American Legion Post 3
Regular Meeting April 16, 2024
Dinner 6:00PM, Fried Chicken

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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 **newtalp3sc@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

Post 3 Elections will be held at the Meeting, in June. The following positions are up for election, The Commander, 1st and 2nd Vice Commanders and the Adjutant. If you are interested in serving Post 3 and your fellow veterans, now is the time to announce your candidacy. Nominations close May 20, 2024. If interested in one of these positions, please contact Adjutant Don Patterson. If you would like to nominate someone, please submit their information to the adjutant. No nominations will be accepted at the June 18, 2024, meeting. Elections will be held June 18, 2024, during our general membership meeting.

Post 3 Commander:
Richard Cochran

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires,
I hope everyone had a great Easter and is enjoying the spring weather.
If you were not at the March meeting, we had the entire meeting open for questions and discussion on how to move forward concerning the post building and property. We finally decided and held a vote. The vote was about 4 to 1 in favor of considering offers for the post property. This does NOT mean that we are selling the property, this is only that we are willing to listen to what offers are brought to us. If an offer is made that the executive committee feels is a reasonable offer, we will send out another letter and email blast to get as many members as possible in attendance to hear the offer and then give it a vote.
We have another meeting with the City Manager coming up soon, and we will keep everyone posted on the outcome.
Commander Richard Cochran.
Contact info, Rich58@att.net, 864-901-8283

First Vice Commander:
Kirk Conover

Greetings, Fellow Legionnaires –
Post 3 will hold elections for the 2024-2025 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 21 May. There will be no nominations accepted during the June meeting.
THANK YOU to all who have renewed your American Legion membership for 2024. We are currently at 90% 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!
Our next visit to the Blake will be on Tuesday, 23 April 2024, at 10 AM. Come fellowship with older veterans and spouses, and share stories, coffee and donuts.
While preparing to speak to the Greenville City Council last month, I was once reminded of all that this Legion Post does for the community: the Goodfellows Christmas Food Drive, Palmetto Boys State and Girl State, South Carolina Law Cadet Academy, academic awards for local schools, scholarships, parades and ceremonies, and our fantastic museum. This Post really does great work for veterans, their families, and the surrounding community.
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 864-395-111

2nd Vice Commander:
William "Mac" McKinney

Legionnaires,
Hope everyone had a GREAT March. We have one of our own speaking this month at our post. I'm sure many of you know Tracy Robinson. Tracy is a part of an organization called Boot Print. For those of you who have not heard of this organization, BootPrint is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in South Carolina where the wellbeing of our Military Community is at the forefront of their mission. Their programs, projects and activities are designed to be a catalyst that unite our community resources to eliminate the barriers that any Military Member, their Family and our Veterans face so they can reach their goals and fulfill their potential. Please come out and join us and learn how we can better support 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.

"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:
6 April Training Drill Post 3 0930 - 1200 hrs,
9 April Last Patrol Annual Dinner 1800 - 2000 hrs. Greer, SC
9 April National POW Recognition Day
22 April Earth Day
4 May 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, Romulo Dalaten, John Collins 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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American Legion Auxiliary:
Carol Burrell, President

Hope you are enjoying the spring weather. It is refreshing to see all the beautiful flowers and trees.
April is the month of the Military Child. April 15 is Purple Up Day for the Military Child.
The National Guard of Spartanburg is sponsoring "Little Heroes Salute" April 13 at USC Upstate from 10 to 2 PM. We are invited. We are planning to meet at the Post and carpool. If you are planning to go, let Brenda or Carol know.
The Department Convention will be at the Double Tree by Hilton May 17-18. A $30 registration fee is required. If you are planning to go, let Brenda know by April 15.
We will have a sewing party at the Post to make neck pillows for deploying soldiers on April 14 at 2 PM. You don't have to sew to help. There are things you can do to help.
Program reports are due to Department Chairmen by May 1.
Our next meeting is April 16. 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 $45.00 and juniors are $7.00. Please make checks payable to ALA Unit 3.
Yours in service, Carol. Contact information: ccburrell1@gmail.com; Cell 893-239-8514.
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.
This month I would like to present an argument about why Riders make better drivers (credit: Neil Winn).
Bikers often get a lot of flak from the four-wheeled community for being 'leather-clad hooligans', but in reality, they actually make better drivers. A recent study conducted by insurance company Carole Nash revealed that motorcyclists have a better knowledge of the rules of the road than people on four wheels. Based on the official DVSA quiz, bikers outperformed drivers on issues of road safety, identifying road signs and overtaking safely. This research backs up other studies which show that bikers make significantly safer car drivers. But why is that?

Awareness

Because there's no space for making assumptions on two wheels, bikers learn to question everything. Riding like everyone is a danger to them is also a mindset that bikers adopt, which makes their hazard perception far sharper than those who are surrounded by a wall of steel and safety.

Reading the Road

One of the first pieces of advice you'll receive when learning how to ride is to "look where you want to go". This might seem like common sense, but it's absolutely crucial in order to avoid being caught out by the *target fixation* phenomenon; this is where you look at the object you want to avoid and therefore steer into it. You are taught to look ahead and push your point of focus as far as possible. Techniques like using the vanishing point to know when to get on the throttle is the key to a safe and fast country road blast. All of these skills are fully transferable to the four-wheeled world but you'll learn almost none of them during your normal 'driving test'.

Visibility

Checking your blindspots is something that is drilled into you during your motorcycle test, and by the time you've passed it's become second nature. Bikes have no automatic blindspot warning systems as do the newest autos.

Regular Maintenance

Last month I discussed the T-CLOCS method for regular maintenance. How many drivers regularly check even their tire pressure?
Best regards, Kevin R. Smith, Director 954-701-4897, smithwaremail@charter.net
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https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALRChapter3/

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To our members with Birthdays in April.
Senior Member William Shepard 102
Junior Member William Hyatt 35
James G Bramlett 4/1, Matthew J Klessens 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, Thomas V McNeese 4/6, Paul T Latimore 4/6, Rosemary J Craig 4/6, Charles D Welch 4/7, Robert L Clusterman 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, John McDonough Col 4/12, Christopher B Hermans 4/12, Tracy Sharp-Robertson 4/12, 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 Kirby 4/26, Allen C Chavis 4/26, Walter Fanti 4/26, Daniel Glessner 4/26, Thomas R Murphy 4/28, Jeffery Hunter 4/28, George H Lyda Jr. 4/29, Robert J Vankuiken 4/29, and Jacqueline D Hamilton 4/29.
These are 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

04/09/24 6:00 PM TAL Executive Committee
04/14/24 2:00 PM Auxiliary District 7 Pillow Party
04/15/24 Tax Day
04/16/24 6:00 PM Legion Family Dinner
7:00 PM American Legion Meeting
7:00 PM American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
04/23/24 10:00 AM, The Blake
05/02/24 6:30 PM Legion Riders Meeting
05/11/24 9-10:30 AM Legion FamilyBreakfast
The 2nd Saturday due to Department Convention
05/17-19/24 Department Convention Columbia Double Tree by Hilton