

POST 30 NEWS



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Commander's Corner

It was an honor to represent Post 30 at the flag folding ceremony we hosted at Wardlaw Academy on 22 Feb. I want to thank Justin Bailey and the Wardlaw faculty for giving us the opportunity to host the ceremony and teach the students how to properly retire an old flag and dedicate a new one. But more importantly I want to thank the four young men who performed the flag folding ceremony. They folded the flag to perfection. A recording of the ceremony can be viewed on our Facebook page. We also wrote an article and submitted it to the American Legion Legiontown website and they published it. You can view the article here; [Farewell, Old Glory, and Welcome New](#). For those that are unable to follow the embedded link we included a copy of the article at the end of the newsletter.

Our building is in need of some maintenance ahead of Family Day, so we need to schedule a work day. It will probably only take 3 to 4 hours on a Saturday. I'll be asking for volunteers at our March meeting.

There is an estate attorney who, as a public service, is willing to come to a meeting and give a basic talk on estate planning. Every family, regardless of financial status or family dynamics, can benefit from an estate plan. A few benefits of having an estate plan are, to protect your beneficiaries, eliminate issues with family members, helping you plan for any kind of incapacity, and helping to reduce taxes that

take place on your estate. If this is something you'd be interested in let me know at the March meeting.

As always, if you are willing to receive our newsletter electronically, please send us an email – alpost30sc@gmail.com.

-- Tommy Tripp, Post 30 Commander

Adjutant Advisory

We had three guests at our February meeting and all three joined our Post that evening. Welcome aboard: Charles Ashley, Charlie Jackson, and Wayne Warren! In addition, we have another new member, Jake Jacobsen, welcome aboard!

Believe it or not we still have current members who are delinquent on their 2023 dues. We are currently sitting at 82% for dues paid. If you have not paid your dues, please get them paid as soon as possible. You can pay me in person or online at <https://www.legion.org/>.

**** Our American Legion Post 30 dues are \$55.00 per year. Your annual membership expires on 31 Dec of the paid year shown on your membership card. It can be a little confusing because your annual dues are supposed to be paid by the 1st of January each year so National Headquarters starts accepting dues for the upcoming year on July 1st. The goal is to have everyone renewed for the new year by the 1st of January, when it begins.

-- Jane Doolittle, Post 30 Adjutant

104th SC Department Convention

Thu May 18th to Sun May 21st, 2023
Doubletree by Hilton Columbia
2100 Bush River Rd, Columbia SC 29210

The annual Department Convention is the legislative body of The American Legion. The Department Convention is called for the purpose of setting the programs of The American Legion for the ensuing year, amending the Department Constitution and By-Laws, election of Department Officers and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

The number of delegates for each Post is based on total membership and Post 30 will have five delegates. We will elect a Chairman, Secretary, and three additional delegates. The Chairman and/or Secretary will lead the delegation and be allowed to cast all five votes if the other delegates aren't present.

The registration fee is \$30 per delegate and guest and is due to Department Headquarters by 27 April 2023. The Post will cover the cost of our five delegates (\$150) while all guests will be responsible for their \$30 registration costs.

Bingo

We are looking into starting Bingo at the Post. In order to have legal games there are a significant number of state regulations that we need to follow. We are looking at making a few trips to several of the posts that currently host Bingo here in South Carolina. If you would like to be on the planning committee and/or are willing to help, should we make this possible, please let Suzy Spurgeon or Winston Boddie know.

Fund Raising Idea

How To Paint "American Flag Sky" – American Flag Painting; Step-By-Step Painting With Tracie Kiernan



Tracie Kiernan is married to a US Navy Veteran. Using her tutorial, you will learn how to do this very simple yet stunning American Flag Painting with acrylic paint on canvas. You'll learn how to do a forest skyline silhouette backed by a twilight or dawn sky and a dry brushed US flag illusion! Painting size will be 11"x14" or 16"x20". This painting tutorial is for the absolute beginner and even kids. We are looking at hosting this fundraiser the beginning of June at the Post. The final date and cost are still to be determined. We should have the planning for this event finalized for the March meeting.

American Legion Birthday March 15, 2023

On this day 104 years ago, members of American Expeditionary Force convened in Paris for the first American Legion Caucus.

Calendar of Events

March 16, 2023

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, meeting at 1830

April 20, 2023

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April 29, 2023

Family Day

NOTE! IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

You must call Billy Doolittle (803-637-3722) or email the post no later than the Monday prior to our scheduled meeting.



Farewell, Old Glory. And Welcome New.

Veterans from American Legion Post 30 in Edgefield, SC joined with students and faculty of Francis Hugh Wardlaw Academy to conduct a flag folding ceremony that marked the respectful retirement of Wardlaw's old flag and heralded the arrival and display of its successor.

In late 2022, fellow veteran Justin Bailey, an assistant football coach and father of Wardlaw students, had first approached Post 30 about working together. Post 30 was excited to accept the invitation to host a student assembly on Wednesday February 22, 2023, marking the arrival and display of a new U.S. flag which Post 30 had gifted to the Johnston, SC, school. The sparkling new Stars and Stripes replaced an aging, yellowed Old Glory that had long-graced the wall of the academy's gymnasium.

After some planning and preparations, school officials selected four students to represent Wardlaw Academy: Colt Bailey (sophomore), Kale Henderson (8th Grade), Aiden Rogers (sophomore), and Andrew Smith (7th grade). Leading up to the ceremony, veterans and students choreographed the event and practiced together to ensure that the finished performance was conducted seamlessly. The students quickly realized that it's not as easy as it appears. Commander Tommy Tripp, Vice Commander Winston Boddie, and Adjutant Jane Doolittle offered guidance to the students, sharing tips from their own experiences to ensure that, by the final fold, they had achieved the desired crisp triangular shape.

On the morning of the ceremony, standing nervously before the entire student body, fingers trembling, the four students carefully and deliberately formed each fold, conducted in stages as Adjutant Doolittle described the symbolism of the colors and elements that make up our nation's symbol. After performing their roles flawlessly, they presented the perfectly-folded flag to Commander Tripp, they inaugurated the new flag by leading the student body in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The mission of Post 30 is to serve veterans and their families while also spreading the values of patriotism and American traditions throughout our community and partnership with Wardlaw served as an ideal opportunity. We hope our schools and community organizations will always feel free to call upon us to share our knowledge and allow us to be of service.