



The American Legion



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August 2022

IMPORTANT DATES (in August)

Aug 3 (Wed)- Monthly breakfast, 9 am
Aug 4 (Thu)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
Aug 4 (Thu)- Executive Board meeting 6:30 pm
Aug 11 (Thu)- Auxiliary meeting, 5:30 pm
Aug 11 (Thu)- Membership dinner, 6:30 pm
Aug 17 (Wed)- Walgreens shot clinic, 10 am-2
Aug 17 (Wed)- NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am
Aug 18 (Thu)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
Aug 18 (Thu)- 40&8, 6:30 pm
Aug 18 (Thu)- Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm
Every Wed- Coffee & donuts
Every Day- Fly your flag

POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had one death in the month of July:

- TSGT (Ret) Charlie Rose, U.S. Air Force (Korea, Viet Nam)

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

Greetings to you and yours. Our membership renewals are coming in and that is a good thing. Membership is a vital thing for any organization, and we need each of our members to renew as soon as possible in order for our Legion to continue to grow and have the resources to meet the needs of our Veterans and their families. Our monthly breakfast will be on August 3rd beginning at 9:00 AM for the unbelievable low price of just \$5.00. The four following Wednesdays of the month, we will have free donuts and coffee, fellowship, and the expounding wisdom of roundtable discussions. Our monthly \$10.00 Dinner meeting is on Thursday August 11th at 6:30 PM. Menu is fried catfish fillets, hush huppies, cheese grits, cole slaw and dessert.

In my first month, as your new Adjutant, I have been able to meet so many members that I did not know; other than by name, as you came in to pay your dues. It has been a pleasure to meet each of you and to put a face to a name. That is what being in The American Legion is all about. I know all of us have very busy lives, but we need that fellowship! So come out, meet some wonderful people, join in our activities, and who knows; we may find time to enjoy more of life and help others along the way. See you at the post!

For God and Country

Important dates in August:

Aug 2, 1990: The invasion of Kuwait by Iraqi forces, which resulted in Desert Storm, the U.S. led

military buildup and war against Iraq.

Aug 6, 1945: The 1st atomic bomb was dropped over Hiroshima by American B-29, *Enola Gay*. The bomb destroyed the city, killing 205,000 people.

Aug 7, 1964: Following the attack on 2 U.S. destroyers off the Gulf of Tonkin, in North Vietnam, Congress approved the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, giving President Johnson unlimited powers to oppose "communist aggression" in Southeast Asia.

Aug 9, 1945: The 2nd atomic bombing of Japan occurred.

Aug 14, 1945: WWII ended with Japan surrendering.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER (*Dan Brewer, Historian*)

Bill Alford, U.S. Army

Bill Alford was born in Millen, Georgia and raised in Waynesboro, Georgia. Bill did all his schooling in Waynesboro, graduating from Waynesboro High school in 1961. Following high school, he attended North Georgia College, where he participated in ROTC, graduating in June 1965. After graduation Bill joined the Army and was sent to Fort Campbell Kentucky as a member of the 101st Airborne Division. He worked in the division G3 headquarters, waiting for a class opening with the Infantry Officer Basic Course (IOBC). He left for IOBC in October 1965, graduating in December. Following IOBC, Bill went to jump school, which was also at Fort Benning. Following completion of his schooling, Bill returned to Fort Campbell and then went to Jungle Warfare school in Panama for three weeks. After graduation in Panama, he received orders for Vietnam as a Platoon Leader. He left for Vietnam in August 1966. But upon arriving in Vietnam, Bill received a change of orders and a promotion to 1st Lieutenant. His new orders assigned him to the 245th Psychologist Operations Company, in Plieku, South Vietnam, which is located in the central highlands region. Having no training in the psychology field or PSYOPs as it is known, he spent the first month in Plieku, being oriented to PSYOP operations, including such things as leaflet design and compositions as well as audio techniques. Following completion of his orientation, Bill was assigned to 5/7 Cav, 1st Air Cavalry Division as the psychological warfare officer. His job basically consisted of listening to a lot of intelligence briefings and then designing leaflets and audio tapes to distribute in order to encourage the Vietnamese to defect to the South. His job required him to stay in the field continuously, which he did for 11 months. Bill completed his tour in August 1967 and returned to Fort Lee, Virginia where he attended the Quartermasters Officer Basic course. The reason Bill went to IOBC first was because all regular Army officers were required to

spend two years in combat arms, hence infantry school, before going to Quartermasters school. While at the Fort Lee, Bill was promoted to Captain. Following his quartermaster training, he transferred to the 246th Supply & Service Company, Fort Meade, Maryland as the Company Commander. After 8 months there, his unit left Fort Meade and was relocated to Fort Lewis, Washington. Bill spent about 18 months at Fort Lewis but decided it was time to resign his commission and return to civilian life. Bill left the military, serving a total of 4 ½ years. After his service years were completed, Bill went into the mortgage business here in Albany, where his wife taught school at Deerfield. Bill retired from his civilian occupation in 2005. He and his wife, Susan, have three adult children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Bill has been a member of the legion for 10 years.

Thank you, Bill for your service

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

"So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped." Exodus 34:8 (NKJV)

Success is many faceted. I want to be successful in my life, and I want God to be pleased with my success. Don't you? I want to experience godly success. Was Moses successful according to God? He led the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage. He led them across the Red Sea, drowning the Egyptian Army in the process. He supplied their needs in the wilderness. He led them to the Promised Land. In reality, God did all of these things and many more miracles through Moses. Was Moses successful? How can we obtain godly success in our lives today? It is not about what we do but how we live our faith in Jesus Christ. Our text focuses on Moses' attitude of humility after his experience with God. He quickly got as low as he could on the ground and worshipped God. Moses knew his success in his calling to lead Israel out of slavery was not in his strength but in the power of His God. Moses knew that his mission would never be accomplished without the powerful activity of God on behalf of Israel. My success in life and ministry has never been about me but about God's mighty acts of wonder to perform through my willingness to serve

others. Let's be successful by humbling ourselves before God in worshipful service to others. *Amen*

AUXILIARY UNIT 30 (Barbara Norvell, President)

Greetings ladies: I want to thank you for electing me as your president again. This is my 4th time, and a lot has changed since my last time (2005). Be sure to read the monthly newsletters as this is how I'll keep you informed. Also, if you need to reach me, my address is 3705 Old Dawson Road, Albany (31721). You can also call me at 229-376-9764 or email me at nanacasey@gmail.com;). We will meet this month on the 11th at 5:30 pm, then go to the dinner/program at 6:30 pm. Three of our girls who went to Girl's State will speak. Hope to see you there. *For God & Country*

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

Beginning in August, we will start having a PTSD group meetings twice a month at the legion from noon to 1 pm. This month they are scheduled for the 4th and 18th.

As Miss Barbara mentioned in the Auxiliary section, three of the girls who attended Girls State this summer will speak about their experiences. Additionally, we will have Mr. Alex Dimant speak at the August dinner/program. This will be a very interesting presentation, as Mr. Alex is a Jewish survivor of World War II. I met him through Ben Adler while visiting Starbucks and found his life's story to be something worth sharing. Basically, Mr. Alex was born in Kalisz, Poland, the second largest city in Poland, in 1936 and at three yrs. old, the Germans invaded his country on September 1, 1939. They were in his town of Kalisz one week later. When you consider that over 30,000 local jews were murdered by the Germans in and around Kalsz by the war's end, his story of how his family survived the war is amazing and worth hearing. Alex, and part of his family, eventually made it to the US after the war and lived for many years in the New York/New Jersey area. He now resides in Albany with his wife, Joan. You will want to hear his story.

We will again have a Walgreens shot clinic at the legion. The event is scheduled for August 17, from 10 am-2pm. Walgreens will give the following shots: flu, COVID, shingles, and pneumonia.

Duty, Honor Country is what we stand for

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Nick Nicholson