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American Legion Post 3
Regular Meeting 7:00PM March 17, 2026
Dinner 6PM Grilled Chicken

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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 529 paid. **We only need 98 renewals or new recruits to reach our goal of 100%.** 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:

March:
- 7 Drill Post 3 0930 - 1200 hrs.
- 14 St. Patrick's Day Parade

April:
- 4 Drill Post 3 0930 - 1200 hrs.
- 6 American Legion Auxiliary Flagpole dedication, W. Lee Rd. and Pine Knoll Drive 1100 hrs.

May:
- 2 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**

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:
Ric Barnett

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 healing to the sick and injured and to strengthen and comfort their caregivers.

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, Randal Rainey, Sharon Riley, Thomas G. Smith, Randall Andrews, Travis Galloway (back, knees, heart), Carol Galloway (fell), Regis "Frenchie" Pontiere (stroke), Anne Shafer (pancreas), Duane Stenzinger (stroke), Joseph Cole, John Duncan (heart, cancer)

ASSISTED LIVING: Gilbert Scales, Bobby S Jones

HOME BOUND: Walter Devore, Edward Floyd, Jack Overpeck, Johnny Mitchel, Billy Reynolds, Thomas F Jones, Eddie Saucier, Jeff Taylor (left shoulder, knees, heart)

NURSING HOME: Alvin Johnson, James Binder, Douglas Thomas

POST EVERLASTING: Frank Ward, Melvin Casby, Amos Hykes, John Poulos

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. If you personally know any of these brothers and sisters in arms, I ask that you give them a call or visit. Contact from a friend is much more impactful than from a stranger… even a strange chaplain. BE THE ONE!

If there are any updates or additions to these lists, please contact a Chaplain:

Ric Barnett – Chaplain – (864) 477-8225

Ed Brannen – Assistant Chaplain – (864) 970-9934

American Legion Auxiliary:
Carol Burrell, President

Greetings,

Hoping spring will bring great weather!

Thank you to all who supported our Legion family breakfast on February 21. Your support helps us raise funds to send girls to Girls State. Hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

The 107th Annual American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Columbia Thursday May 14, 2026- Sunday May 17, 2026. Hotel reservations will be accepted on a space available at The American Legion rate of $112.00 plus tax and service charges. No reservations later than April 13, 2026. The registration fee for the auxiliary is $50.00. Registration and money is due to the Department by April 15. Please let Brenda Collins know if you plan to attend.

The Auxiliary Department website is up and running. Thank you Brenda for the great job you have done facilitating the website. The website address is aladeptofsc.com.

Our next meeting is March 17. We will eat at 6:00 and meet at 7:00. Hope to see you there.

If you have not paid your dues for 2025-2026, you may mail them to Brenda Collins at 5 Clingstone Drive, Taylor's, SC 29687. Make checks payable to ALA Unit 3. Senior members' dues are $45 and juniors are$7.

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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American Legion Rider
Kevin Smith, Director

Groundhog Day revelations aside, riding season is gearing up in the Upstate and around the region. Legacy Ride is in staging phases. Other events are being planned. I am excited for all the activities to come. I am troubled, though.
Far too often, I read about a preventable accident nearby involving a rider and a driver. The same scenario, the same result. Death and destruction because a simple message being not known or followed, by the driver of a car, turning left. "Look Twice, Save a Life. Motorcycles are everywhere".
Statistics show that since the 1960's, the single most common cause of accidents involving a motorcycle rider and a car driver is when the driver turns left in front of the rider. From a side street into a main road, at a traffic light, stop sign, from a center turn lane, or even when entering or leaving their driveway. And it is absolutely preventable.
American Legion Riders are the safest people on the road anywhere. And legionnaires are also, as we military are a highly disciplined bunch. But accidents happen fast. 'I didn't see him" is a common refrain. So, I hope that this message resonates. And be safe out there.
If you want to get into the riding, fundraising, and camaraderie with us, give a shout. Meetings are on the first Thursday evening each month, at a different venue each time around the Upstate.
Kevin R. Smith, Director, 954-701-4897, The American Legion Riders, Chapter 3, Greenville, SC

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 Members Bobby Reid 94
Youngest Member Thomas Grindstaff 54
TAL: *Thomas Perry3/2, Stephen Thrasher 3/2, James Stewardson 3/3, Kenneth Chatman 3/3, Howard Kinetop 03/4, Steven Crane 03/4, Ronald Thompson 3/5, Travis Galloway 3/5, Wesley Riddley 3/5, Willian Bracken 3/9, Richard Swecker 3/10, Graig Collins 3/10, Donald Levoijki 3/11, Thomas Grindstaff 3/11, Jack Robinson 3/12, Robert McDaniel 3/12, John Stepp 3/13, Parnell Coward 3/13, David Kotrady 3/13, Scott Sims 3/13, Richard Arboscello 3/13, Bill Carithers 3/15, Donald O'Shields 3/15, Jon Hitchcock 3/15, Johnny Johnson 3/15, Edward Pool 3/16, Daniel Gosselin 3/16, David Neff 3/17, Robert Holloway 3/17, William Kirby 3/18, Keith Drummond 3/18, R. Baxter Rhodes 3/20, Bobby Reid 3/21, Paul Salvaggio 3/21, James Short 3/21, Eddie Byrd 3/21, Jerry Bell 3/23, Warren Dudley 3/24, Jonathan Sprinkle 3/24, Daid Andrews 3/24, George Bertsche 3/25, Daniel Czerepuszko 3/27, Steven Lyons 3/28, Robert Stoddard 3/30, and Thomas Wood 3/30.*
SAL: *Paul Leong 3/9, Kyle Collins 3/13, Ricky Brannon 3/26, and Graydon Davis 3/30.*
ALA: *Tammy Smith 3/3, Hayden Taylor 3/3, Gail Bumford 3/6, Nancy Tanner 3/8, Madison Ward 3/10, Saphira King-Ward 3/14, Natalie Rasha 3/14, Sydney Newton 3/21, Michelle Jones 3/23, Patricia DeStafano 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
03/05/26 - 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
03/10/26 - 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
03/14/26 – 10:00 am St. Patrick's Day Parade, Main Street, Greenville, SC
03/17/26 - 6:00 pm Legion Family Dinner
7:00 pm American Legion Meeting
7:00 pm American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
03/24/26 - 2:30 pm The Blake on Woodruff Road
03/28/26 – 10:00 am District 13 Meeting at Post 3
04/02/26 - 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
04/14/26 - 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
04/21/26 - 6:00 pm Legion Family Dinner
7:00 pm American Legion Meeting
7:00 pm American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
04/26/26 - 2:30 pm District 7 Pillow Party at Post 3
04/28/26 - 2:30 pm The Blake on Woodruff Road
05/07/26 - 6:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
05/09/26 - 9:00 am til 11:00 am Legion Family Breakfast (A week earlier due to Department Convention)
05/12/26 - 6:00 pm TAL Executive Committee
05/15-17/26- Department of SC TAL and ALA Convention
05/19/26 - 6:00 pm Legion Family Dinner
7:00 pm American Legion Meeting
7:00 pm American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
05/26/26 - 2:30 pm The Blake on Woodruff Road
06/07-13/26 – Palmetto Boys and Girls State
06/26- 07/03 - Law Cadet Academy

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)
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Greetings Legionnaires !

Project 1035 Update:
Project is still on hold due to conflicts between the city and the developer.
At this time, we have received all bids we think are necessary for our move. With funds currently on hand, plus donations, we will be approximately $247,024.00 short of what we need. Therefore, A request has been sent to the V&C committee to approve up to this amount **if needed**. The leadership team will continue to explore additional fundraising avenues to offset the cost and will keep you informed as we move forward. Please keep in mind that by contract, once we take possession of our new location post 3 will assume title to our portion of the renovated property worth an estimated 1.2 to 1.5 million dollars.

We are inching over 84 % membership. There are still some that need to come in from the cold and join the warm feeling of getting your dues paid. Have you asked any of your veteran friends to come to a meeting with you? Let them see our building before we move and help them imagine where we will be next. If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2026, 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. 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.

As a reminder, we are continuing to update our Constitution and By-Laws and hope to have a copy out for you to review in the near future. **Reminder, you must have renewed your membership for 2026 in order to vote on any changes to the Post 3 Constitution and By-Laws this year.**

At the March meeting, Post 3 will hold elections for the three open positions on the Veteran and Charity Committee. All members that are running for these positions will be allowed to address the post members before the vote. Please come and make your voice heard.

St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on will be held on March 14th Downtown Greenville. Come and see your Color/Honor Guard in action.

The next visit to the Blake will be on Tuesday, 24 March, at 2:30 pm.

The Department of South Carolina Convention will be 14– 17 May 2026 at the Doubletree by Hilton Columbia, 2100 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC. Get with the Adjutant if you want to be a Post 3 delegate to the convention.

2026 Palmetto Boys State encampment will be held June 7-13 at Anderson University

The Law Enforcement Cadet Academy will be held 26 June – 3 July 2026 at the SC Criminal Justice Academy. Completed applications must be returned to Department of South Carolina Headquarters no later than 1 May 2026. Cadets must be high school students of good character, age 15 to 18. If you know of an interested student, contact the Adjutant as soon as possible.

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!