American Legion Post 3
Regular Meeting on April 18, 2023
Dinner at 6 PM, Ham

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 only 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 **4/18/23, 7:00 PM**
TAL Auxiliary Meeting **4/18/23, 7:00 PM**
SAL Meeting **Not scheduled**
TAL Riders Meeting **5/4/23, 6:30 PM**
TAL Executive Committee **4/11/23, 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 have a retired military ID card, you will need to get it updated. My wife's ID had expired and when we went to renew hers, the ID person advised me that mine needed updating as well. If you have one of the old single-color blue or orange digital, etc. you will need to get a new ID. The new ID is multi-color with a color photo and all others will soon be obsolete. This was the first time I had heard of this but was advised that it has been in progress for about 3 years. I am not sure how this affects VA ID cards, but you will want to check and make sure, before yours is no longer valid. The local Greenville ID Center is located at the Army Reserve Center at Donaldson Center on 814 Perimeter Road. The phone number is 864/299-1430.
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 to the Doubletree by Hilton at 2100 Bush River Road, Columbia.
If you are not able to attend in person, but would like to be a representative, contact Don Patterson to sign up.
Our next Post Meeting is April 18th, dinner at 6pm and meeting at 7pm.
Contact info, Rich58@att.net, 864-901-8283

2nd Vice Commander:
William "Mac" McKinney

Legionnaires,
I Hope everyone had a GREAT March and are ready for an even better April. Please do not forget, the Rupert Huse Veteran Center ribbon cutting Ceremony on **April 19th from 4pm-6pm.** If you have not yet RSVP'd for this new date, they ask that you do so at upstatewarriorsolution.charityproud.org.
Our next get together at The Blake Nursing Home is scheduled for the 25th of April at 11:30. This will be a lunch provided by the Blake. Please let me or the Chaplin know if you plan to attend.
Also, do not forget that 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 email me 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

First Vice Commander:
Kirk Conover

Greetings, Fellow Legionnaires –
Post 3 will hold elections for the 2023-2024 leadership positions during the June meeting. If you would like to be a part of the Post 3 executive board, submit your name to the Adjutant before the meeting on 16 May. There will be no nominations accepted during the June meeting.
THANK YOU to all who have renewed your American Legion membership for 2023. We are currently at 80% renewals. Our voting total at the State Convention in May is determined by how many members the Post has in mid-April, so please renew today!
Speaking of the State Convention, it will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton in Columbia from 19-21 May. If you would like to represent the Post as a delegate, contact the Adjutant. There is a $30 fee, and you only have to be present to vote on Friday, 19 May.
Post 3 will hold another community awareness drive at the Lowes on Woodruff Road during the Memorial Day weekend. When we handed out poppies there during Veterans Day, the Post raised more than $800. I will have a sign-up sheet at the Post, or you can contact me to volunteer. I'm looking at three-hour shifts (8-11am, 11am-2pm, 2-5pm) on Saturday (27 May) and Monday (29 May). It's a great way to meet folks, and talk about the Legion, the Auxiliary, Legion Riders, and the Sons of the American Legion.
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, 25 April at 11:30am. Visit with some vets and share some stories and coffee.
Stay healthy! Contact info: 443-745-3795, or kirk.conover@gmail.com

The Adjutant's Corner:
Don Patterson

We need 36 Delegates to register for the Convention. The cost is $30.00. Voting is Friday after lunch, no overnight stay. We must have delegates registered to vote; you do not have to attend.
We need your Community Service hours. Anything you have done in the community since March of 2022 works (hours, money spent, and miles driven).
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 25th.

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, 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, Jack Overpeck, William Manning, Johnny Mitchell, Billy Reynolds, George M. Opalak, John Poulos, Bobby Vaughn, & Charles Spooner.

Those in a nursing home: Lock Aldrich (has been moved to Hospice care), Alvin Johnston, & Indiana Thomas.

Post Everlasting: Thomas DiPressi

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

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

American Legion Auxiliary:
Carol Burrell, President

Enjoy the nice spring weather. We have had a lot of rainy days and some beautiful days. We have been blessed by escaping the tornados and storms that have hit the Midwest. Pray for those who have lost their homes and family members in these storms.

We were busy last month selecting delegates for Palmetto Girls State. This month we will have our election of officers.

The Department Convention will be May 19-20. It will be at the Doubletree by Hilton at 2100 Bush River Road.

Our next Legion family breakfast will be at Post 3 May 13 from 9:00-11:00.It was changed for May to the second Saturday since the third Saturday is the Department Convention. The cost for breakfast is $7 a person.

Our April meeting will be April 18. We will eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00. Hope to see you there.

If you have not paid your dues for 2022-2023, please mail 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

Color/Honor Guard:
Chuck Rouse, Commander

American Legion Post 3 Color / Honor Guard

Post 3 Color / Honor Guard upcoming activities:

1 April Training Drill at Post 0930 to 1200 hrs.
9 April National POW Recognition Day
21-21 April SCACA Gun & Knife Show
Greenville Convention Center
Sat. 0900 – 1700 hrs.
Sun. 1000 - 1600 hrs.
6 May 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

American Legion Riders:
Kevin Smith, Director

Look twice, Save a Life.

Finally, Spring! Mornings are still cold, though, so the heavy weather gear is not yet mothballed. However, the riding season begins anew, and some great riding weather is finally here. A number of local and regional riding and service events are on the books. To get involved, come to a meeting or contact me. Our monthly meetings are the first Thursday, at a different restaurant venue somewhere in the Upstate.

And remember your top priority, whether you are a rider or a cager. Keep your own safety and of those around you top of mind. Look carefully when you attempt to make a left turn, as it is a major contributor to rider-cager accidents.

Riders, wear your gear. Even though South Carolina is one of the few states that do not require a helmet, you won't see many Legion Riders without one. Veterans know the value of protective equipment. I have personally tapped my helmet three separate times on the pavement – all simple but embarrassing tip overs. Because it was not my head, I can still write reasonably lucid sentences. So be safe out there.

Best regards, Kevin R. Smith, Director, 954-701-4897, smithwaremail@charter.net

TAL Riders Chapter 3 Facebook Group:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALRChapter3/

Veterans Crisis Line Dial 988 press 1
Confidential, free support can help prevent suicide for all Veterans and their loved ones.
https://www.veteancrisisline.net

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To our members with Birthdays in April.

Most Senior Member, William Shepard 101 years of age.

Youngest Member, William Hyatt 34 years of age.

James G Bramlett 4/1, Matthew J Klessens 4/1, Barbara J. Sim 4/1, Harold J Fowler, Sr. 4/2, Joseph R. Doherty 4/2, William T. Hyatt 4/2, Marcel C Theberge 4/3, James Wiggins 4/3, Norville B Spearman, Jr. 4/4, Steve G Kenna 4/5, Eddie M Garrett 4/6, Thomas V McNeese 4/6, Ronald W Davis 4/6, Rosemary J Craig 4/6, Paul T Latimore 4/6, Robert L Clusterman 4/7, Charles D Welch 4/7, Robert W Lee 4/7, Scott Carlin 4/7, Dale E Cota 4/7, David B Houston 4/8, Jay Best, Jr. 4/9, Anthony Roach 4/9, William Shepard, Sr 4/10, Henry Dirton 4/10, Larry A Green 4/11, William Beau Sanders 4/11, Kevin R. Smith 4/11, Larry Golden 4/11, John McDonough, Col 4/12, Christopher B Hermans 4/12, Tracy Sharp-Robertson 4/12, Eric Sampson 4/13, Gary Peck 4/14, Kelly S Glover 4/14, William E Apelian 4/14, David A Roper 4/16, Steven Starr 4/16, Joseph Weinstein 4/16, James A Madison 4/17, Gary S Downey 4/19, Howard J Cowgill 4/19, Ron Culpepper 4/19, J. W. McJunkin, III 4/19, Betty Pritchett 4/20, Brian Bonner 4/20, Benjamin Boyko 4/22, Terri Blackburn 4/22, David L Fourman 4/22, George Eastergard, Jr. 4/22, Keith Williams 4/22, Thomas A. Giambarberee 4/24, Timothy E. Fletcher 4/24, Ted L. Robinson 4/26, James A Cummings, Sr. 4/26, Victor Kirby4/26, Allen C Chavis 4/26, Walter Fanti 4/26, Daniel Glessner 4/26, Thomas R Murphy 4/28, Jeffery Hunter 4/28, George Lyda 4/29, Robert J Vankuiken 4/29, Jacqueline D Hamilton 4/29, and Kenneth M Price 4/30.

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

Coming Events

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

4/18/23 American Legion Family Meeting
4/25/23 11:30 AM, The Blake
5/13/23 Second Saturday, Legion Family Breakfast
5/19-21/23 TAL/ALA Department of SC Convention
Double Tree I-20/Bush River Road
8/25-31/23 National AL Family Convention
Charlotte, NC