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WISHING EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020

MEETING:

JANUARY 13th: Monday, January 13th is the American Legion Post 65 monthly family's supper meeting. At 5pm sign-in, "Meet & Greet" fellowship. Followed at 6pm by a supper. Desserts & or side dishes are always appreciated. At 7:00pm Post 65's Oratorical Contestant, Sara Johnson will be here to give her prepared speech. At 7:30 our Entertainment will be Cameron Matthews. A short business meeting will follow. It's going to be a fun night-we look forward to seeing you. All 65 Family Members are invited: Legion, Sons, Riders, and Auxiliary. Non-Member Veterans & Veteran-Descendant & their guests are invited to attend. For more information call 704-872-5098 and leave a message.

MEMBERSHIP: A friendly reminder July 1st is the beginning of the 2020 membership calendar year. You should have gotten your membership renewal notice in the mail for your 2020 membership dues. If you have not paid your membership dues, we encourage you to pay as soon as possible. Mark Armstrong Mark can be reached at 704-775-4499 if you have any questions about your membership or need help with your dues.

Post 65 is the oldest and largest American Legion Post in Iredell County, chartered on June 27, 1922. Encourage anyone you know to join the Post as a Veteran member, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion or Legion Riders.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, TRANSFERS, SONS & RIDERS:

New Member: Donald Bradley, Dwayne Haneline, Wayne Haneline

Transfer Members:

New Riders:

Sons of the Legion: Allen Haneline

TAPS:

Honor Guard & Burial Detail:

The Post Burial Detail did 7 funerals in December

Burial Detail/Honor Guard members are needed! Contact Guard Commander Morris if interested.

Sick & Distressed:

Richard Bunner released from hospital and resting at home.

Commander Mike Morris was admitted to Iredell Hospital on December 2nd for Cardiac test. All Cardiac test have been good and to do more test to see were pain is coming from. He is still in hospital as of today December 4th.

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES: Two Post 65 members, Don Carr and Kent Phye, are trained and will help you to set up the VA's MyHealthVet, as well as give one-on-one help with your Computer or Smart Phone. Contact Don at 704-677-3196 or Kent at 860-234-8818.

UP-COMING VETERAN & COMMUNITY EVENTS:

January 7th Veterans Coffee & Breakfast 8:30-10:30: Join us for our monthly Coffee get-together. Hang out with us & share some laughs. It's a casual come and go as you want morning just shooting the breeze with some buddies. Bring a friend or come meet some new ones. Enjoy some free coffee & Dunkin Donuts (Thanks to Bunch Johnson's) and a light breakfast provided by Post 65. *Donations are appreciated* We usually have a Rep from our own Technology Program in house as well as Goodwill Services &/or NC Works. We will be doing this the first Tuesday of each month if you don't get to make this one.

January 9th 9:00 am-2:00 pm:

VA – Veterans Experience Action Center event. Thursday, January 9, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Richard Childress Racing, 425 Industrial Dr., Welcome, NC. **ON-SITE – VA benefits, compensation, pension, health care, mental health, housing, employment and legal services assistance.** Bring your DD214 and any claims information and/or documentation you have.

January 9th 6 PM: Thursday January 9th Post 65 Executive Committee Meeting oversees the government & management of the Post. Any Post 65 Member is welcome to attend our Executive Committee Meeting. Our Executive Committee meets ever month on the Thursday before our Monthly Supper Meeting. Finance Committee meet at 5PM before the Executive Meeting.

January 16th 6:00 PM: Post 65 Fellowship Night is Back. BINGO Thursday January 16th at 6:00-8:30 PM. On the 3rd Thursday of every month we will get together to have some fun with friends. Only \$2 per card to play. We'll be playing Bingo with prizes, so you don't 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. Donations are appreciated! Come be with us.

January 23rd Legion Riders: Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23rd starting at 6:30 pm. Meeting the 4th Thursday of each month. The Legion Riders are up and rolling and growing. We started the New Year off with a short ride on a beautiful sunny New Year's Day. Want to join or more information contact Director Andy Elsenboss at his email address-- hd4ever41@yahoo.com.

January 26th Sons of the Legion: Our next meeting will be held on Monday, January 26th @ 6 pm, at the Post. PLEASE JOIN US! All male descendants of US Veterans are eligible to be members of the Sons. There is no age requirement. If you're interested in being a part of the Sons of the Legion, contact SAL Commander Don Carr @ 704-677-3196, email: dcarr@att.net, find our FB page (Sons of the American Legion Squadron 65), or attend a meeting! The Post contact number is 704-872-5098. When you leave a

message, Commander Mike Morris will automatically be notified and will return your call ASAP

February 12th 2020 8:30 am-10:30 am: Greensboro: K&W Cafeteria, 3710 S. Holden Rd. Veterans Coffee for Women Vets Focuses on Women Veteran's issues. 4 times a year. **February 12**, April 8, August 12, October 14. Information, Sandra Robinson – sagerob01@icloud.com

February 19th 2020: Wednesday Veterans Coffee Outback Steak House 8:30-10:30. Light breakfast & Daylight Doughnuts. Sharing of Veterans information and benefits. Don Timmons & Trellis Supportive Care.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO:

December 1st 2019: Post 65 entered a float in the Harmony Christmas Parade. Congratulations Post 65 for being voted the Best float in the Harmony Christmas Parade. Post 65 received a Plaque and a check for \$100.00. Thanks to everyone who help with our Christmas Float reminding people that not everyone is home at Christmas with their love ones. Our Military are stationed all around the world and some are fighting for their lives. God Bless our troops and the USA.

December 7th 2019: Post 65 Christmas Party. I hope you were able to make it to the Post Christmas party. There were 99 that did make it and we had such a wonderful fun time. Plenty of good food and loved the Christmas music by the Hanelines. Thanks for everyone's help and all the delicious deserts.

December 8th 2019: Post 65 entered two floats in the Statesville Christmas Parade. We had a lot of fun and even with it being a little cool we had 20 to ride in the Parade.

December 14th 2019: Salisbury VA National Cemetery "Wreaths Across America". What an Honor to help lay the 6500 wreaths on the graves of our Country's Heroes. The weather was not very nice when we started the day. When the opening ceremony was over God provided a beautiful Sunny day as we started to put the Wreaths out. Thanks to all our volunteers from Post 65 that helped to make up a crowd of volunteers of around 750 to 1000.

December 20th 2019: Received a beautiful card and some delicious home-made cookies for Post 65 Legionnaire Frank (Popeye) Robillard. Frank has moved back to Pa. to help look after some family members. Thanks so much Frank and we miss you. You will have to ask the Commander what happened to the cookies.

FUNDING:

Building Rental: Please let everyone you know that our building is available for reunions, parties, meetings, receptions, etc. for \$200.00 per use (plus a \$200.00 refundable deposit). We are a tobacco and alcohol-free Veteran, family and community focused organization.

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) non-profit 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.

ODDS & ENDS:

Our new website <http://ncpost65.org> is up and running! Thanks to webmaster Don Carr for his expertise & hard work. More information has been added to the website including pictures of the Cobra Helicopter when it was first located at the Post. Check it out!

Our Facebook page is *American Legion Post 65 Statesville*. Amy Morris is the Administrator. Keep up to date on everything happening at the Post by reading our Facebook page...and don't forget to hit the "LIKE" button!

Historian Page: centennial/mylegion.org Thanks to our Post Historian Kenneth Wallace.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS:

AUXILIARY:

POST CONTACT:

The Post contact number is **704-872-5098**. Leave a message and it will be automatically forwarded to the Commander.

YOUR OFFICERS:

Commander: Mike Morris, **1st Vice Commander:** Robert Osborne, **2nd Vice Commander:** Bob Waters, **Adjutant:** Mark Armstrong, **Finance Officer:** Don Carr, **Judge Advocate:** Rick Shroyer, **Chaplain:** Harold Smith, **Service Officer:** Don Carr, **Historian:** Kenneth Wallace