



## American Legion Post 3

**Regular Meeting on September 17, 2024  
Dinner at 6 PM, Country Style Steak**

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**During this time of uncertainty Please stay at a safe distance when out and about. If we can help, please let us know.**

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Post 3 On the web: [www.talpost3greenvillesc.org](http://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 [newtalp3sc@outlook.com](mailto:newtalp3sc@outlook.com)

**Membership Goal for 24-25 is 662, We have 335 paid, we are at 50%. You may mail your 2025 American Legion dues of \$60.00 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**



## From the Command Corner:

Happy September, Fellow Legionnaires!  
August was a good month! Thank you to all who came to the Legion Auxiliary Family Breakfast as well as those who donated blood. The Auxiliary raised a goodly amount for the Palmetto Girl's State program. The blood donations helped 24 South Carolinians in need. Also, big thanks to those post members who helped with the litter pickup!

Post 3 is currently at over 50% for membership renewals. THANK YOU to all who have renewed for 2025. You will be getting renewal requests by both regular mail and email. When you do renew and receive your 2025 membership card, you will also get another application for membership in Post 3. This is for you to recruit a new member to the Post. Please DO NOT resubmit your own membership. In order to not get another renewal request from National Headquarters, be sure to send in your renewal prior to 10 September.

On Saturday, 7 September 2024, there will be a 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at Fluor Field in the West End of Greenville. The event runs from 8:30 am to 3 pm. This event is open to the public and participants must register in advance at [www.greenvilledrive.com](http://www.greenvilledrive.com). Participants in the event will climb the equivalent of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center in tribute to the firefighters and first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice to save others. No preregistration is required for observers.

The monthly Coffee with Veterans and First Responders program for Vets looking for employment is Friday, 13 September at the Greer City Hall, 301 E. Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29651. The program will be part of the RECON Network's – The Veteran and Employment Summit. This all day event starts at 8 am. To learn more about the event and to register for FREE, visit <https://thevetsummit.com/2024>.

The guest speaker for our meeting on Tuesday, 17 September, is Diane C. Prewitt, the Founder and Executive Director of Guiding Reins. This a 501c(3) nonprofit organization provides Mental Health Equine-Assisted Wellness programs specifically designed to help veterans and first responders, and their families, learn how to cope with some of the burdens they're carrying. Please come to the meeting to hear her speak about this great organization and opportunities to attend volunteer

The next visit to the Blake will be on Tuesday, 24 September, at 2:30 pm. Hope to see you there for coffee, donuts, and some lively discussion.

Command Corner cont... Remember to keep the post updated on your current phone numbers and emails. If you know of members who are in hospice or nursing homes, please contact the Chaplain or Adjutant. If you have questions, want to volunteer, or need a ride to our meetings, reach out to any of the Post officers. Thank you all for your continued support of Post 3.



### 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**



## Color/Honor Guard:

### Chuck Rouse, Commander

#### American Legion Post 3 Color / Honor Guard

Post 3 Color / Honor Guard upcoming activities:

- 2 Sept. VJ Day
- 7 Sept. Training Drill Post 3 -- 0930 - 1200 hrs.
- 11 Sept. Patriot Day -- Attack on the USA
- 13 Sept. Presentation of Colors Fountain Inn Football Game
- 20 Sept. Presentation of Colors Masonic Outing
- 5 Oct. Training Drill Post 3 -- 0930 - 1200 hrs.
- 11 Oct. Presentation of Colors Fountain Inn Football Game
- 25 Oct. Presentation of Colors Fountain Inn Football Game
- 2 Nov 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](mailto:c.rouse@earthlink.net) 864-423-5372



## Chaplain:

### George Aiken

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.

**NOTE: We will be visiting The Blake on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sick:** David Andrews, John Bryant, Jimmy Campbell, James Martin, Ronny Rogers, George Chastine, Alfred Zimmerman, M.S. Ward, Sam Clarke, David Davenport, John Vinskus, John Collins, Jeff Taylor, Travis Galloway, Robert Anderson, Mike Breland, Paul DeMarchis, Alex Ming, Joe Wood, Garry Tucker, Betty Whittington Patterson and George Lyda.

**Homebound:** Walter Devore, Edward Floyd, Bobby F Jones, Jack Overpeck, Johnny Mitchel, Billy Reynolds, John Poulos, James Grady, Thomas F Jones, and Eddie Saurier

**Assisted Living:** William Shepard and Gilbert Scales.

**Nursing home:** Alvin Johnson, Bill Bodnovich, James Binder, Joseph Craze, Douglas Thomas, and Loch Aldrich

### Post Everlasting:

James Hopkins, Authur Lasker, Terry Allen, Robert Campbell, Hugh Glymph, James Wallace, and Romulo Dalaten.

If you know changes or sick members, please let me or one of the Assistant Chaplain know.

George Aiken	(864) 430-5317
Ed Brannen	(864) 970-9934
Danny Burdette	(864) 421-4338
Rick Barnette	(864) 477-8225

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**American Legion Auxiliary:  
Carol Burrell, President**



Greetings, from Unit 3.  
Hoping that as this month approaches, we will have some nice fall weather.  
The Legion Family breakfast was August 18. Thank you to all who came out and supported the Auxiliary. We had a great turnout. It was the largest one we have had. We appreciate all of you who got the word out in your community.  
We have been collecting school supplies that were donated at Dollar Tree stores in the upstate for Operation Home Front. The National Guard will pick up the supplies and distribute them to Military children. There were 42 boxes picked up by the National Guard. We appreciate what Dollar Tree does for our military families.  
We will have a neck pillow sewing party at the post at 2:30 Sunday, September 8. Even if you don't sew there are things you can do in helping make the pillows.  
Our next meeting will be September 17. We will eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00. Hope to see you there.  
It is time to pay dues for 2024-2025. You can mail your dues to Brenda Collins at 5 Clingstone Drive, Taylors, SC 29687. Senior member dues are \$45 and Juniors are \$7. Please make checks out to ALA Unit 3.  
Yours in service, Carol  
Contact information: email [ccburrell1@gmail.com](mailto:ccburrell1@gmail.com); cell 803-239-8514.

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**Sons of the American Legion (SAL):  
Bobby Lyles, Commander**



I am Bobby Lyles, the new Commander of SAL Squadron 3. I would like to get to know all of the SAL members. Please provide updated contact information to me, as well as any suggestions for when we should hold a Squadron meeting. I have a few ideas I would like to bring to the table, and any ideas or recommendations you may have are also welcome. Your help is greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to hearing from each of you. God Bless and thank you. I can be reached via email at [clhdk2wn@gmail.com](mailto:clhdk2wn@gmail.com) or via phone at 864-341-4346.

**American Legion Riders:  
Kevin Smith, Director**



Look twice, Save a Life.  
Deer in the headlights: We have all had that feeling at one time or another. Now consider the animal's perspective.  
Deer 'season' for riders (and drivers) is approaching, which will rise from September, peak in November, then gradually decline until mid-Winter. Knowing deer and bike/auto collision statistics can keep you safe while driving. For example, when driving during dusk — a well-known deer crossing time of the day — staying aware of your surroundings can help you avoid colliding with a deer on the highway. Being aware of the risks, extent of damage and safety precautions can prevent an accident from ever occurring. The rate of animal collisions may vary greatly depending on the season and time of day. For instance, deer encounters on highways and roads will differ based on the animal's behavior and movement. Additionally, driver behavior may also have an impact on accident cycles. Stay alert and be mindful of potential risk during peak deer hours. While they may be active at any time of the day, most deer-car accidents happen at dusk. Dawn is also a hazardous time for deer crossings. If you have to ride/drive during these times, make sure to pay extra attention to the road and your surroundings.  
How to avoid an accident is mostly common sense. Use your lights, watch for signs of crossings, wear your seatbelt (drivers). However, key to your safety in an encounter, is to level out (riders), press brakes firmly, use the horn, and do-not-swerve. It is likely better to hit the animal than swerve and possibly cause a more serious accident.  
Fall rides are being planned. For example, the chapter/post is working with Texas Roadhouse for a charity ride in late October. We meet each first Thursday of the month at a different restaurant venue in the Upstate. Feel free to call or write to get in on the action.  
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/>



**Ways to Get Involved:**

- Work a shift at the Post 3 Museum (Travis – 864-395-1117)
- Recruit a son or Grandson of a veteran for the Sons of the American Legion (SAL)
- Recruit a daughter/granddaughter of a veteran for American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3 (ALA)
- Call a fellow Vet (Be The One)
- Join the Color Guard (Chuck 864-423-5372)
- Recruit a veteran for American Legion Post 3

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**Happy Birthday to our Legion Family members with Birthdays in September!**

*Most Senior Member, Marvin Eskew 95 years old  
Youngest Member, Casey Strickland 44 years old  
TAL; Stephen Leary 9/1, Arthur Goodjoin 9/2, Edith Connor 9/3, Jay McGill 9/3, Noe Colon 9/5, Sam Johnston 9/5, Paul C Garrison 9/6, John C Lusk 9/7, Pat Fourspring 9/8, Douglas F Kellett 9/8, Ealon S Thompson Jr. 9/8, Tom Lee 9/9, Robert Musgrove 9/9, Ken Howard 9/10, Harry M Ashley 9/11, Tom Kelley 9/11, Stephen F. Lister 9/11, Charles M. Weddington 9/11, Randy J Tucker 9/12, Eugene B Watson Jr. 9/12, Carl Densch 9/13, Joel M Heiser 9/13, Robert A Schrage 9/13, Regan A Ward 9/13, David Chadwell 9/14, David T Allan 9/16, Kenneth E Flanagan 9/16, Will R. Morenz 9/17, Casey A Strickland 09/17, Larry Hamilton 9/18, Amos Hykes 9/18, Ernest Spencer 9/18, Ted F Dib 9/19, Russell H Costa 9/20, William C Fletcher 9/20, Charles Ledford 9/21, John C Vaughn 9/22, William C White 9/22, Clifford L. Gray 9/23, Edmond Kyle 9/23, Samuel B Clark 9/24, Marvin C Eskew 9/24, Mike Breland 9/25, Hugh D Carpenter 9/25, John J Frost 9/25, Larry S Leaks 9/25, Jerry W Strickland 9/25, John D Wright 9/28, Rita Cossio 9/29, Tom Parkman Jr. 9/29, Douglas Snelling 9/29, Robert L Cooley 9/30, Andrew K Hunter 9/30, Ronald S Mensik 9/30, James D Sudduth 9/30.  
ALA; Lorraine Watkins 9/10, Pat Ward 9/11, Fran Watson 9/13, Mildred Drew 9/16, Geneva Jones 9/27.  
These are all the birthdays we have on file for the month of September.*

**Coming Events**

The Blake retirement home, on Woodruff Road, On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month for coffee and donuts  
09/05/24 – 6:30 pm Legion Riders Meeting  
09/10/24 – 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting  
09/17/24 – 6 pm Legion Family Dinner  
7 pm Post 3 & Auxiliary Meetings  
09/18/24 – USAF 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
09/24/24 – 2:30 pm Blake Visit  
10/03/24 – 6:30 pm Legion Riders Meeting  
10/08/24 – 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting  
10/15/24 – 6 pm Legion Family Dinner  
7 pm Post 3 & Auxiliary Meetings  
10/19/24 – 10 am District 13 Meeting (Post 3)  
10/22/24 – 2:30 pm Blake Visit  
10/22-23/24 SC Department AL & ALA Fall Conference  
11/05/24 – Election Day  
11/07/24 – 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting  
11/10/24 – USMC 249<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
11/11/24 - Veterans Day  
11/12/24 – 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting  
11/19/24 – 6 pm Legion Family Dinner  
7 pm Post 3 & Auxiliary Meetings  
11/23/24 – 9:00 until 10:30 am Legion Family Breakfast  
Have Breakfast with the Grinch!  
11/26/24 - 2:30 pm Blake Visit  
12/05/24 – 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting  
12/10/24 – 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting  
12/17/24 – No Legion Family Meetings  
12/19/24 – 6:00 pm Goodfellow Food Drive fill boxes  
12/20/24 – 8:00 am Goodfellow Food Drive distribution  
12/20/24 – US Space Force 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday