American Legion Post 3
No Meeting in December 2024
Goodfellows Dec. 20, 6:00pm – 21, 8:00am

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Due to a technical problem, you may be receiving the newsletter by mail now. Please send the Adjutant a note asking to receive the newsletter only by email. Thank you in advance for your understanding. Brenda

Please send your note to adjpost3AL@charter.net or call **Adjutant Don Patterson at Post 3, 864-271-2000** or call his cell phone 864-230-7960. If you change any of your contact info, please let us know.

Please visit our FaceBook page:
@talpost3, then **bookmark** and **like** our Page

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**

Membership goal for 2024-2025 is 662, we have 438 paid, we are at 65%. You may mail your **2024 or 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

AMERICAN LEGION

From the Command Corner

Happy December, Legionnaires! We wish you a blessed and joyful holiday season, stay safe and warm. If you or a Veteran you know needs assistance, please reach out as we are your family. As you gather with others, help our membership grow by letting them know American Legion Post 3 is a great organization and we need good people to aid us in helping our community!

The 100th Goodfellows Food Drive is happening this month! Volunteers and Post 3 members will pack food boxes on Friday, 20 December, starting at 6 pm, in Hall 2 of the Greenville Convention Center. We will distribute the food boxes on Saturday, 21 December, starting at 8 am. If you have never seen this event before, it is an awesome display of teamwork and community service in action. Thank you to all who donate time, effort and money to this worthy cause!

Due to the Goodfellows Food Drive, THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER! The next scheduled meeting for Post 3 is Tuesday, 21 January 2025.

At the November meeting, Post 3 membership voted to accept the offer to sell our building to the developers of the 426 N Main St property, subject to legal review and approval from the City of Greenville. We will be working with an architectural design firm to develop interior plans for our new location at 1035 Lowndes Hill Road, close to the Downtown Airport and the Greenville Convention Center. Post 3 has been at its current location for 90 years, but times (and our membership) change. This new location can help set up Post 3 for success and growth for the next 90 years.

The monthly Coffee with Veterans and First Responders program for Vets looking for employment is Friday, 13 December, from 9 am until noon, at The Marriott, One Parkway East, Greenville, SC . Sign up for this free event at http://www.EventBrite.com and search for Coffee with Veterans and First Responders.

The next visit to the Blake will be in January 2025.

It is time to review the Post 3 Constitution and By-Laws. Those documents are available to read at the Adjutant's office or contact the Adjutant to get an email copy. If you want changes made, please submit those to the Adjutant **no later than 31 December**. All suggested changes will be compiled and reviewed by the Review Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Veterans and Charities Committee, and then presented to the Post membership with our recommendations. It is up to the Post membership to decide on changes to our Constitution and By-Laws. Be informed about your Post!

At the January 2025 meeting, Post 3 will hold elections for the Veterans and Charities Committee. Three positions need to be filled; each position is for a term of three years. Amos Hykes and Frank Ward are running for re-election; Gilbert Scales is stepping down. Thank you for your service, Gilbert! Amos has been the Chairman of the Committee since 2016; Frank has been a member of the Committee since 1994. For further information about the Veterans and Charities Committee, read the Post 3 Constitution and By-Laws. To submit your nomination for a position, contact the Adjutant.

Post 3 is currently at 65% for membership renewals. THANK YOU to all who have renewed for 2025. **The next membership goal is 75% by 11 December**. If you want to vote on proposed changes to the Post 3 Constitution and By-Laws, you MUST have renewed your membership 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.
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

Color/Honor Guard:
Chuck Rouse, Commander

American Legion Post 3 Color / Honor Guard
Post 3 Color / Honor Guard upcoming activities:
6 Dec. Women's Garden Club -- Presentation of Colors - Cleveland Park
7 Dec. Training Drill Post 3 -- 0930 to 1200 hrs.
16 Dec Wreaths Across America Memorial Park - Rifle Salute
20 Dec. US Space Force Birthday
4 Jan. Training Drill -- Post 3; 0930 hrs. to 1200 hrs.
For information regarding membership and participation in the Post 3 Color / Honor Guard contact Chuck Rouse c.rouse@earthlink.net **864-423-5372**

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 you. God Bless and thank you. I can be reached via email at clhdlk2wn@gmail.com or via phone at 864-341-4346.

Chaplain:
George Aikens

Oh 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.

NOTE: We will be visiting The Blake on Tuesday **1/28/25.**

Sick: David Andrews, John Bryant, James Martin, George Chastine, Alfred Zimmerman, Sam Clarke, John Vinskus , John Collins, Jeff Taylor, Robert Anderson, Mike Breland, Alex Ming, Joe Wood, Garry Tucker, George Lyda Jr., Frank Ward and Rich Cortez

Homebound: Walter DeVore, Edward Floyd, Bobby Jones, Jack Overpeck, Johnny Mitchell, Billy Reynolds, John Poulos, James Grady, and Eddie Saurier.

Assisted Living: Gilbert Scales.

Nursing home: Alvin Johnson, James Binder, Joseph Craze, and Douglas Thomas

Post Everlasting: Barry Boyles and Bill Bodnovich

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

George Aikens	864-430-5317
Ed Brennen	864-970-9934
Danny Burdette	864-421-4338
Ric Barnette	864-477-8225

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American Legion Auxiliary:
Carol Burrell, President

Season's Greetings! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Let's remember the reason we celebrate Christmas.

Unit 3 is busy with Operation Homefront. We are picking up toys for Military children at Dollar Tree stores in the upstate that have been donated by customers. The end date is December 8.

Several members of Unit 3 will be helping with the Military children's Christmas Party

At the Donaldson Center on December 8.

We want to thank everyone who supported the fund raiser breakfast on November 23. We hope you had as much fun with the Grinch as we did.

Unit 3 will be helping Post 3 Goodfellows with the holiday food boxes on December 20 and 21. If you can help, be at the Convention center on December 20 at 6:00 PM for packing of the boxes or on the 21st at 7:30 AM to help with pick up.

Our next pillow making party will be at the post at 2:00 on January 12, 2025.

We will not have a meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 21, 2025. We will eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00.

If you have not paid your dues for 2024-2025, you can mail them to Brenda Collins at 5 Clingstone Drive, Taylors, SC 29687.

Senior member dues are $45, and Juniors are $7. We have reached a little over 50%. National has set the goal for units at 75% by December 7th. Help us meet this goal.

Yours in service, Carol

Contact Information: email ccburrell1@gmail.com; cell 803-239-8514

Please like us on our Facebook page at Unit#3 - American Legion Auxiliary-Greenville, South Carolina

Donate directly to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3 in Greenville, SC using VENMO. Via VENMO: look for charities and enter @post3-auxiliary or use the QR code.

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American Legion Riders:
Kevin Smith, Director

Look twice, Save a Life.

In November, six members of our chapter rode in the Greenville Toy Run. This annual event included 1400 riders, each carrying a toy for local foster children. A good time and a worthy charity. Several toy runs are scheduled each season locally and nationally. November 30 is the Polk County run, and December 8 is the ABATE Greenville run, for example.

On December 8th, we will again ride in the Simpsonville Christmas Parade. Thousands of adults and children line Main St. to enjoy the event. I hope to see you there, to ride, or to cheer us on.

Please support Goodfellows food drive and distribution this year with whatever you can afford. A box of food at Christmastime feeds a family of four two healthy and complete dinner meals. Our post has performed this service every year since 1925. Feel free to join us for the packing on the 20th, and the delivery on the morning of the 21st of December. Not only does this help our less fortunate in the Upstate, it educates about fifty children who perform the packing up on the value of service. You can view the fun packing event on our website in a video from a prior year.

On behalf of the Riders, I wish you and yours a healthy and happy new year and beyond.

Best regards, Kevin R. Smith, Director 954-701-4897, smithwaremail@charter.net

TAL Riders Chapter 3 Facebook Group:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALRChapter3/

Ways to Help

- Work a shift at the Post 3 Museum (contact Travis)
- Recruit a veteran to Post 3
- Help at Goodfellows or donate
- Review the Post By-Laws and submit changes (if needed)
- Collect soda (or beer) pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House
- Call a fellow Vet (Be The One)
- Bring eyeglasses you no longer need to the Post for donation to the Lions Club

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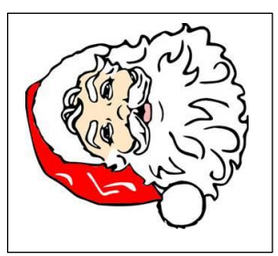

Happy Birthday to our members with Birthdays in December.

Senior Member Tyler Watford 99

Youngest Member Charles Suber 24

TAL: *James Chastain 12/1, Tyler Watford, Sr. 12/1, Richard Cochran, Jr. 12/2, Billy Mitchell 12/2, Thomas Beach 12/3, Tom Crocker 12/3, Herbert Cuthbertson 12/3, Ronald Eastman 12/3, Daniel Jennings 12/3, Carl Palinkas 12/3, Gerald Walczak 12/3, Paul DeMarchis 12/4, Lawrence Harper 12/4, Don Hawkins 12/6, Jesse Crawford 12/7, Brian Sipe 12/7, Robert Vallerand 12/7, Dennis Conn 12/8, Samantha Evers 12/8, Donald Snoad 12/8, John Duncan 12/9, Billy Reynolds 12/10, Truman Bates 12/11, Jeffery Crouch 12/12, Ted Mayes 12/12, Joel Freeman 12/13, Joseph Wright 12/13, George Aikens 12/14, Gary Derr 12/14, Bill Dickson 12/14, James Mills 12/15, Jack Baker 12/16, Bobby Hurt 12/16, Julie Miller 12/16, Jim Rutherford 12/16, Kenneth Andersen 12/17, J Ivan Jones 12/17, Steven Amison 12/18, Ronnie Dodd 12/18, Fredrick Giles 12/18, Ronald Lees 12/18, Charles Suber 12/18, Harold Cagle 12/19, Bill Johnston, Jr. 12/19, Dan Lanahan 12/19, Gary Shamlin 12/19, Michael Green 12/20, Peter Jurnak 12/20, Jim Teixeira 12/20, David Ruiz 12/21, Raymond Stone, Jr. 12/21, Richard Campbell 12/23, Donald Rhodes 12/23, Gary Anderson 12/24, Frank Bass 12/24, Marion Carmichael 12/24, Ricky Chambers 12/24, Fred Pollard 12/24, Ed Brannen 12/25, Stiles Turner 12/25, Walter Hunt 12/26, Robert Pirtle 12/26, Corbett Thornton 12/26, Rich Barnett 12/27, Larry Kay 12/28, Mark Allen 12/30, Junior Merritt 12/31,*

ALA, *Katherine Wilson 12/7, Sharon Molis 12/8, Dana Ward 12/15, Dolores Hemming 12/19, Mary Giammalvo 12/30*

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

Coming Events

The Blake retirement home, on Woodruff Road, on the 4th Tuesday of each month for coffee and donuts

12/05/24 - 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
12/10/24 - 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
12/17/24 – **No Legion Family Meetings**
12/20/24 – US Space Force 5th Birthday
12/20/24 – 9:00 am Construct boxes – Goodfellows
6:00 pm Goodfellows Food Drive fill boxes
12/21/24 - 8:00 am Goodfellows Food Drive distribution
12/24/24 – Christmas Eve
12/25/24 – Christmas Day **Merry Christmas**
01/01/25 - Happy New Year!
01/09/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
01/12/25 - 2:00 – 5:00 pm Auxiliary District Pillow Party
01/14/25 – 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
01/18/25 – 10 am TAL District 13 Meeting (Seneca Post 120)
01/21/25 – 6:00 pm Legion Family Dinner
7:00 pm American Legion Meeting
7:00 pm American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
01/25/25 – 10:00 am Auxiliary District 7 Meeting Post 3
01/28/25 - 2:30 pm, The Blake
02/06/25 – 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
02/11/25 – 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
02/14/25 – **Valentine's Day**
02/15/25 - 9:00 - 11:00 am, Legion Family Breakfast
02/18/25 – 6:00 pm Legion Family Dinner