COMMANDER’S CORNER
Greetings all Legionnaires,
The turnout we had for our Veterans Day meeting was awesome, now if only it can continue!!! Our Christmas dinner is only a month away now — hope to see everyone there with their spouses. The Executive committee will be your servers for that meal! I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and I wish you Merry Christmas and safe travels. Please be careful on the roads as this is the busiest travel time of the year! I will be looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting and as always on Wednesday nights. God bless you all.

— Chuck Methot

Welcome New Members to Post 71!
Christopher (Chris) Page USMC
Steven R. Mann USN

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:
In light of recent issues facing us as American Legion members (i.e. IRS demanding copies of our DD214 or be fined collectively, current health care laws, NSA problems, etc.) we need to let our elected officials in Washington know how we feel, regardless of which ‘side’ you many be on.

Contact your elected representatives in Washington D.C.:
U.S. Sen. Richard Burr (NC)
(202) 224-3154
www.burr.senate.gov/public
U.S. Sen. Kay R. Hagan (NC)
(202) 224-6342
www.hagan.senate.gov
U.S. Rep. Mike McIntyre
(Rep. for 7th Dist. Smithfield, Clayton, NC)
Fax (202) 225-5773
http://mcintyre.house.gov/
Your reps not listed? Check here:
http://www.usa.gov/

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...
The monthly meeting of Leonard Moore Post #71 American Legion was held on Monday night 11 November 2013. Commander Chuck Methot called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours.
Our Nations Colors were posted by Sergeants at Arms Raymond Capps and Larry Tice. Commander Methot asked Post Chaplain Rowland Lambdin to give the opening prayer. Commander led the Post in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution. Commander wished Henry Benavides, Pete Perrino and Robert Hatch a happy birthday in November.
The cook committee served our annual delicious meal of barbecue pork, boiled potatoes, slaw, hush puppies, coffee and iced tea.
Commander called the meeting back to order after the meal. Adjutant Ken Parker read the minutes from 10 October 2013. A motion was made by Curtis Whitehurst and seconded by Paul Hickey to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.
Commander introduced three guests for the evening; Pete Cooley, Lewis Rice, and Chris Page. They were allowed to give brief Biographies. Commander Methot then introduced special guest District 11 Commander Mark Peterson and he was given an opportunity to address the membership. He spoke of the Ceremony at SSS this morning and how all veterans of the county need to stick together in organizations so their voice will be heard. He spoke on membership retention and recruitment into the American Legion. He reminded everyone that we still have a POW from Afghanistan, the only one and he has been in captivity for four years. His name is Bowe Bergdahl and we need to continue to make efforts to bring him home.

Committee reports:
Finance report was given by Finance Officer Pete Perrino. Motion was made by Wade Stanley and properly seconded by Robert Hatch to accept the finance report. Motion carried.
Building and Grounds: Chairman Rudolph Allen reported all is well.
Service Officer: Pete Perrino reported he has information on the web site www.va.gov/explore. This web site gives excellent information about benefits to veterans and how to go about filing claims.
Legion Riders: Richard Neville reported they participated in the monthly POW/MIA ceremony in Raleigh and rode in several area parades and took part in various events, including escorting the bus with WWII veterans from their trip to Washington DC back to Selma. They met the bus at the NC state line. They presented the Commander with a Certificate of Appreciation for the Post's support of the Pony Express run.
Sick and Distressed: Deloy Shaw has had a motorcycle accident and broke several bones; he is recovering and using a scooter to get around. Carmine Butera has had surgery to repair a hernia and is home now. He is sore but recovering. Commander stated the Christmas party is planning to have four members of the Cross Point Community Church entertain with a forty-five minute selection of Christmas music.
New Business: Beanie Eckerson wanted to reiterate the “bring a veteran to the Legion” to all members and also to remind all to contact their Representatives and let them know how you feel on important issues. Devell Durham stated he wanted to give everyone an opportunity to connect with themselves as we had 57 members to sign in tonight and only $51.00 collected for the half and half.
Good of the Legion: Commander thanked the Cook Committee. Stacy Morgan wanted to make sure we thanked Rudolph Allen for cooking the pig the old fashioned way with wood coals instead of gas or charcoal. Jackpot was won by “Beanie” Eckerson.
There being no further business before the body, Commander Methot asked the Sergeant at Arms to retire the Colors. Chaplain gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned in due form at 20:18 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Parker, Adjutant

Christmas Celebration
December 12th--Mark your calendars! Put on your Christmas best, grab that special someone and prepare to have a great holiday time with your friends at Post 71!! The festivities begin at 7 PM, with live music and dancing (if you can!). Cost is $10 per person for a dinner with ham, turkey and all the trimmings catered by McCall’s Restaurant.

Have you bought your ticket yet??
December 12th is the date of the drawing for the AR-15 rifle we are raffling off as our fall fundraiser. Did you pick up your tickets to sell? Actually they have all been sold as of this printing. This is a great fundraiser for our Post and it has been no problem selling any tickets that were printed. What we need is for everyone to sign up to take a few tickets to sell for a fundraiser like this. Fortunately the guys who signed up to sell them, sold all they had. We stand to make a handsome profit and it would make it easier for all if more members volunteered to ‘do their part’.

HELP NEEDED!!!!!
“Reins From Above”, a local equine therapy organization is in desperate need of help! Stacy Ryder, “Reins From Above” spokesperson, said her group needs to re-locate
from their present location because the farm they had been located on has been sold. They have secured another location but are in need of help moving their equipment and animals. If you can help with a truck or trailer please consider volunteering. Donations are also being accepted to help defray associated costs. Please contact Stacy Ryder at (919)631-9294 to see how you can help.

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Check out the American Legion website at: http://www.legion.org/

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SPECIAL EVENTS:

• 10 Dec--Memorial Service for Frank Lusky (Post 71 member-WWII)-Christ Community United Methodist Church at 6PM (Across from Clayton Park on Amelia Church Road)

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12 Dec-- Catered Christmas Dinner Celebration with spouses at 7PM $10 per person; Raffle drawing!!
14 Dec- Clayton Christmas Parade--Post 71 is presenting the Colors-2 PM
25 December--Christmas Day

January Cook Committee:
Chairman Ken Brown; Vice Chair Mike Arrington, Edgar Johnson, Don DeLaporte, Ken Parker, Ken Wendell, Carmine Butera, Carl Fox, James “Willie” Williams