



The American Legion



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IMPORTANT DATES (in September)

Sept 1 (Thu)- Executive Board meeting 6:30 pm

Sept 1 (Thu)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm

Sept 5 (Mon)- **Labor Day** (Holiday)

Sept 7 (Wed)- Monthly breakfast, 9 am

Sept 8 (Thu)- Auxiliary meeting, 5:30 pm

Sept 8 (Thu)- Membership dinner, 6:30 pm

Sept 8 (Thu)- Bassin Buddies meeting, 7 pm

Sept 11 (Sun)- Anniversary of 9/11 (9/11/2001)

Sept 15 (Thu)- PTSD group meeting 12-1 pm

Sept 15 (Thu)- 40&8, 6:30 pm

Sept 21 (Wed)- NARFE luncheon, 11:30 am

Sept 24 (Sat)- Cliff Rouse Ride, 8:00 am -3 pm

Every Wed- Coffee & donuts

Every Day- Fly your flag

POST EVERLASTING

Post 30 had no death in the month of August:

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

Greetings to you and yours. Membership renewals started off with a bang; but they have slowed down this past month. Membership is vital and we need each of our 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, September 7th, beginning at 9:00 am, for the unbelievable low price of just \$5.00. Would you like to gain wisdom and knowledge and know how to solve our world's problems? Then 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, September 8th at 6:30 pm. The Menu is country fried steak, rice and gravy, green beans, salad, rolls, tea or coffee, and strawberry short cake for dessert.

Come out to the Post, meet some wonderful veterans and their spouses, and join us in our activities. I promise you the time and fellowship will be enjoyable. See you at the post!

For God and Country

Important dates in September:

Sept 1, 1939: On this date at 0445 hours German forces invaded Poland without a declaration of war. The operation code named Fall Weiss (Plan White), allotted for 52 divisions for the invasion, along with 1.5 million men.

Sept 5, 1964: Following the Tonkin Gulf incident, in which North Vietnamese torpedo boats attacked

U.S. destroyers and the subsequent passage of the Tonkin Gulf, President Lyndon Johnson authorized a series of measures "to assist the South Vietnamese and show the Communists [in North Vietnam] that we mean business."

Sept 17, 1862: Confederate General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia and Union General George B. McClellan's Army of the Potomac fought to a standstill along a Maryland creek on what would be the bloodiest day in American history to date.

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

Grady Sceals, U.S. Navy

Grady Sceals was born in Albany, Georgia on January 17, 1940. Grady went through the Albany school system, graduating from Albany High School in 1959. Following graduation, he went to South Georgia College for two years then on to Florida State University, graduating in 1963 with a degree in History. Because of the times (1963 and the Vietnam war), Grady decided to enlist in the Navy, and following completion of basic training at Newport, Rhode Island, he was assigned to the aircraft carrier Lake Champlain (CVS-39), as a yeoman (administrative clerk) in the Air office. The Lake Champlain, CVS -39, was the last of the 'straight deck' carriers. The air office was responsible for the planes flying off the carrier. Grady spent two years on the Lake Champlain, generally traveling up and down the east coast. While on a cruise, one night his carrier was hit by Norwegian freighter, resulting in significant damage to the ship. As a result of the incident, he spent the next six months in dry dock at Portsmouth, Virginia. While on his cruises, he visited Barcelona, Spain, "The Rock" of Gibraltar, and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Grady separated from the Navy on June 1, 1965 and returned to Georgia. Once in Albany, he taught school, after completing the required certification process. He taught 7th grade Social Studies at McIntosh for three years, followed by history at Westover High school, after it opened in 1968. He also received his master's degree from Mississippi State in 1968. Due to the low pay in the school system, Grady left Westover after four years, and in 1972 started working at Firestone Tire and Rubber, as a training supervisor. He did this for ten years. In 1983, his job was eliminated, so he went back to teaching, but this time at Albany Technical College, teaching marketing and management. Grady taught at Albany Tech for 21 years. He retired in 2004, although he taught part time at Darton College for 5 years. In 2010, he retired for good.

Grady married Karen Jones in December 1967, and together they have two adult children, seven grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Grady's retirement activities include the Exchange Club, the American Legion, First Methodist Church, where he has taught Sunday school, and volunteer work at Phoebe.

Thank you, Grady for your service

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

"Blessed is the man whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty." Job 5:17

Discipline to some has a negative connotation. As a child living with my parent's discipline was something I wanted to avoid. At my young age discipline meant corporal punishment. I felt the strap growing up with eight siblings. Did my parents love me? I believe they did. Parental discipline is similar to God's discipline. It has great value for the one being disciplined. It redirects and sets one on a right path. I have no doubt that God loves me. He has demonstrated His love for me by dying on the cross. Job says the man experiencing God's discipline is blessed. For God to go to the 'trouble' to discipline me shows he cares for me. It took me a while to come to that understanding with my parents; but I did. I also have been disciplined by God. He was trying to get me to be obedient and agree with the direction He wanted me to go. I wanted to go in my direction not His. I have learned over the years of my Christian life that God really does know what is best for me. I have learned to be cooperative and obedient most of the time. I certainly don't despise the Lord's discipline. I am so thankful that God cares so much about me that He takes the time to correct my waywardness. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for loving me. Let's celebrate God's discipline. Amen.

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

Greetings ladies: We will meet this month on the 8th at 5:30 pm, then go to the dinner/program at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

We finished our first project thanks to Deanna Nicholson. We had 13 Of the 16 that were expected.

The food was great, and we stayed until after 2 pm. Our next project coming up will be the Labor Day weekend. Most of the schools will be off that day, so we will be enjoying the last holiday of the summer. Keep reading the bulletin and call me if you need anything (229-376-9764) *For God & Country*

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

We have two things going on during our September meeting. First, we will have two of the young men who went to this year's Boys State, speak about their experiences. Second, I will speak about the recent passage of the burnpit legislation, called the Pact Act. As many of you know I was the top environmental engineer for Iraq, and later Afghanistan, and was involved in trying to eliminate the use of burnpits. As I said then, and has now proven to be the case, burnpits, as a way of disposing of waste, is a very bad practice and one that will come back to haunt us for years to come. Today, there are over 2 million veterans with health-related issues associated with breathing burnpit fumes at the base camps. The new Pact Act is a 'presumptive' Act, which means you don't have to prove your illness was caused by your military service. This Act presumes that if you served in certain locations and at certain times, and you have particular illnesses (I will list them) that your military service was the cause of your medical problems, and you have coverage under the Act. The Pact Act addresses what these problems are, as well as the treatment options that are now available to Vets and their dependents. The passed legislation also reaches back and provides additional treatment options for Vets who were exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam era. There is a lot in the bill, and I will break it down and explain it through the use of PowerPoint slides. Whether or not you're currently experiencing any of the covered presumptive medical conditions, it's in your best interest to register with the VA for testing and, if necessary, treatment. I will explain how this is done, and the steps you need to take. So come to the September dinner and program and bring any of your Veteran friends who could benefit from hearing this presentation. Hope to see you there on September 8th, beginning at 6:30 pm.

Duty, Honor Country is what we stand for

Commander

Dr. Daniel R. Brewer

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Henry Alward

Jerry Garrett

Scott Hemmings

Ron Langston

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Jerry Garrett, *Grounds*

Dr. Dan Brewer, *Historian*

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