

American Legion Post 65 Newsletter

August 2021

Veterans Crisis Line: 1-855-829-6636

Us Department of Veterans Affairs:

Women Veterans Call Center: 855-829-6636

Non-VA Facility Emergency 704-638-9000 ext. 12022

(Call within 72 hours to let VA know when using a non-VA facility)

Post 65's number is 704-872-5098. Leave a message and it will be forwarded to the Commander.

Meeting: This coming **Monday August 9th** is the American Legion Post 65 family monthly supper-meeting. At 5:00pm sign in and "Meet & Greet". At 6:00 a supper of chicken and beef tacos with toppings will be prepared by Sons and the Riders. We are asking everyone to bring your favorite desserts. All 65 Family Members are invited: Legionnaires, Sons, Riders, and Auxiliary. Non-Member Veterans, Veteran and the Descendants & their guest are invited to attend. For more information call 704-872-5098 and leave a message. We look forward to seeing you.

Commander's Corner:

We had a great turnout at our last meeting, and I hope everyone enjoyed our great supper. We received a lot of positive feedback, but I believe the best response was that it felt like a family event. In the first meeting of the new year there was so much energy, it did prepare us to go into the new year with a lot of enthusiasm to make a difference in the community we serve. Across our formations we have accomplished many things over the last few months due to the love and support of our family here at Post 65. We appreciate the ones that have given their time to make all of events a success. As we begin in the month of August full steam ahead, we will begin with a fresh and rejuvenated Auxiliary

team that's going to bring a great deal of support to the Family here at Post 65, so please keep Amy Morris and the auxiliary team in your prayer's as well. As I conclude, I want to express my heartfelt wishes for a happy, healthy, and successful 2021/2022 year at the Hurst Turner American Legion Post 65 and the entire family, and I would like to leave you with a prayer a friend reminded me of years ago:

"Dear God, give me the courage to begin again to overlook the difficulties, to overcome the obstacles and to stay open to the moment as best as I can. Help me be patient enough to know it takes time to start over, and wise enough to ask for help from friends and family when I need it. As I look to the future, may I reflect on the past and remember the lessons it's taught me. And God, may I always look to you for strength and guidance."

God Bless Hurst Turner Post 65 and God Bless the United States of America

Commander
Donny Bradley

Post 65 Auxiliary:

This year's Auxiliary theme is "**Rebuild & Grow our Future**".

Unit 65 has ALREADY begun to do that. We have lots of news!

- We have 8 new amazing members -- **WELCOME** Gloria Benfield, Alana Bradley, Loretta Coley, Betty Davis, Heather Gessler, Gina Groff, Michelle Keene, and Sarah Sawyer!
- Our President Amy Morris has just become our District 11 President! **Congratulations Amy!**
- We have several members representing us at our District Meeting this month.
- For current members: renewals are now due. Please get those in asap.
- We have planned an Auxiliary meeting for **Sunday, August 15th @ 3pm at Post 65**. We invite everyone to come and find out what it's like to be a part of this family.
- For more info, contact Amy Morris @ 704-881-1512, or at auxiliary@ncpost65.org

New 2021/2022 Officers:

Contact sheet will be posted at the post bulletin board.

Commander: Donny Bradley

1st Vice Commander: Chuck Harris

2nd Vice Commander: Jacob Bradley

Adjutant: Mark Armstrong

Finance Officer: Don Carr

Sgt.-at-Arms: Chuck Spangler & Kenny Wallace

Judge Advocate: Mike Morris

Chaplain: Harold Smith

Service Officer: Dennis Nowacoski

Membership: A friendly reminder July 1st was the beginning of 2022 dues year. You should soon get your renewal notice in the mail for your 2022 membership dues. If you have any questions about your membership or need help with your dues contact your membership committee person. Thanks to all our members that paid their dues in 2021. **The membership Team is looking for a couple of new members. If you are interested in interacting with our members, please call Chuck Harris or any if the team members listed below.**

We would like to welcome Spencer Harrison to the Post.

Your Post 65 Membership Committee is as follows:

Each of the following team members are your contacts if you need assistance with anything from the Post 65. These teams are broken down in groups by the first letter of your last name.

Committee Chairman: Chuck Harris

Eddie Bowman (704.252.0325): A trough C

George Taylor (704.902.2901): D trough G

Chuck Spangler (704.881.2039): H trough K

Kenny Wallace (704.253.2577): L trough M

Benny Wilhelm (704.880.7001): N trough R

Jacob Bradley (704.682.9314): S

Mark Armstrong (704.654.8469): T through Z

Note for members: If you haven't renewed your membership, you can do that at Monday August 9 at the post meeting.

Sick and Distressed: Doug Baity, Wayne Hanline, Robert Lackey, Mike Smith, and Luke Rinehardt.

Honor Guard & Burial Detail:

The Post Burial Detail had one funeral in July. **Honor Guard members are needed!** Contact Commander Donny Bradley at 704-902-1152 if interested.

Taps: One

Upcoming Veteran & Community Events:

Corn-Hole Boards: We have asked if there would be an interest in this being added to the Fellowship night and have not gotten any response and if you would be interested, please contact Eddie Bowman at 704-252-0325.

August 5th: Is the next Post 65 Executive Committee Meeting at 6:00. The PEC oversees the government & management of the Post. Any Post 65 Member is welcome to attend our Executive Committee Meeting. Post 65's Finance Committee meets the same night at 5pm prior to the Executive Meeting.

August 11th Post Workday: Wednesday from 9am-1:00 for general clean up.

August 19th 6:00PM: Post 65 Fellowship Night is back! BINGO Thursday August 19th at 6:00-8:30 PM. On the third Thursday of every month, we will get together to have some fun with friends. Only \$2 per card to play. We will be playing Bingo with prizes, so you do not want to miss out. Bring a finger food to share with friends. All veterans & veteran-descendants and their guest are welcome. You do not have to be a member to attend. Come have some fun.

August 21st Legion Riders: The Sons will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast 7:00am-9:30. They will be serving pancakes, gravy biscuits, and eggs. Veterans eat free and kids under 5 eat free. \$5.00 for all others. All the pancakes you can eat. Everyone is welcome. Riders meeting will be after the breakfast.

August 30th Sons of the American Legion: Our next meeting will be held on Monday August 30th @6:00 pm at the American Legion Post 65. Let's extend a big welcome to our new members Don Brown, David Brown, and Edward Wallace! We will be talking about our brick fundraiser, flag raffle, and upcoming events. A lot of exciting things are happening at American Legion Post 65. Come join us and be part of a great team!

What we have been up to:

New chairs! Yeah!! Thanks!



July 24th: Pancake Breakfast

Thanks to the Sons, Riders, and Legionnaires for all their hard work.

Y'all what an amazing turn out for our breakfast. We served over 200 plates of food today. Iredell county sheriffs came out, local business owners, Superior court judge and so many more amazing people. We can't thank everyone for all the support. A big thanks goes to everyone who helped prepare and serve the food and stayed to clean up y'all are rock stars.

Free 1st come first serve: Free Mattress and some box springs. We also have wheelchairs, walkers, beds, free for veterans in need. Call the Post phone number.

Wooden Chairs: Post members can purchase the wooden chairs we had for \$5.00 each Monday only.

Funding: As with any Organization your Post needs funds to operate. Members have donated hundreds of dollars and many hours of work to improve the building and to support programs. The generosity of our members is needed to support the Post, the building, the dinners and programs. Since we are a 501 (c) (19) nonprofit your donations may be tax deductible under States and Federal law. Consider leaving a legacy to Post 65. Contact the Post or view information at legion.org/donate/ to explore your planned giving options.

Technology Classes: Post 65 members, Don Carr is trained and can help you set up the VA's MyhealthVet and Electronic entry for travel pay, as well as give a one-on-one help with our computer or Smart Phone. Contact Don at 704-677-3196.

Historical Page: Centennial/mylegion.org - Thanks to Post Historian Steven Hancock.

Editor's Note: Just wanted to thank you all for your support. Next month the newsletter for will be emailed on the September 6th.

