

# POST 30 NEWS



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## Commander's Comments

We tallied the votes from our election last month and would like to congratulate the newly elected officers that will lead Post 30 in 2025. The officers will be sworn in at our meeting in June.

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

During our May meeting, we will hold our annual Memorial day Program. This year, we will be memorializing four of our comrades who transferred to Post Everlasting over the past year: John Wight, Bill Doolittle, Jimmy Painter, and Vernon Holmes. We invited their families to be present as we honor the memory of their service to our country and community.

Please mark your calendar for our May meeting. If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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](mailto:alpost30sc@gmail.com).

-- Tommy Tripp, Post 30 Commander

## Adjutant Advisory

The annual Edgefield County Memorial Day program is set and our very own Chaplain, Major William Beaver, will be the guest speaker. The program will take place on Memorial Day, May 27, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Edgefield Veterans' Memorial Park. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be relocated to the Edgefield Gym.

We are closing in our goal of 100% membership for the year! As of now, we sit at 95% membership rate, just 3 members shy of reaching our target.

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  
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You can also pay your dues on-line by going to [Mylegion.org](http://Mylegion.org).

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

## Chaplain's Corner "Stay Connected"

May is known as the month of mental health in the military. As the Family Life Chaplain on Fort Eisenhower (Gordon), it is every month for me. I provide professional counseling to many couples and individuals, active duty and retirees.

Everyone's military experience is unique in how it affects them and their family and loved ones. Even years after exiting service, problems can arise connected to their time in service. The worst choices veterans can make are to either isolate themselves or turn to self-destructive behaviors.

There is help. The VA offers professional counselors. Churches sometimes have trained pastoral counselors. I myself am not only an ordained minister but also a fully licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Army Chaplain. I currently provide free, confidential counseling to Vietnam Veterans, Gulf War Veterans, and Veterans of more recent conflicts. I also am one of the Chaplains for a FREE weeklong program for Veterans called Warfighter Advance.

I am available as a resource to you if you need some confidential, professional counseling. Or if you need information on Warfighter Advance, I can provide that. My phone number is (478) 747-5311. When life gets too hard, don't isolate. Stay connected!! Call on one of your American Legion friends! Or give me a call or an email: livgren65@gmail.com. We are always here to help you stay mentally strong! Don't isolate! Stay connected!!!

-- William Beaver, Post 30 Chaplain

### **Rifle Raffle Ticket Update**

Our Rifle Raffle tickets sales continue. On Saturday, April 27th, we set up a tent at the Ole Edgefield Butcher Shop to sell raffle tickets and over the course of the day, we sold 10 tickets, raising \$100 for the Post. Additionally, we received \$30 in donations from individuals who wanted to contribute to our cause.

To date, we have sold a total of 94 tickets, raising an impressive \$940 for the Post. Every single ticket sold contributes directly to our Post's ability to support vital programs and initiatives that benefit our veterans, their families, and the broader community.

As we continue to push towards our target, we encourage all members and supporters to rally together and help make this rifle raffle a resounding success. Remember, your

participation not only gives you a chance to win one of 52 fantastic firearms but also ensures that we can continue our mission of service, camaraderie, and patriotism.

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet and would like to, drop us an email at [alpost30sc@gmail.com](mailto:alpost30sc@gmail.com) or reach out to Jane at 803-480-1061.

### **Invitation to Attend Palmetto Boys State Opening Ceremony**

All South Carolina American Legion members are cordially invited to join Palmetto Boys State as special guests for the official launch of the 2024 encampment on Sunday, June 9th.

The festivities will begin with a reception at 6:00 PM at the Ross Anderson Student Center at Anderson University. This will be followed by an assembly at 7:30 PM at the Henderson Auditorium, also located on the Anderson University campus.

Parking for the event will be available at 910 E Calhoun St, Anderson, SC.

To ensure proper planning, Palmetto Boys State kindly requests that all attendees RSVP by Monday, June 3rd, using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/PBSReception24>

### **Post 30 Honors Outstanding NJROTC Cadets at Awards Ceremony**

On Thursday, May 2nd, the Strom Thurmond NJROTC held their annual awards ceremony, and Post 30 was proud to recognize two exceptional cadets for their academic excellence and leadership.

During the ceremony, Post 30 awarded the Silver Scholastic Medal to Cadet Kimberly Ramirez and the Bronze Scholastic Medal to Cadet Toney Robinson. These awards are presented annually to outstanding cadets at each school, acknowledging their remarkable achievements both in and out of the classroom.

To receive a Scholastic Excellence Award, a cadet must rank in the top 10 percent of their class in non-JROTC subjects and the top 25 percent in

JROTC courses. Additionally, they must demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities and actively participate in student organizations, constructive activities, or sports.

Cadet Ramirez and Cadet Robinson have exemplified these qualities, excelling academically while also making significant contributions to their school and community. Their dedication and commitment to excellence are truly inspiring, and Post 30 is honored to recognize their accomplishments.

We look forward to continuing our support for the Strom Thurmond NJROTC program and nurturing the next generation of leaders in our community. We would like to thank Jane Doolittle, Sam Watson, and Charlie Jackson for representing our post at the awards ceremony.

**Honoring the Legacy of Post 133 and Supporting Local Youth Sports**

At the most recent District 17 meeting, we received the unfortunate news that Post 133 in Ridge Spring has made the difficult decision to close its doors. The post's Commander recently passed away, and with an aging membership and challenges in maintaining their meeting location, the members voted to cease operations.

While this is a sad development, we are heartened to know that the members of Post 133 who wish to remain active in the American Legion have been invited to join Post 61 in Batesburg.

One particularly noteworthy aspect of this situation is the impact on the local youth sports community. Post 133 had been sponsoring a Ladies Fastpitch Softball team, and with their closure, the team found itself without a sponsor. However, in a true display of Legion spirit, Post 61 in Batesburg, Post 154 and 222 in Johnston, and our very own Post 30 have stepped up to the plate.

Together, these four posts have volunteered to combine their resources and sponsor the team, ensuring that the young women can continue to compete and grow. This collaborative effort not only honors the legacy of Post 133 but also demonstrates the American Legion's unwavering

commitment to supporting youth development and community engagement. Details surrounding the schedule and other information will be shared as soon as we receive it.

**Calendar of Events**

**May 16, 2024**

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, Yearly Memorial Service at 1830. Dinner will be meatloaf, broccoli, butter beans, yeast rolls, and apple pie.

**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

**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.