



POST 1 NEWSLETTER

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Raleigh, Post 1
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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Recruiting new members and retaining them is how Post 1 will serve military members and their families now, and in the future. The constant recruitment of talented veterans is crucial to Post 1 achieving the lofty goals we have set. We also believe in rewarding Post 1 members who make a positive impact at the Post and in the community through our quarterly and yearly awards. The growth and use of the internet and websites is



Anthony Bonapart
Post 1 Commander

a part of our recruitment efforts. Anthony Ray, our Post Historian, is doing a spectacular job updating our website and making it more user friendly. The site is

visited weekly by numerous people who find Post 1 attractive after viewing photographs of various events. You can visit our website at: www.LegionRaleigh.com. We need all our members to help recruit veterans that will lead Post 1 into the future. New members play the most crucial role and are the future of Post 1. We need every member to help recruit and retain talented veterans.

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Jan.—Feb.—Mar. 2009

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 18, 2008 - Executive Committee 6:30 pm. All board members urged to attend or let Commander know if not able to attend any of the board meetings.

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.

Jan. 17, 2009 - American Legion Post 1 Raleigh holds its annual Post Oratorical contest. This is the 71st Annual American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest.

Jan. 22, 2009 - Executive Committee 6:30 pm. All board members urged to attend or let Commander know if not able to attend any of the board meetings.

Feb. 12, 2009 - Membership Meeting; social 6, dinner 7, meeting 7:30. Raleigh Police and Fireman of the Year Awards Ceremony.

Feb. 14, 2009 - American Legion Division III holds its annual Division Oratorical Contest at Department Headquarters at 10:00 am.

Feb. 14, 2009 - Bring your true love to our Valentines Dance at the Post Home.

Feb. 26, 2009 - Executive Committee 6:30 pm.

Feb. 20-22, 2009 - American Legion, Department of NC Mid-Winter Conference in the North Raleigh Hilton.

Mar. 12, 2009 - Membership Meeting; social 6, dinner 7, meeting 7:30. Celebrate American Legion birthday with guest speaker.

Mar. 21, 2009 - Division III meeting at Post 109 in Benson, NC.

Mar. 26, 2009 - Executive Committee 6:30 pm.

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE QUARTER

The members of American Legion Post 1 are proud to announce the Legionnaire of the Quarter, John Wayne Gordon for the period, July through September 2008. John was chosen for going above and beyond the call of duty in volunteering countless hours to support a wide vari-

ety of projects that required lifting, storing, moving heavy objects and driving to various parts of the city. His support will help ensure American Legion Post 1 continues to assist veterans and their families. It is important that Post 1 reflect a positive image and John's commitment

sets an example for other Legionnaires to emulate.



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 Clement,

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

CHARLES KELLEY SALUTES THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America have a long and distinguished history of supporting each other and the American cause. Since its earliest days the Boy Scouts of America have cultivated leadership and good citizenship, a service that has been recognized since its establishment. Boy Scouts have been an integral part of our country ever since. With this common framework it is not surprising that at the American Legion's first National Convention in Minneapolis in 1919, the American Legion gave approval and support to the Boy Scout movement. Posts began to sponsor Boy Scout units following the convention, but organized guidance and cooperation did not take place until 1922 when

the Boy Scout program was included in the activities of the Americanism Commission. On average, Legion Posts have either chartered or sponsored approximately 2,500 scouting units (Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams, and Venturing Crews) nationwide on an annual basis, totaling over 79,000 BSA registered members. Recently, in a continuation of this fine tradition, American Legion Post #1 has elected to sponsor a Boy Scout troop and that charter is in the process of being written. The troop's meetings will be held at the American Legion meeting hall in Raleigh and is open to boys throughout the local community as well as to family members of

the Post. Both the Boy Scouts and the American Legion have an extensive history of Community Service and together they will be able to increase this effort to provide a more broad and in depth community service program. 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 Kelley at 919-250-0806 or 919-255-0857 or email: budyspop@msn.com



Auxiliary President's Corner

-President Arletta Ray

I would like to extend special thanks to several legionnaires who have gone above and beyond to help our Auxiliary. Special thanks to David Toothaker for hosting our yard sale. Kudos to Mike Clement, Ferdinand Lundberg, Tom Collins, Bill Autry, John Wayne Gordon, Tony Ray and Earnest Charles. Without all their hard work alongside our ladies, the yard sale would not have been such a big success. Emily Cox coordinated the event and did an outstanding job! We look forward to continuing to work with the Legionnaires to benefit our Veterans.

VETERANS DAY PARADE

We want to salute David Toothaker, Tom Collins and Charles Kelley for all the hard work they did to support the annual State Veterans Day Parade on November 8, 2008. We also want to thank Arletta Ray, Presi-

dent, Unit One Auxiliary and all our Auxiliary members and Legionnaires who helped our Post form a Color Guard to march in the parade or drive a vehicle. We are looking forward to an even bigger and better year next year.



POST 1 YARD SALE

The yard sale was held October 11, 2009. We would like to thank David Toothaker for hosting the event and all the Post 1 Legionnaires who volunteered their time and efforts

to make the event successful. Also, the Unit One Auxiliary for their commitment and hard work. The yard sale raised \$542.00 that will support Unit One Auxiliary programs.



Our Yard Sale Team

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & CALENDAR

Check out our new calendar applications for Legion, Auxiliary on our website. Activities & Sons of American Legion are are updated regularly. Ap-

now available on our website. www.LegionRaleigh.com/Calendar.asp
www.LegionRaleigh.com/Legion_app.asp
www.LegionRaleigh.com/Sons_app.asp
www.LegionRaleigh.com/Auxiliary_app.asp

POST 1 HALLOWEEN DANCE

On Saturday, October 25, 2008, the Post's annual Halloween Dance was held and the food and music was great. Harry

Harris was the DJ and he kept the partiers entertained with a variety of music and karaoke. We look forward to everyone

attending our 2009 dance parties.



Nick's best face.

THE CHAPLAIN'S VOICE

-Chaplain Charles Birdsong

To offer a more fully understandable insight into news reports of happenings around the world, I have compiled a few terms below to help your comprehension: **SPIRITUAL** - Concerned with religious values. Ecclesiastical, rather than Lay or Temporal. **TEMPORAL** - Of or relating to earthly life. Lay or Secular rather than clerical or

sacred. Of or relating to time rather than eternity. **SECTARIAN** - Those who accept and practice a particular religious belief. **SECULAR** - Pertaining to or characteristic of the earth or human life on earth. Not religious in subject matter, form or use. **NON-SECTARIAN** - Not affiliated with or restricted to a particular religious group. **NON-**

SECULAR - Religion based. Spiritual.

NOTE: All references and definitions gleaned from: *ROGET'S 11-The new Thesaurus, expanded edition and MERRIAM WEBSTER'S Collegiate Dictionary- Tenth edition.*

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 through first traffic light After 1 block, turn right on St. James Church Road Go 1/2 mile, turn right at Lee Road. Pass through the gate at the end of the pavement. You can now see the Post Home.

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