



The American Legion



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August 2023

IMPORTANT DATES (in August)

- Aug 2 (Wed)-Monthly breakfast, 9 am
- Aug 3 (Thur)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
- Aug 3 (Thur)-Executive Board meeting, 6:30 pm
- Aug 3 (Thur)-Auxiliary Board meeting, 6:30 pm
- Aug 9 (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9 am
- Aug 10 (Thur)-Membership dinner, 6:30 pm
- Aug 10 (Thur)-Installation of Officers, 7:30 pm
- Aug 13 (Sun)-2nd District semi-annual meeting-
Thomasville, 1:30 pm
- Aug 16 (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9 am
- Aug 16 (Wed)-NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am
- Aug 17 (Thur)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
- Aug 17 (Thur)-Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm
- Aug 17 (Thur)-40&8, 6:30 pm
- Aug 19 (Sat)-Day Lily, 10:30 am
- Aug 23 (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9 am

POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had no deaths in July.

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

Your membership renewals are coming in for the 2024 year and we thank you. Don't forget that if you get the early bird stamp on your new card you will receive the January meeting dinner for FREE. Our Wednesday morning breakfast will be on August 2nd where we will have bacon, sausage, grits, biscuits, sausage gravy, coffee, and juice for just \$5.00. Bring your spouse with you, she'll enjoy it. We will have our free donuts and coffee on August 9, 16, 23, and 30th, all at 9 am. Please come out and participate and meet other members of the legion. Post 30 exists for you, our veterans, and your families. Remember our monthly dinner and program will be on Thursday, August 10, starting at 6:30 pm. Our menu will consist of Hawaiian chicken, rice, green beans, side salad, and dessert. You get all this wonderful food for just \$10.00. During the program we will acknowledge our Boys and Girls State attendees, as they share their recent experiences. Our Guest speaker will be Mattie Windburn, previous Girl State attendee who represented Georgia at 2018 Girls Nation. She was also awarded the 2018 Samsung award and the State Oratorical contest. Come participate in the business of Post 30 and hear these wonderful, talented young people. See you at the post!

For GOD and Country

Important dates in August:

Aug 2, 1776: With the death of German President Paul von Hindenburg, Chancellor Adolf Hitler

became absolute dictator of Germany with the title of Reich Fuhrer

Aug 6, 1945: The 1st atomic bomb was dropped over Hiroshima by American B-29, *Enola Gay*. The bomb killed 105,000 people outright with another 100,000 later dying as a result of severe radiation exposure.

Aug 9, 1945: A second atom bomb was dropped on Japan by the United States, at Nagasaki, resulting in Japan's unconditional surrender.

Aug 14, 1945: President Truman announced that Japan had surrendered to the Allies. Known as V-J Day, or Victory over Japan Day, it marked the end of World War II, one of the most destructive wars in history.

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

Sandy Richardson, U.S. Navy

Sandy Richardson was born at Naval Air Station, Millington, Tennessee, as her father was in the Navy. Actually, both of her parents were veterans having served in the U.S. Air Force. Her father, after leaving the Air Force, worked for the railroad for a short time, but didn't like the work because of the dangers and enlisted in the Navy. He retired from the navy after 20 years of service. The family moved to Albany, as her father was stationed at Turner field, and Sandy graduated from Dougherty High school in 1977.

In November 1978, Sandy enlisted in the Navy. She did her basic training in Recruit Training Command (RTC) in Orlando. After basic training, Sandy went to basic electricity and electronics training at Naval Training Center, Orlando. Upon completion, she went to the technical training center, Corry Field, Pensacola for cryptologic technician maintenance training. After graduation, she was assigned there as a staff duty petty officer, which lasted for three years. Next, she went to Fort Gordan, Georgia as an E-5 for secure voice telephone training, abbreviated as FTC-31. From there Sandy was assigned to Naval Communication Unit, London, England. She was there four years doing their secure telephone maintenance. Next, she went to Kefalavic, Iceland for 18 months doing maintenance at the Naval Security Group activity. In 1988 Sandy left the service after 10 years and returned to Albany. Here she worked at the MCLB Albany doing electronic maintenance until she was promoted to shop planner. Sandy spent the next 30 years as a planner at the base, retiring in January 2020. After retirement she was a caregiver, first for her father, and later her sister. Sandy has a son, Daryl Richardson, who recently retired from the Navy. Sandy spends her spare time with family, the Fleet Reserve, and the American Legion. Earlier this year she joined us as a member of the Legion Executive committee.

Thank you, Sandy for your service,

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

Deep Waters

*"The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters,
but a man of understanding draws them out."*

Proverbs 20:5, (NIV)

Devotion: The most important thing I've discovered in life is my purpose. Why am I here? What am I supposed to be doing/accomplishing? Did God give me that purpose? All important information to give me guidance in life, meaning and purpose. I remember as a boy I used to fish the waters of the Flint River. Sometimes I would spend all day at the river and bring home nothing, but my sun burnt self. I'd fish in shallow waters and deeper waters. I eventually learned that better fish and bigger ones were found in deeper water. As I fished the deep Flint waters, I would bring home big catfish, bass and other fish. The writer of Proverbs learned that lesson too. He knew that to be wise, he needed to go into the "deep waters" of his heart. He knew he needed to spend time at the very center of his being with God as his Guide to show him the way to a meaningful life of purpose. As I have gotten older it is important to have a meaning-filled life. I can't do what I used to do at 20, 30, or 40 years old. I don't have the energy or brain power to do that, but I do want to be useful to God and have purpose.

Prayer: God guide us through deep waters to a purposeful life for Christ's sake. Amen.

**AUXILIARY UNIT 30 (Marilyn Fowler,
Auxiliary President)**

Well, it's already August... the summer is almost over, and school will be starting. Where did the summer go? Unit 30 partnered with the Albany Elks Lodge 713 to provide much needed help to Carl Vinson VA Medical Center Women's Health Clinic. Unit 30 sponsored a Drop-By Baby Shower on Sunday, July 16 at the Post. We had a great turnout and really enjoyed the visit from Chief Keith Griffin with Carl Vinson VA Medical Center. With the help of Post 30, the Albany Elks Lodge, both Auxiliaries and the Fleet Reserve, we were able to donate nearly \$3,500 in checks and

baby items. Special thanks to all that helped and made donations. They were very much appreciated.

We had four very excited young ladies attend Georgia Girls State on June 11-16th in Valdosta, GA. We have invited them back for Youth Night on August 10. They are excited to come and tell us about their experiences. Please be there as I know that you don't want to miss that. Please, don't forget that we need to get our membership up. We need your help to recruit new members and contact members that have not renewed. Invite someone to visit and remember to always carry a membership application with you.

Our next meeting is set for August 3 at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. The Post will provide a light meal at no cost. Hope to see you at the Post.

For God and Country,

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

We'll start the month of August off with our 9 am breakfast on Wednesday, August 2. Then we'll have our monthly executive board meeting on Thursday, August 3, beginning at 6:30 pm. The August dinner and program will be on Thursday, August 10, also at 6:30 pm. Our program will be about our youth with the boys who went to this year's Boys State and the girls who went to the Girls State, along with their sponsors as our speakers. They will summarize and highlight their week's activities and let us know what they learned. Mattie Windburn, who represented our post in 2018, and was a counselor at this year's event, will also speak. Following the youth program, Nick Nicholson, our Post Judge Advocate, will install the Post 30 2023-2024 officers and board members. Be sure and come if you are one of those to be installed.

Wednesday, August 16, starting at 11:30 am. is the monthly retired federal workers (NARFE) luncheon, and the Day Lily group will meet on Saturday, August 19 for a luncheon meeting.

In September, we will have Rachel Monroe from Heritage of Hope, and in October we will conduct our first Post Everlasting ceremony since COVID shut us down in 2020. I hope you'll plan to attend these events.

Duty, Honor Country is what we stand for.

Commander

Dr. Daniel R. Brewer

Senior Vice Commander

Richard Stowe

Junior Vice Commanders

Henry Alward

Jerry Garrett

Scott Hemmings

Ron Langston

Sonny Martin

Auxiliary

Ms. Marilyn Fowler, *President*

Ms. Deanna Nicholson, *Vice President*

Ms. Kathy Rush, *Chaplain*

Past Commander

Nick Nicholson

Executive Committee

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Ben Adler

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Tom Brown

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James Eppler

Gary Fowler

Jerry Garrett

Scott Hemmings

Ron Langston

Sonny Martin

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Sandy Richardson

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Dr. Dan Brewer, *Service Officer*

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Nick Nicholson, *Color Sergeant*

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Jerry Garrett, *Grounds*

Dr. Dan Brewer, *Historian*

Nick Nicholson, *Judge Advocate*