American Legion Post 3
Regular Meeting on January 21, 2025
Dinner at 6 PM, Country Style Steak

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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 458 paid, we are at 69%. 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 New Year, Legionnaires! We hope you had a blessed and joyful holiday season. Post 3 successfully held the 100th Goodfellows Food Drive on 20/21 December. Over 200 volunteers braved the weather to put together boxes, pack those boxes (645 boxes in 42 minutes!), and distribute the food, and then clean up. Many thanks to all those involved. You are awesome to see in action. Bravo Zulu!

It is officially 2025, and the Post 3 membership renewal is at 69%. The Department of South Carolina renewal goal for December was 75%, so we are lagging behind. If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2025, please do so as soon as possible to help us reach our goal of 662 members. Also, we need your help in recruiting new members into Post 3 and the American Legion. Our strength is all based on our membership, both locally and nationally. The more American Legion members we have, the greater the influence our leadership has in Washington, DC. As a reminder, **you must have renewed your membership for 2025 in order to vote on any changes to the Post 3 Constitution and By-Laws this year**.

The Post 3 Oratorical Contest will take place on Saturday, 11 January 2025, at Post 3. To help out or get more information, contact David Rogers at 51dlrogers@gmail.com.

The monthly Coffee with Veterans and First Responders program for Vets looking for employment is Friday, 10 January, 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.

At the 21 January 2025 meeting, Post 3 will hold elections for the Veteran and Charity Committee. Three positions need to be filled; each position is for a term of three years. For further information about the Veterans and Charities Committee, read the Post 3 Constitution and By-Laws.

The next visit to the Blake will be on Tuesday, 28 January 2025, at 2:30 pm.

Brookwood Church (580 Brookwood Point Place, Simpsonville, SC 29681) will be hosting Military Reboot again this year. This 12-week course is for veterans who are still working through Post Traumatic Stress from their military service and other trauma issues from past experiences. The course starts on Tuesday, 28 January 2025, from 6 – 8 pm, and runs until 22 April 2025. This will be the third year that Brookwood has hosted this program. Visit www.brookwoodchurch.org/care for more information and to register.

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:
4 Jan. Training Drill Post 3 -- 0930 to 1200 hrs.
1 Feb. Training Drill Post 3 -- 0930 to 1200 hrs.
Lite schedule due to holidays.
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

To all squadron members. As for my taking over as Commander of the Squadron 3, it's been a slow process of getting things to come together. We still have a long way to go. It is my hope, with the help from each of you, we can complete what has to be done. We have a few new members to come aboard. I do want to take this time to say welcome to all new members. I wanted to have a meeting before the end of the year, but it wasn't possible.

There will be a meeting in January, on 11 January 2025 at 11 am and it will be at Post 3 downstairs. It would be great if everyone could make it.

If we can help, please let us know. I would like to wish you and your families a Happy New Year.

May GOD BLESS YOU ONE AND ALL.

I can be reached via email at clhdlk2wn@gmail.com or via phone at 864-341-5255.

Oratorical Contest
David Rogers, Chairman

Good news, we now have at least one entry for our 11 January contest. I've contacted others, but no response yet. So here is my call for assistance. I already have our 3 judges, and 2 timekeepers, we still need volunteers to step up as greeters (1 or 2) to meet visitors, escorts (2 or 3) to monitor the area downstairs, tabulators (2) to compile scores and chaplain to open and close the event.

All post members are welcome to attend and bring a guest.

If you are available to help, please let me know via email at 51dlrogers@gmail.com . Thanks for all of your help.

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, Garr y Tucker, George Lyda Jr, Rich Cortez, Mason Young, and Frank Ward
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, and Douglas Thomas

Post Everlasting: Joseph Craze, Jimmy Wynn

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

Greetings! Wishing you a Healthy and Happy New Year!
This month Unit 3 was busy collecting toys donated at Dollar Tree stores in our area for children of National Guard Service members . Over 60 boxes of toys were collected. Thank you, Dollar Tree, for what you do for our service member's children. Beth Bryant, Brenda Collins, and I had the pleasure of helping National Guard Unit 151 with their Christmas party for Unit 151 and their families.
Louise Winesett, Brenda Collins, Linda Smiley, and I had the honor on December 17 of participating in the funeral service in Williston, SC for ALA PDP Judy Collins McAlhaney.
This year was the 100th year for the post 3 Goodfellows. Six hundred forty-two boxes of food were packed on December 20 and picked up on December 21 by veterans and members of the community. Thank you Goodfellows for what you do.
Our next pillow sewing party will be on January 12 at Post 3 at 2:30 pm. You don't have to sew to help. We will also be folding pocket flags.
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 not reached our goal yet. We are at 66 %.
Our next meeting will be on January 21. We will eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00. Hope to see you there.
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 December, we voted for our 2025 slate of officers. Kevin, Rich and Travis will continue in their existing roles (Director/Treasurer, Assistant Director, and Sgt. At Arms, respectively). Rocky was voted in as our 2025 Ride Captain. Thanks to all for your service and support. Our membership for 2025 is almost at full strength, with only a couple more dues contributions expected. These dues support our annual charity donation, which for 2024 went to Samaritan's Purse.
Even though Helene's devastation knocked down our WNC riding, we managed to make several charity and fun runs in the past months. We also rode to represent the Legion in the Simpsonville Christmas parade (photos included). With our new permanent ride captain, we expect more good times ahead.
Wishing all of you the best new year in 2025 and beyond. We meet on the first Thursday of each month for dinner, comradery, and event planning somewhere in the Upstate. Feel free to contact me to get in on it.
Best regards, Kevin R. Smith, Director 954-701-4897, smithwaremail@charter.net
TAL Riders Chapter 3 Facebook Group:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALRChapter3/

Chapter 3 Riders assembled for the Simpsonville Christmas Parade

Ways to Help

- Work a shift at the Post 3 Museum (contact Travis)
- Call a fellow Vet (Be The One)
- Recruit a veteran to Post 3
- Visit the Blake
- Collect soda (or beer) pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House
- Bring eyeglasses you no longer need to the Post for donation to the Lions Club

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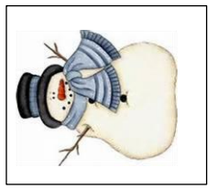

Birthday to our members with Birthdays in January.

Most Senior Member Issac Newman 101
Youngest Member James Stein 51
TAL; William Benjamin 1/1, John Burnett 1/ 2 Douglas Pursley 1/3, Isaac Newman 1/4, Greg Lysiak 1/5, Conrad Nowak 1/5, Christopher Petrella 1/6, Betty Whittington 1/6, Greg Farley 1/8, Max Nemeth Jr 1/8, Ronald Eskew 1/10, Thomas McMakin 1/10, Fred Moehlenbrock 1/10, Michael Gaasch 1/13, Albert LeDuc 1/13, Dick (Richard) Brumley 1/15, Charles Green 1/16, Timothy Maloney 1/17, John Winn 1/17, Gilbert Scales III 1/18, Mel Casby 1/19, John Stroud 1/19, Johnnie Martin 1/20, Paul James 1/21, James Stein 1/21, Cyril Busbee 1/22, William Sullivan 1/22, Gary Hunter 1/25, Kurt Heitman 1/26, Herman Lambert 1/26, Rufus Turner 1/26, Ralph Wardlaw Jr. 1/27, John Tarreto 1/28, Terry Connell Sr. 1/29, Albert Hills 1/29, Richard Hills Jr. 1/29, Eddie Saucier 1/30, Jerry Williams 1/30, Arthur Wilson 1/30, Gerald Campbell 1/31.
ALA; Vickie Willenbrock 1/4, Lori Dickerson 1/21, Brenda Cochran 1/24, Martha McKinney 1/24, Kathryn Collins 1/30.
These are all the birthdays we have on file for the month of January.

Coming Events

The Blake retirement home, on Woodruff Road, on the 4th Tuesday of each month for coffee and donuts
01/01/25 - Happy New Year!
01/09/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
01/10/25 – 9:00 am Coffee with Veterans and First Responders
01/11/25 – 10:00 am Oratorical Contest, Post 3
01/11/25 – Squadron 3, Sons of the American Legion
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
7:00 pm American Legion Meeting
7:00 pm American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
02/25/25 - 2:30 pm, The Blake
03/06/25 – 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
03/08/25 – 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
03/18/25 – 6:00 pm Legion Family Dinner
7:00 pm American Legion Meeting
7:00 pm American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
03/25/25 - 2:30 pm, The Blake

Happy New Year 2025!