

# POST 30 NEWS



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## Commander's Comments

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to assist with our building rentals. We have seven volunteers but would love to get five more. That would allow each volunteer to be responsible for checking the Post before and after rentals for only one month of the year. As it stands now five of our seven volunteers are assigned multiple months. If you would be willing to help please let me know and I'll add you to the schedule.

During our March meeting we will be nominating officers for our 2025 Post leadership positions. This is a crucial step in shaping the future of our Post. Your input and commitment are instrumental in ensuring a strong and effective leadership team. Please mark your calendars for the March meeting, and let's actively participate in nominating individuals who will lead our Post with dedication and vision.

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

We've reached 86% for our 2024 dues paid and are inching closer to our March target of 90%. To reach our ultimate target of 100% let's all pitch in and get those dues paid promptly. Your timely contributions are vital in maintaining our financial health and ensuring we meet our collective objectives.

Thanks to those who have already paid. If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to settle your dues at your earliest convenience. 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](http://Mylegion.org).

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

## Chaplain's Corner

### THE POWER OF SERENITY

We all have gone through those times when it seems life is throwing us one curve ball after another. Just when we think we have gotten ahead, it starts to feel like things are getting out of control. Our health is having issues, or maybe our finances. We may be struggling with family dynamics. Maybe we are struggling with property issues or car troubles. Maybe the bills are piling up. It could be issues of loneliness, post-traumatic stress or even addictions that are hard to break. It is understandable when we start to feel like we are dropping balls while trying to juggle too many. There are unhealthy ways to cope. I hope you will reach out to a post member or friends. We do care!

I have always found that the Serenity Prayer is more of a practice than it is a simple prayer. As you read it here, say it aloud for yourself. Listen to the words. Then ask yourself, who is the ONE PERSON you can control??

GOD, GRANT ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE, COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN, AND WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.

-- William Beaver, Post 30 Chaplain

### Rifle Raffle Fundraiser

Exciting news on our Rifle Raffle ticket sales! Out of the initial 100 tickets, only 11 remain unclaimed. Fueled by this success, we've requested an additional 200 tickets and are optimistic about selling them all.

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](mailto:alpost30sc@gmail.com) or reach out to Jane at 803-480-1061.

### Introducing Jessica Coleman: 2024 Post 30 Teacher of the Year

Meet Jessica Coleman, our 2024 Post 30 Teacher of the Year. Residing in Edgefield with her husband Stacey and three children—Madison, Madalyn, and Eli—Jessica's dedication to education spans two decades.

Actively engaged in the community, Jessica and Stacey find joy in volunteering at their local church on a weekly basis. Stacey, who is a member of Post 30 is a retired investigator who now operates his own IT business.

Having taught in Edgefield County for 20 years, Jessica's impact extends across various roles, from teaching 4th, 3rd, and 2nd grades to instructing STEM for 4K-5th grades. What she loves most is teaching in the very community she calls home. Spotting both current and former students while shopping or attending town functions brings her immense joy. The most fulfilling aspect of her role as an educator is witnessing the positive impact she has the privilege of making in a child's life. Join us in

celebrating Jessica as our 2024 Teacher of the Year.

### South Carolina Military and Veterans Benefits

Are you aware that South Carolina provides exclusive benefits for Service members, Veterans, and their families? These encompass an income tax deduction for military retired pay, property tax exemptions, state employment preference, education and tuition assistance, specialized vehicle tags, along with hunting and fishing license privileges. Eligibility for certain benefits may be contingent on factors like residency, military component, and Veteran disability status. Explore the diverse range of support tailored for you by visiting this website; [South Carolina Military and Veterans Benefits](#).

### 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](mailto:post71commander@gmail.com). For more details, check out the ROMP 2024 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ROMP2024/>

### Veteran Support – Spread the Word

The Department is holding another Veteran Experience Action Center (VEAC) March 21-23, 2024 at South Carolina National Guard, 1328 Old Dairy Dr, Columbia, SC.

- March 21, 0900-1500 (Thursday)
- March 22, 0900-1500 (Friday)
- March 23, 0900-1400 (Saturday)

The VEAC is a great opportunity for eligible veterans and their dependents to be assisted by a team that includes Veteran's Organization Service Officers, Department of Veterans Affairs Benefit

Officials and Healthcare Representatives. These representatives can help facilitate and *expedite* your new or existing VA disability claims, appeals, or other healthcare problems. You must come prepared with the proper documentation about your case: DD214, all medical records about your disability both military and civilian.

**Post 30 History Book Project**

We're embarking on a project to update our Post history book, and we need your input! Enclosed with this newsletter, you'll find a questionnaire designed to capture your unique experiences and contribution during your time in uniform.

Your memories, stories, and insights are essential in creating a comprehensive and accurate reflection of our shared history. Please take a moment to complete the questionnaire and return it to the Post at your earliest convenience.

Your prompt response will play a pivotal role in preserving our rich heritage. Let's come together to ensure our history book reflects the diverse and meaningful journey of Post 30.

**American Legion Birthday  
March, 15 2024**

On this day 105 years ago, members of the American Expeditionary Force convened in Paris for the first American Legion caucus.

**National Vietnam War Veterans Day  
March 29, 2024**

March 29 is designated as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. This is a time to pay special tribute to the 9 million Americans who served during the Vietnam War era, to the 58,000 names memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and to those who never received the recognition they deserved when they returned to America from war.

We extend our sincerest thanks to all of our Post 30 Vietnam War Veterans. Your courage, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication during a challenging chapter in our nation's history left an indelible mark. Your service is a testament to the

strength and resilience that defines the American Spirit. Thank you for your service.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> will be displayed by Memorial Day. Orders after April 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Calendar of Events**

**March 21, 2024**

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, meeting at 1830. The supper committee will serve meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and green beans. Cost is \$10 per person.

**March 21-23, 2024**

VEAC, SCNG, 1328 Old Dairy Dr, Columbia, SC

**April 18, 2024**

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, meeting at 1830.

**April 25, 2024**

Department Convention Registration Due

**May 16, 2024**

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, meeting at 1830.

**May 16-18, 2024**

Department Convention, Doubletree by Hilton, 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.