



The American Legion



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September 2023

IMPORTANT DATES (in September)

- Sep 4 (Mon)- Labor Day (Holiday)**
- Sep 6 (Wed)-Monthly breakfast, 9 am**
- Sep 7 (Thur)-Executive Board meeting, 6:30 pm**
- Sep 7 (Thur)-Auxiliary Board meeting, 6:30 pm**
- Sep 13 (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9 am**
- Sep 14 (Thur)-Membership dinner, 6:30 pm**
- Sep 16 (Sat)-Day Lily, 10:30 am**
- Sep 20 (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9 am**
- Sep 20 (Wed)-NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am**
- Sep 21 (Thur)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm**
- Sep 21 (Thur)-Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm**
- Sep 21 (Thur)-40&8, 6:30 pm**
- Sep 27 (Wed)-Coffee and donuts, 9 am**

POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had the following death in August.

- Aug 5- Gordan Pannell, USMC

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

I certainly hope September will bring cooler weather for all of us. This might help some of you come and participate in your Post. Our Wednesday morning breakfast will be on September 6th, where we will have plenty of 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's free. We will need you to let us know how many meals to prepare by calling the post at 229-435-5450 or emailing at legiongtfowler@yahoo.com. On September 13th, 20th, and 27th (at 9:00 am), we will have our Wednesday donuts and coffee with some outstanding tall tales and fellowship. We might even solve some of the world's problems. On Thursday September 14th, starting at 6:30 pm, we will have our first Post Everlasting Memorial Service since COVID. This is where we honor our deceased members in a memorial service. Our menu will consist of beef stroganoff with noodles, brussels sprouts, side salad, and dessert. You get all this wonderful food for just \$10.00. Please RSVP for this service and meal as well. See you at the post! *For GOD and Country*

Important dates in September:

Sept 2, 1945: Aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, Japan formally surrendered to the Allies, bringing an end to World War II. For the site of Japan's formal surrender, Truman chose the USS Missouri, a battleship that had seen considerable

action in the Pacific and was named after President Truman's native state. General of the Army Douglas MacArthur was instructed to preside over the surrender.

Sept 11, 1965: The 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) began arriving in South Vietnam at Qui Nhon, bringing U.S. troop strength in South Vietnam to more than 125,000. The unit, which had a long and storied history, was the first U.S. Army division to be deployed to Vietnam.

Sept 11, 2001: At 8:45 a.m. on a clear Tuesday morning, an American Airlines Boeing 767 loaded with 20,000 gallons of jet fuel crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. Then, 18 minutes after, a second Boeing 767, United Airlines Flight 175, turned sharply toward the World Trade Center, and sliced into the south tower at about the 60th floor. The attackers, Islamic terrorists from Saudi Arabia and other Arab nations, were financed by Saudi fugitive Osama bin Laden's terrorist organization. They were allegedly acting in retaliation for America's support of Israel. Some of the terrorists had lived in the United States for more than a year and had taken flying lessons at American commercial flight schools.

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

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4 (NKJV)

We are living in difficult times. With high-crime homelessness, rioting in the streets, the media compromising the truth, and our country becoming unrecognizable to us. It's as if we are walking through a valley that is threatening our way of life in this country. These are doubtless the last days before the Lord's return. The Psalmist speaks of walking through a valley. The valley he speaks of is a dangerous, dark place. This valley is a place where death overshadows life. It sounds a lot like the America we are experiencing today. Our present valley is indeed "the valley of the shadow of death." It is a dangerous and menacing place to be at times. We all have our own personal "valley" or actually valleys that we experience. Maybe today you are walking in a dangerous place, a dark valley. It may even remind you of a battlefield with death all around you. There may be booby traps and mines waiting silently to take your life or at least waiting to do you harm. Today you may even be struggling with the idea of even going outside the security of your home to do anything.

You may be struggling with health issues that haunt your very life. You may even be wrestling with a life-threatening issue.

The day in which we live calls for each of us to have a faith that is focused on God's word and His promises to His people.

The good news is that God really is still in charge. He has you in the palm of His hand. He knows exactly where you are and His coming on your behalf is sure. God really is in your corner. He is for you. What is your valley today? The psalmist concluded, "I will fear no evil; for You are with me;" Whatever you are facing today, just know that God is with you in your valley. He is your friend. My prayer is that you will reach out to Him in faith as your All-Sufficient God in Jesus' Name.

AUXILIARY UNIT 30 (Marilyn Fowler, Auxiliary President)

We had 4 members attend a very informative 2nd District meeting in Thomasville on August 13th. Thomasville Post 519 was a very gracious host and provided a wonderful meal. It's not surprising that our 2nd District Auxiliary President, Janice Williams announced that her goal again this year is MEMBERSHIP! We need everyone's help to get our membership up. Dues increased for the 2024 year to \$34. This entire amount will have to be sent to the Department of Georgia for Senior Membership. Unit 30 elected not to add any additional amount to the dues that you will be required to pay, instead we are asking that you make an additional donation to help support the Auxiliary and its obligations. 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. Make checks payable to ALA Unit 30. We need your help also to recruit new members and contact members that have not renewed.

The Dept President's theme this year is "Supporting the Foundation of Our Veterans". The Unit needs your support to help meet this challenge. If you have not been coming to the meetings, we invite you back and please invite someone to come with you.

Remember you can recruit your daughters and granddaughters from birth on. With your help, we can build our Auxiliary and support the foundation of our veterans.

Our next meeting is September 7, 2023, at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. The Post will provide a light meal at no cost. Hope to see you at the Post Breakfast on Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 9:00am. The Auxiliary will meet after breakfast for a planning meeting. *For God and Country,*

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

Beginning in September, the legion will no longer charge members \$5.00 for our monthly breakfast, which is always the first Wednesday of the month. We hope by going back to the free breakfast, this increases the number of who comes out and participates in the monthly breakfast.

I said last month that we would have Rachel Monroe from Heritage of Hope come back and speak at our September program. Well, I am going to push Rachel back to the first of the year for two reasons. First, she is very pregnant with her first child and is due in October, and secondly, we need to do our Post Everlasting ceremony in both September and October. The Post Everlasting ceremony is a memorial service 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 last did a ceremony in September 2019, but due to COVID, have not done one since, meaning we have not done one in 2020, 2021, or 2022. Right now, we are at 72, Post 30 members who have passed since our last ceremony in 2019. Because of the large number and because we want to go back and honor all of them, we will do it this year over a two-month period; 35 in September and the rest in October. The September invitation letters to the deceased member's next-of-kin have already been sent.

I hope you can come out to one or both memorial ceremonies to help honor the families of our fallen heroes with your presence and support. We will have a power-point program depicting our departed members and our own Chaplain, Dr. Doc Williams who will deliver a message to the families. If you are able, please come and join us.

Duty, Honor Country is what we stand for.

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