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Legion and Community members gather to honor the fallen for Memorial Day

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Krista Abshure, Commander, Post 116



FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

May was a bustling month for our Post, culminating in a meaningful Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony lead by Master of Ceremonies Dan Miltenberger. I was honored to welcome our legion members and our incoming Commander Rossner who shared a moving speech. Chaplain Sherrod led us in Prayer and the Cruisers presented a Memorial Wreath. We feel incredibly fortunate to have members who truly understand the importance of honoring our fallen servicemen and women. The ceremony had a fantastic turnout, and to continue the spirit of camaraderie, we organized a Post picnic for our Legion family members on this significant day.



COMMANDER'S CORNER *Continued*

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all the veterans and active duty members of Post 116 who participated in our Post 116 Executive Board Elections on May 9th.

Please join me in offering congratulations to the incoming American Legion Post 116 Executive Committee, Auxilliary & SAL Leardership Boards. Members who will be officially sworn into office on July 11th during the General meeting at 7pm. We will also be hosting a dinner starting at 6pm.

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A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of these members for their eagerness to step up and serve our Post and its members. If you are interested in contributing in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us.

-Krista Abshure

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FIRST FRIDAY



HOT & TASTY

Flounder, Hushpuppies,
Green Beans & Home-made Cole Slaw

CARRY OUT or CURBSIDE

Order from your car and we'll happily bring it out

PICK UP or DINE IN

Bldg 1 Hall will be open

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COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORT

HONOR/COLOR GUARD

Dan Miltenberger
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MEETING INFO

June 15
0900 | Bldg. 2

SHOWING UP AND OUR TRUE COLORS

Not surprisingly this month has been extremely busy for the Honor Guard with Memorial Day and associated events. The Color Guard presented the Colors at the Murph Challenge supporting Herbert Akins Middle School. Immediately after presenting the Colors at the Middle School, we went to Ting Park and presented the Colors for the Salamander's opening day. We presented the Colors at the Post Golf Tournament and on the same day we participated in the Memorial Day event held at Holly Grove Elementary School. And on Memorial Day we provided a firing party and presentation of Colors at the Flags for Heroes event and at the Post Memorial Day ceremonies. In the Flags for Heroes event we combined with the Honor Guard units from the Fuquay Varina Police and Fire departments. We have done a great deal and are looking to do more!



Our next meeting is on 15 June, 0900-1100 in Bldg 2. We are always looking for new members! No experience is necessary, and anyone can participate, Legionnaires and Sons. Come and join us! You will have a great deal of fun and experience the rewarding feeling that comes with honoring our Flag, our fallen, and representing our Post and the American Legion as a whole, in the community. Our next meeting is on May 18, 0900-1100 in Bldg 2. We are always looking for new members! No experience is necessary, and anyone can participate, Legionnaires and Sons. Come and join us! You will have a great deal of fun and

experience the rewarding and satisfying feeling that comes with honoring our Flag, our fallen, and representing our Post and the American Legion as a whole in the community.

VETERAN SERVICES

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Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC)

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) offers enhanced clinical support for Family Caregivers of eligible Veterans.

Veterans may be eligible for this clinical program if they:

Sustained or aggravated a serious injury (or illness) in the line of duty in the active military, naval or air service during any service era. Among other applicable eligibility criteria, an eligible Veteran must:

- Have a single or combined service-connected disability rating by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) of 70% or more, and
- Be in need of personal care services (requiring in-person personal care services) for a minimum of six continuous months based on any one of the following:
 - An inability to perform an activity of daily living.
 - A need for supervision or protection based on symptoms or residuals of neurological or other impairment or injury; or
 - A need for regular or extensive instruction or supervision without which the ability of the Veteran to function in daily life, would be seriously impaired.

What services does this program offer?

Veterans can designate one (1) Primary Family Caregiver and up to two (2) Secondary Family Caregivers on the application. Secondary Family Caregivers serve as a backup support to the Primary Family Caregiver when needed. Services will depend on whether you are the Primary Family Caregiver or a Secondary Family Caregiver.

If you are the primary caregiver, you may receive:

- A monthly stipend (paid directly to you as the caregiver.)
- Access to health care insurance through Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA), if you do not already have health insurance.
- Mental health counseling.
- Certain beneficiary travel benefits when traveling with the Veteran to appointments. For specific details, please contact your CSP Team.
- At least 30 days of respite care per year, for the Veteran. Respite is short term relief for someone else to care for the Veteran while you take a break.

Veteran Services Offices to Post 116.

State VSO (NC Department of Military and Veteran Affairs – NCDMVA)

Raleigh: 413 N Salisbury St, Raleigh, NC 27603 (HQ only - no Customer services)
Garner: 1027 US-70 #202, Garner, NC 27529 (In PNC building), (984) 232-7060 County VSO

Wake County VSO: 4401 Bland Rd, Raleigh, NC 27609, (919) 212-VETS

Harnett County VSO: 455 McKinney Pkwy, Lillington, NC 27546 (910) 893-7574

Johnston County VSO: 309 E Market St., Smithfield, NC, (919) 989-5067



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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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RENEWAL STARTS JULY 1ST

The American Legion membership is based on the calendar year (January 1 – December 31) shown on your membership card. National starts accepting dues for the upcoming year on July 1st. The reason for this, and the goal, is to have everyone renewed for the new membership year when it begins on January 1st.

For Membership Year 2024, Post 116 reached the 100% goal on January 31st, 2024. For Membership Year 2025, we are targeting December 31st to reach our 100% membership goal. With your help and involvement, we can achieve this goal. Below is how we can gauge our progress and Nancy Phillips will continue to keep us updated with her goal thermometer tracker on Facebook.

FIRST TO 100% POST AWARD

Presented to the FIRST Post in each class that makes 100% of its 2025 Membership Goal as certified by the Department Adjutant.

Currently, there are only five Posts in North Carolina that are in the **Class A Category** (500 and above members)

- Fuquay-Varina Post 116 (1130 members)
- Hickory Post 48 (736 members)
- Wilmington Post 10 (687 members)
- Hendersonville Post 77 (658 members)
- Calabash Post 503 (630 members)



WINNERS

January 2024 – Justin Coufal

February 2024 – Tom Stacy

March 2024 – Stephen Polenz

April 2024 – Edward Serwan, Jr.

May 2024 – Larry C. Ward

June 2024 – **204160993** Is it you?

Contact: membership@ALPost116NC.org

	2024 Achieved	2025 Goal
31 Jul	37%	40%
30 Aug	56.89%	60%
15 Sep	58.57%	65%
31 Oct	67%	80%
30 Nov	76.91%	90%
31 Dec	89.10%	100%
31 Jan	100%	103%

MEMBERSHIP STATUS May

Current Active: 1130

Retention: 96.23%

Renewals between 01 July – 15 September denote Early Bird renewal and eligibility for Early Bird prize drawings!

Lock in a three-year membership before July 1st.

The multiyear membership automatically makes you eligible for Early Bird status. Those who sign up for a multiyear membership will not receive a renewal notice during the time they have signed up for the multiyear membership. Multiyear membership sign-up is only available on the national American Legion website (legion.org/renew).

The Membership team is looking for volunteers.

As we look toward the 2025 Renewal Season starting in July, we really want to make sure that we get volunteers in place now. If you would like to assist the Membership Team, please send an email to membership@ALPost116NC.org or contact any person on the Membership Team and/or Leadership Team.

COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORTS

RIDERS

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SO MANY WAYS TO REPRESENT IN MAY



We had a group of more than 20 bikes to support the Holly Springs Torch Ride. Our group contributed more than \$1500 toward the Special Olympics of North Carolina. Later that evening, some of the Riders got polished up for the Second Chance Prom at the Post.



Our Riders answered a call for support from Post 13 in Wilson. A Rider was graduating from Barton College and wanted to make a statement about the college's lack of recognition for Veteran's Day.



The month ended with flag placement on veterans' graves in several area cemeteries in honor of Memorial Day.



ASK A RIDER OR SON FOR YOUR TICKET(S)

Riders and Sons are selling gun raffle tickets again this year. Buy a ticket for \$20 for a chance to win one of four different guns.



Baretta A300 Ultima Patrol 12ga.



Springfield Sait Victor S56



Sig P226 MK25 9mm



Henry H010G Steel .45-70

THE REC ROOM WITH Kelly

SUN. 12p-8p M-Th. 2p-10p FRI.-SAT. 12p-11p

recroom@alpost116nc.org



ITS ALL IN THE MUSIC

Karaoke is back! Join us for Fish Fry and Karaoke on the 7th. We have two amazing bands lined up for June with Reeling in the years on the 15th and Derek Chase on the 29th. Music bingo is the third Thursday of every month. The sons have cornhole every Monday in the hall at 7pm.

These events are open to the public so invite all your friends but remember to sign the in our guest book.

We are still serving pizza on Mondays & Wednesdays starting at 5:30 while supplies last. Don't forget, we now have the baseball package so come on out and cheer on your favorite teams. Join us for the Army birthday on the 14th as we will be serving some delicious subs starting at 1pm. Come celebrate with us on the 30th for our Independence Day grill & chill from 1-4pm. Are you new to our post, join us in the rec room on the 3rd Thursday for our meet & greet at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you in June!

Kelly, Sarah, Danni, Erin, Jan, Sam, Pete, Jeremy, Chelsea, and Jessie Mae

DAILY SPECIALS

SUNDAY

DOMESTIC BOTTLES	\$2.50
PERNICIOUS	\$4.50
MIMOSA	\$4.00
BREAKFAST SHOT	\$5.00

MONDAY

MICHELOB ULTRA	\$2.50
GUINNESS	\$3.50
GRAPE APE	\$4.00
WOO WOO	\$3.50

TUESDAY

BUD LIGHT	\$2.50
SIERRA NEVADA PALE ALE	\$3.00
PINEAPPLE STRAWBERRY RUM REFRESHER	\$5.00
APPLE JOLLY RANCHER SHOT	\$3.50

WEDNESDAY

YUENGLING	\$2.50
ANGRY ORCHARD	\$3.50
MARGARITA	\$3.50
WASHINGTON APPLE	\$5.00

THURSDAY

BUDWEISER	\$2.50
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COSMOPOLITAN	\$5.00
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FRIDAY

MILLER HIGH LIFE	\$2.50
STELLA ARTOIS	\$3.50
DIRTY SHIRLEY	\$4.00
ROYAL FLUSH	\$5.00

SATURDAY

NATURAL LIGHT	\$2.50
HAZY LIL THING	\$4.00
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MUSICAL MUSINGS

CAR SHOW
JUN 2nd
8a-2p

Music Bingo
MAY 16th
7-9p

RITZ
JUN 15th
7-10p

DEREK CHASE
JUN 29th
7-10p

JUNE HAPPENINGS

JUN 2 Legion Executive Meeting • 7p

JUN 15 Band
Reeling in the Years • 7-10p

JUN 2 Cruisers Car Show
8a-2p



JUN 13 General Meeting • Elections • 7p
Dinner • 6p

JUN 7 Fish Fry • 4-7p

JUN 29 Band
Derek Chase • 7-10p

Happenings Continued

Meetings Eat Clubs/Classes Entertainment

- 6/3/24 - Cornhole - \$10 - 7pm *
- 6/4/24 - Fuquay Dart Club - 7:30pm
- 6/5/24 - Veterans Peer Support - 7pm
- 6/5/24 - Yoga Class - \$10 entry - 6:30pm
- 6/5/24 - Pizza available 5:30 - while supplies last
- 6/7/24 - Fish Fry - 4-7 - \$10 per plate
- 6/10/24 - Cornhole - \$10 - 7pm *
- 6/11/24 - Fuquay Dart Club - 7:30pm
- 6/12/24 - Veterans Peer Support - 9am
- 6/12/24 - Pizza available 5:30 - while supplies last
- 6/14/24 - Luck of the Draw Dart Tournament - 7pm
- 6/14/24 - Army Birthday
- 6/17/24 - Cornhole - \$10 - 7pm *
- 6/18/24 - Fuquay Dart Club - 7:30pm
- 6/19/24 - Yoga Class - \$10 entry - 6:30pm
- 6/19/24 - Veterans Peer Support - 7pm
- 6/19/24 - Pizza available 5:30 - while supplies last
- 6/20/24 - New Member Meetup - 6pm
- 6/24/24 - Cornhole - \$10 - 7pm *
- 6/25/24 - Fuquay Dart Club - 7:30pm
- 6/26/24 - Veterans Peer Support - 9am
- 6/26/24 - Yoga Class - \$10 entry - 6:30pm
- 6/26/24 - Pizza available 5:30 - while supplies last
- 6/28/24 - Luck of the Draw Dart Tournament - 7pm
- 6/30/24 - 4th of July Celebration - Grill & Chill 1-4pm

- 6/4/24 - Auxiliary Executive Meeting - 6:30pm
- 6/4/24 - Membership Meeting - 5pm
- 6/5/24 - Historian Meeting - 5:30pm
- 6/6/24 - Executive Meeting - 7pm
- 6/6/24 - Building & Grounds Meeting - 7pm
- 6/11/24 - Membership Meeting - 5pm
- 6/11/24 - Rec Room Meeting - 6:30pm
- 6/11/24 - Veterans Affairs Meeting - 7pm
- 6/12/24 - Special Events Meeting - 6:30pm
- 6/13/24 - General Meeting - 7pm
- 6/17/24 - SAL Executive Meeting - 7pm
- 6/18/24 - Membership Meeting - 5pm
- 6/18/24 - Aux General Meeting - 6:30pm
- 6/19/24 - IT Meeting - 6:30pm
- 6/20/24 - Cruisers Meeting - 6pm
- 6/25/24 - SAL General Meeting - 7pm
- 6/26/24 - Finance Meeting - 6pm
- 6/27/24 - Riders Meeting - 6:30pm
- 6/2/24 - Cruisers Car Show - 8am-2pm
- 6/2/24 - Mother/Son Dance - 4-6pm
- 6/7/24 - Karaoke - 7-11pm
- 6/15/24 - Band - Reeling in the Years - 7-10pm
- 6/20/24 - Music Bingo - 7-9pm
- 6/29/24 - Band - Derek Chase 7-10pm

* Pizza available 5:30 - while supplies last



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Funds raised for Veterans from our annual Golf Tournament to: DAV

PHOTOS ON THE POND



2nd Chance Prom up top

Golf outing and Lunch



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7-11p
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LIVE MUSIC



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?
LOOK TO THE POST.

WE HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS!

Currently looking for assistance with:

- ★ Fish Fry's
- ★ Road Side Cleanups
- ★ BBQ Event, Oyster Roast
- ★ National Ceremonies

Commander@ALPost116NC.org
Please include "Volunteer" in the email subject line.

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PIZZA BY THE SLICE

MONDAY
CORN HOLE LEAGUE

5:30p

WEDNESDAY
DART LEAGUE

PEPPERONI \$3
MEATLOVERS \$4

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

POST 116
GENERAL MEETING

SECOND THURSDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

DINNER 6p ★ MEETING 7p

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS



CORN HOLE

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