American Legion Post 3
Regular Meeting on February 18, 2025
Dinner at 6 PM, Roast Beef

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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 528 paid, we are at 78.80%. 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

Greetings, Legionnaires! Currently 528 Post 3 members have renewed for 2025, putting us at 78.80% of our goal of 682 members. The Department of South Carolina renewal goal for 1 March is 80% , so we are very close. If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2025, please do so as soon as possible to help us reach our goal of 100% renewals by 1 May. 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 took place on 18 January. Congratulations to our winner, Anthony Fusayi, from Eastside High School! The next step for Anthony is the Quadrant Competition on 8 February, at Chesnee High School.

The Legion Auxiliary will be hosting their famous Legion Family Breakfast on 15 February from 9 am until 11 am. All you can eat of your favorite breakfast foods for only $7 per person. All money collected support scholarships to Girls State. Come out for a great breakfast and support a worthy cause!

Due to weather and low turnout, the scheduled January elections for the Veteran and Charity Committee were postponed until the meeting on 18 February. 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. This year there are five candidates for the three positions, so come to the meeting and cast your ballots.

The next Post 3 Litter Pickup Day is Saturday, 22 February, beginning at 9 am. We meet at the triangle parking area at the intersection of State Park Road (Hwy 344) and East Mountain Creek Road (Rte 253), near the Parkwood Baptist Church.

The next visit to the Blake will be on Tuesday, 25 February 2025, at 2:30 pm

The Midlands Veteran Experience Action Center (VEAC) will be held 20-22 March at the Columbia SCNG Armory, 1328 Old Dairy Dr, Columbia, SC 29201. The hours are Thu-Fri: 9 am - 3 pm; Sat 9 am - 2 pm. Vets and their families can file VA Disability Compensation & Pension claims and get assistance for Veteran & Widow benefits, on-site C&P exams, Veteran Readiness & Employment benefits, on-site enrollment for healthcare benefits, and more.

The Wall That Heals will be in Liberty, SC from 15-18 May 2025. This traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be on display 24 hours a day for that period. Pickens County is looking for volunteers for setup, takedown, and daily operations and monitoring during this event. This is a deeply moving experience for many people. Anyone interested in volunteering to support this event can do so at www.pickensveterans.org

Reminder to all our Legionnaires- Please update your phone number and email addresses with the Post by calling us at (864) 271-2000, Please ask your family members to keep us posted on your status when you are not able to. We care about you and want to stay in contact. Blessings to you and your families! 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:
1 Feb. Training Drill Post 3 - 0930 to 1200 hrs.
15 Feb. Memorial Service Lee Shelton Woodlawn Memorial
1 Mar. Training Drill Post 3 - 0930 to 1200 hrs.
15 Mar. St Patrick's Day Parade
5 Apr. Training Drill Post 3 - 0930 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

To all Squadron #3 members.
I want to thank all members who participated at Goodfellow's . I would have been there myself, unfortunately I contracted covid. I have had a few mishaps lately. I am taking this time to schedule a meeting for 8 February 2025. If possible, everyone needs to attend. There is a lot if things that need to be covered, everyone's help is appreciated.
Until then, I hope everyone has good health and safe travels .
My GOD BLESS YOU ALL.
I can be reached via email at clhdlk2wn@gmail.com or via phone at 864-341-5255.

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 **2/25/25.**
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 F Jones, Jack Overpeck, Johnny Mitchel, Billy Reynolds, John Poulos, James Grady, Thomas F Jones, and Eddie Saurier
Assisted Living: Gilbert Scales.
Nursing home: Alvin Johnson, James Binder, and Douglas Thomas

Post Everlasting:

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, hope you are well and have escaped all the flu and other illnesses going around.

District 7 held the quarterly pillow sewing party on January 12. Thank you to the 5 Unit 3 members who spent the afternoon stuffing pillows and folding pocket flags.

The next Legion Family breakfast will be February 15. Come out and enjoy good fellowship and good food. The cost is $7 per person.

District 15 meeting has been rescheduled to February 1. District 8 meeting will be February 22.

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

It is time to pay your 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. Make checks payable to ALA Unit 3. We have not reached our goal yet. We are at 72%.

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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Susan Kruse, Beth Bryant and Martha McKinney

Martha McKinney & Carol Burrell

American Legion Riders:
Kevin Smith, Director

Look twice, Save a Life.

On New Years Eve and New Years Day, Rocky led riders on an annual ritual ride – to both end and start the year with a ride together.

It is that time of year in SC where riding is at a minimum though, due to weather safety concerns. My personal rule of thumb is that I will ride when it is at least 40 degrees F and dry. Although I have good Winter clothing, I ride a sportbike, which has minimal wind protection and other benefits. Many of our members have 'more' bike, meaning large fairings, heated handlebars and seats, and other comforts. So, each of us rides based on conditions and equipment. Speaking of equipment, now is the time to perform routine maintenance including the T-CLOCS checks. The service shops are usually less busy now.

The SC Riders are already preparing for the annual Legacy Run held each year in the Spring. We take pledges and donations from our contacts, and ride throughout the State over three days in order to promote the Legion and this cause – The American Legion Veterans and Children's Fund. More to come as the details progress.

For more info on our rides and events, check our FB page (www.facebook.com/groups/ALRChapter3/) or call/write to join a meeting (first Thursday of each month) somewhere in the Upstate.

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)
- 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 February

Most Senior Member, Jack Overpeck 101years old.
The youngestMember, Latrice Corbitt 50 years old.

TAL. *George Blackwelder Jr 2/1, James Norris 2/1, Steven Von Cannon 2/2, Martin Frazier 2/2, Reinaldo Dominguez 2/5, Joe Wood 2/5, Jack Dempsey 2/6, Jack Overpeck 2/7, Horace Kellett 2/8, Steven Stewart 2/9, Larry Larimer 2/9, George Chastine 2/10, Michael Moore 2/11, Robert Bagwell 2/12, Carlton Padgett 2/12, John Julian 2/13, William Ellison Jr. 2/14, Garry Tucker 2/15, Gerald Leard 2/17, George Simmons 2/18, Wendell Bonnette 2/18, David Camp 2/19, David Colvin 2/19, Kirk Conover 2/20, Edward Floyd 2/21, Latrice Corbitt 2/22, Philip Tipton 2/22, Jeffrey Taylor 2/23, A. Don Tinsley 2/23, Stanley Walsh 2/24, Richard Gettys Jr. 2/24, Charles Dean, Jr. 2/25, Larry Drummond 2/25, Victor Fisher 2/25, Ronald Broome 2/25, Richard Chatman 2/26, Ted Sanders 2/27, Stanley Greene 2/28, David Dolinger 2/28, Peter Gulyas 2/28,*

ALA. *Beth Bryant 2/15, Patsy Wynn 2/19, and Kirk Conover 2/20.*

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

Coming Events

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

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
02/22/25 – 9:00 – 10:30 am Litter Pick up
02/25/25 - 2:30 pm, The Blake

03/06/25 – 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
03/11/25 – 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
3/20-22/25 – 9 am – 3 pm Veteran Experience Action Center, SCNG Armory, Columbia
03/22/25 – 10:00 am District 13 Meeting (Easley Post 52)
03/25/25 - 2:30 pm, The Blake

04/03/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
04/08/25 - 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
04/15/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Family Dinner
7:00 pm American Legion Meeting
7:00 pm American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
04/22/25 - 2:30 pm, The Blake

05/01/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
05/10/25 - 9:00 – 11:00 am, Legion Family Breakfast
05/13/25 - 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
05/16-17/25 – Department Legion Family Convention
05/20/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Family Dinner
7:00 pm American Legion Meeting
7:00 pm American Legion Auxiliary Meeting