

POST 30 NEWS



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Commander's Comments

I extend my deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all veterans on this upcoming Veterans Day. Veterans are the backbone of our nation. They stood tall in the face of danger and never wavered. Our nation stands strong and free because of their selfless dedication and unwavering commitment. Please join us this Veterans Day, Saturday November 11 at 1100, as we gather at Edgefield Veterans' Memorial Park to salute our veterans.

I'd like to remind everyone to RSVP as soon as possible for our Christmas Dinner scheduled for Thursday December 21. Our deadline for reservations in December 1, less than a month away. So far we only have 9 confirmations but we need a minimum of 25. It will catered by 3rd Generation Catering & Family Restaurant in Johnston. The menu will be the turkey and dressing, gravy, green beans or peas, yams, macaroni & cheese, rolls, and iced tea. It will cost \$17 per person. Please contact me, Jane, Winston, or send us an email at our Post email address as soon as you can.

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

Membership is an important part of our mission. We should always be recruiting the

next generation of Post 30 colleagues, encouraging former members to rejoin our ranks, and promoting our post every chance we get. All veterans and their family members are welcomed so please extend an invitation to our monthly meetings to all.

November is membership retention month for the American Legion. The membership target for each post is 65% and we are currently sitting at 60%. If you have not paid your 2024 dues please get them paid as soon as possible. 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.

-- Jane Doolittle, Post 30 Adjutant

Pecan Fundraiser Update

Our pecan fundraiser is off to a great start. Thanks to top seller Sam Watson, we have sold over half of our order. The most popular are the Roasted & Salted Pecans, Chocolate, and Glazed. Please continue your pre-sale efforts and contact Tommy, Jane, Winston, or send us an email at our Post email address to update us on your orders.

	Bags Remaining
Mammoth Pecan Halves	23
Roasted & Salted Pecans	30

Roasted & Salted Cashews	18
Milk Chocolate Pecans	105
Cinnamon Glazed Pecans	50
Glazed Pecans	23

Edgefield Arts with a Heart Market

Post 30 was chosen by the market coordinators to be the non-profit of the month for the November 18 market. What does that mean you ask; Post 30 will be highlighted during the market and all vendor fees and proceeds from the market raffle will be donated to us. The market will be held in the Edgefield Square from 1000-1400 and we are still in need of volunteers to help us man our tent and sell raffle tickets. Volunteers are not required to stay the entire time. If you would like to help raise money for the Post and have an hour or two to spare, contact Winston at 803-761-2508 or drop us an email at the Post email address.

Chaplain’s Corner

“THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!”

It is Veterans Day again. A time when much of America is reminded of the sacrifices men and women in the Armed Forces have made. It’s a time when a Veteran can literally eat three meals for free all day, with valid ID (or hat or sweatshirt) of course. It’s a time to hoist the Flag and remember that freedom isn’t free.

Mostly, it’s a time to say THANK YOU! I appreciate when people say “thank you for your service.” I’ve stopped wondering if they know what exactly they are thanking me for, and just started being gracious. Sometimes I might reply “thank you for yours!”

I am one of younger folks in our American Legion. I’ve not experienced half the stuff some of you have. So I salute you, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE THEN, SINCE, and NOW. Just you reading this tells me you continue to serve God and Country! I am honored to be amongst you all. This year, I’d like to personally try something different. Instead of simply telling a Veteran “thank you for your service,” I’d like to

try saying “thank you for your service. How may I serve you in return?” Words are cheap. Understanding is better. Action is best!

Let us all continue to thank each other for our service, but rededicate ourselves to continuing to serve. Like the Marines say, “there is no ex-Marine. Once a Marine, always a Marine!

PRO DEO ET PATRIA!

-- William Beaver, Post 30 Chaplain

Transfer to Post Everlasting

★ *Vernon Holmes passed away on Friday October 13, 2023 at the age of 74. He joined the USMC in 1967 and served in Vietnam. He was also assigned as a presidential detail to President Nixon and a detail to King Hussein of Jordan. After 4 years of service, he started work as a chemist at SRS where he retired after many years of service. He was a member of Plum Branch Baptist Church.*

Calendar of Events

November 11, 2023

Veterans Day Ceremony, 1100, Edgefield Veterans’ Memorial Park

November 18, 2023

Edgefield Arts with a Heart Market, 1000-1400, Edgefield Square, Post 30 is the Market Non-Profit Recipient

November 18, 2023

4th Annual Veterans’ Appreciation Day, 1000-1600, 161 Twin Lakes Drive, Ward

December 21, 2023

Annual Post Christmas Dinner at 1800

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.