



**COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Fellow Legionnaires,

I hope you weathered the storm without too many issues. Hurricane season always makes me stop and reflect on what I would need to do in an emergency and could I survive with what I have. As the hurricane approached, I watched with amazement at all the people that were woefully unprepared to survive without electricity for a few days.

Personally, I always have several cases of water on hand at all times. In addition, I have canned and dried foods available for my wife and I to survive for a couple weeks without any outside help. I also have a dehydrator that I use to dry fruits (homemade raisins are awesome and that's coming from a guy who never cared for raisins!), vegetables and make some great jerky. So seeing people raid the grocery stores and clear shelves like it's the last time they'll ever see civilization still makes me wonder why these people wait until it's too late.

I'm not a prepper or an off-the-grid survivalist or anything and I don't think the end of society is coming, but I do believe that each one of us is responsible for our own survival if something were to happen (hurricane, wildfire, tornado, zombie apocalypse, etc). Because of that belief, my desire to eat on a regular basis and the nasty MREs we have all had in the past, I made the decision to prepare and package the things I want and like to eat. Some things work, some don't, but it's been an adventure trying a variety of things.

I know we don't all have the time or space to stockpile supplies, but if you have a little room, consider keeping a good supply of water on hand for your family and if you have some extra space, maybe help a friend or neighbor store some too.

Respectfully.....

*Troy Alcorn*



Hello Legionnaires,  
Andrew Johnson placed his hand on Proverbs 21 as he took the Presidential oath of office.

Please turn to your scriptures and read and share this passage.

I hope to see all of you at our next meeting.  
Until then, God bless

Wade Stanley,  
Chaplain, Leonard Moore Post 71

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...**

Commander Troy Alcorn called the meeting to order at 1900. Our Nations Colors were posted by Sergeants at Arms Al Cotham and Larry Tice. Chaplain Wade Stanley gave the opening prayer. Commander Alcorn led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution. The Commander recognized Arthur Cardone, an Army vet, who transferred from a Post in New York.

Commander recognized members with Birthdays: Billie Amos, Lewis Beach, John Brosnan, Claude Canipe, John Clack, Garnett Crowe, Devaughn Durham, Edward Erickson, Steven Fornicola, Joseph Garner, Pascual Goicoechea, Eugene Karaszewski, Thomas Ludwick, Phillip Parrish, Frank Pembroke, Larry Price, James Rary, Sam Robertson, William Rose, Harry Sanderford, Darren Shopbell, Robert Simpson, Charles Stephens, Jesse Stevens, Kenneth Taylor, Larry Watson, Chester Weger, Isaac Witherell & USAF

Adjourned for dinner at 1906

Reconvened at 1945

Correction to the minutes of last month were solicited. 'Installation' was corrected to 'Installation of the fence' to preclude confusion with installation of officers. Motion to accept with corrections was made by Jay Dinner and 2nd by Bob Gretsinger. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE: Sal Pilo, finance Officer reported expenditures



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and income through today 9/13. Motion to accept was made by Jay Dinner and 2nd by John Falco. Motion carried.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: NTR

POST SERVICE OFFICER: NTR

LEGION RIDERS: Bob Gretsinger reported that our post would assist Selma Post 141 in reading the names at the Vietnam Memorial at the capital because they don't have enough members.

POST HISTORIAN/ADOPT A HIGHWAY: NTR

HONOR GUARD. Bull Durham passed around a list of Honor Guard members. He asked that members make corrections as necessary and add their names if they would like to participate.

BASEBALL. NTR

WEAPON RAFFLE Wade Stanley provided information on a possible gun raffle. The prize would be a Benelli Super Black Eagle II Semi-Auto Shotgun. The gun is available to us at a cost of \$400. The gun lists for about \$2000. He asked for a motion to purchase the gun for \$400, sell 500 tickets at \$10 each and announce the raffle winner at our February meeting. Bull Durham made the motion. Beanie 2nd the motion. Motion Carried.

MEMBERSHIP Jerry Hill reported 170 paid memberships so far. Goal is 298.

Old business: Beanie asked to revisit decision, past at the last meeting, to have a POW/MIA table at every meeting. After much discussion, it was decided to table the issue until the next meeting.

New business: Jerry reported that we are hosting a pancake, sausage and coffee breakfast at the HWY 55 restaurant on Sept 29th. Tickets are \$5, are available tonight and at the door. The Commander reported that Harvest Festival has been rescheduled for October 31 to November 4. Jerry said that he still needed the people who volunteered previously to step up again. Please let him know if you can still help. Tickets for 13 Dec Ladies Night are available. \$15/single \$25/couple. Please pay in advance, although they are available at the door, so we can plan for the right number. In February of this year, we honored First Responders Detective Colonel William Kilpatrick and Fireman Cory Adam Beard. We are preparing packages to nominate them to the Department as Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and a Firefighter of the Year. However, the rules require that their nominations be approved at a regular meeting. I need a motion to nominate Detective Kilpatrick and Fireman Beard as Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year respectively. James Rary made a motion to nominate.

2nd by Bull Durham. Motion carried.

Good of the legion: We are in the process of nominating Baseball Ray to the Legion Baseball Hall of fame. The Post has nominated Beanie as Post Commander of the year for last year. We have also submitted the previous 12 months newsletters for consideration as Newsletter of the Year. We have provided the Legion Riders with the materials to submit Colon Furr Scholarship for a deserving nurse student. Bull asked everyone to collect the mounting grommets from retired flags. The Post might melt them down to make a bell as other Posts have done. He also made available Volunteer of America pamphlets for anyone interested. The Commander stated that we are still looking for a rental supervisor or two. A Post Everlasting memorial service was conducted for Marvin Wilson Andrew, Stenson Duke Lee, David Todd Currie and James Douglas Atwood.

Commander recognized the cook committee: Ray Hunt, Jim Quinn, Lewis Humphrey, Raymond Capps, Bill Moran, and Mike O'Brien. Chaplin Wade Stanley gave the closing prayer. Commander Troy Alcorn asked the Sergeant at Arms to retire the Colors.

The meeting was adjourned in due form at 2020 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Papineau, Adjutant

**District Meeting** - The District meeting originally scheduled for September 14th has been rescheduled for October 26th at Post 71. Dinner will be served at 6:30. The cost is \$10.00. The meeting will start at 7:00 sharp. There will also be a 50/50 drawing.

**Support your Post** - The Post is steadily renting the hall almost every weekend and we currently have just three people to supervise those rentals and that just isn't enough. This job entails calling the renter to verify when they will need to get in, being at the Post during the rental and making sure that the hall is cleaned up and back in order before they leave. The rentals are typically Saturdays, but there are some on other days. The renter also pays a stipend for the supervisor to be there. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the Commander by email, phone or in person.



# October Birthdays

**Veterans Rally Point** - Please join us for Johnston County's "Veterans Rally Point" event. ALL Veterans are invited to attend this special event to be held at American Legion Banner Post 109. Address is 405 N. Wall St. in Benson, NC 27504 . The venue is simply to provide a rally point for all veterans to meet, socialize, and network. Meets are every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9am until 11am. Join fellow veterans for coffee, conversation and the occasional guest speaker. Point of Contact: Robert Boyette 919-989-5067

**Veterans ID Card** - If you are a veteran but did not retire or do not have a VA ID card, then you can get a Veterans ID Card from Vets.com. This can be used in place of your DD214. More info can be found in the YouTube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHCkZPt0ZyQ&feature=youtu.be>

**Experts Urge Screening of Veterans for Hepatitis C**  
This WebMD link that outlines what the VA is doing about an alarming discovery of the number of Hep C cases among veterans, particularly Vietnam Veterans.  
<https://www.webmd.com/hepatitis/news/19991111/military-veterans-hepatitis-c#1>

**Life Line Screening**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on **Wednesday, October 3, 2018** at American Legion Post 71. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; Carotid Artery (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.  
Register online TODAY at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment.

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| <b>Clifton Bagley</b>   | <b>Steve Driver</b>     |
| <b>Devell Durham</b>    | <b>Franklin Eaddy</b>   |
| <b>Eric Guevin</b>      | <b>Robert Hill</b>      |
| <b>Wilbur Honeycutt</b> | <b>William Irwin</b>    |
| <b>Leon Katthage</b>    | <b>Richard Lankford</b> |
| <b>Herbert Nelke</b>    | <b>Stanley Nix</b>      |
| <b>Raymond Payne</b>    | <b>William Piver</b>    |
| <b>James Quinn</b>      | <b>Larry Ramsey</b>     |
| <b>Alberto Sandoval</b> | <b>Edward Smola</b>     |
| <b>Kenneth Todd</b>     | <b>Herman Vinson</b>    |
| <b>David Weaver</b>     | <b>Chris Reed</b>       |
|                         | <b>John Yurtin</b>      |

To ensure we do not miss anyone's special day, please make certain we have your correct birth date in our records. Please email the editor or fill out the birthday list at the monthly meetings.

***FROM THE EDITOR:***

*We are always looking to save the Post money. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email instead of postal mail, please contact the editor with your name and email address. Also, if you have any suggestions, announcements, questions, comments or concerns you wish to see addressed in future publications, please contact the editor.*

*Troy Alcorn - Newsletter Editor*



Post 71 received a \$1,000.00 grant from Wal-Mart  
Left to right: Ken Wendel, Paul Papineau, Michael White, Jerry Hill and Troy Alcorn

### **October Cook Committee**

Chairman--Sal Pilo, Co-Chair--John Alicea, Joe Capps, Allen Smithson, Dennis Pulley, George Pfeuffer, Henry Benevides, Jim Rary, Jay Dinner, Melvin McAllister

### **November Cook Committee**

Veterans Breakfast --Ron Perri, Kendal Kennedy, Pete Perrino, Ray Payne, Allen Smithson, Troy Alcorn  
BBQ Hog Dinner – Wade Stanley, Stacy Morgan, Glenn Creech

#### **BASEMENT NEWS:**

The basement committee would like to welcome all members to join them each Wednesday from 1830 to 2200 for socializing, camaraderie and war stories. There are many fun activities to enjoy, including Poker, Dominoes, and LCR. With the weather permitting, we will play corn-hole as well. The basement is also open on meeting nights at 1800 and immediately following the meeting.



*Legion Riders meetings are at 1900 on the second Monday of the month.  
POW/MIA Ride 10:30 AM first Saturday of each month. Contact Rick Fornicola, Director @ [sfornicolasr@yahoo.com](mailto:sfornicolasr@yahoo.com) for more information.*

**LOOK Twice! Save a Life!**



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post71 Events, Contacts, Holidays in United States

Oct 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
		7 pm - Auxilliary Mtg	Rental - Lifeline 6:30pm - Basement	Rental @ 1300 Old 5:45pm - Executive		Rental @ 1300 Old
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Columbus Day 10am - Travel Club 7pm - Legion Riders 7:30pm - Riders Mtg	6pm - Marine Corps	6:30pm - Basement	7pm - Legion Mtg		Navy Birthday Rental @ 1300 Old	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			6:30pm - Basement			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		6:30pm - Basement	4pm - 40/8	6:30pm - District	Rental @ 1300 Old	
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		Halloween 6:30pm - Basement	5:45pm - Executive			

**RESOURCES:**

American Legion website at: <http://www.legion.org/>

For a free ride to the VA hospital in Durham in the DAV van, call 919-989-7177. They will tell you where you can meet the van.

Your elected representatives in Washington, D.C.:

**U.S. Sen. Richard Burr (NC)**  
(202) 224-3154

**U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis (NC) U.S. Rep.**  
(202) 224-6342

David Rouzer (7<sup>th</sup> Dist. Smithfield, Clayton, NC)  
(202) 225-2731

[www.burr.senate.gov/public](http://www.burr.senate.gov/public)

[www.tillis.senate.gov](http://www.tillis.senate.gov)

<https://rouzer.house.gov>

Your reps not listed? Check here: <http://www.usa.gov>

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