



# The American Legion



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## October 2022

### IMPORTANT DATES (in October)

- Oct 1 (Sat)-Rental, 10-2 pm
- Oct 2 (Sun)-Greg Welch (Legion) funeral 2 pm
- Oct 5 (Wed)-Monthly breakfast, 9 am
- Oct 6 (Thur)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
- Oct 6 (Thur)-Executive Board, 6:30 pm
- Oct 10 (Mon)-**Columbus Day** (Holiday)
- Oct 13 (Thur)-Auxiliary meeting, 5:30 pm
- Oct 13 (Thur)-Membership dinner, 6:30 pm
- Oct 13 (Thur)-Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm
- Oct 19 (Wed)-NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am
- Oct 20 (Thur)-PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
- Oct 20 (Thur)-40&8, 6:30 pm
- Oct 20 (Thur)-Bassin Buddies (Poker), 6:30 pm
- Oct 25-30 (Tue-Sun)-**Exchange Club fair**
- Every Wed- Coffee & donuts

### POST EVERLASTING

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

- 9/2: Ivy Joe Fender, U.S. Navy
- 9/9: Gregory J. Welsh, U.S. Air Force (Ret), Vietnam

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

October is here and hopefully with it some cooler weather, so we can go outside and enjoy ourselves. We brought in quite a few new members last month and had a number of Legion members of other Posts transfer to our Post, which says good things about our Post 30. Those are wonderful things, but our **current Post 30 membership renewals** have slowed down. Membership is vital and we need each of our current members to renew as soon as possible. If you have not sent your renewal in; please do so.

Our monthly breakfast will be on Wednesday, October 5, beginning at 9:00 am for just \$5.00. Also, remember to join us on the next three following Wednesdays of the month for free donuts, coffee, and fellowship. Our monthly \$10.00 dinner meeting is on Thursday, October 13, starting at 6:30 pm. The Menu is chicken and dumplings, turnips, green beans, salad, rolls, tea or coffee, and buttermilk pie for dessert.

Come out to the Post, meet these new members and their spouses, and give them the right hand of fellowship. We have several activities for you to join in on. I can promise you, you will enjoy the time and fellowship. *See you at the post!*

### **Important dates in October:**

**Oct 3, 1990:** East and West Germany reunited after

45 years of Cold War.

**Oct 12, 1792:** The first Columbus Day celebration took place, when the Columbian Order of New York, better known as Tammany Hall, held an event to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the historic landing.

**Oct 13, 1775:** The United States Navy was born after the 2nd Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships.

**Oct 25-30, 1983:** After Grenada became a "Soviet Cuban colony," the U.S military invaded the island to restore its order and democracy.

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

#### **Barney Knighton, U.S. Navy**

Barney Knighton was born in Columbus, Georgia, but moved to Albany when he was in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Barney went to high school in Thomaston, Georgia, graduating from R. E. Lee Institute in 1953. A month after high school, Barney joined the U.S. Navy and did his basic training at a Great Lakes Training Center in Chicago. Following basic, he went to "Class A" training school for 3 months at Port Hueneme, California, then on to Kenitra, Morocco as a water purification specialist. Basically, that means he was part of a crew that ran the water system at the base. After a year there, Barney transferred to the U.S. Navy base in Yokosuka, Japan. There he was part of the hospital maintenance crew. Barney transferred back to the States after a year because of his father's ill health. He was assigned to NAS Albany, where he worked in the sewage plant. Less than a year later, he was reassigned to Navy Receiving Station, Brooklyn, New York as part of base maintenance. Again, less than a year later, E-5 Knighton received orders for Vietnam. In Vietnam, Barney was located just outside of Da Nang at a Marine supply depot, doing water purification and water maintenance. In Vietnam, he was promoted to E-6. After a long year, Barney left Vietnam and went to Navy Air Station, Glynco (Brunswick) Georgia. After two years, he went back to Port Hueneme, California as part of a Seabees mobile construction battalion "40." Part of the construction battalion deployed to Guam for a few months and then on to Taipei, Taiwan for several months building barracks. Barney left Taiwan and returned to NAS Albany to be discharged from the Navy. In total, Barney served on active duty for 9 years.

After discharge, Barney spent the next 24 years with the Albany Police department. He then spent 7 years with Brinks Armor Car service, followed by 5 years as the Leary Police Chief. He finally retired for good in 2011.

Barney is a new member to Post 30 but has been part of the Exchange club since 1999. Barney is married to his wife Pat, and together they have three children and six grandchildren.

*Thank you, Barney for your service*

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

*"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name." Psalm 100:4 (NKJV)*

Worship is a powerful word as it describes and expresses one's relationship with God. The ungodly don't worship God. Their homage is given to themselves or their earthly possessions. Christians however worship a living God and His son Jesus Christ. As believers in Jesus Christ, Christians are obligated to lift up praises to God in worship. Charles H. Spurgeon declared, *"Yes, it is the Christian's duty to praise God. It is not only a pleasurable exercise, but it is the absolute obligation of his life."* The believer lives to worship God. The believer doesn't have to be in at church to worship God. I have been in my car driving down the road, at home alone or in a hotel room worshipping God. As I type this devotion, I am worshipping God. God deserves my worship. He alone saved me through His Son Jesus Christ. Praise His name! Blessing God is like a wellspring of His eternal life into my life. Worshipping God imbues me with the strength to make it another day. The darkness flees and His light floods my life with renewed victory. Spurgeon asserts, *"You are bound by the bonds of His love to bless His name so long as you live, and His praise should continually be in your mouth, for you are blessed, in order that you may bless Him; ..."* I will worship God my Savior! Amen

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

Ladies, we sure enjoyed our trip to the Caribbean. We had great company, ate delicious food, and made many friends. Thank you for all your love, prayers, and support. I missed you and can't wait to tell you of our tales of the land and sea. I hope to see y'all at the breakfast on Wednesday,

October 5, beginning at 9 am. Also, we will meet at 5:30 pm on Thursday, October 13 for our monthly meeting, which is just before the 6:30 dinner.

*For God and country*

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

By the time you read this, we will have concluded Greg Welsh's memorial service at the legion (Oct 2). Our chaplain, Dr. Doc Williams and our Honor Guard Commander, Nick Nicholson, as always, did a super job. Greg will be missed for he had been a faithful part of our executive board as well as the person who kept us informed of all POW/MIA news and events. *Rest in Peace, brother.*

WALB did a story on September 30 on our own Col James Ivey, entitled "Heroes Among Us." James was recognized for his 27 years of military service to our country, including his time spent in Vietnam. I plan to play the clip at our October dinner meeting. Congratulations James for recognition well deserved.

Our speakers for the October 13 dinner and program will be Kyle and Maya McLane. They are (or were) missionaries to Ukraine, having spent 14 years there. They left Ukraine in February of this year, after the Russian invasion of Ukraine began. I heard them speak once before, and they have an interesting story to tell. They will update us on the Ukrainian war situation and show us a few pictures of the country. You will surely enjoy.

The Southwest Georgia fair is about to happen later this month, after two years of no fair (due to COVID). Several of us on the executive board are also on the exchange club board, so we encourage you to support it.. This year's fair will be from Tuesday, October 25 through Sunday, October 30. On Tuesday through Friday, the fairgrounds open at 4 pm, on Saturday at 11 am, and on Sunday, it will open at 1 pm. There is no official closing time each night; as it will stay open until people stop coming in. General admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children, and as always, the fair is free to our veteran community. Ride armbands are \$30 to ride rides all night long, so come out and enjoy the Southwest Georgia fair.

*Duty, Honor Country is what we stand for*

**Commander**

Dr. Daniel R. Brewer

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