



The American Legion



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AMERICAN LEGION HOME

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April 2023

IMPORTANT DATES (in April)

- Apr 5** (Wed)-Monthly breakfast, 9 am
- Apr 6** (Thur)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
- Apr 6** (Thur)-Executive Board meeting, 6:30 pm
- Apr 7** (Fri)-**Good Friday**
- Apr 9** (Sun)-**Easter**
- Apr 13** (Thur)-Auxiliary meeting, 5:00 pm
- Apr 13** (Thur)-Membership dinner, 6:30 pm
- Apr 13** (Thur)-Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm
- Apr 15** (Sat)-Day Lily Society, 11:30 am
- Apr 15** (Sat)-Exchange Club car show, 8 am- 5 pm, Exchange Club fairgrounds
- Apr 18** (Tues) **Tax Day**
- Apr 19** (Wed)-NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am
- Apr 20** (Thur)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
- Apr 20** (Thur)-40&8, 6:30 pm
- Apr 20** (Thur)-Lee County ROTC Awards night
- Apr 22** (Sat)-**Earth Day**
- Every Wed**- Coffee & donuts

POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had the following deaths in the month of March:

- 3/13: Richard Gerfen, U.S. Army, Vietnam
- 3/7: James Parker, U.S. Navy

ADJUTANT'S COMMENTS (Gary Fowler, Post 30 Adjutant)

Don't forget our Wednesday monthly breakfast is on Wednesday, April 5 at 9:00 am. Enjoy great fellowship and enjoy a fantastic meal of bacon, sausage, gravy, grits, biscuits, coffee, and juice for the spectacular low price of \$5.00. Our Wednesday mornings of donuts and coffee will be the 12th, 19th, and 26th of the month. Our Monthly Dinner and program will be on Thursday, April 13, starting at 6:30 pm. The menu will feature pulled chicken, BBQ ribs, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, and banana pudding. And you get all this great food for just \$10.00. Come participate in the business of Post 30 and hear a good speaker on a relevant topic of the day. Don't forget Palm Sunday on April 2, Passover on April 6, Good Friday on April 7, and of course Easter on Sunday, the 9th of April. See you at the post! For GOD and Country.

Important dates in April:

- Apr 6, 1917: Following a vote by Congress, the U.S. declared war on Germany. However, the US Army had to expand before it could contribute to the war effort. The Navy was more prepared.
- Apr 9, 1865: The Civil War effectively ended at Appomattox Court in Virginia after Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered his Army to

Union General Ulysses S. Grant. At least 360,000 Union and 260,000 Confederate soldiers died during the Civil War.

-Apr 12, 1861: The American Civil War began when Confederate soldiers fired on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. The fort had been the source of tension between the Union and Confederacy for several months. After South Carolina seceded, the state demanded the fort be turned over, but Union officials refused.

-Apr 14, 1865: President Abraham Lincoln was shot and killed at Ford's Theater in Washington.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER (Dan Brewer, Historian)

Robbie McCook, U.S. Air Force

Robbie McCook was born in Miami, Florida on September 18, 1948. At age 10, Robbie, his mom, brother and two sisters moved to Tampa. He attended Chamberlain High School, played football, and graduated in 1966. Following graduation, He worked at a lumber company for a brief period before enlisting in the United States Air Force. Robbie did his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB) in San Antonio, Texas. After basic, he went straight to Vandenberg AFB, Lompoc, California, as a heavy equipment operator. After two years there, he was sent to Korea in February 1968. Going to Korea was significant because this is just after the North Koreans captured the USS Pueblo (January 23, 1968). In Korea, Robbie was part of building an air base eight miles outside of Kwang Ju, South Korea, named Kwang Ju Air Base. The base remained in U.S. control until 1991, when it was turned over the South Koreans. After six months, Robbie returned to Vandenberg AFB. He stayed there except for a brief period at Eglin AFB. Robbie was discharged from the Air Force in 1970, and became a plumber and pipe fitter in Santa Barbara, California. Robbie remained in California for the next twenty-five years. During that time, he went to welding school in Los Angeles. In 1993, Robbie moved back home and married his high school sweetheart (Shelly) in Tampa and worked there for several years as a welder. He and his wife moved to Leesburg in 2012, where he started working at the Marine Corps Logistic Base, but after four years there, Robbie retired. In retirement, Robbie basically runs the house since his wife is still working. Robbie and his wife have three adult daughters. He has been a member of American Legion, Post for the past ten years and is a master mason in the Masonic Lodge as well as a Shriner. Robbie and his wife are members at First Baptist church, Leesburg.

Thank you, Robbie, for your service.

**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE (Dr. Doc Williams,
Post 30 Chaplain)**

Good Friday Meaning

"So, when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit." **John 19:30** (NKJV)

What is understood by 'Good Friday'? It is the Friday that Jesus was crucified and is called 'good' because it reminds us of the cost of restoring humanity to a peaceful relationship with God. Jesus' shed blood was what God required to forgive human sin. Good Friday was a dark day as the sinless Jesus hung on a Roman cross.

One of the last seven words of Jesus from the cross was "It is finished," as Jesus died for your sin and mine. His would be the final, all sufficient sacrifice for human sin. It also reminds us of God's eternal love for humanity.

Churches commemorate Good Friday in various ways. Most church services are different, being more solemn. Usually, the altar and other church furniture are bare of festive cloths and candles. However, the cross remains usually with a purple veil as a visible reminder of Jesus' sacrificial death.

Many observe the day with solitude and reflective silence. Others commemorate the day by reading the Stations of the Cross or Jesus' Seven Last Words from the cross with their meaning. John records Jesus declaring, "It is finished" as He expires on the cross. Salvation's work as orchestrated by God Himself is finished.

John 3:16-17 declares that all may receive salvation by faith in Jesus' redemptive work at Calvary. Receive His gift of salvation today. Amen.

**AUXILIARY UNIT 30 (Barbara Norvell,
Auxiliary President)**

It is April and Happy Easter to all. Hope everyone has a nice time with their families and good weather to celebrate! The Gillionville luncheon for Saint Patrick's Day was a huge success. Thank you to all who helped decorate and made the day memorable. Yours truly will be 82 years old on Good Friday and I thank everyone for all your support as president of

the ladies' auxiliary.

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 13 at 5:30 pm. I hope to see you all there.

Love and prayers for God and Country

**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE (Dr. Daniel R. Brewer,
Post 30 Commander)**

First, don't forget that we have some important dates in April. Good Friday this year is on April 7th and Easter is on Sunday, April 9th. Also, our annual Tax Day is Tuesday, April 18, and finally Earth Day is Saturday, April 22.

Our monthly dinner will be on Thursday, April 13. I plan to do two things after our dinner. First, we will have Mr. Al Wynn, Director of Alive Home Healthcare, give us an update on veteran benefits, specifically home health care. This is a benefit for veterans who have served at least 180 days on active duty, meaning the service is provided at no cost to the veteran. Mr. Wynn will explain this home health service again and will take your questions.

Secondly, I will explain some money coming our way at the legion, through a will. I was notified last month by Department that an English gentleman by the name of Mr. Frederick Furze died and left us some funds from his will. It turns out that Mr. Furze was from Plymouth, England and passed away in April 2020. It has taken the English law firm almost three years to locate the American Legion Post 30 in the United States and notify us of his last will and testament.

I will tell you more about his life at the dinner as I am awaiting his obituary from the law firm in Plymouth English. What I do know is that he left 4.16666% share of the residuary estate for the benefit of the Georgia branch of the American Legion, specifically Post 30 in Albany, Georgia. What I don't know yet is why he did this, as everything else in his estate went to either family or English associations.

We estimate his net worth was more or less 240,000 English Pounds, which would be approximately \$300,000. More to come.

Duty, Honor Country is what we stand for

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Dr. Daniel R. Brewer

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Jerry Garrett, *Grounds*

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