

American Legion Post 65 Newsletter

November 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: November there **will not** be an American Legion Post 65 Family monthly supper-meeting.

December: Christmas Dinner will be December 4th. Mark your calendars.
More information coming by email and or Facebook.

November 11,2021 is Veterans Day:

[Thank You All Who Served!](#)

VERTERANS DAY EVENTS

West Iredell High School ROTC— Calling all veterans to join them November 10,2021 at 10 am. Veterans Ceremony. Free BBQ meal. Flag Folding. Color Guard.

We are proud to honor the courageous individuals who serve our country by providing a to go boxed lunch for the veterans in our community. Thursday November 11,2021 Noon-2pm. **Bunch Johnson Funeral Home** 705 Davie Avenue Statesville NC. To reserve your boxed lunch, call 704-873-7723

Commander's Corner November 2021:

Dear fellow Legionnaires,

I come to you this month with a lot of gratefulness and appreciation for a Great Legion Post and all the hard workers we have here.

Let us remember November is a Veterans Month and a lot of events are going on around us, so let us be active and show the community what a great post we have and invite them to come join us. **ONE** Team **ONE** Fight...

Also, remember if you know a veteran or a veteran descendant, please invite them to come to our Christmas dinner. Be sure to introduce them to someone that they can relate to and make them feel like they have always been a part of our family.

Stay safe and remember our family is here if you need us.
Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and be safe.

For GOD and Country

Donny Bradley, Commander

Remember to keep up with all that's going on at our post 65 join us on Facebook [American Legion Post 65 - Statesville, NC | Facebook](#) and our website [American Legion Hurst Turner Post 65: HOME \(ncpost65.org\)](#).

New recruits update: On October 11th, 2021, Harold (Chaplain) presented veterans Bibles to Patrick Wilcox and Derreck Thompson. Patrick is going into the United States Air Force and Derreck is going into the United States Navy. These Bibles were given by the Veterans Heart Group.

Post 65 Auxiliary:

Next Meeting: Sunday November 28th @ 3pm. We will be putting together Thank you bags for the Veterans at the Salisbury VA. Bring a friend, and a light snack to share.

Prayers: Our thoughts and prayers go out to Gloria Benfield and her family after the loss of her mother Phyllis Upright.

Membership: Please welcome our newest member, Cindy Etheridge Stewart. We now have 31 members making us a strong Unit capable of doing amazing things for our Veterans and Community.

Unit 65 is already at 108.7 % of our goal for the year. Thank you all. Please continue to invite those you know to join us so we can continue to Grow our Future &our Family.

Bingo: At the October meeting the group decided to make crafts as cool prizes for the next bingo.

Raffle: Beginning next month we will be selling tickets for a beautiful American Flag Afghan for \$5 a ticket or three for \$10, made and donated by Unit 65's Betty Davis. Thank you, Betty.

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.

THANK YOU: To our Rockstars, those members who consistently jump in, whenever and however, to help at our Post's events. You are so talented and extremely fun to work with. We appreciate each one of you to infinity & beyond.

Facebook: Lots of great things are happening. Be sure to like our page. ALA Unit 65 so you can keep up with all our events and info. Also head over to: District 11 Auxiliary Dept. of NC for updates on Units within our District.

Questions: For more info contact Amy Wilhelm Morris, Statesville ALA Unit 65 President and ALA NC District President at auxiliary@ncpost65.org or 704-881-1512.

Legion 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: Mike Smith & 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.**

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
Kenny Wallace (704.253.2577): 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: 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!**

Contact Commander Donny Bradley at 704-902-1152 if interested.

Taps: _____

Harold presented a United States Bible in memory and honor of Junior Steelman to Judy Steelman, the wife of Walter Junior Steelman. The bible was given by Veterans Heart Group. A sympathy card was attached to the bible from the American Legion Post 65 which included the Auxiliary, Sons, and the Riders. The Veterans Heart Group was included in the card. The US folded Flag Case was given by Bunch-Johnson.

Upcoming Veteran & Community Events:

November 4th: 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.

November Bingo: November BINGO is cancelled.

November 20th: Legion Riders: Hash is still planning a ride for the crew. The route will take us down around Crowder's Mountain and King's Mountain area.

Sons of the American Legion:

No Pancake Breakfast for November.

We will discuss our Evan Parton Flag Program so bring in your recommendations for flags that need to be replaced. We will also discuss the 8 X 8 brick we need to order for Hurst Turner in brick fundraiser program at

<https://4everbricks.com/donors/post65/>

Let us extend a big congratulation to our new Vice Commander Justin Mullins and our new Sgt-at-Arms Austin Brown! Our brick fundraiser is now live at <http://4everbricks.com/donors/post65/> and you can order online or download an order form. Exciting things are happening at American Legion Post 65. Come join us and be part of a wonderful team!

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.

What we have been up to:

October Pancake Breakfast: Thanks to the Sons, Riders, and Legionnaires and the Auxiliary for all their hard work. Y'all what an amazing turn out for our breakfast. We cannot thank everyone for all the support. A big thanks goes to everyone who helped prepare and serve the food and stayed to clean up you all are rock stars.

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. Thank you all for your prayers.