American Legion Post 3
Regular Meeting on March 18, 2025
Dinner at 6 PM, Grilled Chicken

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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 530 paid, we are at 82%. 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! Our current membership renewal is 530, putting us at 82%. The Department of South Carolina renewal goal for 12 March is 90% , so we are getting there. 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. 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. Also, the number of delegates Post 3 has at the Department Convention is determined by our membership as of 10 April. The more renewed members we have, the bigger voice we have at the convention.

At the February meeting, Post 3 held elections for the three open positions on the Veteran and Charity Committee. Post members elected Rich Cochran, Ed Brannen, and Travis Galloway to the committee for a three-year term. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for the dedicated stewardship and long service of the outgoing committee members: Frank Ward, Amos Hykes, and Gilbert Scales.

Anthony Fasuyi, the Post 3 Oratorical Contest winner, also won the Quadrant 1 Oratorical Competition on 8 February. Unfortunately, he did not win the Department of South Carolina competition on 22 February. However, Anthony was a strong contender and has a bright future ahead. The American Legion Oratorical program is an outstanding way to promote Constitutional awareness and civic duties. If you know of a rising 9th through 12th grade student (who could also use some money for college), I highly recommend they look into this program.

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 next District 13 meeting will be on Saturday, 22 March, at 10 am at Post 52 in Easley. The main order of business will be electing the District 13 commander.

The next visit to the Blake will be in Tuesday, 25 March 2025, at 2:30 pm.

The Law Enforcement Cadet Academy will be held 21 – 27 June 2025 at the SC Criminal Justice Academy. Completed applications must be returned to the Department of South Carolina Headquarters no later than 1 May 2025. Cadets must be high school students of good character, age 15 to 18. Only fifty (50) cadets can be accommodated for this program. If you know of an interested student, contact the Adjutant soonest.

The Department of South Carolina Convention will be 15 – 18 May 2025 at the Doubletree by Hilton Columbia, 2100 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC. Voting on amendments to the Department Constitution as well as Department officers will be on Friday, 16 May 2025. Get with the Adjutant if you want to be a Post 3 delegate to the convention.

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:

March:	1	Drill - Post 3
	15	St. Patrick's Day Parade -- Main Street Greenville
	20	Vietnam Veterans Day
April:	5	Drill - Post 3
	15	Veterans Last Patrol Dinner
	29	Women's Garden Club Convention
May:	3	Drill - Post 3
	24	Scottish Games - Furman University

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.
First of all, after having been sick and out of service, I thank all of you for being patient with me. I wish to thank all of those who attended the post meeting. I am over all illness and ready to go back to work. I would like to schedule a meeting for 8 March 2025 @ 11:00 am. I pray that all goes well with everyone so we can get this meeting past us. As I said before, it is important that we all attend this meeting. We do have a lot of ground to cover . The main thing is getting to know each other, because we are all new. It's my prayer that all of us stay well and safe. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. I also have membership IDs to hand out. Thank you all for your cooperation. Everyone please stay safe and stay well. See you all March the 8th. SAL 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 **3/25/25.**
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, Garry Tucker, George Lyda Jr, Rich Cortez, Mason Young , Frank Ward , John Goos, and Bobby Lyles
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: Johnnie Martin

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 Barnett	864-477-8225

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American Legion Auxiliary:
Carol Burrell, President

Greetings!
We had a good turnout for our Legion Family Breakfast on February 15 in spite of the bad weather. Thank you to those who came out to support us in raising funds to send girls to Girls State.
Our next neck pillow sewing party will be on April 6 at 2:30 at Post 3. You don't have to sew to help with the pillows. We will also be folding pocket flags.
We will be interviewing possible delegates for Palmetto Girls State at the post on Monday March 3 from 4:00-7:00pm and Tuesday March 4 from 4:00-7:00pm and possibly Friday March 7 from 4:00-7:00pm.
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday March 18. We will eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00. Hope to see you there!
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. Make checks payable ALA Unit 3. The National Goal is for units to have 85% of unit members paid by March 15. We are at 90%. Let's work to reach 100% by March 15!
Yours in service, Carol
Contact information: email ccburrell1@gmail.com; Cell 893-239-8514.
Please like us on our Facebook page at Unit#3 - American Legion Auxiliary-Greenville, South Carolina

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American Legion Riders:
Kevin Smith, Director

Look twice, Save a Life.
Ah, Spring is near! And with it comes the American Legion Riders of South Carolina (ALRSC) annual Legacy Run. Riders from all over SC accept pledges to contribute to our worthy signature charity. Then we Ride through the state, to fulfill those pledges.

Facts about the ALRSC legacy Run:

1.**South Carolina** was the **first state** to hold a state legacy run in 2012. 2025 will be the **14th Annual State Legacy Run**. 2. For the **first thirteen years** of the ALRSC State Legacy Run (2012-2024), members of the ALRSC collected over **$654,000** for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, an average of **$52,363 each year**. In 2024, we changed our focus from the Scholarship Fund to the **Veterans and Children Foundation (VCF), known as A Foundation of Hope and last year raised $70,896.** 3. The American Legion **Veterans & Children Foundation** feeds and houses **children of military personnel and veterans** facing urgent, unexpected hardships. It prevents eviction, keeps the power on and fulfills basic needs to hold a family together through difficult times. 4. The foundation also covers **rigorous training and accreditation costs for American Legion claims experts** who provide free representation for veterans and families applying for disability benefits, survivor assistance, GI Bill opportunities and more. 5. **The program distributes between $250,000 and $1.2 million each year in one-time cash grants of up to $1,500.** 6. **$842,000 -** Average amount in annual American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance grants awarded between 2012 and 2016.
Please consider making a pledge of any amount, by sending me a note by email, text or mail, or by contacting a Rider that you know. And Ride safely.
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 March

Most Senior Member, William Allison 97 years old.
The youngest Member, Thomas Grindstaff 53 years old.
TAL. *Steven Trasher 3/2, Thomas Perry 3/2, Kenneth Chatman, Jr. 3/3, James Stewardson 3/3, Howard Klinetop 3/4, Stephen Crane 3/4, Ronald Thompson 3/5, Travis Galloway 3/5, Wesley Riddley 3/5, William Bracken 3/9, Craig Collins, Sr. 3/10, Richard Swecker 3/10, Donald Levijoki 3/11, Thomas Grindstaff 3/11, Jack Robinson 3/12, Robert McDaniel 3/12, David Kotrady 3/13, John Stepp 3/13, Parnell Coward 3/13, Richard Arboscello 3/13, Bill Carithers 3/15, David O'Shields 3/15, Johnny Johnson 3/15, Jon Hitchcock 3/15, Keith Drummond 3/15, Daniel Gosselin 3/16, Edward Pool 3/16, Robert Holloway, Jr. 3/17, David Neff 3/17, William Kirby 3/18, Dr. R. Baxter Rhodes 3/20, Eddie Byrd, Jr. 3/21, Bobby Reid 3/21, James Short 3/21, Paul Silvaggio 3/21, Daniel Driscoll 3/22, Roy Sargent 3/22, David Andrews 3/24, Jonathan Sprinkle 3/24, Warren Dudley 3/24, George Bertsche 3/25, Daniel Czerepuszko 3/27, Donald Kitchens 3/27, Steven Lyons 3/28, Donald Lannan 3/29, William Allison 3/29, and Robert Stoddard 3/30.*
SAL *Kyle L Collins 3/13, Ricky Brannen3/26, Graydon Davis 3/30.*
ALA. Tammy Smith 3/3, Nancy Tanner 3/8, Madison Ward 3/10, Saphira King-Ward 3/14, Natalie Rasha 3/14, Sidney Newton 3/21, Michelle Jones 3/22, Patricia DeStefano 3/23, Rebecca Hemming 3/31.
These are all the birthdays we have on file for the month of March.

Coming Events

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

03/03/25 - 4:30 pm until 7 pm Girls State Interviews
03/04/25 - 4:30 pm until 7 pm Girls State Interviews
03/06/25 – 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
03/07/25 - 4:30 pm until 7 pm Girls State Interviews
03/10/25 – 4:30 pm until 7 pm Girls State Interviews
03/11/25 – 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
03/12/25 – 4:00 pm until 7 pm Girls State Interviews
03/14/25 – 4:00 pm until 7 pm Girls State Interviews
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 on Woodruff Road
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 on Woodruff Road
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
05/15-18/25 – The Wall that Heals (Liberty, SC)