American Legion Post 3
No Regular Meeting in December 2023
We will meet for Goodfellows
Thurs. 12/21-6PM, Fri. 12/22-8AM.

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@gmail.com.**

You may mail your **2023 or 2024 American Legion dues of $55.00** to.

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

******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

Post 3 Commander:
Richard Cochran

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires,
I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas! We will not be having our regular December Meeting due to all the work and planning that goes into doing Goodfellows. Instead, we would like to see everyone who can, come out and support Goodfellows. Even if you are not able to load boxes, wear your Legion Cover, Ball Cap, or shirt and come support the young men and women who are packing the boxes. It is a good time and there is a lot of good fellowship that goes one before, during and after. We will be loading the boxes from 6 – until, on Thursday, December 21st. The address is 10 Watson Aviation Road, Greenville. The building where we will be is on the corner of Watson Aviation Road and Exposition Drive. Please come out and support all the people who are helping us make this happen.
I want to extend a huge Thank You to all of the members and volunteers who assisted with all of the work that was done downstairs. Everything from moving the furniture to painting the ramps and posts around the building. There are still a few things on our list to finish and if you are available, contact me or the post adjutant Don Patterson and we will put you in contact with our organizer for this project.
Our next Regular Post Meeting is January 16th, dinner at 6pm and meeting at 7pm.
Contact info, Rich58@att.net, 864-901-8283

2nd Vice Commander:
William "Mac" McKinney

Fellow Patriots,
Hello Brothers and Sisters of the American Legion Post 3. Hard to believe December is already here.
and 2023 is about to come to an end. We have accomplished a lot this year so let's close out this year with one of our best events ever, Post 3's own Annual Goodfellows food drive. I hope to see as many as possible on December 21st & 22nd for the packing and distribution to help make a positive difference for some families less fortunate than us.
I would like to thank the people that came out to assist with our trash pick-up on the 18th of November. I know (especially during the holiday season) that it is very difficult to take time away from your families just to do something for people you may not even. Having said that, I can assure you it is noticed and very much appreciated by the community. So, Thank you.
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. HAVE A VERY MERREY CHRISTMAS!!

"May the sun in his course visit no land more free, more happy, more lovely, than this our own country!"
– Sen. Daniel Webster

First Vice Commander:
Kirk Conover

Greetings, Legionnaires!
I hope that everyone is staying healthy and getting ready for a fantastic Christmas and holiday season.
The Department of South Carolina has set the membership for Post 3 of 682 Legionnaires in the 2023-2024 year. We are currently at 67.59% for renewals. THANK YOU to all who have renewed for 2024.
The Goodfellows Food Drive packing will be on Thursday, 21 December, and distribution on Friday, 22 December. Please consider contributing to the Goodfellows campaign, and/or come out to help pack and distribute the food boxes. Due to the Goodfellows Food Drive, there will be no regular meeting this month. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, 16 January 2024. Dinner beforehand at 6 pm, and the meeting starts at 7 pm. I look forward to seeing you there.
Contact info: 443-745-3795, or kirk.conover@gmail.com

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

Color/Honor Guard:
Chuck Rouse, Commander

American Legion Post 3 Color / Honor Guard
Post 3 Color / Honor Guard upcoming activities:
2 Dec. Training Drill Post 3 0930 - 1200 hrs.
16 Dec. Wreaths Across America 1200 hrs.
Rifle Salute Woodlawn Memorial Park
Significant Veterans Dates;
7 Dec. Pearl Harbor Day / Remembrance Day
13 Dec. State of Mass - First National Guard Unit 1636
20 Dec. US Space Force Birthday 2019
6 Jan. 2024 Training Drill Post 3 0930 - 1200 hrs.
For information regarding membership and participation in the Color / Honor Guard contact Chuck Rouse c.rouse@earthlink.net ***864-423-5372***

American Legion Chaplain:
George Aikens

O God the strength of the weak and the comfort of suffers, mercifully accept our prayers on behalf of our comrades and loved ones who are ill or shut in. Visit each need and give comfort and healing. Amen
NOTE: We will be visiting The Blake on Tuesday the 28th.
SICK
David Andrews, Bill Bodnovich, John Bryant, Robert Campbell, Jimmy Campbell, Edward Larch, James Martin, Ronny Rogers, George Chastine, James Wynn, Alfred Zimmerman, M.S. Ward, Bob Anderson, James Binder, Sam Clarke, David Davenport, Gilbert Scales, William Shepard, John Vinskus , Walter Eick, Ray Salinas, Joe Cole
HOME BOUND
Robert Banks, Walter Devore, Edward Floyd, Bobby S Jones, Robert Kelly, Jack Overpeck, Johnny Mitchel, Billy Reynolds, John Poulos, Bobby Vaughn, Troy Barton, Arthur Laser
NURSING HOME
Lock Aldrich (Hospice Terra Bella Summit), Alvin Johnson, George Opalak and Indiana Thomas
POST EVERLASTING
Charles Ten Eick, Jr.
If you know of others or changes, please let me or one of the Assistant Chaplain know.
Ed Brannen (864) 979-9934
Danny Burdette (864) 421-4338
Rick Barnette (864)477-8225
George Aikens (864) 430-5317

Donate directly to Post 3 using either Venmo or PayPal.
Via VENMO: look for charities and enter @TALP3SC
Via PayPal: enter JFDJrALPOST3 or use the QR code

If you would like to be nominated to the Veterans and Charities (V&C) Committee, contact Amos Hykes (864-320-2857 or the adjutant. Elections will be in January 2024.

American Legion Auxiliary:
Carol Burrell, President

As we enjoy this joyous season, remember the reason for the season. We received our greatest gift, Jesus our savior. Remember our troops who will not be able to celebrate Christmas with their families.

Our unit is picking up toys donated by Dollar Tree Stores for the National Guard. Our unit delivered 4 large boxes of toys to the Easley Nation Guard this morning. Thank you, Beth Bryant for picking up the toys from the stores. We will be giving toys to other National Guards also.

Our Auxiliary will meet for breakfast at Coach House in Simpsonville at 9:00 am on December 14. Please let Brenda or I know if you plan to attend.

Members of our unit will be helping the Goodfellows pack food boxes for Veterans and members of the community in need at 6:00 pm at the Convention center on December 21 and distribution Friday December 22 at 8:00 am.

We will not have a meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 16, 2024. We will eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00. Hope to see you there.

It is time to pay dues for 2023-2024. If you have not paid your dues, please send them to Brenda Collins at 5 Clingstone Drive, Taylors, SC 29687. Senior member dues are $45.00, and juniors are $7. Please make your check payable to ALA Unit 3.

Yours in service, Carol Burrell. Contact information: ccburrell1@gmail.com; Cell 803-239-8514.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

Veterans Crisis Line
Dial 988 press 1
Confidential, free support can help prevent suicide for all Veterans and their loved ones.

American Legion Riders:
Kevin Smith, Director

Look twice, Save a Life.

I believe in the Butterfly Effect. This is the idea that small, seemingly trivial events may ultimately result in something with much larger consequences – in other words, they have non-linear impacts on very complex systems. For instance, when a butterfly flaps its wings in India, that tiny change in air pressure could eventually cause or prevent a tornado in Iowa.

While this idea was initially posited for weather forecasting, it has been shown to apply to other scientific endeavors. This includes climate and environmental change, the development of chaos theory, even spacecraft guidance. However, it has been shown that this effect-consequence in these complex systems is impossible to track. So, how I use it to justify my limited ability to give to others, requires some faith.

The items I buy, the people I interact with, the things I say, I believe can each have their cascading effects that ripple through society. That is why it is important to try and be a good person, to create a positive influence. One thing I also think about is how these indirect effects are often not as small and removed as I believe many would think.

So, when I buy a Christmas toy for a less fortunate child, I strap it onto my motorcycle, put on my Legion Riders vest, and ride it across town in a huge parade of thousands of like-minded riders. Little actions can (hopefully) have big effects. When I send in my Goodfellows contribution this month, it will help one family a little bit. Maybe this will turn into something greater for them over time. When I also attend the Goodfellows boxing event and watch a hundred volunteer children loading the food parcels, I know that my little contribution has a much larger effect. Please flap your gossamer wings for Goodfellows this season.

In related news, our Riders chapter chose to make our annual giving contribution to a new group in the Upstate, Vets Helping Vets. In past years, we gave to the Legacy Fund, construction of the new Fisher House in Columbia, and Upstate Warriors Solution – all efforts designed to help veterans and their families, particularly in our local community. This time we directed our giving to a Post 3 member who needed a mobility ramp for his family - what Vets Helping Vets is focused on delivering. This ramp is now completed and being used.

Chapter 3 Legion Riders wish all of you a joyous holiday season with your family and friends.

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

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

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To our members with Birthdays in December.
Most Senior Member Tyler Watford 98 years old.
Junior Member Samantha Evers 32 years old.
Tyler E Watford 12/1, James H Chastain 12/1, Billy Mitchell 12/2, Richard E Cochran 12/2, Gerald P. Walczak 12/3, Ronald Eastman 12/3, Herbert W Cuthbertson 12/3, Tom Crocker 12/3, C. Doug Palinkas 12/3, Daniel P Jennings 12/3, Thomas Beach 12/3, Lawrence Harper 12/4, Paul A DeMarchis 12/4, Don L Hawkins 12/6, Tom A. Lowe 12/6, Robert Vallerand 12/7, Jesse L Crawford 12/7, Brian Sipe 12/7, Donald R Snoad 12/8, Dennis M Conn 12/8, Samantha M Evers 12/8, John L Duncan 12/9, Billy Reynolds 12/10, Paul Nutting 12/11, Truman B Bates 12/11, Ted E Mayes 12/12, Jeffrey M Crouch 12/12, Joseph Wright 12/13, Joel Freeman 12/13, George E Aikens 12/14, William (Bill) Dickson 12/14, Tony Lee Brown 12/14, James D Mills 12/15, Jack R Baker 12/16, Julie Miller 12/16, Kenneth N Andersen 12/17, J Ivan Jones 12/17, Fredrick Giles 12/18, Ronald E Lees 12/18, Ronnie Dodd 12/18, Steven T Amison 12/18, Charles Suber 12/18, Robb Burnett 12/19, Harold Cagle 12/19, Gary E Shamlin 12/19, Bill D Johnston 12/19, Dan Lanahan 12/19, Michael Green 12/20, Peter S Jurnak 12/20, James (Jim) Teixeira 12/20, Raymond L Stone 12/21, David Ruiz 12/21, Donald Rhodes 12/23, Richard Campbell 12/23, Fred D Pollard 12/24, Gary L Anderson 12/24, Frank L Bass 12/24, Ricky Chambers 12/24, Marion O Carmichael 12/24, Thomas Ed Brannen 12/25, Stiles M Turner 12/25, Walter Hunt 12/26, Corbett Thornton 12/26, Robert Pirtle 12/26, Oscar Williams 12/26, Richard Barnett 12/27, Larry W Kay 12/28, Barry Boyle 12/31, Jimmy D Kirby 12/31, and Junior K Merritt 12/31.
These are all of the birthdays we have on file for the month. of December.

Coming Events

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

12/12/23	6:00 PM TAL Executive Committee
12/19/23	**No** Legion Family Dinner
	No American Legion Meeting
	No American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
12/21.22/23	6PM-21st Packing Goodfellows
	8AM 22nd Distrubuting Goodfellows
12/25/23	Christmas Day
12/26/23	10:00 AM, The Blake
01/04/24	6:30 PM Legion Riders Meeting
02/16/24	9-10:30 AM Legion FamilyBreakfast
02/16/24	10:30 AM Litter Pick up

Merry Christmas

and Happy New Year!