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4th Quarter 2010 Newsletter

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Meetings:

General & Ladies Auxiliary 2nd Tuesday at 7:00pm
Sons of The American Legion 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm
Legion Riders Last Wednesday of month at 7:00pm

2010-2011 Post Officers:

CDR, John Jasinski
1st Vice CDR, Bruce Simmons
2nd Vice CDR, Al Maver
Adjutant, Tammy Hamilton
Finance Officer, Doug Bateman
Historian, Brian Walsh
Chaplain, Bruce Parron
Service Officer, Tom Traywick
Judge Advocate, Ken Bukantas
Sgt at Arms, Ed Sargent
Executive Officers – Ken Koci, CB Jernigan and John Frizzell
Contact any of these Officers with concerns, requests, or needs on these programs.

General Meeting Overview:

4th Quarter 2010 meetings overview as follows:

Committee Reports:

Post Cdr reported on the state of the posts finances to include the General, Bingo, Membership & Lounge accounts. CPA/Audit committee reported on the audits of same accounts and that all were in order. Written report of same available to any member upon request. Any member that would like a copy of the Post's By-laws please contact John Jasinski or Tammy Hamilton.

Membership reported on the monthly transmittals and Post standing by percentage with the 2011 membership currently at 245 – 81% Post. We are still Short 59 memberships in obtaining our goal of 100%. Those of you who have not renewed your membership yet, please understand you are delinquent as of January 1, 2011. Please get your renewal into us so that we can get your membership current and up to date.

SALs membership currently stands at 24 members. Currently raffling off a Shot-gun with the drawing to be at the SAL Turkey-Shoot in March.

Legion Riders membership is currently at 19 riders. The Riders have been very active over the past couple of months with numerous rides for charities, participated in the SGT Mac Wreath ride to Newbern and a trip to the Hampton VA to show their support. Any member interested in joining the Riders should contact the Director, Junie "Boweavel" Chappelle at bo.weavel2@gmail.com or feel free to call at 252-232-2429 or 757-681-3622.

House & Grounds committee reported on the Post's general order. The Membership Lounge is still closed on Mondays. All Post members must have a current membership card in their possession while on the Post premises and any guest visiting the Post must be signed into the Guestbook by the sponsoring Post member and must leave when their sponsor leaves. Locker dues are now due.

Children & Youth Congratulations to member Brain Walsh's daughter, Erin Walsh who won the Colon Furr Nursing Scholarship.

Chaplain's Corner:

Notify our Chaplain, Bruce Parron, when any of our comrades are ill, hospitalized or in need of help. Call him at 252-619-6075. He will need the phone number and address of any member that requires the Post or his service or assistance.

Sick Call: Our Comrades Louis Nash and Gene Poyner, have recently passed and gone to our Heavenly Father. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. Member, Roy Davidson is currently home.

Post Commander:

The Executive Committee has reviewed the Post Constitution & By-Laws and will be bringing recommended changes before the General Membership over the next 3 General Meetings for a vote.

Memberships:

If you have any membership questions, or are having a difficult time and need help in getting your dues paid, please call Tammy at 252-267-7850. Dues can be mailed to the Post at:
PO Box 288
Coinjock, NC 27923
Attn: Post Adjutant

Bingo:

Bingo continues to draw good numbers through the spring months. We currently have a Jackpot every Friday as we have had good participation. A smoking room is available with TV monitors and Flash Board which is entirely separate of the main hall. The Early Bird specials are available at 4:45pm, and the regular packs will be available at 5:00pm. The games start at 6:45pm. As always, the ladies kitchen is open each night with plenty of good food available before the game and at half time.

BINGO needs your HELP! Please volunteer to assist on Friday evenings. Call John Jasinski, Post Commander at 453-2079 or email at bingo@coinjockncpost288.org. **Come check us out!**

Turkey Shoot:

Turkey Shoot season is winding down. We've had a great year and will have our final shoot on March 12th, followed by the SAL's and Rider's shoots

Ladies Auxiliary:

A special thanks to the Legion Riders, SALs and Legion members for cooking and the ladies for putting together the Thanksgiving dinners that fed 15 families in Currituck – Great Team Work! December 2nd we took a trip to the VA Hospital to our adopted Spinal Cord Ward with the SALs & Legion riders, we took insulated mugs, room fresheners and a large cooler on wheels they can take out on fishing trips and of course lots of goodies! We held our Children's Christmas Party on December 5th, thank you to Kim's brother Michael for being Santa and Bernie for being his helper, and thanks to all the Ladies who helped with singing, games and food – we had 21 children come see Santa.

Events & Post Information

Upcoming events that are planned or are in the planning stages are as follows:

We will be starting up the long missed Thursday Night Dinners on February 10th from 4pm-7pm through the spring. Cost is \$6.00 which includes tea & desert. Come eat while helping to support our Children & Youth Programs.

We are currently planning at Sweet-Heart Dance for February 12th from 8pm til midnight. Cost will be \$15.00 a couple with tickets available in advance in the Post lounge. Bring your sweet-heart for a great time with entertainment provided by Hambone.

We will be celebrating our Post's & The American Legion's birthdays this Year with our final membership round-up on Sunday, March 13th from 1pm-5pm here at the Post home. We will be having an oyster roast with all the fixins with Hambone for entertainment. Cost will be \$10.00 for all, and for members with a paid 2011 membership costs will be \$5.00.

We look forward to seeing you all there as we celebrate and enjoy a day of fun with our comrades.

We have a lot of plans in the works, so please check our website for up to date information or just give us a call at the Post.

Disability claim info online at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp> disability compensation and pension benefits on its main website, main.asp. VA also offers comprehensive information about all at its website www.vba.gov/bin/21. If you don't have computer access, you can call VA toll free at 1-800-827-1000 for more information. For Virginia members, the Legion has a Veterans' Assistance Officer at the Hampton, VA Hospital. Contact at 757-222-9961, ext 3448. **American Legion NC Veterans Service Officers** located at <http://nclegion.org/service.htm>.

VA Has Opened Enrollment to More Veterans whose medical conditions are not service-connected. Enrollments are for veterans in the lowest health care priority group, Priority 8, which is for veterans with at least moderate incomes whose health issues are not service connected. Eligibility and other enrollment details are posted at the Veterans Affairs Department website www.va.gov. Veterans are encouraged to contact the VA's Health Resource Center at 1-877-222 VETS (8387) or visit the [VA health eligibility website](http://www.va.gov) for more information.

Social Security Benefit for anyone who served on active duty between January 1957 to December 31, 2001 qualifies for a higher social security payment for more information go to www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm.

Purple Heart Recipients can now enter their name and photo on the Purple Heart Hall of Fame at www.thepurpleheart.com.

Calendar of Events at the Post Home

January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Shoot Turkey
2	3	4	5	6	7 Bingo 6:45	8 Turkey Shoot
9 Ladies Aux. Meatloaf Dinner	10	11 Gen.& Ladies Mtg	12	13	14 Bingo 6:45	15 Turkey Shoot
16	17	18 SAL Meeting	19	20	21 Bingo 6:45	22 Turkey Shoot
23	24	25	26 Riders Mtg	27	28 Bingo 6:45	29 Turkey Shoot
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February 2011

		1	2	3	4 Bingo 6:45	5 Turkey Shoot
6	7	8 Gen.& Ladies Mtg	9	10 Thursday Night Dinner 4pm-7pm	11 Bingo 6:45	12 Turkey Shoot Sweet-Heart Dance 8pm- mid
13 – Ladies Aux Fried-Chicken Dinner	14	15 SAL Meeting	16	17	18 Bingo 6:45 NC Mid-Winter Conference	19 Turkey Shoot NC Conference
20 NC Conference	21	22	23 Riders Mtg VA Rural Health Clinic 11am-2pm	24 Thursday Night Dinner 4pm-7pm	25 Bingo 6:45	26 Turkey Shoot
27	28					

March 2011

		1	2	3 Thursday Night Dinner 4pm-7pm	4 Bingo 6:45	5 Turkey Shoot
6	7	8 Gen.& Ladies Mtg	9	10 Thursday Night Dinner 4pm-7pm	11 Bingo 6:45	12 Final Turkey Shoot
13 – Ladies Aux Beef-tips Dinner	14	15 SAL Meeting	16	17 Thursday Night Dinner 4pm-7pm	18 Bingo 6:45	19 Turkey Shoot SALs
20	21	22	23 Riders Mtg	24 Thursday Night Dinner 4pm-7pm	25 Bingo 6:45	26 Turkey Shoot Legion Riders
27	28	29	30	31 Thursday Night Dinner 4pm-7pm		