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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

My fellow Legionnaires, I am thrilled about the enthusiasm our Executive Board continues to display as we discuss and debate the future of Post 1. The Executive Board agrees that despite the self-imposed limitations of the past, Post 1 has great potential for growth. As all of you know, we formed an exploratory committee, headed by Gerald Padden, to research a new Post 1 home. We have also created a fund raising committee to raise funds to pay for the venture, chaired by Harry Harris. I challenge you, my fellow Legionnaires to toss aside your



Anthony Bonapart
Post 1 Commander

inhibitions and help Post 1 reach its great potential by joining the fund raising committee or making a monthly monetary donation to the building fund. If you are interested in joining the fund raising committee

please call Harry Harris at (919) 744-9501 or email: HarryStoe@hotmail.com. Mail monthly donations to American Legion, Raleigh Post 1, PO Box 40097, Raleigh, NC 27629. As I look back over the past year as your commander, I am amazed at the level of energy and support displayed by our members. The excitement reaffirms my assertion that Post 1 is a steadfast voice for military members and their families and a new Post home will be a symbol of our commitment to serve our comrades today, tomorrow and beyond.

Boy Scout Troop

We are starting a new Boy Scout troop at Post 1 and we are looking for future leaders to join our scout troop. If

you have children, grandchildren or relatives that would like to join our new Boy Scout troop contact Charles

Kelly at (919) 250-0806 or (919) 255-0857 or email: buddyspop@msn.com

Rewrite Post Bylaws

The Post Bylaws are currently being revised. The major purpose of the Bylaws revision is to correct the Post name, update

yearly dues and update procedural instructions. **Your input is desired and strongly encouraged!** Please contact Mike Clem-

ent, Chair, Bylaws Committee at (919) 633-0360, Mclement3@nc.rr.com with your suggestions.

Mark Your Calendar

Oct 9, 2008 - Membership Meeting; social 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m.

Oct 12, 2008 - Rolling Thunder is hosting a potluck picnic at the Post home and all Legionnaires are invited. 1:00 p.m. This is another unofficial event where you can come as you are and introduce yourself. We would love to meet our members and your families.

Oct 23, 2008 - Executive Committee 6:30 p.m. all board members urged to attend or let the Commander know if not able to attend any of the board meetings.

Oct 25, 2008 - Halloween dance, 7:00 p.m. Please join us for food, fun and dance.

Nov. 8, 2008 - North Carolina Veterans Day Parade. You must be there before 8 a.m. to participate or 9:30 a.m. to watch it.

Nov 13, 2008 - Membership Meeting; social 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m.

Nov 20, 2008 - Executive Committee 6:30 p.m.

Dec 6, 2008 - Post 1 Christmas party 7:00 p.m. Please come and celebrate the holidays with us.

Dec 11, 2008 - Membership Meeting; social 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m., Honoring Pearl Harbor, WWII veterans.

Dec 18, 2008 - Executive Committee 6:30 p.m.

Jan 8, 2009 - Membership Meeting; social 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. Our Induction Ceremony for all new members from 2008.



Mike Clement
Legionnaire of the Year

Legionnaire of the Year Mike Clement

On July 10, 2008 Mike Clement was selected as the "Legionnaire of the Year" for outstanding service in promoting the goals and ideals of the American Legion. Under Mike's direction the hall floor was renovated and restored to its former splendor. The renovation saved the Post thousands of dollars in contractor fees and has once again made the hall floor a premier feature of the Post. It is important that Post 1

reflect a positive image and the hall floor renovation reflects pride, comradeship and unity among the members of Post 1. Mike spent several months leading the restoration project and numerous hours repairing damage after the renovation was complete. In addition, Mike is the chair of the Post Bylaws committee rewrite and he volunteers numerous hours repairing Post property such as railings, cable installation and improved duct work for the Air

Conditioning unit. He constantly recruits new members for the Post and signed-up several new members during 2008. Therefore, it is with great pride that Mike Clement is named

2008 "Legionnaire of the Year."

Legion College

During July 11-12, 2008 Anthony Bonapart, Commander; Arletta Ray, President, Unit One Auxiliary and Anthony Ray, Historian attended Legion College in Clemmons, NC.

The college educates members on American Legion traditions, rules and regulations and we highly recommend that all members make plans to attend Legion College.



Arletta & friends with Elvis

Hawaiian Luau

On September 6, 2008, the Unit One Auxiliary planned to host a Hawaiian Luau, which was cancelled by another tropical tradition – Tropical Storm Hanna.

Veterans Day Parade

Nov. 8, at 9:30 am Post 1 will be participating in the parade as usual with both a marching unit and a motorcade. We need a minimum of 4 flag bearers and 2 riflemen.

We will also need to know how many wish to ride in or drive their vehicle in the motorcade. We have been allowed 3 cars recently. Charles Kelly will be in charge of the

marching unit. Please call or email David Toothaker (919) 518-1928 or dtoothaker@nc.rr.com if you can participate in either.

Yard Sale November 29th-30th 2008

A yard sale will be held at the Post Home. If any member has items of value that you are planning to discard, please bring them over to the Post on Friday or Saturday morning of the sale. We could also use a

lot of help setting up, during and after for cleanup on Sunday afternoon. We will have donation receipts there for you. We have many Post members whom we've never met and this is a great oppor-

tunity for you to come introduce yourselves and meet the workforce of your Post. **Call the Post at (919) 876-5795 to ask if anyone will be there when you can come.**

Officer Installation Ceremony

On July 10, 2008 Patricia Harris, District 11 Commander, performed the officer installations for Post 1's newly elected officers. The ceremony underscores the

newly elected officers' personal commitment to the American Legion. The participation of Commander Harris added prestige to the ceremony and we thank her

for taking time from her busy schedule to be with us.



Patricia Harris, District 11 Commander

July 4 Flag Retirement Ceremony



Presentation of Flags

Nicholas Jones, Sergeant at Arms, organized the annual Post 1 flag retirement ceremony. The ceremony was a moving

tribute to the American flag and those who cherish what the flag represents. We want to thank Unit One Auxiliary and all the volunteers that helped make the ceremony a success. And there is an open invitation to

all our visitors to join us at future tributes to the flag and tributes to the brave men and women of our Armed Forces.

Remembrance Tree

Auxiliary Unit 1 is in the process of making a Remembrance Tree for Post 1 and we need your help. The tree will be 5 to 6 feet tall. The ornaments will be pictures of those who are dear to us and have served our country. Each ornament is an oval approx. 3 1/2 inches long, mounted on wood and will be sealed to protect the picture. On the back will be information about that person. The goal is to have the tree in

place by December and to have it remain in place permanently.

Here's how you can contribute. Send a picture of someone special you would like on the tree. Make sure you tell who they are and something about them. Send your picture, information and \$2.00 (to help cover the cost of the ornament) as soon as possible to:

Auxiliary Unit 1
Arletta Ray
5312 Seaspray Lane
Raleigh, NC 27610



Ornament for Remembrance Tree

If you have a picture that you would like to use but need returned we can copy it for you. Please increase your donation to \$5.00. We will copy the picture and return the original to 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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