number of sub-committees that we need to fill and we ask for your help. The Sub-committees include Public Relations, Law Enforcement and Firefighter of the Year, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day, and Flag Day Sub-committee.

I am proud to be your newly elected Commander. The other officers and I encourage you to participate in post activities and welcome any ideas you may have to improve Post One's membership, programs and community service.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

July 4 – Open House at the Post 9 AM to 1 PM, music, flag retirement planned, food and fund raiser drawing, please come by.

July 12 – Membership meeting; social 6, dinner 7, meeting 7:30  
Installation of officers by our new District Commander, Jerry Tart.

July 26 – Executive Committee meeting 6:30. All board members are urged to attend.

August 9 – Membership meeting; social 6, dinner 7, meeting 7:30 Commander's time.

August 23 – Executive Committee 6:30. All members welcome.

Sept. 13 – Membership meeting; social 6, dinner 7, meeting 7:30: Boys and Girls State guests to speak on their accomplishments.

Sept. 27 – Executive Committee 6:30 All board members urged to attend or let Commander know if not able to attend.

**WELCOME to the 2007—2008 Officers  
Of Raleigh Post 1**

Post Commander..... Anthony Bonapart -- 662-4628  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander.....Maurice Weller ---217-2906  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander .....George House ---- 872-1399  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander.....Ernest Charles ----848-0633  
Chaplain .....Charles Birdsong --266-0210  
Judge Advocate..... Barry Brown ----- 785-2777  
Finance Officer..... Paul West ----- 231-7753  
Service Officer..... Kenneth Kempf ---713-0884  
Sgt. At Arms .....Nicholas Jones ---- 862-8499  
Historian .....Anthony Ray ----- 878-5509  
Director At Large..... Joseph Tobert ----781-1490  
Director At Large.....Virgil Jones ----- 851-7966  
Director At Large .....Ryland Collins ---- 662-7958

**OPERATION AMERICA RISING** July 7, 2007 11 AM to 5 PM Moore Square, Raleigh. This will be a historic day in the USA. All over the country there will be state rallies to show our military we stand behind them. For info call 919-395-6073 or visit [www.americarising.org](http://www.americarising.org)

Anthony Bonapart—Commander Elect

**Memorial Day**

I would like to thank everyone who worked tirelessly to make the Memorial Day program a huge success. There were over 15 patriotic organizations that participated in the wreath laying ceremony and I counted four news Channels covering the event. Every aspect of the event was superbly managed to include, traffic control, parking, sound system, seating arrangements, program distribution and the Honor Guard performed admirably as usual. The wreath laying ceremony to honor our fallen comrades received many favorable comments from those in attendance and the members of Post One who volunteered as escorts were lauded as true professionals. Again, thank you Post One for all you do for the community, state and country and God bless all of you for your patriotism that shined so brightly during the 2007 Memorial Day service.

**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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