

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
BURTON COWELL POST 265
POST OFFICE BOX 13
JACKSONVILLE, NC 28541**

**APRIL --- JUNE
2025**

MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER GAYNOR

Post elections are coming up and all positions are open for nominations, anyone who wishes to be considered for an officer position please contact the Nomination Chairman Richard Potter (rjpotter@yahoo.com). Members cannot nominate themselves the nominations may be made from the floor by members during a regular membership meeting when that position is called for by the Commander.

I want to thank all who came out for the Birthday dinner, although I was not in attendance do to an illness 1st Vice Steve Shortt assumed the duties and gave out 1 new member their initiation certificate and membership card as well as awarding Richard Towner his 60 year continuous membership award and Service Officer Kevin Sherman Legionnaire of the year for 2025 and we congratulate him on his selection.

The following is a schedule for the nomination & election of Officers for 2025/2026. April 28th member meeting and nominations for Officer Positions. May 26th member meeting and nominations for Officer Positions & election of officers during this meeting.

**THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS WILL TAKE PLACE ON 23rd June 2025
DURING OUR REGULAR MEETING at 7pm**

Listed below are the current officers.

COMMANDER	DALLAS GAYNOR
1ST VICE	STEVEN SHORTT
2ND VICE	CORD KARAKAS-CINADER
CHAPLAIN	RUSSELL STRACK
ADJUTANT	FRED WORTHINGTON
FINANCE OFFICER	GERALD GRIFFIN
SERVICE OFFICER	KEVIN SHERMAN
HISTORIAN	RICHARD JOHN POTTER
SGT-AT-ARMS	CHARLES JACOBI

FROM THE POST ADJUTANT

When you receive your 2025 renewal notice, mail your renewal notice with the proper payment of (\$40.00). If you are registered on mylegion.org you can make your dues payment online. You may also pay for multiple years now and apply for Paid up for Life status online.

We are still in need of new members, mostly we need new members or present members to step up and start getting more involved with what is going on at the post. You do not need to be an officer within the post to get involved; it just takes commitment time on your behalf to learn the ins and outs of operating this post.

To date we have joined 34 new members and transferred 14 members from different posts. At the present time we have 353 paid members for 2025 and there are 55 that have not been renewed for 2025, and I am sure that we will lose many of these members.

Once again let me remind you that you should register yourself on mylegion.org if you have not done so and update your profile page. There are members missing information on your profile page. This hinders me, Department Headquarters and National Headquarters, when trying to assist a member with a problem if they are not registered and their profiles are not up to date.

Chapter 265 Legion Riders will be placing American Flags on Veterans graves from past wars at selected grave sites throughout the city and county. This will take place on 10 May 2025. If anyone would like to help, please be at the post by 10AM for further instructions.

The American Legion Riders chapter 265 will be participating in a Suicide Prevention Charity ride on 12 April 2025 and the ride will begin in Fayetteville, NC and end at the post with food vendors and a car, bike, jeep/truck show so come on out and support this cause please see their post FB page for all the details.

There will be a 6th District meeting on 17 May 2025 at 9am at the post and all members are invited to attend. No meal will be served at this meeting however coffee will be available. Liz Hartman 6th District Commander will be conducting a nomination and election of a new 6th District Commander and 1st Vice during this meeting.

19 April The Legion Riders will be cooking hot dogs at New River Harley Davidson 11am-2pm so come out and support the fund raiser. Donations for hot dogs will be accepted. Gun Raffle tickets will be on sale as well.

April 24-27 The Wall that Heals will be in Whiteville, NC the host is Veterans Memorial Park of America. Location TBA check their website.

Hht://thewallthathealswhiteville.com for more info

May 8-10 there will be a Veterans Experience Action Center at the National Guard Armory at 2412 Infantry Rd. Wilmington, NC. You must register and attend according to the last 2 digits of your SSN. Register at the door accordingly.

Thursday 9am – 3pm SSN 00-33

Friday 9am-3pm SSN 34-66

Saturday 9am-2pm SSN 67-99

Bring all your documentation and DD-214 with you so you can file a claim or follow up on one that has been filed already.

Rolling Thunder NC 5 will be holding their Rolling Thunder XXXVI Nationwide RIDE FOR FREEDOM

May 23rd 8pm Candlelight Vigil Vietnam Memorial at

May 24th 10am Opening Ceramony at New River Harley Davidson

May 25th 9am-11:30am Registration for riders and guests at American Legion post 265

9am Food trucks/vendors available

12pm Law Enforcement Escorted ride though Onslow County

Rolling Thunder NC 5 FB page has all the info.

www.rollingthundernc5.com or contact Paul Levesque 910-389-7319

Department of NC convention will be held 18-22 June 2025 at Raleigh North Hilton. If you want to attend, please let me know ASAP so I can forward the RSVP link to you when I get it. You must pay for the room and bring your receipt to the post for reimbursement of the room only. Food and transportation are your responsibility.