

## American Legion Post 65 Newsletter

**September 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 September 13<sup>th</sup>** is the American Legion Post 65 family monthly supper-meeting. At 5:00 pm sign in and "Meet & Greet". At 6:00 a supper of Meatloaf and mashed potatoes and green beans. Auxiliary is doing a pie contest. 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 September 2021:**

Going forward, September 11, 2021, will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on our country; The World Trade Center, and Shanksville Pennsylvania as well as the Pentagon.

I'm sure we all remember exactly where we were, at that specific moment in time. Let's us "NEVER FORGET"

Keeping our doors open for you, our Legion Family, is at the forefront of the decisions we make every day. Staying open allows us, as a Team, to complete the mission of the American Legion: "The American Legion strengthens our

communities, states and nation with programs and services for our veterans, the military and their families.”

Funding for these programs and services is derived from the hard work performed by you, the volunteer. We all enjoy the fund raisers provided by our Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Riders, and Sons each week. You continue to see the same faces behind these event’s week after week, and God bless them for their tireless efforts. Next time you see them hard at it, please take a moment and thank them for donating their precious time and skills. Unfortunately, they do get burned out quickly, as we all would. If we do not get more volunteers to relieve them occasionally, the time will come when our schedule becomes inevitably and noticeably lighter for lack of people willing to do this vital work. So please, if you have a couple of hours to spare during the week, speak to those volunteers to ask what you can do to assist in helping accomplish our mission. Who knows, you might even enjoy it.

Have you noticed; we are gaining new members every day at the Legion? Some Active Duty and some retired, but always Family. As American troops continue to battle terrorists on the far side of the globe, many are returning home as hardened veterans of a different kind of war. They join their predecessors of other wars in earning the honored title of “American Veteran”. We welcome them all as Family. If you find yourself sitting down next to someone you haven’t met yet, please introduce yourself. Share a story, a laugh, or a memory. If it were not for the brave few that introduced themselves to me when I first sat down at Post 65, I would not be in the position I am at today, and I thank you all for taking that first step!

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 \(ncpost65.org\)](#).

Thank you for the honor of this position and I will do my very best for all of you.

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

Respectfully,  
Donny Bradley  
Commander Post 65

## **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!

### **Auxiliary 2021-2022 Officers**

**President:** Amy Morris - ALA Statesville Unit 65 & ALA NC District 11 President

**Vice President:** Angie Bradley

**Secretary:** Sarah Sawyer

**Treasury:** Ruth Groff

**Sergeant of Arms:** Heather Gessler

**Historian:** Loretta Coley

**Chaplain:** Debbie Wallace

- Monday September 13 is the post Supper Meeting @5:45. The plan is for us to do a Pie Contest, bring 2 pies (same recipe) to join in the fun. Sarah has made some beautiful award ribbons – Thanks Sarah! Also, if you can help that night or are making any other food and have questions, give Angie a call or text @ 704-903-8233.
- **Welcome New Members:** Michelle Keene, Debbie Wallace, and Emma Ward!!
- **Happy Birthday:** Loretta Coley- September 1<sup>st</sup> and to Pat Jenkins- September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Upcoming Events:** Iredell County Fair (Post 65 booth). Pie contest, Supper Meeting, Meal Train, and Community Breakfast.
- Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> is the monthly breakfast from 7-9:30. We had a great turnout from our Auxiliary last month.
- Tuesday September 21<sup>st</sup>, our newest member, Michelle Keene, will be having a significant medical procedure. We would like to support her by providing some meals. We will probably need to do 2-3 days to cover their need. If you are interested in coordinating the meals or making /taking a meal let me know as soon as possible. We can get more specific details out to everyone shortly.

- **Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> @3pm** will be our next Auxiliary Meeting. Bring a light snack to share if you'd like. Invite anyone you know who may be interested in joining our gang.
- Our Name tags are in, just in time for these events! I will get them out to each of you asap.
- Finally, the walls at the Post were knocked down. Thank you so much to those of you who were able to come help at the post workday. Our help was appreciated.
- **Memorial:** On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Unit 65 lost past President Cheryl "Cooky" Fannar. Cooky joined 65's Auxiliary 27 years ago and did not slow down until her health forced her to. Her drive and determination were second to none. Cooky didn't take no for an answer, she always found a way to accomplish her goals. She was known around the veteran community for her passionate Patriotism and her endless devotion to those who Serve. Cooky may no longer be here with us but the legacy she leaves behind will live on Forever through the Auxiliary at Post 65.

I'm so thankful to be a part of such awesome group of dedicated women. Please continue to pray for our country, Post 65, each other and especially for all those affected by the Afghanistan tragedy.

Amy Wilhelm Morris

President, ALA Statesville Unit 65

ALA NC District 11 President

For more info, contact Amy Morris @ 704-881-1512 or at [auxiliary@ncpost65.org](mailto:auxiliary@ncpost65.org)

**Legion 2021/2022 Officers:**

**Contact sheet will be posted at the post bulletin board.**

**Commander:** Donny Bradley

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:** Chuck Harris

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 haven't 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 no funerals in August. **Honor Guard members are needed!**

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

Taps: none

### 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.

**September 7th:** 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.

### September Post Workday:

**NEED SOMEONE TO SETUP AND TAKE CHARGE OF PUTTING IN THE DROP CEILING 2X2 GRID. PLEASE CONTACT ME FOR DETAILS AND/OR IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP. Any Questions call Chuck Spangler @ 704-881-2039.**

**I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU EVERYONE THAT HELPED TAKE THE WALLS DOWN ON AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>. WHAT A TURNOUT WE HAD; IT GAVE ME GREAT PLEASURE TO KNOW THAT I AM A PART OF THIS GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT CARES FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS POST. LET'S KEEP IT GOING.**

**September 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM:** Post 65 Fellowship Night is back! BINGO Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**September 18<sup>th</sup>: 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. Rider's meeting will be after the breakfast.

**September 27<sup>th</sup>: Sons of the American Legion:** Our next meeting will be held on Monday September 27<sup>th</sup> @6:00 pm at the American Legion Post 65. Let's 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 <https://4everbricks.com/donors/post65/> and you can order online or download an order form. The 2021 Iredell County Fair is going on until Saturday September 11, 2021. Post 65 has a table set up to support our post and sell tickets for our flag raffle. A lot of exciting things are happening at American Legion Post 65. Come join us and be part of a great team!

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

### **What we have been up to:**

**August 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 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.

**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/](http://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 October 4th.