

POST 30 NEWS



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Commander's Comments

Increasing our membership and our community outreach have been at the forefront for Post 30 this year. We have gained several new members and have hosted some very exciting community events so far this year, but we can do better. I urge each of us to continue to promote Post 30 to all veterans. Invite prospective members to one of our meetings to see what we're all about. Also, don't forget to renew your membership for 2024 as soon as you can. You will find the details on how to renew in Jane's Adjutant Advisory section.

Thanks to those that volunteered to help with rentals last month. Please touch base with me at our next meeting so I can record everyone's name. We will schedule a time to meet and discuss the details and to ensure you have a key to the building.

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

A friendly reminder that it is time to renew our dues for 2024. Our annual dues cost \$55 and our target date for having everyone pay their dues is: October 31, 2023. Currently, 38% of our membership have paid their 2024 Dues.

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

Post 30 in the Community

On 7 and 14 August 2023 members from Post 30 visited Wardlaw Academy and Johnston, Edgefield, and Trenton (JET) Middle School to teach the school's flag teams about the U.S. Flag, flag etiquette, history, and how to raise, lower, and fold the flag. We had a great time speaking with them and answering their many excellent questions about flag etiquette, history, and how to raise, lower, and fold the flag. Every one of them did an outstanding job, showing a great deal of interest and proper respect as they practiced folding and raising the flag.

Wardlaw Academy's Flag team



JET Middle School Flag Team



Post 30 joined together with Posts 154 and 222 from Johnston and VFW Post 6932 from Edgefield on Thursday September 7, 2023, to donate 54 U.S. Flags to Strom Thurmond High School. Funding for the flags was made possible by our District Commander Jerome Childs and it was his idea to have all the Posts come together to donate the flags. The flags will be proudly displayed in each classroom at the high school.

Member of Posts 30, 154, 222, VFW Post 6932, and representatives from Strom Thurmond High School



On the Horizon

It's the time of year when Post 30 goes *NUTS*. The order for our fall pecan fundraiser has been placed and pre-orders can begin now. We should expect delivery around Thanksgiving. We will have pre-order sheets available at our next meeting. Each bag is \$12 and are selections are below.

Mammoth Pecan Halves 12oz

Roasted & Salted Pecans	12oz
Roasted & Salted Cashews	12oz
Milk Chocolate Pecans	12oz
Cinnamon Glazed Pecans	10oz
Glazed Pecans	8oz

We have invited delegates and their parents from the 2023 Boys State and Girls State that were sponsored by us and our Auxiliary to our September meeting. Like last year, we've asked that they share some highlights of what they learned with the Post. We're hoping to receive confirmation of their attendance soon. We hope you will be in attendance. You won't want to miss hearing from our local future leaders.

4th Annual Veterans' Appreciation Day Event Presented by Herrin Enterprises, Inc

Who: All Veterans, Active-Duty Service Members, their Spouses and Children.

When: Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 1000-1600

Where: 161 Twin Lakes Drive, Ward 29166

Featured Activities: Guest Speaker, Patriotism, Remembrance, Fellowship, Food, Games and Rides. Representatives from several Veterans organizations will be present.

Raffle Drawing:

Raffle tickets are on sale now and the drawing will take place on the day of the event. The winner does not need to be present. Tickets are one for \$5 or three for \$10. 1st prize \$400, 2nd prize is a 32" Smart TV, and 3rd prize is \$200. Please contact Jane Doolittle or Jerome Childs 803-270-8260 for tickets.

Please Note: You must RSVP with Jerome Childs 803-270-8260, Johnny Herrin 803-439-5677, or Shawn Herrin 828-781-8804 **NO LATER THAN October 28, 2022.**

Chaplain's Corner

"Don't Be a Lone Ranger"

"A cord of three strands is not easily broken." – Ecclesiastes 4:12

I have heard this verse from the Old Testament many times, often in reference to married couples. As I grow older and face ongoing challenges we all must cope with, like caring for aging parents, weighing retirement options, struggling with health issues, and paying bills in an ever-increasing costly economy, it's easy to feel overwhelmed.

There's an Army slogan that says each Soldier is an "Army of One" which encourages each Soldier to handle his or her own responsibilities even when help is not available. Ironically, the more complex the mission or task, the harder it is for a lone person to be successful in that mission or task. I don't know about you, but I have found that it is truly easier for a team of two or three to accomplish the mission or task quicker and more accurately, leaving each person with more energy to complete another mission.

On a simple scale, have you seen how fast we clean up our American Legion building after each meeting? Everyone freely lends a hand. When facing a personal challenge that seems overwhelming, why do we so often want to go it alone? Pride? Not wanting to ask for help? I encourage all of us to call on those to our left and right for help, and to be willing to help them in their time of need.

-- William Beaver, Post 30 Chaplain

Transfer to Post Everlasting

★ *Jimmy Painter passed away on Friday September 8, 2023 at the age of 84. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and had been a member of Post 30 for 26 years. Jimmy was also a retired Postal worker, a retired Fire Chief of Edgefield Fire Department, Chairman of Aiken Electric Co-op round up board, and a member of Edgefield First Baptist Church.*

Calendar of Events

September 21, 2023

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, meeting at 1830

October 14, 2023

District 17 Meeting, Post 30, meeting at 1000

October 19, 2023

Monthly Meeting, Dinner at 1800, meeting at 1830

November 11, 2023

Veterans Day Ceremony, Time TBD, 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

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.