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American Legion Post 3
Regular Meeting on April 15, 2025
Dinner at 6 PM, Ham

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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 565 paid, we are at 84.33%. You may mail your **2024 or 2025 American Legion dues of $60.00** to,

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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:

April: 5 Drill - Post 3
14 Greenville County Republican Convention
15 Veterans Last Patrol Dinner
29 Women's Garden Club Convention

May: 3 Drill - Post 3
24 Scottish Games - Furman University

June: 7 Drill - Post 3

Note: Due to our performance in the St. Patrick's Day Para we have been confirmed for the 2026 parade.

For information regarding membership and participation in the Post 3 Color / Honor Guard contact Chuck Rouse c.rouse@earthlink.net **864-423-5372**

Pictured left to right, Bill Browning, James Gillian, CG Commander Chuck Rouse, Dan Czerepuszko, Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette, Lee Ervin, Ric Barnett, Gerald Molis, and Post Commander Kirk Conover

Sons of the American Legion (SAL):

Bobby Lyles, Commander

I'm reaching out to all SAL members to attend a meeting at Post 3 on Saturday, April 12th, at 11:00 am. I know it has been touch and go since I have taken over as Commander of SAL Squadron 3 due to illness and bad storms. At this time, I'm asking for your help, not just for me but also for Post 3. It's not often that we are asked for help, but, in this case, there is a good reason. We have a great deal of business to take care of. Also Post 3 will be relocating sometime this summer. I will be making phone calls to each one of you. Due to my schedule, if you have some time, please call, text or email me. I will get back to you. Gentleman, please work with me so we can get things to come together. I promise it will benefit all of us, and help our group to run smoothly. I look forward to seeing all of you, at least most of you soon. I do try to schedule meetings on a Saturday, due to everyone's weekly business. If this doesn't work for you, please let me know when a good time would be. Everyone please be safe and stay well. GOD bless you all. See you soon. Contact information: 864-341-5255 or clhdlk2wn@gmail.com

Chaplain:

George Aikens

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.

We will not be visiting the Blake on Tuesday April 22; they will be visiting the Museum on Wednesday April 23.

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, Mason Young, Frank Ward

Assisted Living: Gilbert Scales

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

Nursing Home: Alvin Johnson, James Binder, Douglas Thomas

Post Everlasting: Patrick O'Shields

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

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

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American Legion Auxiliary:
Carol Burrell, President

Greetings! Happy Spring!
March was a busy month for Unit 3. We completed Girls State interviews on March 14. Thank you Brenda, Beth, Evelyn, Juanita, Martha, and Susan. We could not have done it without you your help. We interviewed 91 possible delegates and chose 36.
April is the month of the Military Child. April 15 is purple-up day. Wear purple in honor of our little heroes. SCNG will have a Little Heroes Salute on April 12 at 301 N Campus Blvd, Spartanburg, SC 29303. The event will be from 10:00-2:00. There will be Vendors, Car Show, Petting Zoo, Touch a Truck, Helicopter Fly-in, music and more. Unit 3 will be participating. We will have a table with toys and school supplies for our little heroes. If you would like to help please contact Carol Burrell.
April 6 will be our district pillow making party held at Post 3 at 2:30pm. We will be making pillows, folding pocket flags, and making cards for veterans.
Our next meeting will be on April 15. We will eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00. Hope to see you there.
The Department Convention is May 15-18. Meetings will be on the 16th and 17th . The convention will be Held at the Doubletree by Hilton at 2100 Bush River Road Columbia. Please let Brenda know by April 15 if you plan to attend.
We have reached 100% membership for 2024-2025. Keep signing up members Senior membership is $45 and juniors $7. Send check made out to ALA Unit 3 along with completed application to Brenda Collins at 5 Clingstone Drive, Taylors, SC 29687.
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

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@post3-auxiliary or use the QR code.

American Legion Rider
Kevin Smith, Director

How many ALR riders' families and friends worry and share concern about our need to ride? This month, I want our non-riders to consider not the risks and downsides of riding, but 'Why We Ride'. Ever wondered why motorcyclists are so passionate about their rides? Is it just about the speed and the thrill, or is there more to it? Let's dive into the psychology of motorcycle riding to explore the deeper reasons behind why we ride.

The Freedom of the Open Road; Motorcycle riding is often synonymous with freedom. Straddling a bike, feeling the wind against your face, hearing the roar of the engine - it's an indescribable feeling that transcends the everyday mundanity. The open road offers an escape from the constraints of our daily lives, a sense of liberation that isn't easily found elsewhere.

Mindfulness and Focus; Believe it or not, motorcycle riding can be a mindful practice. When you're on a motorcycle, you're fully in the present moment. You're hyper-aware of your surroundings, the road ahead, the machine underneath you, and even your own body. This intense focus often leads to what psychologists refer to as a 'flow state,' a complete absorption in one's activity that leads to an altered sense of time and self.

The Thrill Factor; There's no denying the adrenaline rush that comes from a motorcycle ride. This thrill, this exhilaration, stimulates the release of dopamine, a neurotransmitter associated with feelings of pleasure and satisfaction. This biochemical reaction partially explains the sheer joy many riders experience.

The Sense of Community; Motorcycling often breeds a strong sense of community. Whether it's a wave to a fellow rider on the road, sharing stories at a bike rally, or the camaraderie of a motorcycle club - these shared experiences create bonds of friendship and belongingness that are deeply satisfying on a psychological level.

Challenge and Mastery: Riding a motorcycle is a skill, and like any skill, it presents a challenge. The process of learning, practicing, mastering the art of motorcycling, and even overcoming fears associated with riding, can contribute to a sense of achievement and self-confidence. This process of personal growth and mastery can be immensely rewarding.

Identity and Self-Expression; For many, motorcycles are an extension of their identity - a way to express themselves. The type of bike one rides, how one rides it, and even the gear one wears - all of these elements can be forms of self-expression, reflecting one's personality and values.

The Connection with Nature; Lastly, motorcycling offers a unique connection with nature that's rarely found in a car ride. Exposed to the elements, riders can truly immerse themselves in the environment, experiencing the sun, the wind, the scents, and the scenery in a profoundly intimate way.

Motorcycle riding, in essence, is not merely a mode of transport but a complex psychological experience that intertwines freedom, mindfulness, thrill, community, personal growth, self-expression, and connection with nature. It's a blend of these elements that captivates the hearts of riders and fuels their passion for the open road. 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. This is excerpted from a recent article by Arlington Motorsports.

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

Happy Birthday to our members with Birthdays in March

Most Senior Member, William Allison is 97 years old.

The youngest Member, Thomas Grindstaff, is 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'Shelds 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 Stiddard 3/30.*

SAL *Kyle L Collins 3/13, Ricky Brannen 3/26, 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.

Happy Birthday to our members with Birthdays in April

Most Senior Member James Madison 99 years old.

The Youngest Member William Hyatt 36 years old.

TAL, *Matthew J Klessens 4/1, Harold J Fowler Sr. 4/2, Joseph R Doherty 4/2, William T Hyatt 4/2, James Wiggins 4/3, Norville B Spearman Jr. 4/4, Steve G Kenna 4/5, Thomas V McNeese 4/6, Rosemary J Craig 4/6, Paul T Latimore 4/6, Robert L Clusterman 4/7, Charles D Welch 4/7, Robert W Lee 4/7, Scott Carlin 4/7, Dale E Cota 4/7, David B Houston 4/8, Jay Best Jr. 4/9, Henry Dirton 4/10, William Beau Sanders 4/11, Larry A Green 4/11, Kevin R. Smith 4/11, Christopher B Hermans 4/12, Tracy Sharp-Robertson 4/12, John McDonough Col 4/12, Gary Peck 4/14, Kelly S Glover 4/14, William E Apelian 4/14, Edward M Frank 4/15, David A Roper 4/16, Steven Starr 4/16, Joseph Weinstein 4/16, James A Madison 4/17, Howard J Cowgill 4/19, Gary S Downey 4/19, Ron Culpepper 4/19, J. W. McJunkin III 4/19, Brian Bonner 4/20, Betty Pritchett 4/20, Benjamin Boyko 4/22, Terri Blackburn 4/22, David L Fourman 4/22, George Eastergard Jr. 4/22, Keith Williams 4/22, Thomas A. Giambarberee 4/24, Timothy E. Fletcher 4/24, Ted L. Robinson 4/26, James A Cummings, Sr. 4/26, Victor Kirby 4/26, Allen C Chavis 4/26, Walter Fanti 4/26, Daniel Glessner 4/26, Thomas R Murphy 4/28, Jeffery Hunter 4/28, George H Lyda Jr. 4/29, Robert J Vankuiken 4/29, and Jacqueline D Hamilton 4/29.*

SAL, *Berry Lyles 4/27.*

ALA, *Sandra Reece 4/1, Linda Satterfield 4/3, Linda Bracken 4/4, Sarah Stenzinger 4/4, Susan Kruse 4/6, and Brenda Collins 4/11.*

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

Coming Events

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

04/03/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
04/06/25 – 2:30 pm Pillow Party Post 3. We will be making neck pillows for deploying soldiers.
04/08/25 - 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
04/12/25 – 11:00 am SAL Meeting Post 3
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
05/16-18/25 – Department Legion Family Convention
05/15-18/25 – The Wall that Heals, Liberty, SC
05/20/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Family Dinner
7:00 pm American Legion Meeting
7:00 pm American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
05/26/25 – Memorial Day
05/27/25 – 2:30 pm The Blake on Woodruff Road
06/05/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
06/10/25 - 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
06/14/25 – US Army Birthday
06/17/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Family Dinner
7:00 pm American Legion and Americian Legion Auxiliary Meetings

From the Command Corner

Greetings, Legionnaires! Elections for Post 3 Leadership are coming up in June. We are currently seeking members to step up for the positions of 1st Vice Commander and 2nd Vice Commander. If you are interested in serving in either position, or in being on the Executive Committee, get your name to the Adjutant soonest. There will be no nominations from the floor at the June meeting. Additionally, Post members will be voting on amendments to the Post 3 Constitution and By-Laws at the June meeting. Per our Constitution, any changes must be approved by 2/3 of the voting members present at the meeting.

As part of the plans to renovate the intersection of North Main and Academy, the Greenville City Council voted to approve the demolition and rezoning of our Post building. Post 3 signed the contracts to sell our building, and lease/purchase our new home at 1035 Lowndes Hill Road in Greenville. Post leadership and representatives from the museum and the Legion Auxiliary met with the architects to finalize the interior design of the new facility. Once the developer has finished the build-out and given Post 3 the keys, we will have 120 days to move the Museum and Post 3 contents. I understand that this is a tumultuous time for Post 3; our impressive and magnificent building has been our home for 90 years. However, it no longer meets our members' needs in terms of parking, accessibility, or space. Our new home will be larger, more accessible, and we will have lots more parking. I truly believe this move will set up Post 3 for success for the next 90 years.

Our current membership renewal is 565, putting us at 84.33% of the goal set for us by the Department of South Carolina. 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. 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. 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.

The District 13 meeting was held on Saturday, 22 March, at Post 52 in Easley. Rick Gibson was re-elected as the District 13 Commander.

Residents of The Blake at Hollingsworth Park Assisted Living Facility (aka FOB Ramey) will be visiting the Post 3 Museum on Wednesday, 23 April 2025, at 2:00 pm. Come out to greet these veterans and military spouses, and maybe swap some stories.

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!