



The American Legion



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June 2023

IMPORTANT DATES (in June)

- Jun 1** (Thur)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
- Jun 1** (Thur)-Executive Board meeting, 6:30 pm
- Jun 1** (Thur)-Auxiliary Board meeting, 6:30 pm
- Jun 7** (Wed)-Monthly breakfast, 9 am
- Jun 11** (Sun)-Boys leave for Boys State
- Jun 11** (Sun)-Girls leave for Girls State
- Jun 14** (Wed)-**Flag Day**
- Jun 14** (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9:00 am
- Jun 15** (Thur)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
- Jun 15** (Thur)-Membership dinner, 6:30 pm
- Jun 16** (Fri)-Girls State graduation
- Jun 17** (Sat)-Boys State graduation
- Jun 18** (Sun)-**Father's Day**
- Jun 22** (Thur)-Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm
- Jun 21** (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9:00 am
- Jun 21** (Wed)-NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am
- Jun 22** (Thur)-40&8, 6:30 pm
- Jun 28** (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9:00 am

POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had no deaths in May: Thank the Lord.

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

It was great to see so many of you for our annual Memorial Day Breakfast and program. The food was terrific, and our special speaker was great. Our Wednesday morning breakfast will be on June 7th where we will have bacon, sausage, grits, biscuits, sausage gravy, coffee, and juice for \$5.00. Our Wednesday mornings of donuts and coffee will be the 14th, 21st, and the 28th of June. We are seeing more members attending these events and that is wonderful. This is one of the reasons your post is here. Please come out and participate. We want you to come to our monthly dinner and program, starting at 6:30 PM on June 8th. Our menu will consist of meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, and dessert. You get all this wonderful food for just \$10.00, and you can also give your input into what your American Legion is doing over the year. Come participate in the business of Post 30 and hear a good speaker on a relevant topic of the day. See you at the post!

Important dates in June:

June 6, 1944: D-Day (Operation Overlord), the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France.

June 14, 1775: The U.S. Army was founded when the Second Continental Congress authorized the muster of troops. The first army consisted of six companies of riflemen.

June 25, 1950: The Korean War began as North Korean troops, led by Russian-built tanks, crossed the 38th parallel and launched a full-scale invasion of South Korea. Five days later, U.S. ground forces entered the conflict.

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

CPL Luther H. Story, U.S. Army, Medal of Honor Recipient

Luther Herschel Story was born on July 20, 1932, in the rural community of Buena Vista, Georgia to Mark H. and Florence Story. It was the Great Depression and Luther was the youngest of three children after brother, Buddy and sister, Gwendolyn. He came from an extremely poor family, as they were sharecroppers, Story played baseball at Americus High School, but never graduated because when he was 16 years old, he joined the military; his mom signed his papers. The teenage soldier ended up in Korea in 1950 with A Company, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division (U.S. Army). On September 1, 1950, during the heroic battle of Nakdong river, a teenage private first class at the time, proved fearless in the face of death, as he took over a machine gun from a wounded American and fired on an attacking column, killing or wounding an estimated 100 enemy soldiers. The company commander ordered the unit to withdraw against overwhelming odds, but Story remained, unleashing a barrage of hand grenades on an enemy troop truck towing an ammunition trailer. PFC Story was wounded in this action, but, disregarding his wounds, rallied the men about him and repelled the attack. Realizing that his wounds would hamper his comrades, he refused to retire to the next position but remained to cover the company's withdrawal. When last seen, he was firing every weapon available and fighting off another hostile assault. Cpl. Story had been listed as missing in action since that day. In October 1950, U.S. personnel recovered remains in the area where CPL Story fell, but they could not be identified with the forensic techniques available at the time. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 1951 for his heroics but remained missing in action for the next 73 years. On April 6, 2023, his remains were finally identified through the use of DNA, and his body was sent home to his niece, Judy Wade, in Americus, GA on May 24, 2023. On Monday, May 29, 2023, Memorial Day, Corporal Luther H. Story was given a proper burial at the Andersonville National Cemetery. He earned the tribute of two grateful nations (South Korea and America) at the Memorial Day service, and was finally recognized with a hero's return, although sadly his parents and siblings never got to witness this event.

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

Honor

"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 is June 18 this year. Here is another opportunity to honor a parent. The worldwide tradition of families honoring parental bonds with well wishes, gifts and family gatherings is biblical. The goal is 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. Notice God's promise is the same for "father and mother", "that your days may be long upon the land". The promise is associated with honor. It is the fifth Commandment with a promise. Looking to add to your days on the earth? Well then, treat your father as a valuable human being (forgive if necessary), a gift from God Himself. Our heavenly Father has the blessing longevity for all who do. This Father's Day call, send a loving note or gather for a family meal. Celebrate and honor your Dad by showing him how much he means to you this Father's Day. As for me I will put flowers at the place of his burial and remember. *Happy Father's Day, dads!*

**AUXILIARY UNIT 30 (Marilyn Fowler,
Auxiliary President)**

Welcome to the new Unit 30 Auxiliary Year! I am excited to have been elected as President for the 2023- 2024 year and to announce the new slate of officers: 1st Vice Deanna Nicholson, 2nd Vice Brenda Alward, Secretary and Historian Patricia "Trish" Davis, Treasurer Cherry Garrett. Chaplain Kathy Rush, Sgt.-at-Arms Kristina Nicholson, and Marion Tyus, Members-at-Large Janet Stowe, and Mary Herman.

Officers

Gary Fowler, *Adjutant*
Dr. Dan Brewer, *Service Officer*
Ben Adler, *Buildings, Insurance*
Dr. Doc Williams, *Chaplain*
Nick Nicholson, *Color Sergeant*
Ted Wright Jr. *Finance Officer*
Jerry Garrett, *Grounds*
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Auxiliary

Ms. Marilyn Fowler, *President*
Ms. Deanna Nicholson, *Vice President*
Ms. Kathy Rush, *Chaplain*

Past Commander

Nick Nicholson

The Auxiliary has selected four beautiful and intelligent young ladies to attend Georgia Girls State 2023 to be held in Valdosta on June 11th -16th. Natalie Allen, Lucy Davis, and Madeline Keaton, of Lee County High School and Milla McEwen of Deerfield Windsor School will represent the Auxiliary this year. Milla is the granddaughter of Ted Wright, Post 30 Treasurer.

Dues will increase for the upcoming year to \$34. This entire amount will be sent to the Department of Georgia for Senior Membership. Unit 30 elected not to add any additional amount to the dues that you will be required to pay, instead we are asking that you make an additional donation to help with the expenses and obligations of the Unit. Thank you for your consideration of this special request.

We are changing our meeting day to the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm starting the first Thursday in June. This would be the same time the Legion is having their Executive Board meeting. Commander Dan Brewer offered to provide a light dinner for all attending at no cost to us. The 2nd Thursday would be the dinner meeting with the Legion. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Our next meeting is set for June 1st at 6:30pm.

I look forward to a very prosperous year as we work together to carry out the programs of the ALA. Special "Thanks" to everyone that has offered their encouraging words and support. *For God and Country,*

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

Sunday, June 11th we will be taking six boys to Boys State at Valdosta University. The van will leave at 9 am.

June 14 is Flag Day, and we will put out flags at the legion. If you can help, please let me or the Adjutant know. Our membership dinner will be on Thursday, June 15, beginning at 6:30 pm. Our speaker will be Mr. Jessie White. Jessie is with Wounded Warriors of Southwest Georgia. The organization sponsors a wounded veteran deer hunt each year. From food to hunting gear, everything the veterans need for the event is provided. Additionally, special deer stands are also available for paraplegic veterans.

Duty, Honor Country is what we stand for.

Executive Committee

Dan Brewer, *Chairman*
Ben Adler
Henry Alward
Tom Brown
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