



# POST 1 NEWSLETTER

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### COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Anthony Bonapart  
Post Commander

Membership growth is the lifeblood of American Legion Post One. There are many reasons why organizations like Post One need new members and two of the main reasons are the new ideas and talents they bring. At Post One we have a well conceived recruitment and retention plan that has been developed over the years. It is my intention to keep the officers and members focused on recruitment by building an understanding of our program. I ask all officers and members to identify veterans they know who may want to get involved in Post One and personally invite them to attend a meeting. Tell them about Post One and what the American Legion can offer veterans. Have a casual conversation with them and listen to their concerns. Lastly, tell them that Post One can really benefit from their talents and would like to have them as a member.

**Congratulations** to Kenneth Kempf, Post One Service Officer. Kenneth has been appointed to a Department level position on the Veterans Employment and Veterans Preference Committee. Post One members continue to fill key positions at the Department level to help improve services for veterans and their families.

**Flags for Memorial Day Ceremony:** Post One hosts a Memorial Day ceremony every year at the Raleigh National Cemetery. Flags are used to decorate the cemetery and we are looking for serviceable flags that are 5' X 9 1/2' (Casket Size). If you have a flag that you can donate please bring or mail it to Post One. Please label it DONATION for Memorial Day.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 23, 2007 - Civil War Grave Rededication Ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery, The program will begin at 1 PM with musical selections by the Raleigh Concert Band followed at 1:30 PM by the rededication ceremony.

September 27, 2007 - Executive committee 6:30 all board members urged to attend or let commander know if not able to attend.

October 5, 6, & 7, 2007 - Yard sale at Post One Friday, Saturday, & Sunday.

October 11, 2007 - Membership meeting; social 6, dinner 7, meeting 7:30, Speaker will inform members on Wreaths across America program.

October 25, 2007 - Executive committee 6:30 all board members urged to attend or let commander know if not able to attend.

October 26, 2007 - Unit One Auxiliary Banquet 6:30pm. All Post One members and spouses are invited.

October 27, 2007 - Halloween dance 7PM (Byron Harris will be playing the music and partiers can make requests) Some food available. Cost \$15.00 per couple.

November 8, 2007 - Membership meeting; social 6, dinner 7, meeting 7:30, commander's time.

November 10, 2007 - Veterans Day parade 9AM.

November 15, 2007 - Executive committee 6:30 all board members urged to attend or let commander know if not able to attend.

December 8, 2007 - Christmas Party with Karaoke (Byron Harris will supply the Karaoke equipment). We are looking for people to sing Christmas Carols during the dance. 7 PM.

December 13, 2007 - Membership meeting; social 6, dinner 7, meeting 7:30, WWII Speaker

December 20, 2007 - Executive Committee meeting

February 16, 2008 - Country Western Dance with Karaoke (People are encouraged to wear cowboy hat and boots)

**USO Fundraiser:** Oct. 27. Time and location TBA. Casino night. Did you know that the very first USO was formed right here in N.C.?

**National POW/MIA Day:** Sept.21, ceremony at the Capitol grounds at noon.

### Legionnaire of the Year :



The members of American Legion Post One are proud to announce their 2006-2007 Legionnaire of the Year, Nicholas Jones. This year's recipient has made quite an impact on the post and community. Nicholas has been a member of the American Legion for 17 years and currently serves as The Sergeant-at-Arms. Nick is renowned as one of the hardest working men in the post, who's responsibilities include advising the commander on post issues, arranging the meeting hall and custodian of the colors. He was recently selected as Sergeant-at-Arms for the State fall conference that will be held in Raleigh NC. Nick has rented the hall to Raleigh residents for three years, securing thousands of dollars in rental funds to support post activities. He is an active member of St. James Methodist Church and an avid bowler who competes in the senior league here in Raleigh NC. At the August 2007 membership meeting Nick gave an inspiring speech to the members on etiquette and proper observance of parliamentary procedures. Nick served in the United States Army for three years.

**Veterans Day Parade:** The annual State Veterans Day parade will be held on Saturday, 10 November 2007 and will begin at 9:00 a.m. The activities will include a parade followed by a ceremony at the North Carolina State Capitol grounds. Please contact David Toothaker at 919-518-1928, or e-mail, if you wish to either march or ride in a car. If you decide to march you can just show up around 8:00 a.m. If you want to ride, we need to know immediately because vehicle entries are limited. (Last year only 3 were allowed). Roads will be closed at 8 AM so be early. Please let David know if you are willing to work the parade detail. If you work, you need be there around 6:30 AM.

**Yard Sale:** We are holding our fall yard sale on Friday October 5, Noon to 5:00 p.m., Sat. Oct. 6, 8 to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. We are in need of lots of help moving the items from the shed to inside the hall starting Monday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. We also need volunteers to work during the sale and we need members to help clean up after the sale on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Call Gerald Pad-den at 919-846-2563.



**Post One High Achiever :** Hugh "Bud" Conner is the Department Vice Commander and Division III Commander. He is a Past Commander of District 11 and Past Vice Commander of District 11. Additionally, he is a Past Commander of Post One where he improved the Post awards programs and fund raisers in support of veterans programs. Bud demonstrated his teaching skills at the 2007 Legion College by instructing legionnaires on specialized subjects. We are proud to have one of "our own" serving at the department level and helping to improve veterans programs and services in North Carolina.

**FLAG RETIREMENT:** On July 4, 2007 the American Legion Post One held its annual open house and Flag Retirement ceremony.



The ceremony brought more people to the post than in previous years. In fact, there were so many visitors

that we ran out of food, but the ladies auxiliary was able to quickly compensate for the short-fall without missing a single beat. The American flag stands as an enduring symbol of freedom and has given hope to people all around

the world. The United States Code stipulates, "When a U.S. flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." We hope that you will join us for the July 4, 2008 ceremony. at Post One.



**Officer Installations:** I was very happy that so many legionnaires and their guests attended the installation ceremony of new officers on July 12, 2007. I want to personally thank District 11 Commander, Jerry Tart for performing the ceremony. The ceremony was full of pride and tradition and we will work hard to fulfill our oath of office.

The members of American Legion Post One would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who attended the post dance that was held 28 July 2007. Your participation and generosity helps make these events successful year after year. The Department Commander, Richard (Dick) Neville and the District 11 Commander, Jerry Tart, were kind enough to celebrate with us despite their busy schedules. As always, the proceeds from post dances support the mission of the post, which is to support veterans and their families. We look forward to seeing you at the next dance.

**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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