American Legion Post 3
Regular Meeting March 19, 2024
Dinner 6:00PM, Baked Ham

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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@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,
Please read the full-page letter from your Post Commander Richard Cochran.
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 2024. We are currently just below 90%. Our voting total at the State Convention in May is determined by how many members the Post has at the end of March, so please consider renewing today.
If at all possible, please attend the meeting this month on 19 March. The Post will be voting on how to deal with the upcoming construction projects close to Post 3. For further details, see Commander Cochran's letter.
On 21-23 March, there will be a Veteran Experience Action Center at the SCNG Armory at 1225 Bluff 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.
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

2nd Vice Commander:
William "Mac" McKinney

Legionnaires,
Hope everyone had a GREAT February and is ready for the Up State's Roller-coaster ride of temperatures for the next couple of months. We had a great visit to the Blake on the 27th. The members there really appreciate our visits, and we hope you can make time to attend our next visit on March 26. At our last meeting there seemed to be some confusion as to our assembly area for our litter pickup. While we have altered our assembly time to let our members attend the Auxiliary breakfast, the location has never changed. Our assembly area is still at the ***intersection of State Park Road (Route 344) and East Mountain Creek Road (Highway 253), near the Parkwood Baptist Church. At 10:30.*** Please come and join us if your schedule allows.
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.

"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."
– G.K. Chesterton

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

Post 3 Color / Honor Guard upcoming activities:
02 March Training Drill Post 3 0930 - 1200 hrs,
16 March St. Patrick's Day Parade 10 AM
Main St. Greenville
06 April Training Drill Post 3 0930 - 1200 hrs.
09 April Last Patrol Annual Dinner - Greer
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, Rick Barnette Romulo Dalaten, and Garry R Tucker.
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

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

American Legion Auxiliary:
Carol Burrell, President

Hope you have enjoyed the warm February weather. Many people have been sick. Hope you are well.
We will be interviewing delegates for Girls State the week of March 4-8.
The ALA National President will be visiting SC, March 17-20.
The Department Convention will be at Double Tree by Hilton May 16-19. A $30 registration fee is required. If you are planning to attend, let Brenda know before April 15.
Remember that reports are due to Department Chairmen by May 1. There are several changes with the chairmen for end of year reports:
AEF Reports go to Lorena Pate, aikenjdeere@yahoo.com, 14 Vernon Drive, Sumter, SC 29150
Constitution and Bylaws Reports go to Pat Jarvis, pat4veterans@gmail.com, 212 Forest Grove Lane, Columbia, SC 29210
Poppy Reports go to Lorena Pate, aikenjdeere@yahoo.com, 14 Vernon Drive, Sumter, SC 29150
April is the month of the Military Child. The National Guard in Spartanburg will be sponsoring "Little Hero's Salute" April 13, 2024, at USC Upstate from 10 to 2 PM. We are united to this event.
Our meeting will be March 19. We will eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00. Hope to see you there.
If you have not paid your dues for 2023-2024, send 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.

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.

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.
Last week, half a dozen of us rode over the river and through the woods, to Brevard for lunch. Cold in the morning, nice in the afternoon back over Caesar's Head. The 30-degree swings in the daily temp this time of year adds a challenge to any ride. As long as we are together, and get home safely, it's all good.
The Legacy Run pre-ride was also completed. This is where a core team runs the planned route across the state, to ensure a safe and complete understanding for the main event, when hundreds run the pledge charity run in April. If you wish to make a pledge of any amount toward the Veterans and Childrens fund charity, feel free to contact me or any ALR member.
I find it is good to have some know-how of any vehicle I own. It certainly helps one see issues to correct and keep an eye on schedules for future repairs and maintenance. This is especially true for motorcycles. Most riders perform some maintenance on their bike themselves. The T-CLOCS method is the acronym for the routine safety and equipment checks performed by motorcycle riders. Tires and wheels, Controls, Lights and electrics, Oil and fluids, Chassis, and Stands should all be inspected periodically. As riding season begins, I encourage all riders (and car owners too) to get the relevant inspections and repairs done. And a good source of info is the MSF, Motorcycle Safety Foundation, which has a fine checklist of these inspections to follow.
Our chapter meets every first Thursday monthly, next is 7 March, somewhere in the Upstate, where we share stories and break bread, plan rides and other events. To get involved, give a shout. And ride safely.
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 March.
Senior Member Charles Anderson 96
Junior Member Daniel Perez 38
Thomas Perry 3/2, Steven Thrasher 3/2, Charles Anderson 3/3, Kenneth Chatman Jr. 3/3, James Stewardson 3/3, Stephen Crane 3/4, Howard Klinetop 3/4, Travis Galloway 3/5, Wesley Riddley 3/5, Ronald Thompson 3/5, William Bracken 3/9, Craig Collins Sr. 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, Keith Drummond 3/15, Jon Hitchcock 3/15, Donald O'Shields 3/15, Daniel Gosselin 3/16, Edward Pool 3/16, Robert Holloway Jr. 3/17, David Neff 3/17, William Kirby 3/18, Baxter Rhodes Dr. 3/20, .Eddie Byrd Jr. 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/, Jonathan Sprinkle 3/24, Daniel Czerepuszko 3/27, Donald Kitchens 3/27, Steven Lyons 3/28, Robert Allen 3/29, William Allison 3/29, Donald Lannan 3/29, Daniel Perez 3/30, and Robert Stoddard 3/30.
These are 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
03/05/24 6:00 PM TAL Executive Committee
03/19/24 6:00 PM Legion Family Dinner
7:00 PM American Legion Meeting
7:00 PM American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
03/18/24 10:30 AM Litter Pick up
03/26/24 10:00 AM, The Blake
04/04/24 6:30 PM Legion Riders Meeting
04/14/24 2:00 PM Auxiliary District 7 Pillow Party
05/11/24 9-10:30 AM Legion FamilyBreakfast
The 2nd Saturday due to Department Convention