

POST 30 NEWS



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Commander's Corner

Post 30 is on the rise. The momentum we've created the past couple of months continued throughout May and we had another busy and productive month. But this is only the start.

We need to continue to grow our membership and that starts with you. Please promote Post 30 to all veterans and invite your family and friends to all our events. Enticing veterans to attend a meeting and consistent community involvement is the key to success. It will take all of us working together to grow our membership. There are approximately 2,000 veterans in the county but there are less than 250 members in the four veteran service organizations in the county combined. That's a lot of untapped potential in our backyard. If you have an idea on a way recruit new members or for a community event let us know.

Continue reading for a recap of our May events along with a look at what we have coming up. Thanks to everyone for your continued support. We hope to see you at our next 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

July marks the beginning of 2024 for membership. We attained 100% membership for 2023. Thanks to everyone for their timeliness in paying their dues. Our goal for

2024 is not only to maintain 100% membership but to do it by Veterans Day, 11 November. This is a very lofty goal but one I believe is very achievable. Our annual dues are \$55 and there are multiple ways for you to pay. You can pay me directly with cash or check at one of our meetings or you can pay electronically at mylegion.org. If you pay electronically you can do a one-time payment or setup recurring payments. If you need help establishing your electronic payment reach out for assistance.

-- Jane Doolittle, Post 30 Adjutant

Recap of May Events

We had an outstanding day at the market on the 20th. Thanks to Tommy and his wife, Preston Creech and his wife, Tom Yoder and his wife, Jane, and Paul May for volunteering to help man our booth. Throughout the day we had the opportunity to interact with numerous veterans and extended invites to visit us for a meeting. We were also able to sell 26 rifle raffle tickets and collect \$68 in the poppie jar for the Auxiliary. It was a great day!



Winston and Suzy represented Post 30 at the American Legion Department of South Carolina annual conference 19-21 May. On day one they got to hear from Department leaders and to cast votes on behalf of Post 30 for the proposed changes to the state constitution and by-laws. There were several amendments proposed that, if passed, would have shifted the balance of power in the state away from all posts and put it in the hands of the few large posts. Thankfully all the smaller posts united and voted down those amendments. On day two they got to cast votes to elect the 2024 Department Officers and to accept recognition from the Department on our 100% membership goal.

On Monday 29 May the Edgefield Veterans' Memorial Park was packed with over 120 veterans and community members as we remembered and honored the Edgefield County service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Members from the Fort Gordon Youth Challenge Academy posted the colors and the guest speaker, Master Sergeant Dwight Hora, US Marine Corps, Retired was the guest speaker. It was a very solemn and moving event. Visit the [Memorial Day Ceremony page](#) on our website.



On the Horizon

We have a special meeting lined up for everyone on 15 June. Sheriff Jody Rowland and a few of his officers join us. After dinner Sheriff Rowland will give a presentation on the new law enforcement center that is currently under construction. Since this is a county-wide initiative we've invited the members of American Legion Posts 154 and 222 and VFW Post 6932 to join us. We should have a packed house. Don't miss the opportunity to hear from Sheriff Rowland and to socialize with our brethren from the other posts. Please call ahead or send us an email to RSVP so we can have an accurate account for the supper committee.

From June 11-17 the young men and women Post 30 and the Auxiliary sponsored for Boys and Girls State will be enjoying their time at camp. Once they return home we plan to invite them to join us at a meeting to let us know what they learned. We did this last year and it was very inspirational.

Calendar of Events

June 8, 2023

Paint and Sip, 1830 at TLC Confections located in Edgefield Square

June 11-17, 2023

Boy's State & Girl's State

June 15, 2023

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, meeting at 1830

July 20, 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.