



**American Legion Post 3  
Regular Meeting June 18, 2024  
Dinner 6:00PM, Grilled Chicken**

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**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 will be elected, The Commander, 1st and 2nd Vice Commanders and Adjutant. Nominations were closed May 20, 2024. No nominations will be accepted at the June 18, 2024, meeting. Elections and installation of officers will be held June 18, 2024, during our general membership meeting.**

**Post 3 Commander:  
Richard Cochran**

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires,  
This is my last letter as your Commander, and I want to say what a privilege it has been to serve the membership of Post 3. These last 2 years have gone quickly, but I know that I will stay involved particularly when it comes to dealing with the city as we determine the future of Post 3. Our last meeting with the city went nowhere and we are moving on with what is in the best interest of Post 3 regardless of how it affects the city or their sale of the property.  
This month we will be voting for the new Post Officers, please come out to vote and support your leadership as we continue to move forward.  
Commander Richard Cochran.  
Contact info, [Rich58@att.net](mailto:Rich58@att.net), 864-901-8283

**First Vice Commander:  
Kirk Conover**

Greetings, Legionnaires!  
I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend. The Department Convention went as expected; there were no significant changes to the Department Constitution or By-Laws.  
This month is the last push to renew membership in Post 3 for 2024. We are currently at 95.16% of our membership goal. THANK YOU to all who have renewed your American Legion membership. If you have not already done so, please renew today! You will be getting renewal requests for the 2025 membership year by both email and regular mail. FYI, membership dues are increasing to \$60. The 2024 Encampment of Palmetto Boys State Opening Ceremony will take place at 7:30 pm on Sunday, 9 June 2024, in the Henderson Auditorium of Anderson University, Anderson, SC. A special reception for Legionnaires and their guests will be held at the Ross Anderson Student Center at 6 pm. ALL Post Members are invited to attend. Please RSVP NO LATER THAN Monday, 3 June through the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/PBSReception24>  
The Army celebrates its 249th birthday on 14 June. Wish your Army brethren a happy birthday and tell them to take a knee and hydrate.  
Be sure to attend this month's meeting on Tuesday, June 18. The Post will elect and install leadership for the 2024-2025 year.  
Stay healthy! Contact info: 443-745-3795, or [kirk.conover@gmail.com](mailto: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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:  
William "Mac" McKinney**

Fellow Legionnaires,  
Hope everyone had a GREAT May and are ready for our summer heat. WOW this year seems to be flying by. We have a couple of very important events happening this month. First of all, South Carolina's primaries and Runoffs begin on the 11th. This is a great time to educate yourselves on our candidates before exercising this VERY important right and responsibility. Also, no less important, we will be voting on our post's leadership team on the 16th so please come and participate.  
In addition, we have moved our meeting time for our monthly visit to the Blake Nursing Home to 14:30 on the 4th Tuesday. This was done for the benefit of the residents and hopefully encourage more participation among the residents and Post 3 members. Please come and enjoy some coffee and outstanding conversation. Our next visit will be held on the 25th of June.  
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 email me at [Mac.mckinney@icloud.com](mailto:Mac.mckinney@icloud.com).

*"The best index into a person's character is how he treats people that can't do him any good, and how he treats people who can't fight back"*  
**A. Van Buren**



**Color/Honor Guard  
Chuck Rouse, Commander**

Post 3 Color / Honor Guard upcoming activities:  
1 June Training Drill: Post 3 --- 0930 - 1200 hrs,  
14 June Flag Day .  
6 July Training Drill  
4 July Independence Day  
6 July CG Training Drill  
3 August CG Training Drill  
For information regarding membership and participation in the Color / Honor Guard contact Chuck Rouse [c.rouse@earthlink.net](mailto:c.rouse@earthlink.net) 864-423-5372

**American Legion Chaplain:  
George Aikens**

O GOD the strength of the weak and the comfort of 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, 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, William Shepard, John Vinskus, Ray Salinas, Romulo Dalaten, John Collins, Jeff Taylor, Donald Kitchens, Eddie Saucier 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, Alvin Johnson, Indiana Thomas, Gilbert Scales and Bill Bodnovich.  
**POST EVERLASTING**  
Nathan Shelton  
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 looking forward to a great summer. The Auxiliary has had a great year. We are looking forward to serving our veterans in the 2024-2025 year.

The convention was awesome. Brenda, Beth, Pat, Rachel and I enjoyed it. Beth was elected Senior Vice President. Carol was elected First sergeant at Arms.

We will be having a District neck pillow sewing party at the Post on Sunday, June 23 at 2:30.

Our next meeting will be June 18. We will eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00. Hope to see you there.

We reached our membership goal for 2023-2024. It is time next month to start paying dues for 2024-2025. You may pay your dues at the meeting or mail them to Brenda Collins at 5 Clingstone Drive, Taylors, SC 29687. Senior member dues are \$45.00 and juniors are \$7.00. Make checks payable to ALA Unit 3.

Yours in service, Carol. Contact information :

email [cburrell1@gmail.com](mailto:cburrell1@gmail.com); Cell phone 803-239-8514.

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**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.

Our next meeting will be held on D-Day, the 6<sup>th</sup> of June. If you wish to attend, to find the venue (changes monthly), feel free to contact me.

As the Memorial Day honors bestowed on our fallen has passed only a few days ago, my heart was reminded of a little town in Southwest Virginia, Bedford. This sleepy little village has honored its war dead with a massive memorial ground. You see, the town lost the most service members per-capita of any city in the US during the D-Day invasion. The stories of these forty-four brave men, and the effort to create a lasting memorial honoring them and all who served, is quite special. Go to [Visiting The National D-Day Memorial - National D-Day Memorial \(dday.org\)](https://www.visitbedford.com/visiting-the-national-d-day-memorial-national-d-day-memorial-dday-org) for more info. Maybe a weekend trip, or ride, and the BRP at the Peaks of Otter is just a 45 min. ride North of Bedford.

The next statewide ride - ROMP – Ride on Military Pride – is planned for June 20-23, and begins at Little River, SC. Mac and others will rally with an ALR chapter from Georgia on the 20<sup>th</sup>, for the ride to Little River. For more info – [www.facebook.com/romp2024](https://www.facebook.com/romp2024), or contact Mac (you know him as you post 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-commander).

Remember, motorcycles are everywhere.

Best regards, Kevin R. Smith, Director 954-701-4897,

[smithwaremail@charter.net](mailto: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 June**

**Senior Member H D Lee 98**

**Youngest Member Jani Merritt 26**

Wayne P England 6/1, Steven K Conger 6/2, Randall Massengale Sr 6/2, Glenn T Barnes 6/3, Perry Campbell 6/3, Thomas B Turner 6/3, John C Ward 6/3, Barry B Hallums 6/4, H D Lee 6/4, James Gillian 6/5, Charles L Pickens 6/5, Alan W Rogers 6/5, Julia Crenshaw 6/6, James E Fayssoux 6/6, Ernest E Nix Jr. 6/6, Jack C Hughes 6/7, Claude L Freeman 6/8, Paul C Gurley 6/8, Luther H Lawrence Jr. 6/8, Richard A Rossi 6/8, Renee F Sherbert 6/8 Larry N. DuBois 6/9, John Oberry 6/9, Jerry H Brown 6/11, Jani R Merritt 6/12, Robert E Lyles 6/13, Homer L Scott 6/13, Kilbourne Greene 6/14, William Sprague 6/14, Wilton L Fowler 6/15, Brian Griswold 6/15, Ryan Johnson 6/15, Joseph Cohens 6/16, Edward C Iwanski 6/16, Walter D Hines 6/17, Shennell Estrich 6/19, Claude D Bagwell 6/20, Larry M Ford 6/20, Robert J Smith 6/20, Ray Breneman 6/21, Joseph L Craze 6/21, C. Alvin Smith Jr. 6/21, Bradley E Emory 6/22, Donald F Johnson 6/22, Ronny A Rodgers 6/22, Paul A Rossi 6/22, Donald Smith 6/22, Allyn Steinhardt 6/22, Thomas Wilson 6/22, Stanley (Wil) Bryant 6/23, John F Collins 6/24, Richard A Rabb 6/24, Karl Schilling 6/25, Danny Burdette 6/26, Harold R Hawkins 6/26, Raymond Robinson 6/26, Alvin L Sullivan 6/27, Robert L McCarroll 6/28, Willie L Sullivan 6/28, Bill Bodnovich 6/29, Sharon B Riley 6/29, Charles Rouse 6/30, and Wilson O Shealy Jr. 6/30.

**These are all the birthdays we have on file for the month of June.**

**Coming Events**

The Blake retirement home, on Woodruff Road, On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month for coffee and donuts

**06/06/24** – 6:30 pm Legion Riders Meeting

**06/09/24** – American Legion Night at Palmetto Boys State, Anderson College. Dinner at 6 pm. Program starts at 7:30 pm

**06/11/24** – Primary Election Day

**06/11/24** – 6 pm Executive Committee Meeting

**06/14/24** – Flag Day/Army Birthday

**06/18/24** - 6 pm Legion Family Dinner  
7 pm Post 3 Meeting  
7 pm Auxiliary

**06/23/24** – 2:30 pm Auxiliary District 7 Pillow Party

**06/25/24** – 2:30 pm Blake

**06/29/24** – 6 pm – 10:30 pm Greer Freedom Blast at Greer City Park

**07/04/24** – Independence Day

**07/04/24** – 6:30 pm Legion Riders Meeting

**07/09/24** – 6 pm Executive Committee Meeting

**07/16/24** – 6 pm Legion Family Dinner  
7 pm Post 3 Meeting  
7 pm Auxiliary

**07/23/24** – 2:30 pm Blake

**08/01/24** – 6:30 pm Legion Riders Meeting

**08/13/24** – 6 pm Executive Committee Meeting

**08/17/24** – 9:00 am – 10:30 am Legion Family Breakfast

**08/17/24** – 10:30 am – 12 pm Litter Pick-up

**08/20/24** – 6 pm Legion Family Dinner  
7 pm Post 3 Meeting  
7 pm Auxiliary

**08/27/24** – 2:30 pm Blake