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**AMERICAN LEGION  
BURTON COWELL  
POST 265**

**MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER**

I hope everyone had an outstanding holiday season and welcome to 2026. As we turn the page from 2025 Post 265 continues to grow in membership, I encourage each member that has not already renewed for 2026 to do so as we are planning the Legion Birthday Celebration to be held on 13 March (see attached flyer and menu). Being current with your membership dues is a requirement to attend. I ask that you mark your calendars if you plan to attend. This is a catered event; we need your RSVP to have an accurate headcount for all to have an enjoyable evening.

Just a couple things in the works as we get into 2026. The post has hired a company to update our website so keep an eye out for the new site over the next couple of months. And the bulldog statue's that you may have seen around town are growing in popularity, so the post is currently under contract with Jacksonville-Onslow Council for the Arts that have designed our bulldog. The bulldog will be located at the front of the legion building, and we will plan an unveiling event once the bulldog is installed.

I encourage every member on our post's rolls who have thought about becoming involved to reach out to me or one of our other officers to see what might be available for you. I also invite you to attend the

membership meetings and sign up to volunteer for upcoming events that support the Legion, the Riders, and Auxiliary.

A big event coming up for Post 265's riders; The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual *Be the One* Suicide prevention ride. The ride kicks off in Fayetteville with a couple of stops before reaching our post, which will also host a car show and food trucks will be on site. The riders ask if anyone would like to support the event as it will free up one of the riders to get out on the road, if you are interested in helping, please let me know.

Additionally, I cannot thank our volunteers enough who helped throughout 2025; to name just a few volunteer events our gun and knife shows, bingo, and Christmas Cheer Boxes, Onslow County Fair, ALR Poker run. We are always looking forward to what is happening in our future and without you, our members, our post would not be able to succeed, I wholeheartedly appreciate your commitment.

Steve Shortt, Commander

**FROM THE POST ADJUTANT  
HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2026 DUES YET??????**

If you have your 2026 card and received a notice from National Headquarters, then disregard it. Look for your card before mailing in your payment again. You can contact me and see if you are current with your dues at [\*\*fredadj265@charter.net\*\*](mailto:fredadj265@charter.net).

You may also pay online if you choose and now you may renew for 1 to 3 years online only and apply for Paid Up For Life membership.

Remember that you can login into mylegion.org and see your personal page within the American Legion system. You may update your own personal info and correct anything you feel is not correct. You may also contact the National Membership help line at 1-800-433-3318 to get help with issues to your page information.

## **LEGION MEETINGS 2026**

**February 23rd 7pm Membership meeting**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner (see last page)**  
**March 23rd 7pm Membership meeting**  
**April 27th 7pm Membership meeting & Post Officer nominations**

**February 7th 6<sup>th</sup> District meeting 0900 Post 24 New Bern**  
**Oratorical Presentations after the meeting Post 24 New Bern**

**February 21<sup>st</sup> Division 2 Oratorical post 534 St James Southport, NC 10AM-11AM**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> Veterans Standdown & Resource Fair**  
**10am-1100am Homeless Veterans**

**1100-1400 Open to all Veterans that are seeking assistance or needing information from resources attending. This event is brought to you by VFW post 9133 Jacksonville. For more info contact Bob Jones 910-340-3060 or VFW # 910-353-6810**

**Please check out the website [burtoncowellpost265.org](http://burtoncowellpost265.org) and our Facebook page [AmericanLegionBurton-Cowellpost265](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionBurton-Cowellpost265).**

## **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 265**

The Riders won the post Challenge at the WAA Chilli cook-off and 2nd place overall.

April 11th Suicide Prevention Ride from Fayetteville through Smithfield and Goldsboro ending at the post where a car, truck, jeep, and bike show will be going along with a vendor event. Free open to the public

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 265**

**107th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION  
13th MARCH 2026**

**GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE  
NC Dept Commander Devell "Bo" Durham Jr.**

**RSVP ACCEPTED**

**February 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Thru**

**March 2nd, 1700**

**NO RESERVATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME**

**PLEASE CALL THE POST PHONE NUMBER TO MAKE YOUR RSVP'S  
Make sure you let us know which menu item you selected for dinner.**

**@910- 347-5690**

**OR EMAIL YOUR RSVP TO ME  
FREDADJ265@CHARTER.NET**

**Doors will open @ 17:45**

**Social hour 17:45-18:45**

**Sit down for dinner at 1900**

**CURRENT POST 265 MEMBERS AND SPOUSE ARE FREE  
2026 DUES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO THE DINNER**

**UNIT 265 AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE INVITED 2026 DUES MUST BE PAID PRIOR  
TO THE DINNER**

**ADDITIONAL GUEST AND NON-POST 265 MEMBERS  
COST WILL BE**

**\$50.00 PER PERSON PAID AT THE DOOR**

**(Cash or check accepted)**

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**ALL ATTENDING THE DINNER WILL RECEIVE A POST 80<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATIVE COIN**