



# The American Legion



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## May 2023

### IMPORTANT DATES (in May)

- May 3 (Wed)-Monthly breakfast, 9 a
- May 4 (Thur)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
- May 4 (Thur)-Executive Board meeting, 6:30 pm
- May 10 (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9:00 am
- May 11 (Thur)-Auxiliary meeting, 6:00 pm
- May 11 (Thur)-Membership dinner, 6:30 pm
- May 11 (Thur)-Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm
- May 13 (Sat)-Day Lily Society, 8:00 am-5pm
- May 14 (Sun)-**Mother's Day**
- May 17 (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9:00 am
- May 17 (Wed)-NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am
- May 18 (Thur)- Albany Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony-10 am (Honor Guard)
- May 18 (Thur)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
- May 18 (Thur)-40&8, 6:30 pm
- May 21 (Sun)-2<sup>nd</sup> District meeting 1:30
- May 24 (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9:00 am
- May 29 (Mon)-**Memorial Day** Holiday
- May 29 (Mon)-Memorial Day breakfast-8 am
- May 31 (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*)

Fellow Veterans, we need your assistance. Many of you have not paid your 2023 dues. Our renewals are down from last year. We receive so many benefits by being in The American Legion. The low membership fee of only \$35.00 also allows us to reach out to our Veterans and their family needs. We have programs for the youth of our community, such as the Boys State and Girls State, oratorical contest, and the Marvin Mixon youth scholarship fund. Your dues not only bring you benefits but allow us to minister to the needs in our area through our Community Investment Programs. Those of you who paid your dues, we say Thanks. Don't forget our Wednesday monthly breakfast on Wednesday May 3 at 9:00 AM. Come enjoy great fellowship and enjoy a fantastic meal of bacon, sausage, sausage gravy, grits, biscuits, coffee and juice for the spectacular low price of \$5.00. Our Wednesday mornings of donuts and coffee will be the 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of the month. We need you to come to our monthly dinner and program starting at 6:30 PM on May 11<sup>th</sup> Our menu will consist of fried chicken, rice and gravy, butter beans, fried okra, salad, and dessert. You get all this great food for just \$10.00. You can also find out what your American Legion is doing each month. Come

good speaker on a relevant topic of the day. See you at the post!

### Important dates in May:

- May 2, 2011: Osama bin Laden, the founder and head of the Islamist militant group al-Qaeda, was killed in Pakistan shortly after 1:00 am Pakistan time by U.S. Navy SEALs of the U.S. Naval Special Warfare Development Group, also known as SEAL Team Six. The operation, code-named Operation Neptune Spear, was led by the Central Intelligence Agency. The raid on bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, was launched from Afghanistan. After the raid, U.S. forces took bin Laden's body to Afghanistan for identification, then buried it at sea within 24 hours of his death.
- May 8, 1945: During WWII, the Germans finally surrendered and "Victory in Europe Day," or V-E Day was celebrated all over Europe and America to mark Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender. The war was over.
- May 29: Memorial Day, the special day we set aside each year to honor all those who lost their lives defending our country.

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

#### **Paul Davis, U.S. Air Force**

Paul Davis was born in Blakely, Georgia but grew up in Patmos (Baker County) Georgia. After a few years his family moved to Albany and he graduated in 1966 from Dougherty High School. In 1967 Paul enlisted in the United States Air Force. He did his basic training at Amarillo Air Force Base, Amarillo, Texas. After basic Paul went to aircraft maintenance tech school in Wichita Falls, Texas for a couple of months then on to Korat Royal Thai Air Base in Thailand. There he did maintenance on EC-121 prop planes. After a couple of years there, he came home on a hardship case and was later discharged from the Air Force. He returned to Albany and began a 30+year career with the railroad industry. Over the years he worked his way up from general laborer to operator, to train master, to finally work in the transportation service design department at the general offices in Jacksonville, Florida. After retiring with the railroad, he taught at the University of North Florida how to become a railroad conductor. He did this for 5 years. Next he moved to Tennessee where he bought a farm but didn't do that for too long and eventually made his way back to Albany. Paul is married to Patricia (Trish) McTyeire. Together they have six children and seven grandchildren. In addition to being in the American Legion, Paul and his wife are also in the

Exchange club of Albany. They are members of First Baptist Church of Albany.

*Thank you, Paul, for your service.*

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

**Mother**

*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 is a powerful word. Just saying it brings up potent memories of my own mother. She was a great lady who raised her nine children and two grandchildren. She loved every minute of it. She felt that being a mother and caring for her family was what God put her here to do. She was a good mother.

The word 'mother' also brings up images of Jesus' mother, Mary. She was very young when the angel Gabriel visited her with the message of Jesus' miraculous birth. He told she would become a mother before her marriage to Joseph and God would be the child's Father. Her faith must have been challenged by such a message, yet she submitted to the will of God for her life and the salvation of humanity through her Son, Jesus (Matthew 1:26-35). Yes, Mary was a great mother who fulfilled her purpose in the miraculous birth of Jesus, God's Son. Yes, mothers are very special and we children should honor them on Mother's and every day. How will you honor your mother? Will you visit her gravesite and place flowers there? Maybe you are blessed enough to have a living mother, then treat her in a very special way by showing your appreciation for all the time (years) that she spent making sure that you grew into a healthy, godly adult. I thank God for you saintly mothers. Amen!

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

At the May auxiliary meeting, which will be on May 11, beginning at **6 pm**, we will hold our annual elections. Please come on time and give your input and vote, as we need everyone's participation to make the new year successful. Also, we will discuss, and vote on, the possibility of

changing our monthly meeting date to the first Thursday of the month, to coincide with the men's executive meeting. Commander Brewer said they would provide us with a free evening meal should we decide to meet the same night as they meet.

*For God and Country*

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

Last month, I informed the Legion at the monthly dinner that we were going to receive some money from the estate of the late Mr. Frederick Furze. Mr. Furze was an English gentleman who died in Plymouth, English, but had a brother who participated in pilot training here in Albany during World War II. His brother, Eric, died in an aviation training accident in Albany in 1941 and is buried at Crown Hill cemetery. In appreciation for how we handled his death and burial, Mr. Furze wanted to leave Post 30 with 4.166% of his estate, which will be approximately \$12,000. We have completed all the legal paperwork requirements and forwarded them to England.

Our membership dinner will be on May 11, beginning at 6:30 pm. Mr. Randy Harrell will be our speaker. Mr. Harrell is a special advocate in the Dougherty Court legal system for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), and will speak about their program for kids.

The City of Albany has asked the American Legion Post 30 to participate in their 2023 Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony on Thursday, May 18. The event begins at 10 am and will be at the Albany municipal auditorium. We have been asked to put out flags prior to the event, do the presentation of colors, play taps, and do the 21-gun salute. If you can help with this event, please let me or Nick Nicholson know.

During the week, prior to Memorial Day, we need to put our flags around town, as we do each year. Although the date and time is not yet set, we most likely will spend Thursday and Friday mornings, May 25 and 26, accomplishing this task. If you can help, please let me or the Adjutant know, as we can use as much help as possible.

Our annual Memorial Day breakfast will be on Monday, May 29, beginning at 7:45 am with the flag raising, followed by breakfast, starting at 8am. I have invited a Marine Corps veteran to be our speaker.

*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

James Ivey

Joe Najjar

Jim O'Hare

Denis Plette

Gil Stokes