



**American Legion Post 3
Regular Meeting May 21, 2024
Dinner 6:00PM, Beef Tips over Rice**

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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,
This Month is our time to remember all of our brothers and sisters who are no longer with us. It's also a time that can be hard for our brothers and sisters who are still with us, but have experienced great loss. Take this opportunity to check on your brothers and sisters. We need to do our part to help our fellow veterans to know they are not alone, especially at this time.
This month's meeting is our Memorial Service. Come out and help us memorialize all the fellow veterans we have lost this year. There are several events our Post Members are involved in, please come out and support our Color Guard on these events.
This month's meeting is also the last opportunity to submit your name or recommend someone for next month's elections.
Commander Richard Cochran.
Contact info, Rich58@att.net, 864-901-8283



**2nd Vice Commander:
William "Mac" McKinney**

Fellow Patriots,
I hope everyone had a great April and are ready for some MUCH warmer weather. We will not be having a speaker this month. We are making time this month to honor and remember those within our Post 3 family that have returned home to their final assignment at Post Everlasting. Please come and join us in this tribute.
Our next litter pickup will be May the 11th after the Auxiliary breakfast. Please come and join us for a great morning of community support 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

**First Vice Commander:
Kirk Conover**

Greetings, Fellow Legionnaires –
Lots of things are happening this month! The Auxiliary will be hosting the Family Breakfast on Saturday, 11 May, from 9-10:30 am. Come get a big meal at a great price and support the Auxiliary and all that they do for Post 3 and the Greenville community.
After breakfast, come help with the litter pick-up near Paris Mountain State Park. Mac McKinney has scheduled the pick-up for Saturday, 11 May, starting at 10:30 am. We should be finished by noon.
At our monthly meeting on 21 May, Post 3 will recognize and honor those Legionnaires who have transferred to Post Everlasting.
The Department of South Carolina will hold the State Convention at the Doubletree by Hilton in Columbia from 17-19 May. On Friday, 17 May, at 1 pm, delegates will cast their votes on various amendments and motions impacting Legion activities. Delegates **MUST BE PRESENT** to cast their votes. I look forward to seeing you there.

On Saturday, 25 May, is the 3rd Annual Palmetto Heroes Hike. This community event honors South Carolina's fallen military and first responders, while benefiting two local nonprofits that support those who serve us: The Wounded and Recovering Fund and Upstate Warrior Solution. Hike participants can choose between a 6-mile or a 12-mile loop on the Swamp Rabbit Trail, stopping at memorial checkpoints along the route honoring a fallen service member or first responder. The start/end point is the Bon Secours Wellness Arena, 650 N Academy St, Greenville. For further information or to register for the hike, go to www.upstatewarriorsolution.charityproud.org
Our next visit to the Blake retirement facility is Tuesday, 28 May at 10am. Visit with some vets and share some stories and coffee.
THANK YOU to all who have renewed your American Legion membership for 2024. If you have not already done so, please renew today!
Stay healthy! 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



**American Legion Chaplain:
George Aikens**

O GOD the strength of the weak and the comfort of our sufferers, 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, and Arthur Laser.
NURSING HOME
Loch Aldrich, Alvin Johnson, Indiana Thomas, and George Opalak.
POST EVERLASTING
Charles E Anderson & Taft G. Anderson
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**



Greetings! Hope you are enjoying the warm weather. The Department Junior Convention was held April 27 at Post 7 Lexington. Beth, Pat, and Carol attended. Eighteen Junior members were in attendance. It was a good convention and those attending enjoyed it. The Department Convention will be May 17-18 at the Double Tree by Hilton. Five members from Unit 3 are planning to attend. Beth is running for Senior Vice President and Carol is running for 1st Sgt at Arms. Our Legion Family Breakfast will be May 11 from 9:00-10:30. The cost is \$7 per person. Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship. Our next meeting will be May 21. 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, send them to Brenda Collins at 5 Clingstone Drive, Taylors, SC 29687. We have not yet reached 100%. Senior remembers dues are \$45 and juniors are \$7. Make paying 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.



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

4 May Training Drill Post 3 0930 - 1200 hrs.
8 May VE Day (Victory in Europe)
18 May Armed Forces Day
23 May VA Veterans Support Day
Anderson VA Clinic 0900 - 1200 hrs.
27 May Memorial Day (celebrated)
1 June 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 Riders:
Kevin Smith, Director**



Look twice, Save a Life. The annual SC Legacy Run was held over this last weekend. While the tally for our charity is not yet available, it is clear that the volunteerism was high. In the photo, over one hundred twenty riders were present at the SC statehouse for the beginning of the first leg of the three-day event. Throughout the riding season, individual chapters hold various riding-for-charity events. This is our largest, and statewide, event: proceeds of which are delivered for the national Veterans and Childrens fund during the annual Legion conference held in Columbia in May. One of the key tenets of American Legion Riders is Responsible Motorcycling. But what does that mean? To me, it has three components, the bike, the gear, and the road. A bike will be well-maintained and safe to ride. The gear one wears for safety (e.g., helmet, gloves, jacket, shoes) and comfort (warm weather vs. winter weight), and on the bike (horns, lights, and in luggage) are second nature to us. And on the road, we follow riding safety guidelines when alone and in groups. You can be reasonably assured that the biker passing you in shorts, t-shirt, and a backward baseball cap splitting lanes in traffic is not an American Legion Rider. Freedom on the open road and responsibility can comfortably coexist. The ALR is living proof. Our chapter meets on the first Thursday of each month, at a different restaurant venue somewhere in the Upstate, to share events, info, and comradery with riding veterans. To get in on the riding action, give a shout, to get on the meeting mailing list. Ride safe. 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 May.
Senior Member B K Sutton 95
Junior Member Jacob Fountain 37
Robert L Banks 5/9, Jim Barnes 5/16, Rocklyn (Rocky) R Bates 5/5, Victor J. Baudier III 5/25, James S Binder 5/21, Randall G Brown 5/1, Earl Bruce 5/1, Walter L Burnett 5/4, Robert D Butler Jr 5/16, Ed Carr 5/4, Henry W Chandler 5/31, Boris G Clayton 5/9, Tom Coffman 5/19, Ron J Cortese 5/29, Robert Crout 5/23, Lee Ervin 5/6, Jacob J Fountain 5/17, Gary R Godin 5/20, Perry E Gwinn 5/5, John D Hall 5/3, Ronnie J Hensley 5/26, James E Hopkins 5/8, Robert L Jackson 5/2, Mark Jones 5/5, Gary Labombard 5/5, Susan Leong 5/22, Ronald L Link 5/21, Lois Lomba 5/23, Kyle Long 5/25, Maurice Low 5/22, Alan Morris 5/27, Kenneth Padgett 5/9, William Pegram 5/14, George W Reagan 5/14, David L Riggs 5/28, Charles Shelton 5/3, Alan J Spilker 5/6, Jim Stahl 5/31, Garey Staly 5/20, B. K. Sutton 5/6, Thomas F Taylor 5/15, William J Thompson 5/6, L Dean Walden 5/5, George L Wiley 5/10, George Winslow 5/12, James M Wyatt 5/17, and Durnier Young 5/9.
These are all the birthdays we have on file for the month of May.

Coming Events
The Blake retirement home, on Woodruff Road, On the 4th Tuesday of each month for coffee and donuts
05/11/24 9-10:30 AM Legion FamilyBreakfast
The 2nd Saturday due to Department Convention
05/11/24 10:30 Trash Pickup, State Park Rd.
05/14/24 6:00 PM TAL Executive Committee
05/17-19/24 Department Convention Columbia
Double Tree by Hilton, Bush River Road
05/21/24 6:00 PM Legion Family Dinner
7:00 PM American Legion Meeting
7:00 PM American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
05/28/24 10:00 AM, The Blake
06/06/24 6:30 PM Legion Riders Meeting
06/23/24 2:00 PM Auxiliary District 7 Pillow Party

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