



# The American Legion



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## December 2022

### IMPORTANT DATES (in December)

**Dec 1** (Thur)-PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm  
**Dec 3** (Sat)-City Christmas parade, 6 pm  
**Dec 1** (Thur)-Executive Board meeting, 6:30 pm  
**Dec 7** (Wed)-Monthly breakfast, 9 am  
**Dec 8** (Thur)-No Auxiliary meeting  
**Dec 8** (Thur)-Membership dinner, 6:30 pm  
**Dec 9** (Fri)-Adams Christmas party, 6 pm  
**Dec 14** (Wed)-NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am  
**Dec 14** (Wed)- Coffee & donuts, 8:00 am  
**Dec 15** (Thur)-Bassin Buddies dinner, 7 pm  
**Dec 15** (Thur)-PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm  
**Dec 15** (Thur)-NO 40&8  
**Dec 17** (Sat)-No Day Lily Society luncheon  
**Dec 22-Jan 2**-Legion closed for Holidays  
**Dec 25** (Sun)-Christmas  
**Dec 31** (Sat)-New Year's Eve

### POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had no membership deaths in the month of November: Hallelujah.

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

Wow! Can you believe December is here and we are almost through with the year 2022? The year has certainly flown by for me. I guess the old saying that "as you get older; time seems move faster". Are you ready for 2023? Membership renewals are coming in slowly. If you have not paid your dues yet; remember to get them in before January to get your Early Bird Stamp and a freebie meal. Some of you are getting Dues Statements from National after you have already paid; please disregard those statements. Don't forget; we will have our Wednesday monthly breakfast on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am for just \$5.00. Come out and enjoy a good ole southern breakfast; and you know you can't beat the price. Remember to then join us on the next Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> for donuts, coffee, and good fellowship. Our monthly dinner will be on Thursday, December 8, which will also be our Christmas party and dinner with ham, turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, dessert, and tea, coffee, and water. Our Post will be closed Thursday, **December 22** through Sunday, **January 1** for the holidays. We will be back to business on Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup>. **I would like to wish each of you a joyous Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!** Come out to the Post and join in our activities. I promise you; you will enjoy the fellowship. See you at the post!

*For GOD and Country*

### Important dates in December:

- **Dec 7, 1941:** The Naval base at Pearl Harbor was attacked by 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that lasted just over one hour and left 3,000 Americans dead.
- **Dec 16, 1773:** The Boston Tea Party occurred as colonial activists disguised as Indians boarded British ships in Boston Harbor and dumped 342 containers of expensive tea into the water.
- **Dec 16, 1944:** During WW II in Europe, the Battle of the Bulge began as the Germans launched a big counter-offensive in the Ardennes Forest along a 75-mile front, taking American troops by surprise. Aided by foggy, snowy weather, the Germans penetrated 65 miles into Allied lines by the end of December.
- **Dec 21, 1945:** At the conclusion of WW II, General George S. Patton was killed in Germany as a result of a car accident.
- **Dec 23, 1943:** General Dwight D. Eisenhower was appointed the Supreme Allied Commander of the Expeditionary Force preparing for the D-Day invasion.

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

#### **Bobby Medlock, U.S. Army**

Bobby Medlock was born in Tallahassee, Florida but moved to Albany in his 4<sup>th</sup> grade. He went to Albany high school but quit school when he was 16. He learned the trade of painting cars and did that until he was drafted into the Army in 1964. Bobby was 21 when he got drafted. He went to Fort Jackson, South Carolina for basic training and then on to supply school at Fort Gordon, Georgia. Following that, he went to Fort Benning, GA as part of the 171st Aviation Brigade. The whole unit was sent to Vietnam and landed in Nam in November 1965. His unit settled in Vung Tau, which is 35 miles south of Saigon. In Vietnam, Bobby served as a supply person, constantly looking for spare parts. After 10 1/2 months there, his time was up as a draftee, and he returned to the states to processed out of the military. This was September 1966. After completion of his active-duty military time, Bobby served in the reserves and did two summer camps plus two years in the inactive reserves. He was formally discharged with an honorable discharge in 1970. After separation, Bobby returned to painting cars in Albany, and did so for over 40 years. After retirement, he started looking after the landscaping on Ecila plantation, on Tallahassee Road, in Albany. He has done this for 22 years, but this will be his last year. Bobby joined the legion in 1970 but let his membership lapse. He has now rejoined us and is attending our legion events. Bobby is married to Miss Linda (Bridwell) Medlock. They have 2 grown children and 5 grandchildren.

*Thank you, Bobby for your service*

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

**Reason for the Season**

*“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21 (NNIV)*

This passage is a portion of the angel's words to Joseph encouraging him to marry Mary. The angelic announcement to Joseph reveals the reason we celebrate Christmas Season, not holiday season.

The child Jesus to be born to Mary was a miracle. It was all God's idea to rescue humanity from the penalty of sin through Jesus. Mary would have no male intervention in the birth of Jesus. God fathered Jesus as the Holy Spirit power overshadowed Mary to birth the Son of God (Luke 1:35). He would be God and human as the God-man.

Notice what the angel said about Jesus, *“He will save His people from their sins.”* This is a mystery. How will Jesus save His people, the Jewish people from their sins? This salvation will also include the Gentiles (non-Jews). He will give His life to save, or free people, from sinful against God. The Hebrew people will call this action a sacrifice. According to Acts 4:12, *“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”* Jesus is God's designated sacrifice for human sin.

So friends, Jesus is the reason for us celebrating the Christmas Season, for God has done it all for us. *Merry Christmas!*

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

I can't believe it's December already. I got through the year with the help of many good ladies. We are not having an auxiliary meeting in December, but plan to work with the Commander, who is planning on having a Christmas dinner and program on Thursday, December 8, beginning at 6:30 pm. I hope everyone has a blessed and joyful Christmas, as well as a happy new year.

*Love and prayers For God and country*

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

Well, the Christmas season is upon us once again and we will have several Christmas activities to look forward to this year, starting with the city's annual Christmas parade, which will be on Saturday, December 3, starting at 6 pm. We will have our 40&8 train in the parade again this year, so if you want to ride on the train in the parade, be at the Legion no later than 4:15 pm.

Also, we will have our Christmas meal and program on Thursday, December 8, beginning at 6:30 pm, The Christmas meal is free and will include both ham and turkey and all the fixings. Following the meal, Chaplain, Dr. Doc Williams will give us a short Christmas message. Please come a join us, as you will enjoy the meal and fellowship.

In observance of the holiday season, and to give our staff and board members time off to be with their families, the Legion will be closed from Thursday, December 22 through Sunday, January 1. During that time, if you need to get ahold of someone at the Post, call me at 229-881-9426. We will re-open for business on Monday, January 2.

Wishing all of you who have served our country and all our men and women who are presently serving this great country in all branches of the U.S. Military, a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year! May all of your resolutions be fulfilled, and may we continue to pray for peace for you, for your family and all of mankind.

Lastly, if you served at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune or Marine Corps Air Station New River in North Carolina, you may have had contact with contaminants in the drinking water there. Scientific and medical evidence has shown an association between exposure to these contaminants during military service and development of certain diseases. There are now presumptive conditions for Camp LeJeune hazardous materials exposure, so go to VA.gov and put in Camp LeJeune in the search bar to see if you qualify for benefits. Call me if you need help.

*Merry Christmas to all*

**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. Barbara Novell, *President*

Ms. Deanna Nicholson, *Vice President*

Ms. Deanna Nicholson, *Chaplain*

**Officers**

Gary Fowler, *Adjutant*

Dr. Dan Brewer, *Service Officer*

Ben Adler, *Buildings, Insurance*

Dr. Doc Williams, *Chaplain*

Nick Nicholson, *Color Sergeant*

Ted Wright Jr. *Finance Officer*

Jerry Garrett, *Grounds*

Dr. Dan Brewer, *Historian*

Nick Nicholson, *Judge Advocate*

**Executive Committee**

Ben Adler

Tom Brown

James Eppler

Gary Fowler

James Ivey

Joe Najjar

Jim O'Hare

Denis Plette

Gil Stokes

**Past Commander**

Nick Nicholson