



The American Legion



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March 2023

IMPORTANT DATES (in March)

- Mar 1** (Wed)-Monthly breakfast, 9 am
- Mar 2** (Thur)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
- Mar 2** (Thur)-Executive Board meeting, 6:30 pm
- Mar 9** (Thur)-Auxiliary meeting, 5:00 pm
- Mar 9** (Thur)-Membership dinner, 6:30 pm
- Mar 9** (Thur)-Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm
- Mar 12** (Sun)-Daylight Savings time begins
- Mar 15** (Wed)-NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am
- Mar 16** (Thur)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
- Mar 16** (Thur)-40&8, 6:30 pm
- Mar 17** (Fri)-**St. Patrick's Day**
- Mar 18** (Sat)-Day Lily Society, 11:30 am
- Every Wed-** Coffee & donuts

POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had the following deaths in the month of February:

- 2/7: Sgt Larry Fullerton, U.S. Marine Corps, Vietnam
- 2/11: Lewis Metts, U.S. Air Force, Korea
- 2/13: Col James Ivey, U.S. Air Force (R), Vietnam

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

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, which means it starts off with a cold winter and ends with warmer spring weather. What happened with this 73-degree temperature? I guess when spring arrives March 20th, we will have a cold snap. Speaking of spring, for some of us, we need to **spring into action and pay our membership dues**. Our renewal numbers are down. If, you have not paid your dues; please get them in during March. Your dues help us support our youth programs and minister to the veterans of our community. Come to our Wednesday monthly breakfast on Wednesday, March 1st at 9:00 am. You get a great breakfast and good fellowship for only \$5.00. Our Wednesday mornings of donuts and coffee will be the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of the month. Our monthly dinner and program meeting will be on Thursday, March 9th. starting at 6:30 pm. Our meal will feature a menu of corn beef cabbage, red potatoes and carrots, salad, and dessert; and all this for just \$10.00. It is also a good time for you to give your input into the activities and programs for our Post 30. See you at the post! For GOD and Country.

Important dates in March:

Mar 6, 1836: The Alamo fell. Angered by a new Mexican constitution that removed much of their

Autonomy, Texans seized the Alamo in San Antonio in December 1835. On March 6, after fighting for 13 days, Santa Anna's troops charged the fort. In the battle that followed, all the Alamo defenders were killed while the Mexicans suffered about 2,000 casualties.

Mar 15, 1919: The American Legion was founded in Paris by 1,000 veterans of the American Expeditionary Force who met to discuss the transition to civilian life and what veterans could do to help each other adjust and to work together, as well as to further the rights of American veterans.

Mar 16, 1968: In what would become the most publicized war atrocity committed by U.S. troops in Vietnam, a platoon slaughtered between 200 and 500 unarmed villagers at My Lai, a cluster of hamlets in the coastal lowlands of the northern region of South Vietnam.

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

Dan Brewer, U.S. Army

Dan Brewer, your commander, was born in Gary, Indiana, and grew up in Crown Point, Indiana. I went to school in Crown Point, and upon graduation, went to Purdue University on an Army ROTC scholarship. Prior my senior year in college, I went to, and graduated from, both Airborne school and Ranger school, the first person at Purdue to do so as a cadet. I graduated as the distinguished military graduate at Purdue and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in Armor in May 1974. I did my Armor officer training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. From there I was stationed with the 67th Armored Battalion at Fort Hood Texas and stayed there for two years. After that, I went to flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama. After the awarding of my aviator wings, I was sent to Germany as a border pilot with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment. For three years I flew border surveillance between East Germany and West Germany, mostly in fully armed Cobra helicopters. After Germany, I went to Advanced Armor school, again at Fort Knox. Because pilots were not getting promoted as quickly as officers in the other branches, I resigned my commission, and went to work at Procter & Gamble, as their plant environmental engineer. During this time, I continued to serve in the National Guard and U.S. Reserves. I was recalled back to active duty in 2005 and sent to Iraq as the Environmental Engineer for Multi-national Force-Iraq. I worked for General Petraeus as the country's senior environmental officer and did two back-to-back one-year tours. Following that, I did two tours in Afghanistan as the senior environmental officer. Next, I was sent to U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB Florida, as the environmental engineer for U.S.

CENTCOM. After 7 additional years in the Army, I retired for the second time in 2012. In addition to my undergraduate degree at Purdue, I have a master's degree from the University of Southern California, and a doctorate in environmental education from Northcentral University in Arizona. I am married to Rena, and together we have four children and eleven grandchildren. Besides being Commander at Post 30, I am vice president of the Exchange Club, a new member of the Elks Lodge and a member of Gillionville Baptist church.

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

Forty Days

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry." **Matthew 4:1-2** (NKJV)

According to this passage Jesus fasted forty days and nights before beginning His public ministry. The spiritual discipline of fasting is still with us today, if one chooses it. February 22, 2023 was Ash Wednesday beginning Lent; a six-week (40 week days) period of spiritual preparation (fasting, prayer and spiritual reflection) prior to Easter. These 40 days of disciplined reflection prepares believers to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Fasting helps the believer move away from the natural toward the spiritual. It also helps Christians re-discover the need for God's influence for daily living. Disciplined fasting makes the believer aware of the spiritual forces, both good and evil, seeking to influence how she/he lives out faith. Jesus even though He was God in human form, saw the need for disciplined fasting. He wanted to hear and understand His heavenly Father's voice in His ministry. Jesus wanted to make sure He was living and acting according the Father's will. His fasting suppressed His natural life and elevated His spiritual life. His ministry was so directed by His heavenly Father. I don't know about you but I need to hear from my heavenly Father too regularly. I tend to get off track spiritually and act out of the Father's will and purpose for my life. God help me to hear and obey Your direction for living. Amen

**AUXILIARY UNIT 30 (Barbara Norvell,
Auxiliary President)**

Three of our ladies attended the ladies' auxiliary leadership training in Warner Robins during February. Four members attended the recent district training in Unadilla. The notes are available at main office at Post 30. All are welcome to help with the Cup Craft project in March. We will be decorating Service themed cups and filling them with candy. The proceeds will be donated to cancer research. Reminder, we will meet for our monthly meeting on Thursday, March 9th at 5:30 pm then go to the dinner and program. Thank you to all for supporting our Legion.

Love and prayers for God and Country

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

Our speaker for the March 9th dinner and program will be Ron Kirstatter, a retired Master Sergeant USMC currently supervising the Electronic Calibration Unit at Marine Depot Maintenance Command. Ron is a Gulf War Veteran and has served in several positions in the Marine Corps League including Commandant of the Department of Georgia. The Marine Corps League was Federally chartered by an act of the Seventy-Fifth Congress of the United States and signed and approved by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on August 4, 1937. Its mission is to promote the interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines and FMF Navy Personnel who wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.

Throughout the month of March (March 1-March 30), we will be conducting our 3rd 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 meetings. Last year the Legion netted over \$5,000 profit from this activity. The daily winner will be chosen by using the Georgia lottery midday cash 3 drawing.

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

Ms. Barbara Novell, *President*

Ms. Deanna Nicholson, *Vice President*

Ms. Deanna Nicholson, *Chaplain*

Past Commander

Nick Nicholson

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*

Dr. Dan Brewer, *Historian*

Nick Nicholson, *Judge Advocate*

Executive Committee

Ben Adler

Tom Brown

James Eppler

Gary Fowler

Joe Najjar

Jim O'Hare

Denis Plette

Gil Stokes