



# The American Legion



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## June 2022

### IMPORTANT DATES (in June)

**June 1** (Wed)- No Monthly breakfast  
**June 2** (Thu)-Executive Board meeting 6:30 pm  
**June 4** (Sat)-Service Officer's training-Hinesville  
**June 7** (Tue)-WALB interview, noon  
**June 9** (Thu)-Auxiliary meeting, 5:30 pm  
**June 9** (Thu)-Membership dinner, 6:30 pm  
**June 11** (Sat)-**Francis Davis** "100-year-old"  
 birthday party, 2-5 @ Legion-no gifts  
**June 12** (Sun)-Leave for Boys State, 9 am  
**June 15** (Wed)-NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am  
**June 16** (Thu)-40&8, 6:30 pm  
**June 16** (Thu)-Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm  
**June 18** (Sat)-Day Lily meeting, 10:30 am  
**June 18** (Sat)-Boys State graduation, 8 am  
**June 19** (Sun)-**Father's Day**  
**June 24-26**-Department meeting, Duluth  
**Every Wed**-Coffee & donuts  
**Every Day** - Fly your flag

### POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had no deaths in the month of May. Hallelujah.

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

As of the end of May, our membership renewals stand at 406, which includes two transfers. We are now at 78% of our goal. The cost is still \$35.00. If you need help with paying your dues, call me at 229-854-0223.

We didn't have our monthly breakfast on Wednesday, June 1, because of the Memorial Day breakfast on May 30, but all other Wednesdays, we will still have free donuts and coffee.

Our monthly \$10.00 dinner will be on Thursday, June 9, beginning at 6:30 pm. The menu will be pork chops, mashed potatoes, squash, salad, cake tea, coffee, and water.

Don't forget Father's Day on Sunday, June 19, If your dad is still with you, take him out to lunch, and remember, your dad was always there when you needed him.

Also, in July we have installation of new officers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

*For God and Country*

### **Important dates in June:**

**June 6, 1944:** D-Day: The largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours on this date as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Known as Operation Overlord, it began during the predawn hours, as the US 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions were dropped inland from the right flank of the beach, while the British 6th

Airborne division was dropped inland on the left flank of the beach. Less than a year after the invasion, the Allies formally accepted Nazi Germany's surrender.

**June 14, 1775:** Originally consisting of only volunteer soldiers to fight in the Revolutionary war, the original Continental Army consisted of only six companies of riflemen, led by George Washington who was unanimously selected by 2nd Continental Congress. to command the army.

**June 25, 1950:** The Korean War began as North Korean troops, led by Russian-built tanks, crossed the 38th parallel and launched an invasion into South Korea. Five days later, the U.S. entered the conflict. President Truman dispatched land, air, and sea forces to Korea to engage in what he termed a police action. The American intervention turned the tide however, this prompted a massive intervention from communist Chinese forces in late 1950. The war in Korea subsequently bogged down into a bloody stalemate. In 1953, the U.S. and North Koreans signed documents creating a cease-fire that ended the conflict.

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

#### **Riley Williams, U.S. Army**

Riley Williams was born in Morgan, Georgia and moved to Randolph county when he was four years old. Riley went to school in Randolph county, graduating with the first class of the combined Randolph-Clay high school in 1981. During his junior year of high school, he enlisted in the military's delay entry program, and went on active duty four days after graduation. Riley went to Fort Jackson, South Carolina for basic training, followed by advanced individual training in POL (Petroleum, Lubricants, and Oils) at Fort Lee, Virginia. In 1982, after completion of schooling, Riley was sent to Wurzburg, Germany, assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division. He spent 18 months there, 14 of which was in the field. However, it wasn't all bad, for he was promoted twice while there. His job mostly consisted of refueling tanks, trucks and jeeps which were constantly on maneuvers. In mid-1983, Riley returned to the states and was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia and Lawson Airfield. At Lawson, he performed ground air traffic control duties, which means he would meet an aircraft once it landed and have them follow him to a parking location. Riley and his crew also assisted VIPs (Colonels and Generals) in transitioning from the aircraft to the main VIP building. After three years on active duty, Riley was discharged on June 15, 1984. He remained in the Columbus area working for a contractor that was doing basically the same thing, refueling aircraft at Fort Benning. He did that for about a year. In 1985, Riley moved back to Randolph county to assist his aging mother and father.

Most of his civilian career consisted of driving forklifts for companies such as P&G and Miller Brewing. It was in Randolph, and just a few doors down from his parents, that he met his wife, Mary. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, Riley and Mary celebrated their 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Together, they have four children: three boys and one daughter. To date they have 14 living grandchildren and one deceased. Riley has been a member of the American Legion for three years.

*Thank you, Riley for your service*

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

**Honoring Our Fathers**

*"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12 (NKJV))*

Father's Day this year is June 19 and marks the 110th anniversary of Father's Day in America. There is a worldwide tradition of families honoring parental bonds with well wishes, gifts and family gatherings. The goal is the same, to honor Fatherhood and our fathers. Father's Day was founded on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA by Sonora Smart Dodd to honor her father, Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, for his loving efforts to raise his six children as a single parent. Later in 1972 President Richard Nixon signed into law a permanent recognition of Father's Day. There are over 70 million fathers in the U. S., two million are single parents and 214,000 are stay-at-home dads ([wesleychoice.org/12-interesting-facts-about-fathers-day](http://wesleychoice.org/12-interesting-facts-about-fathers-day)). Notice God's promise is the same for "father and mother", "that your days may be long upon the land". Looking to add to your days on the earth? Some call it longevity. Well then, treat your father (forgive if necessary) like a gift from God Himself. Our heavenly Father has a blessing for all who do.

This Father's Day call, send a loving note or gather for a family meal. Celebrate your Dad by showing him how much he means to you this Father's Day.

*Happy Father's Day dads!*

**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**

Dr. Daniel R. Brewer

**Senior Vice Commander**

Richard Stowe

**Junior Vice Commanders**

Henry Alward  
Jerry Garrett  
Scott Hemmings  
Ron Langston  
Sonny Martin

**Auxiliary**

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

**Past Commander**

Nick Nicholson

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

Greetings Ladies: We had a great time on Memorial Day with lots of events and flag raising. If you did not attend, you missed a good event. The new officers for the 2022-2023 year were nominated, elected and/or appointed. I will not be the President next year. The final meeting for the 2021-2022 year will be on June 9 with the Department convention on June 23 thru June 25 in Duluth. As far as I know I am the only one going. I will bring back information that can be passed on to the District and/or Post.

*For God and Country*

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

June has arrived and with that summer and hot weather. Again, we have a full month's worth of activities. Our monthly dinner will be on Thursday, June 9, following the ladies' auxiliary meeting which starts at 5:30 pm; the dinner follows their meeting. Our program in June will be with the Red Cross of Southwest Georgia. They will give us an update on what they are doing, what their needs are, and how we can help. If you want an idea of what the Red Cross will talk about, watch the WALB interview on Tuesday, June 7 at noon.

On Saturday, June 11, from 2-5 pm, we will be hosting a "100-year-old" birthday party for Francis Davis at the legion. It is a drop by, tell her happy birthday, and eat some goodies. Please, no gifts.

The boys going to 2022 Boys State will depart from Post 30 on Sunday morning, June 12 at 9 am. Graduation will be the following Saturday, June 18, beginning at 8 am at Gordon State College in Barnesville, Georgia.

I will be attending, along with Nick and Deanna Nicholson, the semi-annual Georgia Department convention from June 24 thru 25 in Duluth, Georgia. We will bring back any information pertinent to the post

*Duty, Honor Country is what we stand for*

**Executive Committee**

Ben Adler  
Tom Brown  
James Eppler  
Gary Fowler  
James Ivey  
Joe Najjar  
Jim O'Hare  
Denis Plette  
Gil Stokes