American Legion Post 3
Regular Meeting in January 17, 2023
Dinner at 6 PM, Country Style Steak

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@talpost3, then **bookmark** and **like** our Page

Post 3 On the web: ***www.talpost3greenvillesc.org***

Information: Post 3, The **American Legion Post** home is now opened at, 430 N Main Street, Greenville, SC. Our new post email address is **talp3sc@outlook.com.**

You may mail your **2022 or 2023 American Legion dues of $55.00** to.

American Legion Post 3
Post Office Box 133
Greenville, SC 29602

The American Legion (TAL)
TAL Meeting **1/17/23, 7:00 PM**
TAL Auxiliary Meeting **1/17/23, 7:00 PM**
SAL Meeting **Not scheduled**
TAL Riders Meeting **2/2/23, 6:30 PM**
TAL Executive Committee **12/13/22, 6:00 PM**

War Museum Hours:

Saturday - 10AM to 1PM or 1PM to 4PM
Sunday - 1PM to 4PM

A husband/wife team or friends can work together for a 4-hour period once a month.
Contract Travis Galloway 864-395-1117

Commander:
Richard Cochran

Happy New Year! Well, it is officially 2023. We at Post 3 want to start this year off strong! If you know a member who has not been to a meeting in a while, try to get them to this month's meeting. We want to fill the meeting hall!
If you haven't paid your dues for this year, help us reach our goal early this year!
We also need your help in recruiting new members into Post 3. The strength of the American Legion and Post 3 are all based on our membership. The more American Legion members we have, the greater the influence our leadership has in Washington. We need your help in finding and recruiting the next generation of American Legion members. The Desert Storm vets, Iraq and Afghanistan vets. These men and women are the future of our American Legion.
Our next Post Meeting is January 17th, dinner at 6pm and meeting at 7pm.
Contact info, Rich58@att.net, 864-901-8283

First Vice Commander:
Kirk Conover

Greetings, Fellow Legionnaires –
I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas season and had the chance to fellowship with family and friends. I was able to spend some time at the Goodfellows Food Drive; it was (and is) quite the impressive operation. Congratulations and BZ to all who had a part in such a noble endeavor.
As we move into 2023, please remember to renew your membership with Post 3. If you have already renewed your membership for 2023, thank you!
This time of the year can be very busy, and potentially overwhelming. Be sure to take a break to destress, if possible, and reflect on the good things in this life. Take time to reach out to fellow legionnaires and vets. You might just "Be the One" to help a fellow vet make it through a tough time. If you or a family member are in crisis, dial 988 for confidential help 24/7.
I look forward to working with you in the new year!
Contact info: 443-745-3795, or kirk.conover@gmail.com

2nd Vice Commander:
William "Mac" McKinney

Legionnaires,
I hope everyone had a VERY MERRY Christmas and a Happy New year. I would like to introduce myself. My name is William (Mac) McKinney. I am the new 2nd Vice Commander for Post 3. I also serve as your Assistant Director for our Chapter 3 American Legion Riders. I go by "MAC". That nickname was given to me on my 17th birthday when I enlisted in the U.S. Army at Ft. Jackson, and it stuck. I served for 21 years total in the U.S. Army before retiring in 1995. My first 3 years were at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina as an Infantry Paratrooper with the 82nd ABN Division. The next 18 years were spent in 12 different countries as a Combat Medic (aka. Infantry Repairman). My beautiful wife of almost 29 Years (Georgia Violett) was born in the Netherlands. She is Dutch by birth, but will often say she is from Charleston, SC because that is where she became a naturalized citizen in August 2007. We now live in Powdersville and have 2 Adult Children.
Now that the introductions are done. Just a bit of light housekeeping, we will be having our litter pick up on Paris Mountain 11 February at 9:00 am. We will meet at the intersection of State Park Road (Route 344) and East Mountain Creek Road (Highway 253), near the Parkwood Baptist Church. Please add this date to your, notebook, palm pilot, cell phone, computer calendar or just write it on your fridge calendar as a reminder. Any support would be greatly appreciated. Our monthly visit to The Blake Nursing Home is scheduled for the 24th of January at 10:00. Please come and join us for coffee. The Veterans there really appreciate our visits.
If you would like to suggest a program, have a subject you are interested in learning more about or have a speaker in mind, please contact me at any time. **I can be reached at (864)760-7566 (Phone or text) or emailed at Mac.mckinney@icloud.com. Your Brother in Arms, Mac McKinney**
"The best index into a person's character is how he treats people that can't do him any good, and how he treats people who can't fight back" A. Van Buren

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 press 1
Confidential, free support can help prevent suicide for all Veterans and their loved ones

Sons of the American Legion

If you are interested in working the programs of the American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion, please contact Commander Rich Cochran or Adjutant Don Patterson

Chaplain:
Ed Brannen

A prayer from the Chaplin's office:

We pray O Lord for our comrades in the hospitals or in homes, who are suffering mental and physical illness or disability. Comfort them with a sense of Your continuing presence, cheer them with the knowledge of Your love and grant them the blessing of health and happiness.

NOTE: We will be visiting The Blake on Tuesday the 24th.

Those in on the sick list: David Andrews, Bill Bodnovich, James Bowling, David Briddles, John Bryant, Billy Cantrell, Robert Campbell, Jimmy Campbell, Sam Clark, Edward Larch, Johnny Martin, Ronny Roger, Gilbert Scales, George Chastain, Alford Zimmerman, M D Ward, Hubert Hunt.

Our Home Bound: Robert Banks, Joseph Cole, Walter DeVore, Edward Floyd, Grady James, Bobby Jones, Thomas Jones, Robert Kelly, William Manning, Johnny Mitchell, Billy Reynolds, George M. Opalak, John Poulos, Bobby Vaughn, Charles Spoon and Jack Overpeck.

Those in a nursing home: Lock Aldrich, Alvin Johnston, & Indiana Thomas

Post Everlasting: Raul Lopez, and David Catlin.

Please remember these folks as you do your daily devotions.

Contact me or any of the other Chaplain's if we can do anything for you. Ed Brannen 864)979-9934 email at edbrannen44@gmail.com Sandi Filiberto 864)238-3954, Franklin Hall 864)292-8872, Dick Brumley 406)672-7669 and Danny Burdette 864)244-1419

******TRANSFERS******
If you have transferred into Post #3 during the last year, please make sure the mailing address is as follows.
The American Legion, Post 3
PO Box 133
Greenville, SC 29602-0133
If you receive an Invitation Packet from The American Legion, please throw it away. If you submit dues to anyone else, you will be transferred out of Post 3.
Adjutant Don Patterson

The Adjutant's Corner:
Don Patterson

We would like to offer members of our Post 3 Family the opportunity to purchase cemetery plots at 50% of the current cost at cemeteries. We have 10 plots located at Woodlawn, Graceland West and Greenville Memorial Gardens. This is a great savings when pre planning your funeral or at the time of need. **Adjutant Don Patterson Post 3 864-271-2000.**

American Legion Auxiliary:
Carol Burrell, President

Unit #3 will be having an Initiation of new members at our January 17th meeting if you joined in the last two years or would like to participate in this ceremony, please be at the January meeting at 7:00PM. You will receive an Auxiliary Pin and New Member Packet.

The Unit will also be Draping our Charter (In Memory of our Deceased Members) at the January 17th Meeting. Please try to attend for both of these.

Hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season. Wishing you a happy, healthy 2023 filled with blessings from above.
December 9th seven-unit members enjoyed breakfast at Coach House. We missed those who were unable to attend due to sickness or having to work.
On December 22nd Auxiliary members Martha McKinney, Geneva Jones, Brenda Collins, Pat Ward, Natalie Rasha, Evelyn Rasha and Beth Bryant helped the Goodfellows pack food boxes for one thousand families.
The winning ticket for the 55" Smart TV was drawn. The winner was Roberta Poulos from Ellaville, Georgia past Department Second Vice Commander of the SC Legion. Congratulations.
Roberta and her husband George came to Post 3 December 29th to claim her TV.
Thank you to all who supported Unit 3 and purchased tickets.
Our next meeting will be January 17th. Dinner will be at 6:00pm and the meeting will be at 7:00pm. Hope to see you there.
It is time to pay dues for 2022-2023. If you have not paid your dues send them to Brenda Collins at 5 Clingstone Dr, Taylors, SC 29687. Make check payable to ALA Unit 3. Senior member dues are $35 and juniors are $7.
Yours in service, Carol
Contact information: ccburrell1@gmail .com; Cell 803-239-8154.

Please like us on our Facebook page at Unit#3 - American Legion Auxiliary-Greenville, South Carolina

American Legion Riders:
Kevin Smith, Director

Look twice, Save a Life.
Welcome all, to the beginning of yet another 584-million-mile trip around this little garden-variety star we call the Sun. On behalf of our Riders in Chapter 3, who make trips together for worthy causes a big part of our purpose, I wish you a safe, fun, and even adventurous journey.
It is that time of year in the Upstate where I remind all riders to spend time and effort ensuring your equipment is in good working order. Consider adding more visibility to your bike and gear, so that you are more easily and earlier seen in these often less than ideal weather and road conditions.
This is also the time of year where we install new (using the term *new* loosely) officers to out chapter. The 2023 Chapter 3 Riders officers are: Director, Treasurer, Secretary – Kevin Smith, Assistant Director – William 'Mac' McKinney, Sergeant at Arms – Travis Galloway, Road Captain – Rotating. Mac has now become an officer of our Post as 2nd Vice Commander, too. Also, a new Rider member Jim 'Tex' joins us. Welcome and congratulations to all. May you live in interesting times.
If you ride and are interested in joining us on our adventures, we meet every 1st Thursday of the month. Since the Pandemic began, we chose to meet at different restaurant locations around the Upstate, to assist our struggling local business community. This will continue this year by popular demand, so contact me to find out where we next will assemble.
Best regards, Kevin R. Smith, Director, 954-701-4897, smithwaremail@charter.net
TAL Riders Chapter 3 Facebook Group:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALRChapter3/

Color/Honor Guard:
Chuck Rouse, Commander

American Legion Post 3 Color / Honor Guard
Post 3 Color / Honor Guard upcoming activities:
7 Jan. Training Drill at Post 0930 to 1200 hrs.
11 Feb Training Drill at Post 0930 to 1200 hrs.
For information regarding membership and participation in the Post 3 Color / Honor Guard contact Chuck Rouse
c.rouse@earthlink.net 864-423-5372

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To our members with Birthdays in January.
Most Senior Member, Isaac Newman 98 years of age. Youngest Member, Robert Shelton 38 years of age.
John Burnett 1/2, Douglas Pursley 1/3, Isaac Newman ¼, Greg Lysiak 1/5, Conrad Nowak 1/5, Michael Jarvis 1/6, Christopher Petrella 1/6, Greg Farley 1/8, Max Nemeth 1/8, Ronald Eskew 1/10, Thomas McMakin 1/10, Fred Moehlenbrock 1/10, Michael Gaasch 1/13, Albert LeDuc 1/13, Richard Brumley 1/15, Charles Green 1/16, Timothy Maloney 1/17, John Winn 1/17, Eldon Russ 1/18, John Stroud 1/19, Johnnie Martin 1/20, Paul James 1/21, James Stein 1/21, Cyril Busbee 1/22, William Sullivan 1/22, Gary Hunter 1/25, Kurt Heitman 1/26, Herman Lambert 1/26, Rufus Turner 1/26, Ralph Wardlaw 1/27, Daniel Parrish 1/28, John Tarreto 1/28, Terry Connell 1/29, Albert Hills 1/29, Richard Hills 1/29, Edward (Eddie) Saucier 1/30, Jerry Williams 1/30, Arthur Wilson 1/30, Gerald Campbell 1/31, Grover Chester 1/31, and Robert Shelton 1/31
This is all the birthdays we have on file for the month of January.

Coming Events

2023
The Blake retirement home, on Woodruff Road, 0n the 4th Tuesday of each month for coffee and donuts
1/17/23 American Legion Family Meeting
1/17/23 Auxiliary Draping the Charter and Initiation of new members
1/24/23 The Blake
2/11/23 Trash Pickup
2/18/23 Legion Family Breakfast
3/6/23 Homecoming for Dept Pres Pat Ward
The National Commander and President will attend