

POST 30 NEWS



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Commander's Comments

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and happiness. Fall is officially here and the holidays are just around the corner.

Speaking of the holidays we are in the process of taking reservations for our annual Christmas Dinner. We will hold it on December 21, during our normally scheduled meeting time. It will catered by 3rd Generation Catering & Family Restaurant in Johnston. The menu will be the turkey and dressing, gravy, green beans or peas, yams, macaroni & cheese, rolls, and iced tea. It will cost \$17 per person, and we need a minimum of 25 orders. Please RSVP as soon as possible and we will begin collecting money at our October meeting. We had a great time last year and hope everyone will join us this year.

I would also like to provide you an update at VA Augusta's Downtown Campus. Starting Monday, November 6, renovations will begin at the Outpatient Pharmacy. During this time, window services will be limited to inpatient Veterans and Emergency Department needs. Please plan ahead. Use VA's mail order services for all refills and routine medications. However, the Uptown campus pharmacy will be available during this time for urgent needs that cannot be met by using the VA mail system.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or have any veteran oriented events you'd like to highlight, please send us an email –

alpost30sc@gmail.com.

-- Tommy Tripp, Post 30 Commander

Adjutant Advisory

Our annual dues are currently due for the upcoming year 2024. Our annual dues are \$55.00. Our target date for having everyone pay their dues is the end of this month, October 31, 2023. Currently, 54% of our Membership have paid their 2024 dues.

We accept cash or check, and you can turn in your dues to me at our monthly meeting or you can mail your check, made payable to American Legion Post 30, to:

American Legion Post 30
P.O. Box 30
Edgefield, SC 29824

You can also pay your dues on-line by going to Mylegion.org.

-- Jane Doolittle, Post 30 Adjutant

Legionnaire of the Quarter

Thomas (Tom) Yoder was born in 1938 in Hazleton, PA. Tom joined the Navy on June 24, 1958 and attended boot camp at Naval Station Great Lakes in Illinois. During his enlistment, he sailed on the USS Wasp attached to VS31 and the USS Saratoga with the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean and the North Atlantic. Tom was transferred to Key West, Florida, to VS30. Tom completed his enlistment on June 7, 1964, as an E-5 AMH2, Aviation Hydraulic Mechanic and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

After separating from the Navy, Tom entered Parks College and earned his FAA Certification. He was a member of the FAA Committee which investigated aircraft accidents, while working

closely with other organizations such as the FBI. Tom worked at TWA for 35 years as an aircraft mechanic, until his retirement.

Tom has been a member of the American Legion for 45 years. For the past many years, Tom has been an active member of Post 30, including serving on our Supper Committee and as a Trustee.



Highlight from September Meeting

During our September meeting we had the pleasure to have a few of our 2023 Palmetto Boys State and Palmetto Girls State delegates along with their families join us. After dinner Cody Davenport, Ansley Berry, and Katie Williams expressed their appreciation to Post 30 and the Post 30 Auxiliary for being chosen to attend this year's camps. All three were beaming with pride as they told stories of the week and marveled at how they learned things that they had not learned in school, for example what a Whistle Stop Campaign was. Each one also elected to run for various offices, some more than one, and how the process of having to run a campaign and speaking in front of approximately 600 people was a humbling experience. We appreciate that they were able to come and share their stories with us. We wish them well in their future endeavors.



On the Horizon

It's the time of year when Post 30 goes *NUTS*. The order for our fall pecan fundraiser has been placed and you can start pre-sale now. We should expect delivery around Thanksgiving. Each bag is \$12 and the selections are below. We ask that you update us weekly, via email, phone or text, with your pre-sale order so we can keep track of the inventory.

- Mammoth Pecan Halves 12oz
- Roasted & Salted Pecans 12oz
- Roasted & Salted Cashews 12oz
- Milk Chocolate Pecans 12oz
- Cinnamon Glazed Pecans 10oz
- Glazed Pecans 8oz

4th Annual Veterans' Appreciation Day Event Presented by Herrin Enterprises, Inc

Who: All Veterans, Active-Duty Service Members, their Spouses and Children.

When: Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 1000-1600

Where: 161 Twin Lakes Drive, Ward 29166

Featured Activities: Guest Speaker, Patriotism, Remembrance, Fellowship, Food, Games and Rides. Representatives from several Veterans organizations will be present.

Raffle Drawing:

Raffle tickets are on sale now and the drawing will take place on the day of the event. The winner does not need to be present. Tickets are one for \$5 or three for \$10. 1st prize \$400, 2nd price is a 32" Smart TV, and 3rd prize is \$200. Please contact Jane Doolittle or Jerome Childs 803-270-8260 for tickets.

Please Note: You must RSVP with Jerome Childs 803-270-8260, Johnny Herrin 803-439-5677, or Shawn Herrin 828-781-8804 **NO LATER THAN October 28, 2022.**

Chaplain’s Corner

Jesus Was a Chaplain

I love being an Army Chaplain, and also being an American Legion Chaplain. Military Chaplains are people called by God, trained and equipped to serve the members of the military, their families, Veterans, Retirees, and DoD civilians.

In Matthew 8:5-13 and Luke 7:1-10, Jesus was preaching to the crowds, and many were coming for healing. At the time, Judea was occupied by the Roman Army. Rome was the enemy. In these passages, we learn of a high-ranking Roman officer who had a very sick servant whom he loved.

This officer heard about Jesus who was nearby healing people. He sent someone out to Jesus to beg him to come to his home to heal his servant who was seriously ill. A non-Jewish warrior of the conquering Army asking a Jewish teacher and healer to come heal his servant! Jesus starts to make his way there. But then he is approached by another officer’s representative. This time the message from the Roman officer is that he is unworthy to have

Jesus come to his home, but he believes that if Jesus just gives the command from afar, the favorite servant will be healed. Jesus is stunned and exclaims that in all of Judea he had not seen such faith. Jesus immediately gives the word, and the servant is healed.

This passage reminds us that all are created in God’s image, and all deserve dignity and respect. Jesus was Chaplain to an enemy officer!

-- William Beaver, Post 30 Chaplain

Calendar of Events

October 14, 2023

District 17 Meeting, Post 30, meeting at 1000

October 19, 2023

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, meeting at 1830

November 11, 2023

Veterans Day Ceremony, Time TBD, Edgefield Veterans’ Memorial Park

November 18, 2023

Edgefield Arts with a Heart Market, 1000-1400, Edgefield Square, Post 30 is the Market Non-Profit Recipient

November 18, 2023

4th Annual Veterans’ Appreciation Day, 1000-1600, 161 Twin Lakes Drive, Ward

December 21, 2023

Annual Post Christmas Dinner at 1800

NOTE IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

You must call Jane Doolittle (803-480-1061) or email the post no later than the Monday prior to our scheduled meeting.