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American Legion Post 3
Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm on September 16, 2025
Dinner at 6 PM, Country Style Steak

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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 **newtalp3sc@outlook.com**
Membership goal for 2025-2026 is 630, we have 331 paid. You may mail your **2025 or 2026 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.
Contact 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:
September:
5 Fountain Inn HS Football, Presentation of Colors
6 Drill Post 3 0930 to 1200 hrs.
8 Rotary Club Golf Tournament, Presentation of Colors
19 Fountain Inn HS Football, Presentation of Colors
27 Masonic Lodge Flag Retirement Ceremony
October:
3 Fountain Inn HS Football, Presentation of Colors
4 Drill Post 3 0930 to 1200 hrs.
17 Fountain Inn HS Football, Presentation of Colors
30 Fountain Inn HS, Presentation of Colors (Thursday Game)
November:
1 Drill Post 3
9 Upstate Salute, Fluor Field Rifle Salute
10 Rolling Green Military Appreciation -- Massing of the Colors and Service Flags
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

We have decided to postpone all meetings until further notice. We are working on a few different programs dealing with the SAL 3rd Squadron. We are in the process of meeting with other Post Commanders regarding these programs. Please don't feel that we are forgetting about the squadron, because we haven't. The truth is, I'm very concerned about the SAL. I am asking everyone to please contact me, because we would like to speak to each one individually. Your help would be greatly appreciated. I wish everyone good health, and a safe summer. God Bless You All.
Contact information: 864-341-5255 or clhdlk2wn@gmail.com

American Legion Chaplain:
Cody Robey

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. We pray your Spirit visits each need to give comfort and healing.
SICK/INJURED: David Andrews, John Bryant, James Martin, George Chastine, Alfred Zimmerman, Sam Clark (back), John Vinskus, John Collins (back, legs), Robert Anderson, Mike Breland, Alex Ming, Joe Wood, Garry Tucker, Mason Young, Frank Ward, James Rhoten, Randal Rainey, James Rhoten, Sharon Riley, Lee Ervin (right kidney), Paul Garrison (liver), Thomas G. Smith, Randall Andrews, Travis Galloway (back, knees, heart), Carol Galloway (fell), Rocky Bates (left eye), Rich Cochran (right knee)
ASSISTED LIVING: Gilbert Scales
HOME BOUND: Walter Devore, Edward Floyd, Bobby F Jones, Jack Overpeck, Johnny Mitchel, Billy Reynolds, John Poulos, Thomas F Jones, Eddie Saucier, Jeff Taylor (left shoulder, knees)
NURSING HOME: Alvin Johnson, James Binder, Douglas Thomas
POST EVERLASTING: Paul Clayton Gurley
We read these names every month so that we can be a blessing to those who need it most. If you know anyone on the lists above, please call them or visit them if you can. BE THE ONE!
If there are any updates or additions to these lists, please contact me or one of the Assistant Chaplains:
Cody Robey – Chaplain – (760) 393-6440
Ed Brannen – Assistant Chaplain – (864) 970-9934
Ric Barnett – Assistant Chaplain – (864) 477-8225

Donate directly to Post 3 using PayPal.
Via PayPal: enter JFDJrALPOST3 or use the QR code.

Donate directly to Post 3 using VENMO.
Via VENMO: look for charities and enter @TALP3SC or use the QR code.

American Legion Auxiliary:
Carol Burrell, President

Greetings everyone,
Hoping the arrival of Fall this month will bring cooler weather.
We thank those who supported our Legion family breakfast. Hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.
Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAC) will be September 11-13, 2025 from 9:00am-2:00pm at South Carolina National Guard Readiness Center at 902 Perimeter Rd. Greenville. Assistance for Veterans and widow/Survivor will be available. Volunteers are needed to help direct and assist Veterans. If you can help contact Alan Dabney at 864-467-7236.
We are donating clothes to our adopted school Monaview Elementary for their clothes closet. If you can help please bring donations to the post.
Our next meeting will be on September 16. We will eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00. Hope to see you there.
It is time to pay dues for 2025-2026. Senior members' dues are $45 and juniors dues are $7. You may pay dues by mailing a check to Brenda Collins at 5 Clingstone Dr., Taylors SC 29687. Make checks payable to ALA Unit 3.
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.

American Legion Rider

Kevin Smith, Director

The annual SC Riders Meet & Greet was held in August courtesy of Upstate Legion Post 25 in Laurens. This year, over a hundred Riders attended Meet and Greet, broke bread, and enjoyed the company of fellow servicemembers that support the Legion and their communities.

Driver distraction may be reduced by a new law in effect now in SC. Handheld use of a smart phone will result in a fine and worse, which is fine with me. Less distraction means safer roads for Riders and drivers alike. Put your phone in a cradle, turn on voice control, and place and receive calls – look ma, no hands! Texting while driving is sooooo dangerous, just don't do it. For details go to Hands Free SC | SCDPS.

SC Riders go to DC this Fall to wash the wall - The Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall – the granite chevron with 52,000 names of the fallen and missing. The US Park Service supports this cathartic duty for many volunteer groups throughout the year with brushes, soap and water. And each year, SC Riders make the trip.

More of the BRP is opening near Asheville, since the destruction of H Helene last Fall. For info on the BRP status, see Helene Impacts and Recovery - Blue Ridge Parkway (U.S. National Park Service). And I can taste Fall weather already – Ride.

Our newest Rider member, Cody, has been busy supporting Riders and our Post, as Chaplain, and other efforts, including a ride scheduling/meetup app, and community cleanup at our Paris Mountain site. Kudos Cody.

We meet each first Thursday of the month at a different venue around the Upstate. Feel free to contact me or any Rider 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/

Ways to Help

- Work a Saturday afternoon shift at the Post 3 Museum (contact Travis)
- Call a fellow Vet (Be The One)
- Join the Color Guard
- Recruit a veteran to Post 3
- Recruit the son or grandson of a veteran to the Sons of the American Legion
- Recruit the spouse or daughter or granddaughter of a veteran to the Legion Auxiliary

Happy Birthday to *our members with Birthdays in September*

Most Senior Members Marvin Eskew, Doug Snelling 96

Youngest Member Casey Strickland 45

TAL: *Stephen Leary 9/1, Jay McGill 9/3, Charles H Odom 9/4, Samuel F Johnston Jr 9/5, Charles J Pickens 9/5 Paul C Garrison 9/6, John C Lusk 9/7, Ealon S Thompson Jr 9/8, Douglas F Kellett 9/8, J. Pat Fourspring 9/8, Robert Musgrove 9/9, Ronald Peterson 9/9, Tom Lee 9/9, Ken Howard 9/10, Charles M. Weddington 9/11, Tom Kelley 9/11, Stephen F. Lister 9/11, Johnny Mitchell 9/11, Harry M Ashley 9/11, Eugene B Watson Jr. 9/12, J. Randy Tucker 9/12, Carl Densch 9/13, Joel M Heiser 9/13, Robert A Schrage 9/13, Ronald L Shank 9/13, Regan A Ward 9/13, Raymond D Turner III 9/14, Kenneth E Flanagan 9/16, Ernest Spencer 9/16, David T Allan 9/16, Casey Strickland 9/17, Amos Hykes 9/18, Larry Hamilton 9/18, Theofiel F Dib 9/19, Russell H Costa 9/20, William C Fletcher 9/20, Charles E Ledford 9/21, David A Tedrow Jr 9/21, William C White 9/22, John C Vaughn Dr. 9/22, Clifford L. Gray 9/23, Edmond Kyle 9/23, Marvin C Eskew 9/24, Samuel B Clark 9/24, G. Mike Breland 9/25, Larry S Leaks 9/25, Hugh D Carpenter 9/25, Roy Meaders 9/27, John D Wright 9/28, Douglas Snelling 9/29, W Tom Parkman Jr. 9/29, Rita Cossio 9/29, Ronald S Mensik 9/30, Robert L Cooley 9/30, Andrew K Hunter 9/30, James D Sudduth 9/30, Darwin Rasha Jr. 9/30.*

SAL: *David Steele 9/16,*

ALA*: Pat Ward 9/11, Fran Watson 9/13, Geneva Jones 9/27*

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

Coming Events

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

09/07/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
09/09/25 - 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
09/16/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Family Dinner
7:00 pm American Legion Meeting
7:00 pm American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
09/18/25 - USAF 76th Birthday
09/23/25 - 2:30 pm The Blake on Woodruff Road
10/02/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
10/13/25 - US Navy 250th Birthday
10/14/25 - 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
10/21/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Family Dinner
7:00 pm American Legion Meeting
7:00 pm American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
10/25/25 - 10:00 am TAL District 13 Meeting Easley Post 52
10/28/25 - 2:30 pm The Blake on Woodruff Road
10/31/25 - Halloween
10/31-11/2/25 – American Legion Family Fall Conference (Marriott Main St. Columbia)
11/06/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
11/11/25 - 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
11/15/25 – 9:00 – 11:00 am Legion Family Breakfast
11/18/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Family Dinner
7:00 pm American Legion Meeting
7:00 pm American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
11/22/25 – 9:00 am Registration, District 7 ALA Meeting in Clinton, SC
11/25/25 - 2:30 pm The Blake on Woodruff Road

From the Command Corner

Commander – Mac McKinney (mac.mckinney@icloud.com / 864-760-7566]
1st Vice Commander - Rebecca Conover (gvlscp3@gmail.com / 443-745-3097)
2ndVice Commander - Lee Ervin (doervin@gmail.com / 864-569-2183)

Happy September, Fellow Legionnaires!

August was a good month! Thank you to all who came to the Legion Auxiliary Family Breakfast. The Auxiliary raised a good amount for the Palmetto Girl's State program. Also, big thanks to those post members who helped with the litter pickup!

Update on our new home 1035 Lowndes Hill Rd.

Final Interior plans have been completed and approved so the interior work on Lowndes Hill Rd. should have begun as of this publishing. We have just received city approval to remove trees to prepare the area for concrete pads for our Artillery pieces at the site. We have spoken with 1SG Edward Walker 391st Engineering BN, and they have agreed to move our Artillery pieces at no cost to our new site saving us a lot of money.

While the developer has been very helpful with some of our specific needs, there are MANY items that we are responsible for funding on our own. Currently, we have received over $4,000.00 in donations and approximately $198,000.00 from the developer to help complete our new post. After consulting with our Post 3 member and volunteer project manager, Keith Drummond, CBO,CFM, MCP (Ret) and our potential contractor, Wayne Moore of Harold Moore Builders, we have come to the following realization. Current funds on hand will barely get us in the door and will be FAR short of what we will need to make our next location a Post and Museum we can be proud of.

Therefore, I have formally requested that the Veteran and Charity Committee designate $225,000 of our current investments for the 1035 Lowndes Hill Road Project. We believe this can be done without coming close to touching the original 1-million-dollar investment that the V&C were chartered to protect. To my knowledge, the V&C committee has yet to vote on our request for additional funds. So, if you know someone or come across someone on the committee, shake their heads and tell them how much they are loved and appreciated!!

Congrats to Debra Wilfong and Travis Galloway for winning the Early Bird Registration Lottery. Wear your Legion items with pride!
Thanks to Lee, Rebecca, Kirk and Cody for helping with our Adopt-A-Highway, trash pickup on Paris Mountain Saturday the 23rd. It was a beautiful day for a walk to support our community. I hope more can attend in the future.

Be sure to register for this coming year so you can add weight to our congressional representation with the American Legion on Capitol Hill.
There are many pieces of legislation that we can help get passed by sending an email of support to our representatives and senators. Go to MyLegion.org and join with your member #. It's on your membership card (another good reason to renew!) There is a section for legislation action that has letters prepared for you to send. We can make a difference.

The monthly Coffee with Veterans and First Responders program will be Friday September 12 from 0900 - 1200hrst The Marriott, One Parkway E, Greenville, SC 29615

Veterans Experience Action Center will be held Sept 11-13 (9 AM - 2 PM) at The SCNG Armory, 902 Perimeter RD. Greenville. (Donaldson Center) . Veterans and family members can get assistance with VA Disability Claims and Pensions, VA health care benefits, and MUCH More. Volunteers and very welcome.

The next visit to the Blake will be on Tuesday, 23 September, at 2:30 pm. Hope to see you there for coffee, donuts, and some lively discussion.

Remember to keep the post updated on your current phone numbers and emails. If you know of members who are in hospice or nursing homes, please contact the Chaplain or Adjutant. If you have questions, want to volunteer, or need a ride to our meetings, reach out to any of the Post officers. Thank you all for your continued support of Post 3.