



# The American Legion



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## March 2022

### IMPORTANT DATES (in March)

- Mar 2 (Wed)-Monthly breakfast, 9 am
- Mar 3 (Thu)-Executive Board dinner, 6:30 pm
- Mar 8 (Tue)-WALB interview (Dr. Heard), noon
- Mar 10 (Thu)-Auxiliary meeting, 5:30 pm
- Mar 10 (Thu)-Membership dinner, 6:30 pm
- Mar 13 (Sun)-time change-spring forward 1 hour
- Mar 13 (Sun)-Dept Oratorical, Forsyth
- Mar 16 (Wed)-NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am
- Mar 17 (Thu)-40&8, 6:30 pm
- Mar 17 (Thu)-St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 17 (Thu)-Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm
- Mar 19 (Sat)-Cliff Rouse Ride
- Mar 25-27 (Fri-Sun)-Dept conference-Duluth
- Mar 29 (Tue)-Vietnam War Veteran's Day
- Every Wed -Coffee & donuts

### POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had two deaths in the month of February.

- 2/6: James Swette, U.S. Air Force, Korean War
- 2/22: Randall Wayne Craft, U.S. Air Force
- 2/24: Don L. West, U.S. Army

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

As of the end of February, our membership renewals stand at 380 or 73%. The cost is still \$35.00. If you need help with paying your dues, call us @ 229-854-0223; as I have said before, we will work with you to keep you part of our organization.

We will have a monthly breakfast on Wednesday, March 2, beginning at 9 am, so come and enjoy a good breakfast for only \$5.00. All other Wednesdays, we still have donuts and coffee, beginning at 9 am.

We will have our monthly dinner (\$10) on Thursday, March 10, beginning at 6:30 pm. The menu will be pork chops, rice over gravy, butterbeans, salad, dessert, tea, and water.

The February fish fry was a good fund raiser and everyone seemed to really enjoy the catfish. Thanks for your support, for the funds will go towards our 40&8 organization to help maintain the train.

Lastly, St. Patrick's day is on March 17<sup>th</sup> and Vietnam War Veteran's day is March 29.

*For God and Country*

### **Important dates in March:**

**Mar 5, 1868:** The U.S. Senate convened as a court to hear charges against President Andrew Johnson during impeachment proceedings. The House of Representatives had already voted to

impeach the President. The effort to remove him failed by just one vote and he remained in office.

**Mar 11, 1941:** During WWII, the Lend-Lease program began allowing Britain to receive American weapons, machines, raw materials, training and repair services. Ships, planes, guns and shells, along with food and clothing went to the embattled British while American warships began patrolling the North Atlantic.

**Mar 13, 1943:** A plot to kill Hitler by German army officers failed as a bomb planted aboard his plane failed to explode due to a faulty detonator.

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

#### **Roger Marietta, U.S. Navy**

Roger Marietta was born in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, but he moved around as a child because his father was a builder. Roger graduated from Hershey Senior High school in Hershey PA in 1971. Following high school, Roger enrolled at Penn State University, graduating in 1975 with a BA degree in political science. After graduation, he spent a little over a year at law school, but lost interest in being a lawyer and dropped out of the program. Instead, he enlisted in the Navy and was accepted in their Officer Candidate School (OCS) program in 1976. He went through OCS at New Port, Rhode Island and was commissioned on April 1, 1977 as an ensign. Roger's first assignment was as a student trainee at the Navy's supply corps school at Athens, GA. Following that, he went to Naval Communication Areas Masters Station, Western Pacific Guan-Mariana Islands (NAVCAMS WESTPAC). Roger spent the next two years there as the assistant supply officer, and was promoted to Lieutenant, Junior Grade (LTJG, 02). His next assignment was on the USS Guam (LPH-9), an Iwo Jima-class amphibious assault ship. He spent about 2 years on that ship but during his deployment developed Crohn's disease while out at sea and was reassigned to the commander's amphibious group-2 staff at Little Creek, Virginia. The Crohn's disease caused Roger to be medically retired at 30% in what is known as a TDRL retirement (temporary disability retirement list). He spent six years on active duty. After he was retired from the Navy he returned to graduate school and completed his master's degree. In 1984 Roger graduated from Indiana University of PA and then competed in the presidential management intern program. As part of the program, he was sent to Fort McPherson GA. He worked there for 5 years and left in 1989 as a GS-13. Also, during that time, Roger entered politics, and was elected mayor of Fayette, GA in 1988. In 1992, Roger accepted a job in Albany at Darton College as assistant professor in political science and has been there now for 30 years. In 2008 Roger was elected to the city commission, a

position he held for 12 years. Roger married his sweetheart on the day he was commissioned on April 1, 1977 and has been married for 45 years. Together he and his wife have three daughters and 8 grandchildren. Roger has been in the Legion since 1984, having first joined post 105 in Fayette, GA. He has held every position from past executive board member to Vice Commander to Commander. *Thank you, Roger, for your service.*

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

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

God Obedience is vital to those who would follow the Lord Jesus Christ. Vital in the sense that hearing and doing what the Lord declares in His word is wise. Jesus in the context of this verse compares the 'doer' as wise and the 'doer not' as foolish. In short: the one who believes Jesus and does what He says is obedient and wise. The one who hears Jesus' words and goes his way but does not do what the Lord teaches is unwise and disobedient. More, this person is foolish. This disobedient person is foolish because he thinks everything is okay just because of having received Jesus' teachings. Jesus compares that person to an unwise builder who builds on a sand foundation, instead of a solid foundation. The house initially seems stable but will eventually fall down. This person has no lord but self. This person is also headed for destruction. Again, it's like a person who buys a fully functional computer but throws the owner's manual in the garbage. This person has decided that the computer will obey his/her every command. Well, those of us who know how computers work also know how that will turn out (crash). The same is true of a Christian's life lived in disobedience to His Lord's commands.

Lord Jesus, Help me to be wise and so live my life in obedience to Your teachings and commands.

*Amen.*

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

Hello Unit, 30: We had a good District meeting on February 13, as we had 7 members in attendance. This will be a busy month, as there will be a breakfast at the post on March 2, and we would love to see some of the ladies in attendance, our executive board and regular meetings will be on March 10, and the Department Conference will be in Duluth from March 25 thru 27. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on the 13<sup>th</sup>. My Air Force daughter is moving to Robbins AFB on the 1<sup>st</sup> so I will be out of pocket in Albany several times this month. Don't hesitate to call if you need me.

*Bless our Troops*

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

Our Post 30 oratorical contestant, Simon DeMott, won the Area II oratorical contest at Georgia Southwestern University on February 27, and will now represent Post 30 at the department contest in Forsyth, GA on March 13. We wish him the best.

Our dinner in March will be on Thursday, March 10, beginning at 6:30 pm. Our speaker will be Dr. Derek Heard, MD, at Phoebe Family Medicine, Primary Care.

Dr. Heard will update us on the current COVID situation here in Albany and southwest Georgia. Dr. Heard brings a wealth of knowledge with his 16 years of experience in our community. We will also do a WALB interview about the program on Tuesday, March 8 at noon.

Beginning on March 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be drawing guns during our 2<sup>nd</sup> '30-guns in 30-days' gun raffle. Each day, we will be giving away a gun based on the GA Cash-3 midday lottery. We are again doing this fund raiser with Bassin Buddies, a non-profit fishing organization that uses our facility once each month. Last year the Legion netted over \$5,000 profit on this activity.

*Duty, Honor Country is what we stand for*

**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

**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*

**Executive Committee**

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Gary Fowler

Tom Hall

James Ivey

Joe Najjar

Jim O'Hare

Denis Plette

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