American Legion Post 3
Regular Meeting February 20, 2024
Dinner 6:00PM, Roast Beef

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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

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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
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Greenville, SC 29602-0133
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Adjutant Don Patterson

Post 3 Commander:
Richard Cochran

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires,
I hope everyone's New Year is off to a good start! We had a very informative January Meeting. There are some major developments coming down the line for Post 3. The information cannot be shared in our newsletter at this time, but we will be discussing them at the February Meeting and sending out updates via email as we are able. Please attend this month's meeting so we can get everyone updated.
If you have not sent in your membership renewal for this year, please get those in so we can make our membership goal for this year.
Also, there are still a few projects 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 the projects.
Our next Regular Post Meeting is February 20th, dinner at 6pm and meeting at 7pm.
Contact info, Rich58@att.net, 864-901-8283

First Vice Commander:
Kirk Conover

Greetings, Legionnaires –
February is already looking to be a full month, especially with the added day for Leap Year! Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) is on the 13th, with Lent starting on Valentine's Day (perhaps you don't want to give up chocolate for Lent this year). The Legion Auxiliary Family Breakfast is on Saturday the 17th, as is the litter pickup near Paris Mountain State Park. On Saturday the 24th, the Greenville Swamp Rabbits Hockey Team will be hosting Military Appreciation/American Legion Night, with half-price tickets for Legion members and their families.
Our next visit to the Blake will be on Tuesday, 27 February 2024, at 10 AM. Come fellowship with older veterans and spouses, and share stories, coffee, and donuts.
As we move further into 2024, please remember to renew your membership with Post 3. We have almost 84% renewals so far. If you have already renewed your membership for 2024, thank you!
The cold and wet weather of this time of the year sometimes can get to folks. If you can, get out when it gets sunny, 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 continuing to work with you this 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 a even better February. Let's begin with just another friendly reminder, we will be having our litter pick up on Paris Mountain 17 February at 10:30 am after our Auxiliary Breakfast. Our speaker this month will be from the Upstate Warrior Solutions organization. For those that do not know, Upstate Warrior Solution (UWS) is a non-profit organization based out of the Rupert Huse Veterans Center here in Greenville. Their mission is to connect warriors and their family members to resources and opportunities that are specifically unique to our military community. As always, 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.

"We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude".
Cynthia Ozick

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

Post 3, Color/Honor Guard:
Chuck Rouse, Commander

Post 3 Color / Honor Guard upcoming activities:
3 February Training Drill Post 3 0930 - 1200 hrs.
Upcoming Color Guard Events:
16 March St. Patrick's Day Parade
9 April Last Patrol Dinner
2 March 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.
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, James Binder, Sam Clarke, David Davenport, Gilbert Scales, William Shepard, John Vinskus , Ray Salinas, Joe Cole, and Rick Barnette.
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
Loch Aldrich (Hospice Terra Bella Summit), Alvin Johnson, Indiana Thomas, and George Opalak.
POST EVERLASTING
Raymond Bateman, Eddie Garrett, Kenneth Price and Alfred Vaughn
If you know of others or changes, please let me or one of the Assistant Chaplain's know.
Ed Brannen (864) 970 - 9934
Danny Burdette (864) 421- 4338
Rick Barnette (864) 477 - 8225
George Aikens (864) 430 – 5317

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American Legion Auxiliary:
Carol Burrell, President

We just had the second January with the most rain ever recorded. Thankfully we are not in a drought. Enjoy the sunny days ahead and stay warm.
We had a successful pillow making party in January. Nine members in our district came and made pillows.
We will have our next Legion Family breakfast February 17. The cost for breakfast is $7 a person. Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship.
We will be interviewing delegates for Girls State the week of March 4-8.
Our next meeting will be February 20th. We will eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00. Hope to see you there.
If you have not paid dues for 2023-2024, please mail them to Brenda Collins at 5 Clingstone Drive, Taylors, SC 29687.
Senior member dues are $45 and juniors are $7.
Please make your 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.

District 7 Pillow Party 01/14/24

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.
If you look at a motorcycle riding calendar for the Upstate as a pie chart, April would be a decent slice, then May through October would be gluttonous pieces. January and February's portions would be very stingy crumbs on the plate. And so, I sit here writing instead of riding. As we speak, the annual Legacy Run is again being planned for April. The Riders primary charity this year and going forward is the Legion National Veterans and Childrens Fund. Riders from all over the country gather pledges from friends and family, anyone willing to contribute to our cause, and ride in planned routes all over their state, over two or three days. SC ALR usually delivers as one the top five state contributors, bringing in around $60-70K each Spring. If you wish to pledge any amount, feel free to email me, and I will put it toward the chapter for the Spring ride. Another 'long' major ride each year is the ROMP (Ride On Military Pride). This multistate ride raises awareness of the military's contribution to our free society. Mac (also known as our Second Vice Commander), can provide more details. As the Upstate blossoms with Spring, many other 'short' rides into the Blue Ridge occur. You can track and join any of these rides by visiting our chapter's FB page, or the SC state equivalent page. So, Riders, start performing your T-CLOCS (more about that next month), and get ready for another magical season of freedom in the Upstate. One final query - how can you tell if a motorcyclist is happy?
Best regards, Kevin R. Smith, Director 954-701-4897, smithwaremail@charter.net
TAL Riders Chapter 3 Facebook Group:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALRChapter3/

The American Legion Department of SC is sponsoring another Veteran Engagement Action Center (VEAC). This event is designed to discuss any issue a veteran or their family is having the VA claims. A VEAC event was held last year, and many issues were solved. Attached is a flyer from The Department of SC with the information you will need. Veterans, spouses or veteran's families are invited to bring their questions and concerns to discuss claim issues of the Veteran or Family Claims. You will need to bring your DD214 and all medical records (privet doctor and VA) even if you have an ongoing claim. If you are asking about Survivor Benefits you will need a Death Certificate. The event will be held March 21 - 23, 2024 at: SCNG 1328 Old Dairy Rd. Columbia, SC 29201 Please read the invitation for specific times to attend.

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To our members with Birthdays in February.
Most Senior Member Jack Overpeck 100 Years Old
Junior Member Latrice Corbitt 49 Years Old
George E Blackwelder Jr 2/1, James D Norris 2/1, Shelly Robertson 2/1, Martin B Frazier 2/2, Steven M Von Cannon 2/2, Arron Wilkins 2/4, Joe D Wood 2/5, William (Jack) Dempsey 2/6, James J Hughes 2/6, Jack P Overpeck 2/7, Horace Kellett 2/8, Larry Larimer 2/9, George Chastine 2/10, Michael L Moore 2/11, Robert H Bagwell 2/12, James Kirkland 2/12, Carlton M Padgett 2/12, Troy Barton 2/13, John Julian 2/13, William L Ellison Jr. 2/14, Terry D Allen 2/15, Garry R Tucker 2/15, George D Simmons 2/18, David J Camp 2/19, David E Colvin 2/19, Jimmy R Wynn 2/19, Kirk Conover 2/20, Edward Floyd 2/21, Latrice G Corbitt 2/22, James G Fish 2/22, Philip Tipton 2/22, Jeffrey Taylor 2/23, A. Don Tinsley 2/23, Richard H Gettys Jr. 2/24, Stanley G Walsh 2/24, Ronald S Broome 2/25, Robert B Campbell Sr 2/25, Charles H Dean, Jr. 2/25, Larry D. Drummond 2/25, Victor Fisher 2/25, Richard Chatman 2/26, Barry L Groce 2/27, Ted Sanders 2/27, Stanley Greene 2/28, Peter R Gulyas 2/28.
These are all the birthdays we have on file for the month. of February.

Coming Events

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

02/13/24	6:00 PM TAL Executive Committee
02/20/24	6:00 PM Legion Family Dinner
	7:00 PM American Legion Meeting
	7:00 PM American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
02/27/24	10:00 AM, The Blake
02/17/24	9-10:30 AM Legion FamilyBreakfast
02/17/24	10:30 AM Litter Pick up
03/07/24	6:30 PM Legion Riders Meeting
04/14/24	2:00 PM Auxiliary District 7 Pillow Party

From Your American Legion Family