

POST 30 NEWS



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Commander's Corner

2023 is going to be an exciting year for Post 30. Focusing on getting back to normal after a few tumultuous years, growing our membership, and increasing community involvement are our goals for this year. These are all attainable, and as a matter of fact, we're well on our way to accomplishing them. We've already made great strides in membership and have a solid roadmap for normalization and increasing community involvement. While we're off to a great start there's still a lot more to do, and as the old saying goes, "together we can accomplish anything."

During our January meeting we debuted our calendar of events for the year and we're going to be busy. In addition to our monthly executive committee and business meetings we have plans to host two community-wide events, an inaugural Family Day in April and a 5K in November, have post delegates attend all State Departmental meetings and conferences, set-up a post booth at community events, and last but not least explore the possibility of holding monthly bingo nights. It is an aggressive plan but one that can be achieved with everyone working together.

Our first community-wide event will be our inaugural Family Day which is scheduled for Saturday April 29th. This will be an opportunity for us to open our doors and welcome veterans

and their families to come and spend a day with us. The goal will be to showcase our community involvement, mission, vision, and facilities in an effort to attract new members and reengage with former members. We have a number of volunteers for the planning committee but welcome additional volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to assist in the planning or for volunteering at Family Day contact Winston Boddie at 803-761-2508 or wboddie013@gmail.com.

If you were unable to attend the January meeting I encourage you to join us in February. Our February meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 16th. Dinner is served at 1800 followed by the business meeting at 1830. Dinner is \$5 and we need you to RSVP no later than Monday February 13th. You can RSVP by email to the post email address or by calling Billy Doolittle at 803-637-3722.

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

Last month we challenged you with a recruiting goal and you delivered. At our January meeting we introduced the newest members to our ranks, Will Beaver, Randy Dedrickson, Paul May, and Brendal and Micki Pennington. In addition we welcomed Charles Ashley as a guest. WOW, what a way to start a new year!

With the addition of our new members we are at 37% of our 2023 membership goal after just one month. That’s a fantastic start – but there’s still work to be done. Keep recruiting. I truly believe the next generation of Post 30 colleagues live in our community, we just need to extend an invitation to them. Our inaugural Family Day will be a great recruiting opportunity. Start extending invitations.

Thank you to those that have paid their 2023 membership dues. We are sitting at 78% paid which is a big jump from last month. Let’s see if we can get our percentage above 90% next month. If you have not paid your dues you can pay me in person or online at <https://www.legion.org>.
-- Jane Doolittle, Post 30 Adjutant

Calendar of Events

February 13, 2023

Executive Committee Meeting

February 16, 2023

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, meeting at 1830

March 5-8, 2023

National Commander in South Carolina

March 13, 2023

Executive Committee Meeting

March 16, 2023

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, meeting at 1830

SOUND OFF!

As we work to improve our newsletter we need your feedback. What would you like to see in future newsletters? Come on, don’t be shy. We need to hear from you. Drop us an email at the post email address or call Tommy (803-3360-9127), Jane (803-480-1061), or Winston (803-761-2508). Also, if you know of someone who would benefit from reading our newsletter let us know and we’ll get them a copy.

News and Notes

Sunday 5 Feb is Four Chaplains Sunday.

On Feb. 3, 1943, the United States Army Transport Dorchester tragically sunk while crossing the North Atlantic, transporting troops to an American base in Greenland. A German U-boat fired a torpedo that struck the Dorchester, killing 672 of the 902 officers and enlisted men, merchant seamen and civilian workers aboard. Many of those survivors owe their lives to the courage and leadership exhibited by four chaplains of different faiths, who, in sacrificing their lives, created a unique legacy of brotherhood.

As soldiers rushed to lifeboats, Reverend George Fox (Methodist), Jewish Rabbi Alexander Goode, Reverend Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed) and Father John Washington (Roman Catholic) comforted the wounded and directed others to safety. One survivor watched the chaplains distribute life jackets, and when they ran out, they removed theirs and gave them to four young men. As the Dorchester sank, the chaplains were seen linked arm in arm, praying.

Vet Tix – Tickets for Troops – Veterans

Vet Tix provides tickets to events which reduce stress, strengthen family bonds, build life-long memories and encourage service members and veterans to stay engaged with local communities and American life.

Vet Tix provides tickets to all branches of currently-serving Military and Veterans, including immediate family of troops KIA.

This is a great organization and there are lots of opportunities to attend events in our area. For more information visit: <https://www.vettix.org/>