American Legion Post 3
Regular Meeting in February 21, 2023
Dinner at 6 PM, Roast Beef

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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 **2/21/23, 7:00 PM**
TAL Auxiliary Meeting **2/21/23, 7:00 PM**
SAL Meeting **Not scheduled**
TAL Riders Meeting **3/2/23, 6:30 PM**
TAL Executive Committee **2/14/22, 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

It is February! Don't forget Valentine's Day on the 14th!
We are looking ahead to our State Convention in May. If you are able to attend and interested in attending, please let us know and we will get you the information on date/location/time.
We need your help! If you haven't paid your dues for this year, we need you to get them in. Our representation at the State Convention in May is based on our paid membership as of April. Please help us reach our goal early this year!
It was great to see the new faces at last month's meeting. Please keep talking to and inviting any veteran that you meet. Please continue to reach out to our current members and invite them back so we can continue to grow the numbers at each meeting.
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 the state and nationally. 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 February 21st, dinner at 6pm and meeting at 7pm.
Contact info, Rich58@att.net, 864-901-8283

First Vice Commander:
Kirk Conover

Greetings, Fellow Legionnaires –
January flew past, and February looks like it is maintaining the momentum. There are many ways to get and stay involved in the life of the Post, including the upcoming litter pick-up on the 11th, the family breakfast on the 18th, and visiting the vets at the Blake retirement facility on the 28th. But as in all things, one hand for the ship and one hand for yourself. Take time to slow down, take a deep breath, and figure out what's next on the honey-do list. Reach out to family, friends, and fellow legionnaires and vets. You could "Be the One" to help someone make it through a difficult time. If you or a family member are in crisis, dial 988 for confidential help 24/7.
Thank you to all who have renewed your Post 3 membership for 2023. If you have not already done so, please remember to renew your membership.
The museum is always looking for folks to work shifts on the weekends. Saturdays from 1000-1300 and 1300-1600, and Sundays from 1300-1600 (for the Navy, that's 4 bells in the forenoon watch to 2 bells in the afternoon
1 PM to 4 PM, and for the Marines, that's the big hand is on …)
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,
Hope everyone had a GREAT January and are ready for an even better February. Let's begin with just another friendly reminder, 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. Any support would be greatly appreciated. Our monthly visit to The Blake Nursing Home is scheduled for the 28th of February at 10:00. Please come and join us for coffee. The Veterans there really appreciate our visits.
We have a Great speaker lined up for us this month. He is Col. Garth Massey. A 28+ year veteran of the US Marine Corps reserves and is a Graduate of the Army War College with a Masters in Strategic Studies. Col Massey is also the Chief Leadership Officer of (Command Ready) , A Leadership development firm that specializes in accelerating military and civilian leaders with the "Semper Fi" and Can Do attitude taught throughout the Marine Corps. Please come join us for this exciting talk. If you would like to suggest a program, A fund raising event, have a preferred speaker or just have a subject you are interested in learning more about, please contact me at any time. I can be reached at (864)760-7566 (Phone or text) or emailed at Mac.mckinney@icloud.com.
"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, 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: James Hendrix, Ernest E. Moss

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, Danny Burdette 864)244-1419 and Jack Baker 864)232-1477

******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

Hope the first month of this year has been treating you well. Hope you have avoided all the illnesses going around.
Brenda, Beth, Pat and I had a great trip to Nashville last weekend. The ALA Mission Training on Saturday was good. A lot of good information was presented.
This month through March will be busy for the auxiliary. The National Auxiliary President's visit to SC will be March 6-9. Department President Pat Ward's Homecoming will be March 6 at Post 3.
The Legion Family Breakfast will be February 18 from 9:00 until 11:00. Plan to come out for good food and good fellowship. The cost is $7 person.
Our next meeting is February 21. Dinner will be at 6:00 and meeting at 7:00. Hope to see you there.
If you have not paid your Auxiliary dues, send them to Brenda Collins at 5 Clingstone Drive, Taylors, SC 29687, senior member dues are $35 and juniors are $7. Please make check payable to ALA Unit 3.
Yours in service , Carol.
Contact information: ccburrell1@gmail.com; Cell 803-239-8514
Please like us on our Facebook page at Unit#3 - American Legion Auxiliary-Greenville, South Carolina

<u>Homecoming: SC President Pat Ward</u>
National Commander Vincent J. (Jim) Troiola, Department of South Carolina Commander Jim Jarvis and National President Vickie Koutz will be the guest of our Department President Pat Ward, at her Homecoming at Post 3 on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6PM.
We need a head count for food, complements of Unit 3. Honor our Department's President Pat with your attendance.

American Legion Riders:
Kevin Smith, Director

Look twice, Save a Life.
First, I want to welcome our most recent new member, Antoinette. She is also joining the Post's auxiliary team, so will be a valuable new resource across the organization.
Our chapter voted last month to change our banking relationship, as the current one just was fined over 2 Billion dollars for defrauding its customers (and it is not the first time). While our small non-profit will not carry much weight, as the treasurer, I will certainly feel better doing business with a local and more trustworthy bank.
Significant plans are being made for a number of rides and events around the state and region beginning this Spring. The Legacy Fund rides are being routed, and the test rides will begin next month. As I sit here, it is cold and raining again, so cannot wait for better weather to begin. I am thinking of an inverse to the Game of Thrones tagline – "Spring is Coming".
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:
11 Feb Training Drill at Post 0930 to 1200 hrs.
4 March 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 February.
Most Senior Member, Jack Overpeck 99 years of age.
Youngest Member, George Blackwelder 52 years of age.
George Blackwelder 2/1, Randy McRae 2/1, James Norris 2/1, Richard Mailly 2/2, Steven Von Cannon 2/2, Joe Wood 2/5, William (Jack) Dempsey 2/6, Jack Overpeck 2/7, Horace Kellett 2/8, Larry Larimer 2/9, George Chastine 2/10, Michael Moore 2/11, James Kirkland 2/12, Carlton Padgett 2/12, Troy Barton 2/13, John Julian 2/13, William Ellison 2/14, Terry Allen 2/15, Garry Tucker 2/15, Roland Spelich 2/17, George Simmons 2/18, David Camp 2/19, David Colvin 2/19, Robert Kemp 2/19, Tom Vaughan 2/19, Jimmy Wynn 2/19, Kirk Conover 2/20, Robert Goett 2/20, Latrice Corbitt 2/22, James Fish 2/22, Philip Tipton 2/22, A. Don Tinsley 2/23, Stanley Walsh 2/24, Ronald Broome 2/25, Robert Campbell 2/25, Charles Dean, Jr. 2/25, Larry Drummond 2/25, Victor Fisher 2/25, Barry Groce 2/27, Ted Sanders 2/27, Stanley Greene 2/28, and Perter Gulyas 2/28.
This is all the birthdays we have on file for the month of February.

Coming Events

<u>2023</u>
The Blake retirement home, on Woodruff Road, 0n the 4th Tuesday of each month for coffee and donuts
2/11/23 Trash Pickup
2/18/23 Legion Family Breakfast
2/21/23 American Legion Family Meeting
2/28/23 The Blake
3/6/23 Homecoming for Dept Pres Pat Ward
The National Commander and President will attend