



The American Legion



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January 2024

Post Event Dates - January 2024

Jan 1 (Sun)-Holiday, New Year's Day
Jan 3 (Wed)-Legion re-opens from holiday
Jan 3 (Wed)-Monthly breakfast, 9 am
Jan 4 (Thur)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
Jan 4 (Thur)-Auxiliary meeting, 5:30 pm
Jan 4 (Thur)-Executive Board, 6:30 pm
Jan 11 (Thur)-Membership dinner, 6:30 pm
Jan 11 (Thur)-Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm
Jan 15 (Mon)- Holiday, MLK Day
Jan 17 (Wed)-NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am
Jan 18 (Thur)-40&8, 6:30 pm
Jan 20 (Sat)-Day Lily Society, 11:30 am
Every Wed- Coffee & donuts

POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had no membership deaths in the month of December.

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

I hope each of you had a very Merry Christmas and will have a great New Years Day. I am looking forward to the possibilities we have to help our veterans and their families for this upcoming year. Life has changes for us as we go through the years and the same goes with our Legion Post. We need to look at changing how we do some things to reach out and help our veterans that need some assistance. Some of us are not able to do the jobs we used to do. Some others need to step up and take over certain committees, or at the least, join in to help. We Need You! We need our membership renewals up. If you have not paid your dues yet, please get them in during January. The benefits we receive by being a member far exceed the small amount we pay in dues.

Our Wednesday FREE monthly breakfast will be January 3rd at 9:00 am. Come out and enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship. Please call or email and let us know how many to prepare for. Remember to then join us on Wednesday mornings of the 10th, 17th, 24th, and the 31st for donuts and coffee. January 11th is our monthly dinner and program, starting at 6:30 pm. Come hear a great speaker on an interesting topic.

REMEMBER; if you have ALREADY PAID YOUR DUES; your meal is FREE for January! If not, you will still get a wonderful meal for \$10.00 as well as hear what is going on at your post. It is also a good time for you to give your input into the activities and programs for Post 30; the best post in South Georgia. See you at the post!

For GOD and Country.

Important Dates in January

Jan 12, 1962: Operation Chopper, the first American combat mission in the Vietnam War, took place. U.S. helicopters transported over 1,000 South Vietnamese paratroopers for an assault on a suspected Viet Cong stronghold 10 miles west of Saigon.

Jan 12, 1991: Congress authorized President George Bush to use military force against Iraq following its invasion of Kuwait. The Senate voted 52-to-47 to expel Iraq from Kuwait, and the House followed suit on a vote of 250-to-183.

Jan 23, 1968: The American ship USS *Pueblo* was seized by North Koreans in the Sea of Japan amid claims the Navy ship was spying.

Jan 27, 1973: U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War officially ended. The Paris Peace Accords are signed by officials from the United States and North Vietnam, bringing an official end to America's participation in its most unpopular foreign war.

Jan 28, 1915: The U.S. Coast Guard was created by an Act of Congress and on January 20, 1915, President Woodrow Wilson signed the "Act to Create the Coast Guard," into law.

Jan 28, 1986: On this date in 1986, the Space Shuttle Challenger broke apart 73 seconds into its flight, killing all seven crew members aboard. The spacecraft disintegrated 46,000 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of Cape Canaveral, Florida, at 11:39 a.m. eastern time. It was the first fatal accident involving an American spacecraft while in flight.

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

Building Wisely: "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say" **Luke 6:46** (NKJV)

Following the Lord in the New Year requires compliance. Obedience is vital to those who would follow the Lord Jesus Christ as His disciples. Vital in the sense that reading, hearing, and doing what the Lord requires in His word is spiritually healthy and wise.

Jesus in this verse asserts His lordship to the disciple as a submissive follower. In short: the one who believes Jesus and does what He says is wise and a true disciple. The one who reads/hears Jesus' words and goes his way but does not do what the Lord teaches is unwise, disobedient and is not one of His disciples. Moreover, this person is fooling him/herself.

This disobedient person is foolish because she/he thinks everything is okay just because of having received Jesus' teachings and has good intentions but is actionless.

Jesus compares this person to an unwise builder who builds on a sand foundation, instead of a rock-solid foundation. The house initially seems stable but will eventually fall. This person has no lord but self and is also headed for destruction.

Again, it's like a person who buys a computer but throws the owner's Manual in the garbage. The computer manual is one's functional computer guide as the Word of God is our Guide for Christian living. May His word and the Holy Spirit be our Guides in the New Year.

Lord Jesus, help us to be wise and so live my life in obedience to Your teachings and commands. Amen

AUXILIARY UNIT 30 (Marilyn Fowler, Auxiliary President)

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

It's 2024! Christmas came and went so fast, I barely had time to decorate... and then it was all over...in a blink of an eye! My wish for everyone this year is that you will slow down and enjoy every minute you can. Every day is a special gift from God. Take time to enjoy it.

As I said, Christmas was a blur. In a matter of just a few days we participated in three Christmas parades, visited three schools (450 children) with the Polar Express Santa Train, helped to serve at several parties held at the Post, collected, and sent comfort items, 2024 calendars and Christmas cards for VA hospitals in Dublin and Milledgeville. Mr. & Mrs. Claus visited The Oaks at Oakland and Pruitt Nursing Home to deliver approximately 300 Christmas cards for the residents. Ladies of Unit 30, you are just the BEST!

Now on to January. We will be collecting items for the area animal shelters. With the weather getting colder, these shelters desperately need supplies to help these animals. They are asking for food and almost anything that an animal could use to keep warm. Please be generous and drop your donations off at the Post.

The local Oratorical Contest is scheduled for Jan. 21st at St. Paul's Church, beginning at 1:00 pm. If you can help with refreshments and serving that day, it would be greatly appreciated. It is always such a joy to meet these incredible students and enjoy their inspiring speeches.

We really need your help getting our membership in. If you have not done so, please send in your 2024 dues as soon as possible.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Auxiliary meeting on Thursday, January 4th at 5:30 pm. The Post will provide a light meal. The Post dinner will be Thursday, January 11th at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

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)

I hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season. Beginning with the January 3rd monthly breakfast, we will return to legion business, with the Post being open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. We will have our first executive board meeting of the year on Thursday, January 4, starting at 6:30 pm.

The following Thursday, January 11th, we will have our first dinner and program of the year, The program will be 'One Nation Under God,' with Mr. Jonathan Dyal presenting an insightful discussion on the Love of Country and the American Flag. Mr. Dyal, who has extensive experience in teaching and leadership roles, including serving as Principal for Sherwood Christian School shared his knowledge on the Colors of the Flag and what they represent. His passion for patriotism and love for the country will be evident as he speaks. I'm sure it will leave you with a renewed sense of national pride. So, mark your calendar and make plans to attend and hear this outstanding young man.

Duty, Honor Country is what we stand for

Officers

Gary Fowler, *Adjutant*
Dan Brewer, *Service Officer*
Dan Brewer, *Historian*
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