

POST 30 NEWS



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Commander's Corner

I hope everyone had a happy Independence Day celebrating our country's 247th birthday. It's great to be an American, a veteran, and a member of Post 30.

Did you see that The American Legion Magazine published a short snippet along with some pictures of our Family Day event in the July issue (page 6). It was nice to see Post 30 recognized in the monthly publication that is distributed to all American Legion members around the world. Thanks again to all who volunteered to help make Family Day a great event for us.

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

It is that time of year again, time to renew our dues for 2024. Our Annual Dues are \$55. Our target date for having everyone pay their dues is: October 31, 2023. 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.

Membership in The American Legion is based on a calendar-year from January 1st to December 31st. When a member pays their dues, they are paid up for that membership year. They will also receive twelve monthly subscriptions to The American Legion Magazine.

The renewal process begins in July for the upcoming membership year. Renewal notices are sent out in July, October, January, March, and May. When a member renews, they are removed from future renewal notices for that year. There are times when a member pays their dues, but they still receive a renewal notice. If dues are paid to the local post, it takes a little longer for National to be notified about the renewal and the member may receive another renewal notice. If this occurs, please check with me to ensure they have received your dues.

-- Jane Doolittle, Post 30 Adjutant

Recap of June Events

We had the pleasure of hosting Edgefield County Sheriff Jody Rowland and a few of his deputies along with members from American Legion Post 154 and 222 from Johnston, and VFW Post 6932 from Edgefield during our meeting on June 15. After an outstanding dinner prepared by our supper committee Sheriff Rowland gave a presentation and update on the new law enforcement center being built on Rabbit Trail Road. The law enforcement center is the largest capital construction project in the county's history and will be a major

upgrade to our current facility which was built in the 1970's. The new facility will house the entire Sheriff's Department, a detention center, evidence storage, an officer training area, offices for the Magistrate and staff, and a first for the county, a Magistrate's courtroom. To say that Sheriff Rowland is excited about the new facility is an understatement. The facility is on track to be completed in 2024.

After Sherriff Rowland's presentation Distinguished Community Service Awards were presented to former Sherriff Billy Parker, former Edgefield Police Chief Mack Ryans, former Trenton Police Chief Deke Tanks, and former County Coroner Thurmond Burnette. These four men served Edgefield County and its citizens for more than 150 years. Sheriff Rowland presented the plaque to Billy Parker, Edgefield Police Chief Ronnie Carter presented the plaque to Mack Ryans, Trenton Police Chief Josh Corley presented the plaque to Deke Tanks, and Edgefield County Coroner David Burnette presented to plaque to his father Thurmond Burnette.

On the Horizon

I know it's the height of summer but are you ready for some football, fantasy football that is. We are looking to start a fantasy football league and would like to have a minimum of 10 teams. Fantasy football is great for both the casual and the avid football fan. And don't worry if you've never played before, we'll provide instructions. If you are interested or would like some additional information contact Winston at 803-761-2508 or wboddie013@gmail.com.

The Department is holding a second Veteran Experience Action Center (VEAC) August 10-12 at South Carolina National Guard, 301 N. Campus Blvd, Spartanburg.

- August 10th 0900-1500 (Thursday)
- August 11th 0900-1500 (Friday)
- August 12th 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.

The Department is looking for volunteers to help staff the event. If you're interested in volunteering contact Spartanburg Post 28 Commander, Carroll Owings at 865-541-3057.

Legionnaire of the Quarter



Bobby Lee Hammond Jr, Colonel, U.S. Air Force, retired, is our Legionnaire of the Quarter. Bobby was born in 1935 in Augusta, GA. He was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force in 1957 and retired in 1990 after 33 years of service. Throughout his career Col Hammond was stationed at the Strategic Air Command, Military Airlift command, flew combat missions in Vietnam, provided air support to the Berlin Crisis, Cuban Crisis, Just Cause (Grenada),

Urgent Fury (Panama), and was part of the airlift that recovered hostages from Iran. Col Hammond was awarded the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal w/OLC, Combat Readiness Medal w/8 OLCs, Vietnam Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and many more. Bobby has been a member of Post 30 for 26 years.

Transfer to Post Everlasting

★ *John Wight passed away on Saturday June 3, 2023 at the age of 75. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, a retired mortgage banker and a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Edgefield.*

★ *William O. “Billy” Doolittle passed away on June 24, 2023 at the age of 83. Billy retired from the U.S. Air Force after 21 years of service. After retirement he returned to Edgefield and retired for a second time from Pendarvis Chevrolet. Billy was a member of Post 30 for 26 years and a lifelong member of the Forty & Eight.*

Calendar of Events

July 20, 2023

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, meeting at 1830

August 10-12, 2023

Veteran Experience Action Center, South Carolina National Guard Armory, 301 N. Campus Blvd, Spartanburg

August 17, 2023

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, meeting at 1830

September 21, 2023

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, meeting at 1830

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.