American Legion Post 3
Regular Meeting on March 21, 2023
Dinner at 6 PM, Fried Chicken

During this time of uncertainty Please stay at a safe distance when out and about. If we can help, please let us know.

If you wish to receive the newsletter only15th by email, please send a note requesting no USPS mail. Please send your note to adjpost3AL@charter.net or call **Adjutant Don Patterson at Post 3, 864-271-2000** or call his cell phone 864-230-7960. If you change any of your contact info, please let us know.

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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 **3/21/23, 7:00 PM**
TAL Auxiliary Meeting **3/21/23, 7:00 PM**
SAL Meeting **Not scheduled**
TAL Riders Meeting **4/2/23, 6:30 PM**
TAL Executive Committee **3/14/23, 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 3-hour period once a month.
Contract Travis Galloway 864-395-1117

Commander:
Richard Cochran

If you missed February's meeting, you missed an interesting and informative meeting. Col Massey gave us excellent information and updates on what is happening with the reshaping and revamping of the Marine Corps, change in their mission and how it will affect the other branches.
We are looking ahead to our State Convention May 19-21. If you are able to attend and interested in attending, please let us know and we will get you the hotel reservation information. The location has moved.
Please get your 2023 renewals in as soon as possible, our representation at the State Convention is based on our paid membership as of April 15th!
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 March 21st, dinner at 6pm and meeting at 7pm.
Contact info, Rich58@att.net, 864-901-8283

First Vice Commander:
Kirk Conover

Greetings, Fellow Legionnaires –
THANK YOU to all who have renewed your American Legion membership for 2023. We are currently just below 80%. Our voting total at the State Convention in May is determined by how many members the Post has on April 15th, so please consider renewing today.
On Wednesday, 8 March, there will be a legal clinic for Veterans, First Responders and spouses at Post 3 from 9am – 2pm. Representatives of the Greenville County Veteran Affairs Office will be at Post 3 to assist and answer questions. Participants must register at https://bit.ly/legalclinic23
On 23-25 March, there will be a Veteran Experience Action Center at the SCNG Armory at 1225 Bluff Road Armory in Columbia. Veterans can get assistance in facilitating and expediting new or existing VA disability claims, appeals, or other healthcare problems.
Please consider volunteering at the museum on the weekends. Shifts are Saturday, 10am-1pm and 1pm-4pm, and Sunday 1pm-4pm. Contact Travis Galloway for more information.
Our next visit to the Blake retirement facility is Tuesday, 28 March at 10am. Come see some fellow vets, drink coffee, and tell (or listen to) a "There I Was" story.
Stay healthy! Contact info: 443-745-3795, or kirk.conover@gmail.com

2nd Vice Commander:
William "Mac" McKinney

Legionnaires,
Hope everyone had a GREAT February. The Blake Nursing Home is scheduled for the 28th of March at 10:00am. Please come and join us for coffee. The Veterans there really appreciate our visits.
For our next meeting on the 21st of March, we have a commitment from Upstate Warrior Solutions to speak about the New Rupert Huse Veterans Center opening here in Greenville. They will Inform us on the services that will be available at the center and how we can assist any former or current service members that need assistance. They will also be having a ribbon cutting ceremony from 4-6 P.M. on the 19th of April. This event is open to the public, and we strongly encourage as many of our members as possible to attend.
Also, just a reminder That The American Legion Department of South Carolina In partnership with the SC Department of Veteran Affairs and US Veteran Affairs Regional Office will be hosting Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAC) March 23 - 24 at the SCNG 1225 Bluff Road Armory, Columbia, SC.
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

The Adjutant's Corner:
Don Patterson

We need 36 Delegates to register for the Convention. The cost is $25.00. Voting is Friday after lunch, no overnight stay. We have to have delegates registered to vote.
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.**

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 28th.

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.

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

Post Everlasting: George Kane

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

American Legion Auxiliary:
Carol Burrell, President

Hope you are enjoying this spring like weather. Things are beginning to bloom and tree pollen is bad. We have to take the good with the bad.

Unit 3 is busy with preparations for Department President Pat Ward's homecoming and the Auxiliary National President and American Legion National Commander's visit on March 6. We are proud of the great job President Pat Ward is doing.

Our Family Legion breakfast on February 18 was a big success. We had a lot of new people attending, enjoying the breakfast and fellowship. Thank you to those who supported us. Our next breakfast will be at Post 3 on the second Saturday in May instead of the third since the American Legion and Auxiliary Convention is the third weekend.

Our next meeting is March 21. We will have dinner at 6:00 and meet at 7:00. We hope you will join us for our dinner and meeting.

It is time to pay dues for 2022-2023. If you have not paid your dues, send them to Brenda Collins at 5 Clingstone Drive, Taylors, SC 29687. Senior member dues are $35. and juniors are $7. 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 guests of our Department President Pat Ward, at her Homecoming at Post 3 on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6PM. Reservations only, 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.

The American Legion Dept. of SC in partnership with the SC Dept. of Veteran Affairs and US VA Regional Office is proudly sponsoring the 1st annual Veteran Experience Action Center (VEAC). All veterans and family members are welcome to attend! March 23-25, 2023, Thursday — Friday, 9 AM to 3 PM & Saturday 9 AM to 2 PM SCNG 1225 Bluff Road Armory, Columbia, SC. This is a unique opportunity for eligible veterans and their dependents to be assisted by a team that includes Veteran's Organization Service Officers, Dept. of Veteran Affairs Benefit Officials and Healthcare Reps. These reps can help facilitate and expedite your new or existing VA disability claims, appeals, or other healthcare problems. If you would like to file a claim with the VA; if you have questions about VA appeals or benefits to which you may be entitled; if you have questions about VA healthcare: You must come prepared with the proper documentation about your case: DD214, All medical records about your disability both military and civilian. Everyone who registers during the day will be seen. To avoid overcrowding, please adhere to the following attendance suggestions. Thank you for your cooperation. Thursday, March 23, those who have the last 2 digits of their SSN ending 00-33 should register. Friday, March 24, the last 2 digits of their SSN ending 34-66. Saturday, March 25, the last 2 digit of their SSN ending 67-99.

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:

4 March Training Drill at Post 0930 to 1200 hrs.
11 March St. Patrick's Day Parade 1000 hrs. Main Street in Greenville
29 March National Vietnam War Veterans Day
1 April 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 March.

Most Senior Member, Charles Anderson 95 years of age.

Youngest Member, Michael Street 48 years of age.

Thomas Perry 3/2, Steven Thrasher 3/2, Charles Anderson 3/3, Kenneth Chatman 3/3, James Stewardson 3/3, Stephen Crane ¾, Howard Klinetop ¾, Travis Galloway 3/5, Wesley Riddley 3/5, Ronald Thompson 3/5, Robert Kelly 3/8, William Bracken 3/9, Craig Collins 3/10, Richard Swecker 3/10, Thomas Grindstaff 3/11, Donald Levijoki 3/11, Robert McDaniel 3/12, Jack Robinson 3/12, Richard Arboscello 3/13, Parnell Coward 3/13, David Kotrady 3/13, John Stepp 3/13, George Opalak 3/14, Bill Carithers 3/15, Donald O'Shields 3/15, Edward Pool 3/16, David Neff 3/17, William Kirby 3/18, Michael Street 3/18, R. Baxter Rhodes 3/20, Eddie Byrd 3/21, Bobby Reid 3/21, James Short 3/21, Paul Silvaggio 3/21, Daniel Driscoll 3/22, Roy Sargent 3/22, David Andrews 3/24, Warren Dudley 3/24, Jonathan Sprinkle 3/24, Thomas DiPressi 3/25, Daniel Czerepuszko 3/27, Donald Kitchens 3/27, Steven Lyons 3/28, Samuel Turner 3/28, Donald Lannan 3/29, Daniel Perez 3/30, and Robert Stoddard 3/30.

This is all the birthdays we have on file for the month of March.

Coming Events

The Blake retirement home, on Woodruff Road, 0n the 4th Tuesday of each month for coffee and donuts

3/6/23 Homecoming for Dept Pres Pat Ward
The National Commander and President will attend
3/21/23 American Legion Family Meeting
3/23-24 Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAC)
SCNG 1225 Bluff Road Armory, Columbia, SC
3/28/23 The Blake
3/29/23 National Vietnam War Veterans Day
5/13/23 Second Saturday, Legion Family Breakfast
5/19-21/23 TAL/ALA Department of SC Convention
Double Tree I-20/Bush RiverRoad