



The American Legion



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February 2022

IMPORTANT DATES (in February)

- Feb 2 (Wed)-Monthly breakfast, 9 am
- Feb 3 (Thu)-Executive Board dinner, 6:30 pm
- Feb 8 (Tue)-WALB interview (Anchorage), noon
- Feb 10 (Thu)-Auxiliary meeting, 5:30 pm
- Feb 10 (Thu)-Membership dinner, 6:30 pm
- Feb 11 (Fri)-Fish Fry, 5:00-7:00 pm
- Feb 13 (Sun)-2nd District meeting-Pelham, 1pm
- Feb 14 (Mon)-**Valentine's Day**
- Feb 16 (Wed) -NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am
- Feb 17 (Thu)-Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm
- Feb 19 (Sat)-Day Lily meeting, 10:30 am
- Feb 21 (Mon) -**President's Day**, Holiday
- Every Wed -Coffee & donuts

POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had two deaths in the month of January.

- 1/15: Reba Alexander Harrell Hill Moncus, U.S. Navy WAVES, WWII
- 1/4: David Williamson, U.S. Navy, Korean & Vietnam

ADJUTANT'S COMMENTS (*Don Norman, Post 30 Adjutant*)

As of the end of January, our membership renewals stand at 345 or 66%. The cost is still \$35.00. If you need help with paying your dues, call us @ 229-854-0223; we will work with you to keep you part of our organization.

We will have a monthly breakfast on Wednesday, February 2, beginning at 9 am, so come and enjoy a good breakfast for only \$5.00. Every other Wednesday, we have donuts and coffee, beginning at 9 am. It is free, but we do accept donations as the donut cost us \$17 each week.

We will have our monthly dinner (\$10) on Thursday, February 10, starting at 6:30 pm. The menu will be meat loaf, mashed potatoes, peas, salad, dessert, tea, and water. On Friday, February 11, we will have a fish fry fund raiser from 5-7 pm. The money will go towards our 40&8 organization. You can dine in or get it to go, and the cost is still just \$10. Also, we have chicken fingers for those who don't like fish, along with French fries, grits, and hush puppies.

Flag and Emblem sales are back in business, so if you need something and want to make an order, now is a good time to do so.

Lastly, don't forget that Monday, February 14 is Valentine's Day. Get your little Honey some roses or candy.

For God and Country

Important dates in February:

- **Feb 9, 1943:** During World War II in the Pacific, U.S. troops captured Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands after six months of battle, with 9,000 Japanese and 2,000 Americans killed.
- **Feb 10, 1942:** The first Medal of Honor, during World War II, was awarded to 2nd Lt. Alexander Nininger (posthumously) for heroism during the Battle of Bataan.
- **Feb 15, 1898:** On this date, while in Havana, Cuba, the U.S. Battleship *Maine* was blown up while at anchor and quickly sank with 260 crew members lost. The incident inflamed public opinion in the U.S., resulting in a declaration of war against Spain on April 25, 1898, amid cries of "Remember the Maine!"
- **Feb 15, 1933:** An assassination attempt was made on this date on newly elected President Franklin D. Roosevelt in Miami, Florida. A spectator deflected the gunman's aim. As a result, Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak was shot and killed instead. The gunman, an Italian immigrant, was captured and later put to death.

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

David Hall, U.S. Navy

David Hall was born in Port Huron, Michigan and lived there throughout his childhood, graduating from nearby Marysville High School in 1962. After high school, David went to Philadelphia College of Bible for one year in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Following that, he went for two years to Port Huron Junior College, graduating in 1965 with an Associate Degree in Industrial Technology. Next David went to Western Michigan University and enrolled into their Industrial Technology curriculum, from which he went into a co-op program with Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan. Not being happy with the program, he left school, and joined the Navy in April 1966. Following his enlistment in Detroit, he was sent to boot camp at Illinois Great Lakes Training Center. He graduated from basic training 13-weeks later and was transferred to McGuire Air Force Base New Jersey, then on to Rota, Spain, Naples, Italy, and finally Palermo, Sicily, where he boarded the USS Saratoga (CVA60) for a Mediterranean (Med) cruise. On board, David was assigned to RVAH-12 (recon aircraft squadron) in the administration area. After the 5-month cruise completed, he returned to Mayport, Florida and then on to Sanford, FL, his permanent base. After 5-months at home base, he and his crew left for sea trials at San Diego, then on to a 9-month cruise that included Hawaii, Hong Kong, Philippines, and eventually Vietnam, which was called the WesPAC cruise.

Returning from the WesPac cruise, the squadron was reassigned to Albany, GA as the permanent base, as it was moved while they were deployed. After a short period of time, they again set sail for the Mediterranean in late 1968, where as an E-5 David assumed the responsibility as the office supervisor. Touring throughout Europe, starting with Spain, France, Italy, Malta, Greece, and Turkey, they returned to the States in early-69. His final cruise was on USS Forrestal (CVA-59), where they went to Cuba, Jamaica, and England returning in late 1969. David was discharged from the Navy January 1970. Following his military service, David married his wife, Charlayne Horne, of Albany, and they have been married 51+ year. Together, they have two children, David Jr. and Debra and three grandchildren. David has been owner of Albany Lock and Safe for 45 years. Prior to that, he was a real estate broker in Albany. He has been a member of the American Legion for over 40 years, having previously served as our Post 30 Chaplain.

Thank you, David, for your service.

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

The Act of Love: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* (John 3:16 (NKJV))

God is the Great Lover of humanity. It was His idea. February 14 is Valentine's Day. It is a day to remind us to love. It is a day to celebrate romance and love. Traditionally guys and gals pay special attention to each other by sharing gifts and other expressions of their love for each other. May we not forget. God is the Originator of love. Again, it was His idea. His love is pure and unconditional. Even when we go astray by "missing the mark", He still loves us. As we celebrate Valentine's Day by sharing gifts of love, let us remember God's Gift of love. God gave to all humanity the Gift of His one and only Son to demonstrate His love for us. When you feel unloved remember that God loves you. He has not changed His mind. Notice the next verse John 3:17, *"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."*

Salvation and Redemption are all wrapped up in God's love for humanity. He doesn't condemn but loves you and me with an undying love. Do you love God? What gift will you give to Him to demonstrate your love for Him? Happy Valentine's Day. Amen.

AUXILIARY UNIT 30 (Deanna Nicholson, President)

We will have a meeting on February 10, prior to the Post dinner. We will meet at 5:30 pm then go to the dinner. Remember, we will have a District workshop at Post 30 on February 5th.

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

Our dinner in February will be on Thursday, February 10, beginning at 6:30 pm. Our speaker will be Mr. Bob Lynch, Executive Director of the Anchorage. The Anchorage is a Christ-centered treatment program for men with substance addictions. It functions through a residential treatment program incorporating a 12-step recovery process with emphasis on the redemptive power of Jesus Christ to restore men to whole. Bob will walk us through where they're at, where they're going, and what their needs are. I think you will find it interesting. We will also do a WALB interview about the program on Tuesday, February 8 at noon.

As Don said in the Adjutant's section, we will have a fish fry on Friday, February 11, from 5-7 pm. You can dine in or get it to go, and the proceeds will go towards maintaining our 40&8 train, which we continue to take to parades and other public events.

Throughout the month of March (March 1-March 30), we will be conducting our 2nd annual '30-guns in 30-days' gun raffle. Each day, we will be giving away a gun based on the GA Cash-3 midday lottery numbers. We are again doing this fund raiser with Bassin Buddies, a non-profit fishing organization that uses our facility once each month for their monthly meeting. Last year the Legion netted over \$5,000 profit on this activity. Tickets are \$30 each and with each ticket you have 30 chances to win a gun. The daily winner will be chosen by using the Georgia lottery midday cash 3 drawing.

Duty, Honor Country is what we stand for

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Dr. Daniel R. Brewer

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