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

General Meeting Overview:

2nd Quarter 2010 meetings overview as follows:

Committee Reports:

Cdr Bob Kohler 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 Bob Kohler or Tammy Hamilton.

Membership reported on the monthly transmittals and Post standing by percentage with the 2010 membership currently at 303 – 97% Post. Our Post was short 10 members to reach our 100% goal but we look forward to a new year and with the great support from our members will hope to get 100% for the 2011 membership year. We would like to thank Bob Kohler, John Jasinski, Bruce Parron and Tammy Hamilton for their efforts in recruiting new members this year, all of which were awarded the NC Commander Membership Award as well as the National Commander Membership Award. Great Job to ALL!!!

SALs membership currently stands at 38 members for the 2010 membership year which puts them at 115% Squadron - WOW!! Elections were held this month:

Commander	Robert Wilaby	Vice Commander	Curt McGraw
Treasurer	Junie Chappelle	Adjutant	Bruce Simmons
Sargent at Arms	Joel Barnett	Historian	Josh Miller
Chaplain	Al Maver		

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, as escorts for Departed Member's families 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. Elections were held this month:

Director	Junie Chappelle	Vice Director	John Jasinski
Secretary/Treasurer	Teresa Chappelle	Sargent at Arms	Bruce Simmons
Historian	Robert Wilaby	Chaplain	Al Maver
Run Coordinator	Tom Traywick	Asst. Run Coord.	Brian Walsh

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.

Children & Youth collected 154lbs of pull tabs which was delivered to State Headquarters in February, Great Job to everyone that contributed!

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 Ernie Saunders, Talmage Ward, DW Gibson and George Forbes have recently passed and gone to our Heavenly Father. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. Members Tinky Poyner and Stan Thomas are residing at Allzwell Assisted Living Center in Chesapeake, VA and really enjoy visits from their fellow Veterans.

Memberships:

If you have any membership questions, 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 Blair Barker, Bingo Chairman at 453-2079 or email at bingo@coinjockncpost288.org. **Come check us out!**

Events & Post Information

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

We would like to know what we as the Officers of this Post can do to get more participation at our Post's General Meetings. We meet every month and have very little participation, these meetings are held to let you as the membership know what we as a Post are doing and your input and assistance is vital in ensuring our Post's effectiveness in the community and to our fellow Veterans. Please feel free to contact any Post Officer with any ideas or concerns.

Will be having a Flag Retirement Ceremony here at the Post home on June 16th at 6:30pm here at the Post home and look forward to seeing many of you there.

This year with everything that will be going on in the counties through July, will be having our 2011 Membership Early-Bird Round-up on June 26th from 1pm-5pm here at the Post Home. We will be having barbeque chicken with all the fixings. Cost will be \$5.00 for everyone. This cookout will be our first of the new membership year and look forward to another great turnout. Please mark your calendars as we depend on these cookouts to see our old and new members.

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.

Come join us in raising monies for Currituck County's school supplies. Our Post and Charters will be having a "Sock-Hop" on July 24th from 8pm-12 midnight. Cost is \$15.00 per couple and \$8.00 stag. All proceeds go to purchase the school supplies for Currituck County Schools.

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://VAhealtheligibilitywebsite) 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.

Please say a Prayer for our Veterans that are so far from Home and for all that support them.