



American Legion Post 523

PO Box 1432

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HISTORY OF HARRISBURG POST 523

Our post 523 is just 2 ½ years old and growing every day. We received our temporary charter in September 2003 and our permanent charter in August 2004 with 54 charter members.

The post was started with a letter from our present Chaplain Charles Fero to then District Commander Robert Newkirk and also a conversation between Carl Miller and Commander Newkirk. It was suggested that if they could get 15 or more new members then could start a new post.

Carl Miller and Charles Fero arranged for us to have a tent at the 4 TH of July celebration held in the Harrisburg Park, Harrisburg NC. After two days in the park we had 15 new members and 5 transfer members; the number needed for a temporary charter.

We held our first post meeting in August and elected our first post officers in September 2003. They were:

Robert MacLeod	Commander	Jerry Minderlein	First Vice Commander
Charles Fero	Chaplain	Jack Roden	Second Vice Commander
Carl Miller	Adjutant	Frank Wright	Judge Advocate
Bonnie Ray	Finance Officer	John Day	Sergeant At Arms
Steve Thompson	Historian		

Jack Roden was our first paid for life member.

From that point we have moved forward at a rapid pace. We received our permanent charter in August 2004 with 54 charter members, and we now have 95 total members.

We have four working committees:

Executive committee - made up mostly of post officers

Finance committee - working hard to come up with programs to raise money to support our efforts in working with our active military units, veterans and their family's also civic activates.

Membership committee - works to increase our post membership.



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Color guard committee - working with our color guard to post our countries colors, where needed in the Harrisburg / Concord area. When asked by churches, schools, civic organizations, and sporting events.

Our color guard team is also a member of the D.A.V. honor guard team. That unit preformed there honor guard duties of military rites at 76 funerals in the year of 2005.

It is truly an honor to be part of the D.A.V. honor guard team.

Our future looks great as we look to grow our membership and become more active with all veterans, active military units, and civic organizations.