

POST 30 NEWS



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Commander's Comments

Our April meeting is pivotal for the post as we will be electing the officers and trustees that will lead Post 30 through 2025. Our officers are entrusted with the responsibility of guiding us toward our goals. Their dedication, vision, and leadership skills are crucial for fostering camaraderie and driving engagement within the community. We need maximum participation so please join us on Thursday April 18 at 1800. You must be present to vote. The list of nominations are as follows:

- Commander: Winston Boddie
- Vice Commander: Tommy Tripp
- Adjutant: Jane Doolittle
- Treasurer: Doug Timmerman
- Sergeant at Arms: Charles Ashley
- Chaplain: William Beaver
- Historian: Suzy Spurgeon

Trustees: Roger Ellis, Luther Beason, and Alan Perano

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

Attention all members! Currently, our membership stands at 91%, but we're not done yet! With time quickly ticking away, we're edging closer to our goal of reaching 100%. Every member counts, so let's rally together and push towards the finish line. If you haven't renewed

your membership yet, please do so as soon as you can. Your support is key to the continued success of our Post.

Our annual dues are \$55.00. 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.

Thank you for being part of our Post 30 family.
-- Jane Doolittle, Post 30 Adjutant

Chaplain's Corner

April is "Month of the Military Child"

Most of us who served our country had children who moved with us. We know our families are a huge source of strength to us. Perhaps you were a "military brat" when you were younger. Most kids outside the military have no clue as to the stressors on families, spouses, and children during the time their servicemember is working or deployed.

April is designated the "Month of the Military Child." How can we as American Legion members, Veterans and Retirees recognize the military child? For starters, we can always thank our children - even grown children, for supporting us. If you know of grandkids or neighbors' kids who are military children, make a point to speak with them, offer them a small gift

of thanks, or do something to recognize the challenges they experience.

Kids love stories. Write down a story or share a story from your time in service with a grandchild, niece or nephew. Do something this month to recognize children who support their servicemember in the military. Often, they do not get appreciated enough.

-- William Beaver, Post 30 Chaplain

Special Guest Speaker for our April Meeting



In our April meeting, we are excited to have Major General (MG) Frank M. Rice, Commander of the 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) based in Anderson, SC, joining us as our guest speaker. The 263rd AAMDC is a South Carolina National Guard unit that provides command and control of Army air defense units and plans, integrates and executes Army air defense activities for joint air operations in the U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM) area of responsibility. When designated, the commander serves as a deputy area air defense commander for defensive counter air operations for both air and missile threats. MG Rice will provide an overview of the 263rd AAMDC mission in NORTHCOM and beyond.

Rifle Raffle Ticket Update: Let's Aim Higher!

We're thrilled to share an update on our ongoing Rifle Raffle ticket sales! So far, we've received funds for 76 tickets, amounting to \$760.00 raised. While this is a significant achievement, and more than we raised last year, we believe we can do better.

Our target is to sell 200 tickets, and with 124 more to go, we're confident that with your continued support, we can reach and even surpass this goal.

Every ticket sold contributes directly to our Post. Let's band together and push towards our target, ensuring the success of this fundraiser!

Want to get involved? Whether you're interested in purchasing tickets or taking some to sell, we'd love your support. Feel free to drop us an email at alpost30sc@gmail.com or reach out to Jane at 803-480-1061.

Palmetto Boys State Delegates

We're thrilled to announce our Post 30 delegates for Palmetto Boys State 2024! Representing our community with pride and honor, we have Colt Bailey and Aiden Rearden from Wardlaw Academy, Jimmy Bates, Jr. from Strom Thurmond, and Brelan Baskett from Fox Creek. These outstanding young men are poised to make their mark at Boys State, and we couldn't be more proud to have them represent us. Let's wish them the best of luck as they embark on this incredible journey of leadership and civic engagement!

Last USS Arizona Survivor Dies

With heavy hearts, we bid farewell to a true American hero, Lou Conter, who peacefully transferred to Post Everlasting at the age of 102. As the last survivor of the infamous attack on the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor, Conter's legacy remains etched in the annals of history, a testament to his indomitable spirit and unwavering dedication to duty.

Following the events on the "Day of Infamy," Conter's resolve remained unshaken as he

continued his service in the United States Navy. Transitioning to piloting bombers, he hunted enemy submarines, embodying the courage and resilience that defined "The Greatest Generation." Moreover, Conter's pioneering role as the Navy's first SERE (survival, evasion, resistance, and escape) Officer underscores his commitment to ensuring the safety and preparedness of his fellow sailors. The tactics he imparted would later prove invaluable aiding POWs in Vietnam.

As we reflect on Conter's remarkable 28 years of service to his country, we extend our deepest gratitude for his selfless dedication and sacrifice. Fair winds and following seas, Shipmate.

American Legion Riders – Ride on Military Pride (ROMP) 2024

ROMP is coming to SC for the first time, hosted by Post 186 in Little River. It's happening from June 20-23. While it's not open to the public, it's an exclusive American Legion event for Legion, SAL, Auxiliary, and Riders, plus their guests. If you have a bike and would like to ride, you'll need a sponsor. Good news: Post 71 Riders in North Augusta are offering to sponsor. Just reach out to them at 803-341-9552 or post71commander@gmail.com. For more details, check out the ROMP 2024 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ROMP2024/>

Edgefield County Veteran Banners

Celebrate Edgefield County Veterans with a vibrant banner. These banners are available for former or current Edgefield County residents and will be hung in downtown Edgefield and Johnston. If you would like to purchase one, please visit the VA office, Edgefield Town Hall, or Johnston Town Hall to get an order form. The banners are priced at \$60.00 per side. Orders placed before April 1st will be displayed by Memorial Day. Orders after April 1st will be displayed in the fall. Ensure you have a quality photo of the veteran in uniform and documentation (DD-214) for verification. Payment by check is preferred.

CPR Certification Class

Edgefield Methodist Church will be hosting a CPR class on Saturday, April 27, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM and all are invited to attend. The class costs \$25 per person. To ensure smooth registration, please arrive by 8:15 AM. If you're interested in participating, please reach out to Gena Hough at rebelette25@gmail.com so we can anticipate attendance and arrange the appropriate number of instructors. Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive a certification card (the course is appropriate for healthcare professionals).

Calendar of Events

April 18, 2024

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, meeting at 1830. Dinner will be fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad, and homemade peach cobbler

May 16, 2024

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, Yearly Memorial Service at 1830.

May 16-18, 2024

Department Convention, Doubletree by Hilton, Columbia

May 27, 2024

Memorial Day Event

June 9-15, 2024

Boys State at Anderson University
Girls State at Presbyterian College

June 20, 2024

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, meeting at 1830. 2025 Post 30 Officers Installed

June 22-28, 2024

Nathan M. Wolfe Law Cadet Academy
SC Criminal Justice Academy, Columbia

NOTE IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MONTHLY MEETING:

You must call Jane Doolittle (803-480-1061) or email the post no later than the Monday prior to our scheduled meeting so we can have an accurate headcount for dinner.