



The American Legion



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May 2024

IMPORTANT DATES (in May)

- May 1(Wed)-Monthly free breakfast, 9 am
- May 2(Thur)-Auxiliary Board meeting, 5:30 pm
- May 2(Thur)-Executive Board, 6:30 pm
- May 8(Wed)-Coffee & Donuts, 9 am
- May 9(Thur)-Membershipdinner, 6:30 pm
- May 9(Thur)-Bassin Buddies meeting,7 pm
- May 12(Sun)-**Mother's Day**
- May 15(Wed)-Coffee & Donuts, 9 am
- May 15(Wed)-NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am
- May 16(Thur)-40&8 monthly meeting, 6:30 pm
- May 17(Fri)-Day Lily Society show, 12-8 pm
- May 18(Sat)-Day Lily Society show, 7:30-5 pm
- May 19(Sun)-2nd District Meeting-Post 512, 1 pm
- May 22(Wed)-Coffee & Donuts, 9 am
- May 27 (Mon)-**Memorial Day**
- May 27 (Mon)-Memorial Day breakfast, 8 am
- May 29(Wed)-Coffee & Donuts, 9 am

POST EVERLASTING

Post 30had the following Post 30membership deathsin the monthof April:

- Apr 16: Mr. John Gunnels, U.S. Air Force
- Apr 18: Mr. Paul Laramore, U.S. Army
- Apr 19: Mr. Gilbert Stokes, U.S. Marine Corp

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

For those of you who missed our first American Legion Family Day on Saturday, April 27th, you missed some good fellowship and food. We had visitors from Albany Post 512 and Sylvester Post 335. You also missed meeting our new Little Miss Poppy, Lyla Rayn Rackley.

Our Wednesday monthly breakfast will be on May 1stat 9:00 am. Come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast of bacon, sausage, eggs, grits, biscuits, dessert, juice, and coffee, fun, and fellowship.And remember it is free,so bring your spouse.

Thursday, May 9th will be our monthly dinner and program, starting at 6:30 pm. We will have another one of Glenn's delicious dinners. Commander Dan Brewer will present the program this month and he is going to make you laugh, so come out and have a good meal for just \$10 and enjoy a funny program. RSVP, if possible.

See you at the post! *For GOD and Country.*

Important dates in May

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

that was scheduled for later that month. The U-2 spy plane was the brainchild of the Central Intelligence Agency,and the CIA assured the president that, even if the plane was shot down, it was equipped with a self-destruction mechanism that would render any wreckage unrecognizable and the pilot would kill himself in such a situation. These two things turned out not to be true. Eisenhower considered the "stupid U-2 mess" one of the worst debacles of his presidency. The pilot, Francis Gary Powers, was released in 1962 in exchange for a captured Soviet spy.

May 2, 2011:Osama bin Laden, founder and head of the Islamist militant group al-Qaeda, was killed during a raid on his secret compound in Pakistanby U.S. Navy SEALs known as SEALTeam Six.The operation, code-named Operation Neptune Spear, was carried out in a Central Intelligence Agency-led operation.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.Al-Qaeda confirmed the death on May 6.

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

Being Blessed: "Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'"Matthew 5:1-3(NIV)

Here, Jesus called the people to Himself, had them sit down on the hillside and then taught them. He gave them scriptural teaching that was personal. The Lord's teaching in this case is also personal and functional for Christians today.

Jesus, in this first Be-attitude, is talking about "the poor in spirit." These people, are doubtless the poor who look to God for everything and whose circumstances had grown their faith. They are blessed since they have learned to trust God for the essentials of life.

Jesus Christ had become the Lord of their lives. These believers' lives are also marked by the influence of the Kingdom of Heaven now. Such Christians live toward their heavenly destiny with Christ. May God help each of us to humble ourselves before the Lord, trusting Him completely as He works out His will for our lives. Then and only then will God truly bless us.

Lord,You know us where we are and how we live, so be merciful to us as sinners. Cleanse us anew in the blood of Your Son and form our wills to Your purpose and plan for our lives, both now and in our future with You. We humbly ask these requests in the name of Your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

AUXILIARY UNIT 30 (Marilyn Fowler, Auxiliary President)

April showers bring May flowers! Can you believe it is May already? I hope that May brings you lots and lots of pretty flowers. Don't forget to stop and enjoy them. Where has this year gone?

The nominating committee has been hard at work and will make their report at our meeting on Thursday, May 2nd. If you would like to serve in any of the positions, please let Ouida Trawick know. The new slate of officers will be initiated at the dinner meeting to be held in June.

Mark your calendar, the District Convention will be held at Albany Post 512 on Sunday, May 19th, starting at 2pm. Remember, they have a back way to enter the building. You do not have to use the steps in the front. Please try to attend this very important meeting. Unit 30 needs to be well represented.

May 24th is National Poppy Day. Please wear red and a little red crepe paper poppy as a memorial to those who died for our freedom. The soldiers of all nations came to look upon the poppy as the living symbol of the sacrifices that had been made by their fellow service members who had died in the war. The donations we receive from our poppy distribution all go back to serve the veterans. We are planning a Poppy Launch much like the one the Department will hold at Tybee Island. We are still working on details regarding the launch. I will update you on these plans as soon as I can.

Monday, May 27th is Memorial Day. The Post will sponsor a breakfast at the post and the Auxiliary will conduct a Poppy Anchor Dedication Service at the breakfast. Come and meet Unit 30's Little Miss Poppy.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2nd, and we will start promptly at 5:30 pm. We need all our members to attend. The Post will provide a light meal after our meeting. The Post dinner will be Thursday, May 9th at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to the adjutant.

Please remember to keep our members who are going through health issues and all the problems that life throws at us in your prayers. Thank you for all you do for this unit, the Post, and our veterans.

For God and Country,

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

We held our first American Legion Family Day on Saturday, April 27 at the legion. The National American Legion last year established the last Saturday in April to be a day that recognizes and honors our legion family. We held a free picnic type luncheon and had material available on the American Legion and its other programs. However, it was not well attended even though we widely publicized it.

At our May monthly dinner, which will be on Thursday, May 9, I will do something a little different, as I show a few funny videos I've collected over time and let our members laugh a little at these humorous short clips. Following that, we will hold our annual post elections.

The next 2nd district quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19 at Post 512. The meeting begins at 1:30 pm with the executive committee, followed by the general membership, starting at 2 pm.

Memorial Day this year will be on Monday, May 27. As always, we will have a Memorial Day breakfast, beginning with the flag raising at 7:45 am, followed by breakfast and a program. The ladies of Unit 30 Auxiliary will present this year's program, which will be on their Poppy Anchor Dedication program, as well as music provided by Danny James, Music Minister, Gillionville Baptist Church. As Miss Fowler, Unit 30 President, mentioned, National Poppy Day is May 24. On Thursday and Friday, prior to Memorial Day (May 23 & 24), we will put out flags all over town, as we do each year. We will put out about 200-300 flags at several churches, a couple of schools, and at the legion. If you can help on either or both days, show up at the legion at 9 am.

Duty, Honor

Country is what we stand for

Officers

Gary Fowler, *Adjutant*
Dan Brewer, *Service Officer*
Dan Brewer, *Historian*
Ben Adler, *Insurance, Building*
Nick Nicholson, *Color Sergeant*
Nick Nicholson, *Judge Advocate*
Dr. Doc Williams, *Chaplain*
Ted Wright, Jr. *Finance Officer*

Junior Vice Commanders

Henry Alward
Jerry Garrett
Scott Hemmings
Ron Langston
Sonny Martin

Commander

Dr. Daniel R. Brewer

Senior Vice Commander

Richard Stowe

Past Commander

Nick Nicholson

Auxiliary

Ms. Marilyn Fowler, *President*
Ms. Deanna Nicholson, *Vice President*
Ms. Kathy Rush, *Chaplain*
Ms. Patricia Davis, *Secretary*
Ms. Cherry Garrett, *Treasurer*

Executive Committee

Dan Brewer, *Chair*
Ben Adler
Henry Alward
Tom Brown
Gary Fowler
Jerry Garrett
Scott Hemmings
Ron Langston
Sonny Martin
Joe Najjar
Nick Nicholson
Jim O'Hare
Denis Plette
Sandy Richardson
Richard Stowe
Doc Williams
Ted Wright