

POST 30 NEWS



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Commander's Corner

We had a great turnout for our Post field day on 23 April. We were able to get the Post spit shined and ready for the community to visit during our Family Day and Open House. Thanks to all who came out to help.

Beginning in May the Post 30 Auxiliary will change their meeting to coincide with ours. They will join us for dinner and hold their meeting in the other room while we hold our meeting. It will be great to have Post 30 and the Auxiliary together every month.

As a reminder, our May meeting will be our annual Memorial Service where we will honor and remember our three comrades who have transitioned to Post Everlasting: Barbara Settle, Pee Wee Padgett, and Ed Marshall.

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

During our April meeting we elected the officers that will lead us in 2024. Our new officers are:

Commander: Tommy Tripp

Vice Commander: Winston Boddie

Adjutant: Jane Doolittle

Treasurer: Doug Timmerman

Sergeant at Arms: Alan Perano

Chaplain: Will Beaver

Historian: Suzy Spurgeon

Trustee: Luther Beason

Please join me in welcoming our newest Post 30 and Auxiliary members who joined our ranks during Family Day.

Howell Watson was a Sergeant in the US Army (1994-2002). He was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he worked in Civil Affairs.

Heather Evans is a veteran of the US Air Force (1991-1995). She worked as a dental assistant and attained the rank of Senior Airman.

David Most served in the US Navy Reserves from 2000-2012 and attained the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class. He deployed to Iraq with the SEEBEES from Aug 2004-Aug 2005 where he supported Operation Phantom Fury.

Myrna Shoffner, mother of Post 30 member Micki Pennington, is the newest Auxiliary member. Myrna is originally from Michigan and recently relocated to Edgefield.

-- Jane Doolittle, Post 30 Adjutant

Recap of April Events

April was a busy and productive month for Post 30. On 15 April we had a booth at the new Edgefield Arts with a Heart Market and on 29 April we held our first Family Day and Open House. Both events were very successful and created buzz and excitement for Post 30.

From our booth at the Edgefield Arts with a Heart Market on the Edgefield Square we were able to interact with the community, advertise for our Family Day & Open House, and sell rifle raffle tickets and our remaining pecans. We sold 18 rifle raffle tickets and all our pecans, but the best news was that the market coordinators

selected Post 30 as their non-profit of the month for November. Each month's market is dedicated to a local non-profit with the proceeds of the market raffle benefiting the non-profit of the month. To put it in perspective, \$1,800 was donated to the non-profit of the month for April. This is going to be a great opportunity for us to continue our community interaction and to raise some funds.

Next up was Family Day & Open House. It was a huge success. If you didn't get the chance to stop by you missed a great opportunity to see our Post teaming with visitors enjoying a free hot dog and learning about our community outreach and events. Visitors from across the CSRA stopped by along with a contingent from Post 71 in North Augusta. Post 71 Commander Dusty Dawson and his family visited, and his dad won one of our door prizes.

In addition to having the community visit us we were able to raise \$126 in our donations jar, sell \$500 worth of rifle raffle tickets, gain three new members for Post 30, and one new member for the Auxiliary. **What. A. Day.** There is so much more to tell you about than we can fit in the newsletter. To read more about the day and to view pictures visit our [Family Day & Open House page](#) under the Events section on our website.

In addition to our volunteers, a big part of our success this month is thanks to our community benefactors. Especially Robert Brazell and the Ole Edgefield Butcher Shop. We ordered all of our food items from Robert for Family Day and when we went to pick it up he was kind enough to donate everything (hot dogs, buns, chips, soft drinks, water, plus napkins and paper plates). Our community is strong because of people like Robert and the Ole Edgefield Butcher Shop. Let's return the favor by frequenting the shop and thanking Robert and his team for all their support.

On the Horizon

The May Edgefield Arts with a Heart Market is scheduled for Saturday 20 May from 1000-

1400. **We need volunteers to help Tommy during the event. He needs help with setup, manning the booth, and to break it down afterwards. You don't have to volunteer for the entire event. If you have an hour or two you can spare please consider volunteering.** Our normal volunteers will be busy representing Post 30 at the South Carolina Department Convention or taking a well-deserved vacation. This is a great opportunity for us to continue the momentum we created at Family Day and it will be our last chance to sell rifle raffle tickets to the public. The rifle raffle has been a great fundraiser for us and we need to capitalize on this fundraiser. **Please contact us ASAP if you're available to volunteer.**

Calendar of Events

May 18, 2023

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, meeting at 1830

May 20, 2023

Edgefield Arts with a Heart Market, 1000-1400 at Edgefield Square

May 19-21, 2023

104th SC Department Convention, Columbia

May 29, 2023

Memorial Day Ceremony, 1000, Edgefield Veterans' Memorial Park

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

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.