



The American Legion



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input into the legion activities; we would love to hear your thoughts. Thanks! See you at the post!

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IMPORTANT DATES (in February)

- Feb 1 (Thur)-PTSD group meeting-12:00 pm
- Feb 1 (Thur)-Auxiliary Board meeting-5:30 pm
- Feb 1 (Thur)-Executive Board meeting-6:30 pm
- Feb 2 (Fri)-Groundhog Day
- Feb 7 (Wed)-Monthly breakfast, 9 am
- Feb 4 (Sun)-2nd District Oratorical contest-Saint Paul's church, 2 pm
- Feb 8 (Thur)-Membership dinner, 6:30 pm
- Feb 11 (Sun)-2nd District meeting-Cairo, 1 pm
- Feb 14 (Wed)-Valentine's Day
- Feb 14 (Wed)-Coffee & Donuts, 9 am
- Feb 15 (Thur)-PTSD group meeting-12:00 pm
- Feb 15 (Thur)- 40&8 monthly meeting, 6:30 pm
- Feb 15 (Thur)-Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm
- Feb 17 (Sat)-Day Lily Society, 11:30 am
- Feb 18 (Sun)-Area Oratorical contest-Georgia Southwestern, 2 pm
- Feb 19 (Mon)- President's Day
- Feb 21 (Wed)-Coffee & Donuts, 9 am
- Feb 21 (Wed)-NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am
- Feb 22 (Thur)-Wild Game supper-GBC, 6pm (GBC-Gillionville Baptist Church)
- Feb 28 (Wed)-Coffee & Donuts, 9 am
- Feb 29 (Thur)-Leap year (extra day in month)

POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had the following Post 30 membership deaths in the month of January:

- January 2: Robert "Buff" Askey, USMC (R), Vietnam (2 tours)
- January 21: James W. Shultz, U.S. Navy (R)

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

Our Wednesday monthly breakfast will be February 7th at 9:00 am. Come out and enjoy the kind of breakfast grandma used to make, that is bacon, sausage, eggs, grits, biscuits, dessert, juice, and coffee, fun, and fellowship for only \$0.00. That's right; it is FREE, so bring your spouse. Our Wednesday mornings of donuts and coffee will be on the remaining Wednesdays: 14th, 21st, and 28th.

Our monthly dinner and program will be on Thursday, February 8, starting at 6:30 pm. The menu will be meatloaf with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, and dessert. You will get a wonderful meal for just \$10.00, as well as hear what is going on in your post and hear a great speaker. It is also a good time for you to give your

Important dates in February

Feb 4, 1789: George Washington, the commander of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, is unanimously elected the first president of the United States by all 69 presidential electors.

Feb 9, 1943: During World War II in the Pacific, U.S. authorities declared Guadalcanal secure after Imperial Japan evacuated its remaining forces from the island. The Battle of Guadalcanal. in the Solomon Islands, lasted just over six months, with 9,000 Japanese and 2,000 Americans killed in the battle.

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. LT Nininger was killed in the Philippines, at Bataan, on January 12, 1942, at the age of 23. He was born in Gainesville, Georgia and graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

Feb 17, 1865: During the Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina was returned to the Union after nearly a year and a half under Confederate control. The fort had been the scene of the first shots fired during the war.

Feb 23-27, 1991: In Desert Storm, the Allied ground offensive began after a devastating month-long air campaign targeting Iraqi troops in both Iraq and Kuwait. The 100-hour ground war ended as Allied troops entered Kuwait just four days after launching their attack against Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces.

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

God's 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's love is sure. The verse above confirms that God loves even me (all). God gave to all humanity the Gift of His one and only Son to demonstrate His love for us.

I know on Valentine's Day we remember human love in guy/gal relationships. It is also a day to remind us of love, even God's love. Jesus demonstrated His love for humanity by giving His life on the cross of Calvary for your sins and mine. His love is pure and unconditional. Even when we go astray by "missing the mark", God still loves us. When you feel unloved remember that God loves you. He has not changed His mind. May we never forget. On Valentine's Day, we'll



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celebrate romance and love. Couples will pay special attention to each other by sharing gifts and other expressions of their love. This Valentine's Day may we remember to share expressions of our love for those whom we hold dear. Indeed, may we share expressions of our love for God. Notice 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. Remember, Amen.

AUXILIARY UNIT 30 (Marilyn Fowler, Auxiliary President)

Unit 30, you ROCK! When there is a need, everyone steps forward to help. We donated over \$600 in food and other supplies for the Albany Humane Society. They were very appreciative of all the donations. Thank you all for helping to meet this goal. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 1st. We will start promptly at 5:30 pm. Please be on time. This will be a special meeting as we will have an initiation service for all the new members that have not taken their membership oath and have not received their membership pin. All new members please try to attend. The Post will provide a light meal after our meeting. The Post dinner meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 8th at 6:30pm. Hope to see you at both meetings. Please RSVP to the adjutant. The District Oratorical Contest is scheduled for February 4th at St. Paul's Church, 1:00pm. If you can help with refreshments and help serve that day, it would be greatly appreciated. It is always such a joy to meet these incredible students and enjoy their inspiring speeches. Please let me know as soon as possible if you will be able to help. The 2nd District meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 11th in Cairo at Post 544. Please RSVP. The Post will take the van if we have enough planning to attend. Yes, it's **MEMBERSHIP** time again. We getting near our goal but aren't there yet. We still need to get all of our 2023 members to send in their 2024 dues. If you have not paid your dues, please do so now. **This is so important. We need your support.** Lastly, please remember to keep our members that can't be with us at the Post because of health issues in your prayers.

For God and Country,

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

If you like wild game food, Gillionville Baptist Church is hosting their annual Wild Game dinner on Thursday, February 22 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the church (4614 Gillionville Road). Ben Adler and I have purchased two tables for 8 veterans (each), so if you're interested, give me a call (229-881-9426).

It's Oratorical time again and we have two

oratorical contests in February; the first is on Sunday February 4 at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church (212 N, Jefferson), and the second is Sunday, February 18 at Georgia Southwestern State University (Americus). Both contests begin at 2 pm. If you have never heard our high school students speak at an oratorical, you're missing quite an inspirational event. The purpose of the oratorical is to develop a deeper understanding of the U.S. Constitution, and the contestants speak for 8-10 minutes on a constitutional subject matter, followed by a 4-5-minute speech on a topic related to one of the amendments. Admission is free, so if you can, come out and support our youth and hear some interesting presentations.

At our February dinner and program (Thursday, February 8), we will again have Ms. Rachel Monroe. Rachel is Director of Heritage of Hope, a nonprofit organization dedicated to rescuing young people from human trafficking. In addition to removing them (mostly young girls) from those situations, they help to heal the individuals and restore their lives through counseling and relocation. Heritage of Hope occupies our building at the Legion that was once was used by the Boys Scouts.

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