



The American Legion



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May 2022

IMPORTANT DATES (in May)

- May 4** (Wed)-Monthly breakfast, 9 am
- May 5** (Thu)-Executive Board meeting 6:30 pm
- May 8** (Sun)-**Mother's Day**
- May 12** (Thu)-Auxiliary meeting, 5:30 pm
- May 12** (Thu)-Membership dinner, 6:30 pm
- May 15** (Sun)-2nd District meeting at Post 30),
Ex Board-1:30 pm, membership-2 pm)
- May 18** (Wed)-NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am
- May 19** (Thu)-40&8, 6:30 pm
- May 19** (Thu)-Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm
- May 21** (Sat)- Day Lily meeting, 10:30 am
- May 23** (Mon)-WALB interview, noon
- May 30** (Mon)-**Memorial Day** (Holiday)
- May 30** (Mon)-**Memorial Day breakfast**- 8 am
- Every Wed**-Coffee & donuts
- Every Day** - Fly your flag

POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had one death in the month of May.

- 4/8: Edgar W. Duskin, U.S. Army (R), (Korea, Vietnam)

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

As of the end of March, our membership renewals stand at 397, which is 76% of our goal. The cost is still \$35.00. If you need help with paying your dues, call me at 229-854-0223.

We will have a \$5.00 monthly breakfast on Wednesday, May 4, beginning at 9 am. All other Wednesdays, we still have free donuts and coffee.

Don't forget Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8, If she is still with you, take her out to lunch, and don't make her cook on her special day.

Our monthly \$10.00 dinner will be on Thursday, May 12, beginning at 6:30 pm. The menu will be woodfired pizza, pasta salad, regular salad, cake tea, coffee, and water. May 12 is also our annual election night. You must show up with your membership card to vote for the proposed slate of officers. However, if you forget your card, I can look up your name.

Lastly, we'll have our annual Memorial Day breakfast on Monday May 30, beginning at 8 am. Again, we have a great speaker this year; so, you won't want to miss out.

For God and Country

Important dates in May:

May 1, 1960: An American U-2 spy plane was shot down while conducting espionage over the Soviet Union, and the incident derailed an important summit meeting between President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Soviet leader Nikita

Khrushchev that was scheduled for later that month. The U-2 spy plane was the brainchild of the CIA and was piloted by Francis Gary Powers. The CIA assured the president that the Soviets did not possess the anti-aircraft weapons sophisticated enough to shoot down the high-altitude plane. But on May 1, 1960, they did just that, when at 70,000 feet it was shot down. The CIA even reassured the president that, if the plane ever was shot down, it was equipped with self-destruct mechanisms that would render any wreckage unrecognizable. Turns out that wasn't true. The CIA had been flying these secret missions over Russia since 1956.

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

J.J. Kraus, U.S. Marines

James J. (J, J) Kraus was born in Chicago, Illinois and raised in the suburb of Riverside, graduating from Riverside Brookfield High School in 1971. Following high school, J.J. did a year of community college before joining the Marine Corps. He did his basic training at San Diego, followed by MOS training in avionics at Naval Air Station (NAS) Memphis, TN, with follow-on training for air traffic control maintenance training at NAS Glynco, GA. After completing his schools, J.J. went back to NAS Memphis where he was assigned as an air traffic control technician at the base's airfield. From there, he went to Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa, where he was the unit's communications chief. At this point in his life, J.J. was a Sergeant and the year is 1975. this was also where he met his future wife (JoAnn-also a Marine). After leaving Okinawa, J.J. was transferred to NAS Willow Grove, PA., again as the communications chief. In 1977 J.J. left Pennsylvania for air traffic control technician school at Memphis for six months then on to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina. He stayed there until he was selected for warrant officer school in 1981. After promotion to Warrant Officer, J.J. assumed duties as the maintenance officer for the air traffic control unit at 29 Palms, CA. In 1984, J.J. returned to Okinawa with the 1st Aircraft Wing and was the aircraft control officer there for the next four years. In 1983 he was promoted to 1stLT and relocated to Marine Air Control Squadron-5, Beaufort, SC as the Communication-Electronic Officer. In 1989 he was promoted to Captain and selected for the degree completion program. J.J. got his BS degree in business management from University of South Carolina in 1991. Following his degree completion, he transferred to Marine Forces Atlantic in Norfolk, VA as the Deputy Maintenance Officer-and stayed there until 1994 along with a promotion to Major. J.J. left Norfolk for 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Cherry Point, NC. as the

electronic aircraft maintenance officer. He was promoted to LTCol in 1999 and was transferred to Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, GA as Director of communications electronics. In 2001, J.J. established Marine Corps Systems Command Albany, GA and retired after 30 years of service in July 2002.

JJ. has been married to JoAnn for nearly 47 years. Together, they have two children (Kimberly and Christina) and four grandchildren. J.J. and his wife have both been members of the Legion for 13 years. JJ. as been active in the Honor Guard ever since joining the Legion. *Thank you, J.J. for your service*

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

"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)

Mother's Day this year is May 8. It is a national day set aside to honor mothers. Following the Civil War (1870), Julia W. Howe launched an effort to establish a national day to honor mothers in the name of peace. In 1908 Anna M. Jarvis to honor of her mother, Anna R. Jarvis, sought to establish a national day to honor all mothers.

In 1912 West Virginia became the first state to officially recognize Mother's Day, and in 1914 Woodrow Wilson signed it into national observance, declaring the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. It took 44 years to establish Mother's Day nationally. The text I've used speaks to honoring our parents. It is the fifth commandment and the first commandment with a promise. God through Moses commands that children honor their parents and treat them as valuable members of their family and treasured assets. Maybe God knew that without a commandment children would forget the value of their parents who had nurtured them from helpless infants into adulthood. I know parents get old, cranky and feeble over the years. God help us to not forget the value they have been to us children over the years.

Let's remember to honor our parents, and don't forget the promise; *"., that your days may be long upon the land"*

Happy Mother's Day ladies!

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: We met on the April 23 to complete our annual reports to send to Department. The Nominating Committee also met and are calling members to see if they want to assume any office for the upcoming year.

I am not running again, as I have some health problems that I need to get corrected, and Nick and I have several family obligations to do this upcoming year. The 2nd District Convention is coming up on May 15 and will be held at Post 30. I request that as many as possible try to attend, as new District Officers will be elected. We will meet on May 12 at 5:30 pm for our meeting, prior to the monthly dinner.

For God and Country

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

At the end of last month's meeting, the executive committee entertained the idea of doing a pancake breakfast for the ladies' Auxiliary unit. However, due to rising food costs and the need to make the breakfast tickets \$10.00 in-order to make any money, we decided to forgo the breakfast and just give the ladies \$1,000 from the Post.

Also last month, we received \$5,000 from Basin Buddies for our part in selling the '30 Guns in 30 Days' gun Raffle. The raffle was during the month of March.

We will not have a speaker in May as this is our annual election of officers. Nick Nicholson, our Judge Advocate, will handle and oversee the election process.

Sunday, May 15 will be the 2nd District meeting at Post 30. The executive board will begin at 1:30 pm and membership at 2 pm.

Lastly, after our election of officers, I will make a special presentation. A couple of months ago, I was contacted by a representative of Soldier's Wish, a non-profit organization that looks for veterans in need. I reached out to all our local area veteran organizations looking for the right person to receive such a gift and found one. He will be at our meeting and I, along with Al Wynn (last month's speaker), will make the presentation.

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
Greg Walch