



The American Legion

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October 2023

IMPORTANT DATES (in October)

- Oct 4 (Wed)-Monthly breakfast, 9 am
- Oct 5 (Thur)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
- Oct 5 (Thur)-Executive Board meeting, 6:30 pm
- Oct 5 (Thur)-Auxiliary Board meeting, 6:30 pm
- Oct 9 (Mon)-**Columbus Day** (Holiday)
- Oct 11 (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9 am
- Oct 12 (Thur)-Membership dinner, 6:30 pm
- Oct 18 (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9 am
- Oct 18 (Wed)-NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am
- Oct 19 (Thur)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm
- Oct 19 (Thur)-40&8, 6:30 pm
- Oct 19 (Thur)-Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm
- Oct 21 (Sat)-Day Lily, 10:30 am
- Oct 25 (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9 am
- Oct 27-29-Legion Dept Fall Conference-Duluth

POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had no death in September. Praise the Lord.

ADJUTANT'S COMMENTS

(Gary Fowler, Post 30 Adjutant)

These past few weeks we have finally received some cooler weather. The mornings have been great. We had a magnificent Post Everlasting Ceremony this past month. Our Commander put together a wonderful program and our Chaplain Doc Williams had a terrific message. We will have another Post-Everlasting Ceremony where we honor our deceased members at our monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, October 12th, starting at 6:30 pm. Our menu will be hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, butter beans, salad, and dessert.

Please make your Reservations. You get all this wonderful food for just \$10.00. Our Wednesday morning breakfast will be on Wednesday, October 4th beginning at 9 a.m. We will have bacon, sausage, grits, biscuits, sausage gravy, coffee, and juice at no charge. Bring your spouse, significant other, or your best buddy with you; again, it is free. You need to let us know how many to prepare for by calling the post at 229-435-5450 or emailing me at legiongfowler@yahoo.com.

On the other Wednesday mornings (October 11, 18, and 25), we will have our 9 a.m. donuts and coffee with some outstanding

fellowship. Our Post is here for you and your family. Please come and enjoy it. See you at the post!

Important dates in October:

Oct 7, 1975: President Gerald Ford signed a law allowing the admission of women into service academies.

Oct 11, 1939: Albert Einstein wrote his famous letter to FDR, telling him of Germany's potential for creating an atomic bomb. Although a longtime pacifist, Einstein was concerned that the Nazis would get the bomb first. In the letter, Einstein argued the scientific feasibility of atomic weapons and urged the need for the development of a US atomic program.

Oct 14, 1962: A U.S. Air Force U-2 reconnaissance plane and its pilot flew over the island of Cuba and took photographs of Soviet missiles (capable of carrying nuclear warheads) being erected in Cuba.

Oct 21, 1972: U.S. Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger and North Vietnam, Le Duc Tho reached a cease-fire agreement.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

(Dr. Doc Williams, Post 30 Chaplain)

Season Change

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and dine with him, and he with Me."

Revelation 3:20-21 23:4 (NKJV)

Here we are in October now and the season is changing. It's been hot but now it's cooling off. Thank the Lord! My text speaks of change. The Lord knocks at life's door desiring to have fellowship with us. He wants each of us to open the door and welcome Him in by sitting down for a meal and fellowship. This will bring about a season change, a heart change. Jesus transforms all who will acknowledge Him and make Him Savior and Lord. His invitation is extending all. Our country is quickly changing. It is very different than it was when I grew up or even a few years ago. For me, it is headed in the wrong direction. This nation has moved away from honoring God. There is much 'wrong-headed' thinking and activity today. Much of it makes little sense. I wonder what God thinks about the USA today. Maybe we need a season change, a spiritual or moral adjustment.

As I read the news and look at what is happening around our country, I think maybe we need a change. All that is happening to us now is indicative of a heart problem. Perhaps it is time for this country's leadership and citizens all to open the door anew to Jesus for a season change. May I be the first? Amen.

AUXILIARY UNIT 30

(Marilyn Fowler, Auxiliary President)

Welcome Fall! It's October and that means fall festivals, the fair, Halloween, and cooler weather. Yeah! The Auxiliary has been hard at work; we had a very good planning meeting on Sept 6th. Tentative plans were discussed for the coming months. We need each member to help bring these plans to fruition. If you haven't been to a meeting, we invite you back. It will take us all working together to reach our goal of supporting our veterans.

The Unit made special 'thank you' cards and bags of chocolate-covered peanuts to take to eleven Dougherty County fire stations and one to the base. These 'thank you' gifts were taken on 9/11 to celebrate Patriot's Day and express our sincere appreciation to these men and women for their dedication to serving our community every day. Special 'thank you' to Kathy Rush for donating the peanuts to Post 30 for the use of the van and to Gary Fowler for driving us around to all of the fire stations.

The September Post Everlasting was a very beautiful memorial service for our departed veterans. Thank you to the ladies who helped decorate the room and light the memorial candles. It was an honor and a privilege to help with this wonderful celebration of our veterans. The Auxiliary will do this again for the October Post Everlasting.

Mark your calendars now for the November 4th Leadership Training to be held at Post 30. You will need to pre-register to attend. Department 1st Vice and Chair of Leadership, Cheryl Waybright, will present the training. Pre-registration will open on Oct. 11. We will cover registration at the October meeting or feel free to call me at 229-347-3935.

Don't forget you can go ahead and pay your dues for the 2024 year - \$34. This entire amount will have to be sent to the Department of Georgia for Senior Membership. We are asking that you make an additional donation to help support the Auxiliary and its obligations if you can. Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. If you have not paid your dues, please do so now. You may drop off your dues plus any donation at the Post on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday when the adjutant is there or you may mail your checks to Brenda Alward, Membership Chair, 199 Saint Clair Drive, Leesburg, Ga. 31763.

Officers

Gary Fowler, *Adjutant*
Dan Brewer, *Service Officer*
Dan Brewer, *Historian*
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Nick Nicholson, *Judge Advocate*
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Make checks payable to ALA Unit 30.

Our next meeting is on October 5, at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. The Post will provide a light meal at no cost. Have a safe and happy October. Hope to see you at the Post.

For God and Country,

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

(Dr. Daniel R. Brewer, Post 30 Commander)

It is the Flu Shot Season, and The American Legion has partnered with Walgreens once again for shots. Shots will be given this year at Walgreens, located at 300 North Slappey Blvd. The shots you should consider getting, particularly if you are a senior, are the flu shot, COVID-19, shingles, pneumonia, tetanus, and whooping cough. The shots are free to veterans and most other seniors, Walgreens opens each day at 9 a.m. Our October **Monthly Breakfast is Wednesday, October 4**, and remember it is now **FREE** to Post 30 Members. Come and join us at 9 a.m.

This year's Georgia National Fair will be held in Perry, Ga. from October 5 through 15. Monday, October 9 is Patriotic Day. All military personnel: Active Duty, Reserves, Retirees, and Veterans, along with their immediate families are free. So, take advantage of this and go enjoy a fun day at the fair.

The Georgia Southwest Fair (Albany) will be held from Tuesday, October 24 through Sunday, October 29. Again, ALL VETERANS are FREE and other adults get in for just \$8. Gates open each weekday at 4:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. on the weekends.

As mentioned, we held a Post Everlasting Memorial Ceremony in September and will hold another service on October 12, at our monthly dinner and program. Again, this memorial service is where we honor and pay our last respects to Post 30 Members who have passed away and gone on to the Post Everlasting in Heaven. We Honored 37 Deceased Post 30 Members in September and will pay Tribute to 39 in October. I hope you can come out to our Memorial Ceremony on October 12 and help Honor the Families of our Fallen Heroes with your Presence and Support. We will have a PowerPoint program depicting our departed members and our own Chaplain, Dr. Doc Williams will again deliver a message to the families. If you are able, please come and join us.

Duty, Honor, and Country are what we stand for.

Executive Committee

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