

Post Commander Wes--It has been a year now since I was elected as your commander, and I feel that it was a very progressive year. We have done more for the post and the members than I expected to happen on a short notice. I was asked to run for commander after transferring back to Oklahoma from San Diego, where I was working full time and being a post commander for ten years. To tell you the truth, I was planning on retiring as a commander and just help out at the new post. One of the many things that was accomplished here at 135 that should rate as the number one item, as would be in any other posts, is the 103 % membership that we got. It was up from 70% the previous year. I feel that a lot of this was the result of the personal post cards to over 130 members I wrote to, asking to send in your renewals and stating that this place is under new management of officers. Sort of like starting over again! Then, word spread around of the great comradeship and fun getting together, cook outs, and different ideas produced by the enthused new members. Sometimes people say to me, "you can't do this and that" or "the rules you must abide", etc. I say, why can't we do this? If it doesn't work, at least we tried. I use the book as guidelines. Life is too short to be ruled to death! Now the post is back on its feet! So, now, retention of membership is the new project for the next year. I have proven ways to do this also, if everyone sticks by me again. Another item of great interest building is the new awesome web site that was created by a concerned member who wanted to do something for his post without being able to drive the long distance from Tulsa. I've received tremendous applause from viewers after they logged on it, and not just from the local area, but from all over the country! They think it is the best web site ever! Check it out for yourselves. <http://www.oklegionpost135.org> It covers just about everything that is happening out at the post and activities and then some.

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I applied for a charter of the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 135, and after a long wait, I received it and now we have over 25 members who now belong here. Also, after a lull, I finally am getting the Auxiliary going again with new "lionesses" with new ideas. This will make a stronger post with a Unit, and the Sal. We haven't forgot the past requests that was put in from the previous years. A whole new electrical rewiring and a brand new beverage cooler and storage; a back door was put in for another exit, and we should be getting a new flag pole any day now. We have plans of adding on new additions, which is sorely needed if we are to continue to grow in membership. The building got smaller! Founded in 1973. We started up with Boys State again after a lull, continued supporting a child at the children's home in Ponca City, and successfully brought in a legion baseball team to Cherokee County. We entered parades and received awards for it, participated in funerals, school assemblies. and the lists goes on! I see members getting out there to help fix things, cooking or grilling, cleaning and doing everything under the sun, without me asking them! They just see the need, and jump in there, making me the proudest commander in eastern Oklahoma. Because of all the members, employees, and friends, I was elected to District Commander, a position for

future Post 135 advancements. We will be having a flag retirement at the Post on Flag Day, June 14th, at 5pm. It is suppose to be at dusk, but we have a post meeting at 7pm, and the participating scouts will get back home earlier. See you then. Wado.

Important Dates from the 2nd Vice Carl Adams:

The bar is now open 6 days a week from 12noon till 8:00pm Monday thru Saturday. Join Us.

Every Wednesday Night we have a Pot luck dinner to honor our Vets @ 5:30. The month of June the menu is as follows: June 6: Will be a Cookout. Bring your favorite meat and a side dish. June 13: will be Italian Night, bring a dish. June 20: will be Mexican night, bring a side dish and June 27: will be Southern cooking, bring a dish and come out and enjoy the wonderful dinners we have.

Gals: Interested in joining the Auxillary come on out to eat on the 13th and Wes our great commander will be here to entice each of you at a little get together at 7:00. Please come and join us!!!!

Volunteers needed for War Archives

NSU will be the host for a new archive of war related materials contributed by veterans from Oklahoma, and voluneteers are needed to help establish the collections. NSU and community veterans are needed to donate memiors, letters and other memorabillia from all wars which Oklahomans have participated, as well as to help collect, classify and promote the collection.

Much of the archival material will be available online so that scholars and the public won't have to travel to Tahlequah to conduct research. The archive plans to establish two online journals, one for the memiors of the veterans and one for scholarly study of war. The website will have graphics covering various aspects of war, uniforms, campaigns and links to other sites.

If you would like to participate in this worthy event please call Dr. Sharon Winn at (918)456-5511 ext. 3605 or e-mail her at winn@nsuok.edu, or Tony Oseland at ext. 3606 or e-mail at oseland@nsuok.edu .age attached