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American Legion Post 3
No Regular Meeting in December 2025
Goodfellows December 19th 6PM and 20th 8AM until 1PM

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Please send your note to adjpost3AL@gmail.com or call **Adjutant Jeffrey Crouch at Post 3, 864-271-2000** or call his cell phone 864-430-0938, 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 627, we have 419 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:

December:
5 Masonic Flag Retirement Ceremony
6 Drill Post 3, 0930 - 1200 hrs.
13 Wreaths Across America, Rifle Salute 1100 hrs.

January:
10 Drill Post 3 0930 - 1200 hrs.

February:
1 Drill Post 3 0930 - 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**

The president of Club America at J L Mann High School handed out appreciation cards for veterans at the November meeting.

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 Fall. 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, Randal Rainey, James Rhoten, Sharon Riley, Thomas G. Smith, Randall Andrews, Travis Galloway (back, knees, heart), Carol Galloway (fell), Rocky Bates (left eye), Regis "Frenchie" Pontiere (stroke), Anne Shafer (pancreas), Duane Stenzinger (stroke), Joseph Cole
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, heart)
NURSING HOME: Alvin Johnson, James Binder, Douglas Thomas
POST EVERLASTING:
We read these names every month so that we can be a blessing to those who need it most. For those on the lists above, please call them, visit them, and pray for them. BE THE ONE!
If there are any updates or additions to these lists, please contact a Chaplain:
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

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas!
Thank you to all who supported us at Breakfast with the Grinch. Hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank you to Jimmy, our lovable Grinch.
Come out and support our Legion Goodfellows in packing food boxes at 6:00pm on December 19 at the Convention Center.
We will not meet in December. We will meet in January.
It is time to pay dues for 2025-2026. Dues are $45 for Senior members and $7 for Juniors. You may mail checks 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

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

It is December, and it is high time for volunteering and donating to worthy causes. In Western societies, this time of year is replete with religious and secular holidays that promote family, community, and giving. The American Legion and particularly our beloved Post 3 is one group that works especially hard now, with the Goodfellows food drive and other giving and outreach. Our Riders Chapter 3 also makes our annual charity donation in December. This year we voted to deliver our chapter 3 donation to BootPrint https://www.bootprint.net/.

Volunteerism is one of the most important and beneficial actions that we can take as human beings. Our ability to provide our time and expertise can make an immense difference in the world around us and within the communities in which we reside. Volunteering is ingrained in many societies and cultures around the country and the world. Aristotle, (born: 384 BC) once said: "the essence of life is to serve others and do good." Benjamin Franklin started The Union Fire Company, in 1736, the first volunteer-run firehouse worldwide.

So, here are some stats on the current state of volunteering: One out of four Americans volunteer, and two out of three Americans help their neighbor. 35% of volunteers do so to socialize with others in the community. 66% of volunteers give their time to improve their community, and 83% do so to contribute to a cause they care about. Volunteerism has an annual value of over $184 billion dollars in the USA.

Research published in 2020 determined that volunteering can actually increase happiness and improve well-being over time, as well as increasing life expectancy, reducing high blood pressure, hospitalization and effects of disease. Of course, we intuitively know this: we are the American Legion.

Here's wishing you and yours the best in this holiday season, from the American Legion Riders. And always 'Look Twice, Riders are Everywhere'.

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)
- Recruit a veteran to Post 3
- Help at Goodfellows or donate
- Review the Post By-Laws and submit changes (if needed)
- Call a fellow Vet (Be The One)

Happy Birthday to *our members with Birthdays in November*

Most Senior Members Tyler Watford, Sr. 100

Youngest Member Cody Robey 36

TAL: *Tyler Watford 12/1, James Chastain 12/1, Anthony Waskey 12/1, Billy Mitchell 12/2, Richard Cochran 12/2, Gerald Walczak 12/3, Ronald Eastman 12/3, Hubert Cuthbertson 12/3, Carl Palinkas 12/3, Daniel Jennings 12/3, Tom Crocker 12/3, Lawrence Harper 12/4, Paul Demarchis 12/4, Don Hawkins 12/6, Robert Vallerand 12/7, Jesse Crawford 12/7, Brian Sipe 12/7, Donald Snoad 12/8, Dennis Conn 12/8, Cody Robey 12/8, Samanatha Evers 12/8, John Duncan 12/9, Billy Reynolds 12/10, Truman Baes 12/11, Ted Mayes 12/12, Jeffrey Crouch 12/12, Joel Freeman 12/13, George Aiken 12/14, Gerald Derr 12/14, William Dickson 12/14, James Mills 12/15, Jim Rutherford 12/16, Bobby Hurt 12/16, Jackie Baker 12/16, Julie Miller 12/16, Kenneth Andersen 12/17, Ronald Lees 12/18, Charles Suber 12/18, Ronnie Dodd 12/18, Steven Amison 12/18, Harold Cagle 12/19, Gary Shamlin 12/19, Bill Johnston 12/19, Dan Lanahan 12/19, Peter Jurnak 12/20, James Teixeira 12/20, Raymond Stone 12/21, David Ruiz 12/21, J Hoke Rosensteel 12/22, William David Sweatt 12/23, Richard Campbell 12/23, Fred Pollard 12/24, Gary Anderson 12/24, Frank Bass 12/24, Ricky Chambers 12/24, Marion Carmichael 12/24, Thomas Ed Brannen 12/25, Walter Hunt 12/26, Cobert Thornton 12/26, Robert Pirtle 12/26, Richard Barnett 12/27, Larry Kay 12/28, Mark Allen 12/30, and Junior Merritt 12/31.*

SAL: *Jeffrey Crouch 12/12*

ALA*: Katherine Wilson 12/7, Sharon Molis 12/8, Dana Hice 12/15, Dolores Hemming 12/19, Mary Giammalvo 12/30*

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

Coming Events

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

12/04/25 - 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
12/09/25 - 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
12/16/25 - 6:00 pm **NO** Legion Family Dinner
7:00 pm **NO** American Legion Meeting
7:00 pm **NO** American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
12/19/25 – 9:00 am Tape Boxes, Greenville Convention Cente
12/19/25 – 6:00 pm Goodfellows Packing Boxes, Greenville Convention Ct
12/20/25 – 8:00 am Goodfellows, Distribute Boxes, Greenville Convention Ct
12/20/25 – 1:00 pm Clean up, Greenville Convention Center
12/20/25 – US Space Force 6th Birthday
12/31/25 - New Years Eve
01/01/26 – New Years Day
01/08/26 - 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
01/10/26 - 10:00 am Oratorical Contest Post 3, Volunteers needed
01/10/26 – 10:00 am District 7 ALA Meeting in Clinton, SC
01/13/26 - 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
01/20/26 - 6:00 pm Legion Family Dinner
7:00 pm American Legion Meeting
7:00 pm American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
01/27/26 - 2:30 pm The Blake on Woodruff Road
02/05/26 - 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
02/10/26 - 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
02/17/26 - 6:00 pm Legion Family Dinner
7:00 pm American Legion Meeting
7:00 pm American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
02/24/26 - 2:30 pm The Blake on Woodruff Road

From the Command Corner

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Happy December, Legionnaires!
We wish you a blessed and joyful holiday season, stay safe and warm. If you or a Veteran you know needs assistance, please reach out as we are your family. As you gather with others, help our membership grow by letting them know American Legion Post 3 is a great organization and we need good people to aid us in helping our community!

The 101st Goodfellows Food Drive is happening this month! Volunteers and Post 3 members will pack food boxes on Friday, 19 December, starting at 6 pm, in Hall 2 of the Greenville Convention Center. We will distribute the food boxes on Saturday, 20 December, starting at 8 am. If you have never seen this event before, it is an awesome display of teamwork and community service in action. Thank you to all who donate time, effort and money to this worthy cause!

Due to the Goodfellows Food Drive, THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER! The next scheduled meeting for Post 3 is Tuesday, 20 January 2026.

Project 1035 Update:

Final Plans have been agreed on by Post 3 and the Developer for our new home at Lowndes Hill Rd. Permits have been submitted to the city and we await final approval to begin the build-out. Therefore, we have submitted a scope of works to our contractor for him to give us a bid to do the work our post is responsible to complete. For information purposes, a copy of the "scope of work" was handed out at our last regular meeting in hopes to find any member with the skill set, that may want to volunteer their time to assist with our construction needs. If you were not able to attend our last meeting and would like a copy of the scope of work, please reach out to myself or any member of leadership for a copy.

The monthly Coffee with Veterans and First Responders program for Vets looking for employment is Friday, 12 December, 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.

The next visit to the Blake will be in January 2026.

We are still in need of reviewing the Post 3 Constitution and By-Laws. If you would like to see our current documents they are available to read at the Adjutant's office or contact the Adjutant to get an email copy. In January, we will be putting together a review committee to go through our constitution and by-laws to make recommendations. for updates and changes. We will then submit them to our membership for approval. If you would like to participate on this review team please reach out to the Adjutant or myself. It is up to the Post membership to approve changes to our Constitution and By-Laws so please review them and be informed about your Post!

At the January 2026 meeting, Post 3 will begin accepting nominations for the Veterans and Charities Committee for the election to be held in March. For further information about the Veterans and Charities Committee, read the Post 3 Constitution and By-Laws. To submit your nomination for a position, contact the Adjutant.

The holiday season is approaching and what better gift to give yourself than the feeling of accomplishment by sending in your membership dues! We did not make the full 75% last month, so a lucky few got a smaller version of the promised pie. We can still get to 75% by New Year's.

In the holiday spirit of team rivalries, so far we have 100% of our Coast Guard team renewed (1) and we have Marines at 60%, Air Force at 62%, Army at 64% and Navy is ahead at 68%. Show some pride in your service branch by renewing and getting us to our goal. Go Army, Beat Navy! ***Hooah!!!***

Left to Right Vince Giammalvo, Richard Brumley, Don Patterson, and David Ruiz with pies baked by 1st Vice Commander Conover

Retiring Adjutant Don Patterson with Commander McKinney