

American Legion Post 65 Newsletter

December 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.

On behalf of your Membership Team, we want to wish you a happy and joyous holiday season. It is because of your continued support we were able to reach all of our membership goals! As we end 2021, we have two more goals to attain. Please if you have not renewed your 2022 memberships please do so as soon as possible. Please have a Merry Christmas and Happy and prosperous New Year and be safe. Remember our men and women deployed around the world in harm's way protecting our freedom. Never forget!!

Christmas Lunch/Party December 4th

Saturday December the 4th from 11:00-3:00 is the Christmas Lunch/Party. We will be serving turkey and dressing with all the fixings. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Bring cookies (Auxiliary). You do not want to miss it, there will be entertainment and some wonderful surprises. We hope to see you there, to help us start off the Christmas season with some holiday cheer.

Note: Please bring Christmas cards for our recruits and active family members.
We will mail them all out together. Thanks.

December 18th: Riders and anyone else that would like to attend. Wreaths Across America at Salisbury National Cemetery. Meeting at Post 65 at 10:30 am. KSU at 11:00 am. Arrive about 11:30 am. Wreaths will be laid on the headstones starting at noon. If there is bad weather, we can meet in cars and head over.

Bingo: No Bingo for December

Post 65 Auxiliary:

Next Meeting: Sunday January 23rd @ 3pm.

New Member: Please welcome Lisa Wilhelm Galliher. She is joining under her brother Benny Wilhelm.

New Officers: As of the November meeting, we have some changes in our Officers. Sarah Sawyer is President, Loretta Coley is Secretary, Michelle Keene is Treasurer, Ruth Groff is Chaplain, and Heather Gessler is Sgt-at-Arms.

From Outgoing President, Amy Morris: Thank you all for allowing me to lead such an incredible group of women for the past few years. I had big shoes to fill from our past Presidents, including my mother Linda Wilhelm, dear friend Cooky Fannar, and Post 65's Legacy President Bobby Turner Rodgers. It has been an Honor to serve alongside you all. I look forward to continuing to work with you as your District 11 President. Prayers for a Blessed future for Unit 65, Amy.

Raffle: Beginning December we will begin selling tickets for the beautiful American Flag /Afghan for \$5.00 a ticket or three tickets for \$10. Unit 65's Betty Davis made and donated it. Thank you, Betty Davis.

Cookbook: Plans are to start working on an Auxiliary Cookbook in January. Go ahead and look through your favorite recipes to find some you would like to include.

Questions: For more info contact Sarah Sawyer, Statesville ALA Unit 65 President at auxiliary@ncpost65.org or 704-881-1512.

Legion 2021/2022 Officers:

Contact sheet will be posted at the post bulletin board.

Commander:

1st Vice Commander: Chuck Harris

2nd Vice Commander: Jacob Bradley

Adjutant: Mark Armstrong

Finance Officer: Don Carr

Sgt.-at-Arms: Mike Smith

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.**

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 through C
George Taylor (704.902.2901): D through G
Chuck Spangler (704.881.2039): H through K
Chuck Harris (704.902.2901): L through M
Benny Wilhelm (704.880.7001): N through R
Jacob Bradley (704.682.9314): S
Mark Armstrong (704.654.8469): T through Z

Note for members: If you have not renewed your membership, you can do that at the meeting Monday.

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

Honor Guard & Burial Detail:

The Post Burial Detail had ___ funerals in October. **Honor Guard members are needed!**

Taps: _____

Thomas Stewart was buried the first week of November at Beulah Cemetery. A bible was presented to Ann, wife of Thomas by VHG and DAV Chapter 68. A letter of sympathy was presented to her from DAV Chapter 68 and Veterans Heart Group.

A letter of sympathy was sent to Robert Phillips in the passing of his uncle. His uncle was a WWII veteran, mailed by the VHG and DAV Chapter 68.

Charles R. Onsrud passed away. He was a member of Post 65. A memorial service is scheduled for 12/01/21 at Presbyterian Church behind the old Main Post office in downtown Statesville.

Upcoming Veteran & Community Events:

Sons of the American Legion:

Calling all Sons of the American Legion Squadron 65! Our next meeting is Monday, January 24, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the American Legion Post 65. There will be no meetings in December. Please spend time with your family and friends and have a joyous holiday season.

The Post 65 Christmas Party will be December 4th, 2021, from 11:00 am -3:00 pm. At 1:00 pm we will be drawing the winning flag raffle ticket. Our entertainment will be great music from the Hanline's, and we will be serving turkey and dressing with all the fixings. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. You do not want to miss it as there will be some wonderful surprises. We hope to see you there to help us start off the Christmas season with some holiday cheer!

Friendly reminder: Dues for 2022 are now due.

Don't forget we need to spread the word about our Hurst Turner in brick fundraiser program at <https://4everbricks.com/donors/post65/>

For more info on the Sons, contact SAL Commander Don Carr @ 704-677-3196, email: dcarr@att.net, or on FB: Sons of the American Legion Squadron 65.

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. Hoping everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.