



The American Legion



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January 2022

IMPORTANT DATES (in January)

- Jan 1 (Sat)-Holiday**, New Year's Day
- Jan 5 (Wed)**-Monthly breakfast, 9 am
- Jan 5 (Wed)**-Oratorical zoom meeting, 7 pm
- Jan 6 (Thu)**-Executive Board dinner, 6:30 pm
- Jan 13 (Thu)**-Auxiliary meeting, 5:30 pm
- Jan 13 (Thu)**-Membership dinner, 6:30 pm
- Jan 13 (Thu)**-Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm
- Jan 15 (Sat)**-Day Lily meeting, 1030 am
- Jan 17 (Mon)-Holiday**, MLK Day
- Jan 19 (Wed)** -NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am
- Jan 20 (Thu)**-40&8 meeting, 6:30 pm
- Jan 30 (Sun)**-Post Oratorical, 2 pm, St Paul

POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had two deaths in the month of December.

- 12/19: James L. Nicholson. US Air Force
- 12/8: Arcie William "A.W." Holton, Jr. U.S. Army. U.S. Air Force

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

Let's say goodbye to 2021 and welcome in 2022 and hope for a better year. Let's pray that our lives get back to normal and the future looks brighter in the upcoming year.

As of the end of December, our membership renewals stand at 318 or 61%. Please send in your dues and help us reach our goal of 100%. 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 veteran organization.

We have a monthly breakfast on Wednesday, January 5, beginning at 9 am, so come and enjoy a great breakfast for only \$5.00. We will have our monthly dinner (\$10) on Thursday, January 13, starting at 6:30 pm. This is the free 'early bird' dinner for those who have already paid their membership dues. The menu will be fried or baked chicken, two vegetables, salad, dessert. tea or water.

The Boston butt sales went well, and we made about \$650. Thank you to all that supported this fund raiser. *For God and Country*

Important dates in January:

- **Jan 12, 1991:** After a two-day debate, a deeply divided Congress gave President Bush the authority to wage war in the Persian Gulf. The Senate voted 52-to-47 to empower Bush to use armed forces to expel Iraq from Kuwait; the House followed suit on a vote of 250-to-183.
- **Jan 27, 1973:** The Paris Peace Accords were signed by the United States and North Vietnam,

bringing an official end to America's participation in its most unpopular foreign war.

- **Jan 28, 1915:** On this date, President Woodrow Wilson signed into law the "Act to Create the Coast Guard," an act passed by Congress on 20 January 1915 to form the United States Coast Guard.
- **Jan 30, 1945:** U.S. Army Rangers and Filipino Guerrillas executed a flawless rescue of 486 POWs from Camp Cabanatuan north of Manila in the Philippines. The rescue is also known as the Great Raid.

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

Floyd Herman, U.S. Marine Corps

Floyd Herman was born in Fillmore County, Minnesota. As his father being a sharecropper farmer, they moved around a lot as a child, all in southern Minnesota. Floyd attended Princeton High School, graduating in 1952. Three months after high school, he joined the U.S. Marine corps and went to Marine Corps Recruits Depot, San Diego California to 'boot camp.' Following ten weeks there, Floyd went to Camp Pendleton for six weeks of combat training. Following that, Floyd transferred to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for ten weeks of supply school. Having graduated first in his class, Floyd got first pick of next assignment, and picked Quantico, Virginia, where he was assigned to work in a supply office. However, after a couple of months, he was transferred to the Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Ga, where he stayed until he was discharged from the service in October 1955 as a Buck Sergeant (E-5). Following discharge from the service, Floyd worked for a variety of different businesses until he began working for BF Goodrich Tire and Rubber company. He worked for them for about ten years until he bought his own diesel fuel and kerosene business. He kept the business for the next 28 years. For his final ten years of work, Floyd worked for HUD, Housing & Urban Development, as a property manager. After that he (and his wife) retired and started traveling to all 50 States, mostly with their motor home. It took him about 19 years to accomplish this, but it was something he and his wife greatly enjoyed.

Floyd was married to his first wife (Majel) for 20 years. She died of cancer in 1975. He has been married to his current wife, Mary, for 46 years. Together they have four children, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Floyd has been part of the American Legion for 45 years. He is a past Commander (1990) and past member of the executive board. *Thank you, Floyd. for your service.*

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

Another New Year

"Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.'" (Revelation 21:5a (NKJV))

The New Year is upon us. God has graced us with another New Year. The question is, "What will we do with this New Year?"

Here in John's Revelation, we see Jesus in all His glory sitting on His throne saying, "Behold (look), I make all things new." That will be a great day but what about today as we stand on the precipice of a New Year?

The first thing I believe we need to do is talk to God in prayer about what He wants us to do with this New Year. He might say lose weight, dedicate more time to prayer and His Word, or become more consistent.

I want to be found working His plan for my life. I know He has called me to pray, study and proclaim His Word, and discover more about Him and His plan for my golden years.

I know He wants me to represent Him well, share His Son with others and fill my life with His Word and prayer.

The year 2021 was a tough year. Both Theresa and I survived COVID, but her mother lost her battle with failing health. We both miss her very much, but she no longer suffers. God has been good in all things.

Now let's face the challenges of this new year with God as our Guide. Amen.

**AUXILIARY UNIT 30 (Deanna Nicholson,
President)**

Greetings to members of Unit 30. I truly hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a wonderful new year. I hope that 2022 will be a better year for everyone. It is with sadness that I must inform you that we lost Joyce Williamson on the night of Christmas. Her husband Dave is in bad shape and as of this writing, the family has not told him yet that she has passed. He is at home in a hospital bed and not doing well.

Officers

Don Norman, *Adjutant*
James Ivey, *Asst. Finance Officer*
Dr. Dan Brewer, *Bar, 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*
Jim O'Hare, *Kitchen*
Garrett Hires, *SGT-at-Arms*

Commander

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Richard Stowe

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Henry Alward
Jerry Garrett
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Auxiliary

Mrs. Deanna Nicholson, *President*
Ms. Brenda Alward, *Vice President*
Ms. Mary Herman, *Chaplain*

Past Commander

Nick Nicholson

Please do not call and give condolences until we find out if he has been told. We will have a meeting on January 13, prior to the January Post dinner. We will meet at 5:30 pm then go to the dinner or you can go home while it is still daylight, if you wish. Remember, we will have a District workshop at Post 30 on the February 5th. Representatives from the Department of Georgia will be here to conduct the workshop.

God Bless you and God bless America.

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

As new year events are now fast approaching, we have several items on our legion schedule. First, we have an oratorical (zoom) meeting on Wednesday, January 5 at 7 pm. Call me if you are interested in attending this virtual meeting. The 2022 Post Oratorical contest will be held on Sunday, January 30 at 2 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal church, with the District contest being held on February 6th, also at Saint Paul's'. Next, we will have our first fish fry of the year on Friday, February 11, so we need to sell tickets in the month of January. We did quite well with our fish fry last August, so please come out and support us again. The proceeds from this fund raiser will go to our 40 & 8 organization, as we desperately need the funds to help maintain our train.

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, so I hope we do as well this year. 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

Executive Committee

Ben Adler
James Eppler
Gary Fowler
James Ivey
Joe Najjar
Jim O'Hare
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Gil Stokes
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