

Richland County
Post 6 Bugle
February 2024



FEBRUARY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

08 —5:00 pm Legion Executive Meeting
6:00 pm Dinner Served
6:00 pm Auxiliary Meeting
6:30 pm Post Meeting/Program

15 — 5:00 Riders Meeting

19 — ‘President’s Day’ — Post Closed

26 — 8:30 am Veterans Breakfast

March 21, 22 and 23—VECA at Armory on Bluff Road. (see flyer on bulleting board at the post, claims assistance available)

2024-2025 Elections of Officers

April Meeting—Slate of Officers presented.

May Meeting— Elections will be held.

June Meeting— Installation of Officers.

Meeting Night Dinner Menu
**Baked Lasagna, Tossed Salad,
Garlic Bread.
Dessert, Coffee and Iced Tea**

Legion Meeting Night Speaker

**Chandler H. Rhodes
Manager, Columbia VA
Fisher House**



2024 Rifle Raffle—Tickets are available during meetings and events.

Ticket Sales will be from Jan 2 — May 30, 2024. Must be 18 years old or more to win! Two tickets will be drawn per day starting July 8, 2024 for a total of 52 rifles. Must have a government issued ID and able to pass a background check. For all rules go to, or click the link below.

RIFLE RAFFLE RULES & WINNERS (southcarolinalegion.org)



**Located under the Carolina Tower:
200 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC
Phone 803-799-2736**

E-mail: alrp6@alrp6.org

****New** Office Hours: M-F, 10:00am—2:00pm**

**VISIT Post Six's NEW Website!
<https://www.rcamericanlegionpost6.com>**

Post Everlasting

*“William Creech”
Merchant Marines—WWII &
USA—Korea*



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there*

“Membership Status”

American Legion — 89% — 47 more to go
American Legion Auxiliary — 83% — 10 more go
Sons of The American Legion — 62% — 7 more to go



2024 dues payment will reinstate your privileges and benefits.

P U F L - “Paid Up For Life”

No more renewal notices, no more deadline dates to remember, no more dues increases. Payable in full or installments with a credit card.

“Renew or Join with multiyear membership”

If you have not paid for 2024, you are able to pay for three (3) consecutive years at the current membership amount of \$45.00 a year until 1 July 2027, delaying this years dues increase. In July 2027 you will be able to pay for another 3 consecutive years at the dues rate in July of 2027.

“Set up your MyLegion or Auxiliary account ”

You can create your free membership account and manage your dues payment and your personal information, including address changes.

“For More Information”

If you have any questions regarding pricing and how to renew online, call the Post Adjutant, or Unit 6 Membership Chair Pat Jarvis for answers or to make an appointment for online assistance at — 803-479-0551

One year, \$18.8 billions in veterans benefits claims

From The American Legion, National Headquarters, DISPATCH DATED - JAN 24, 2024

There are more than 18 billion reasons why our nation’s veterans gave thanks to The American Legion during Fiscal Year 2023, which ended in September.

That’s because American Legion accredited service officers secured nearly 19 billion dollars -- \$18,800,997,141.62 to be precise – in benefits claims for veterans. That amount exceeds the \$16 billion that veterans received in the previous fiscal year.

Three sites secured more than 1 billion in FY 2023:

St. Petersburg, FL, \$2.4 billion

Columbia, SC, \$1.1 billion and

Montgomery, AL, \$1.1 billion.

Also, in the most recent fiscal year, the Legion’s Biard if Veterans’ Appeals Unit represented more than 11,234 appellants – helping them to secure more than \$89,616,242 in retroactive VA claims benefits.

The American Legion’s 3,000 accredited service officers provide this expertise at no cost to any veteran, whether they are a Legionnaire or not. Some organizations charge for this service but do not get better results.

“I could not be more pleased with the extraordinary and selfless work of our team of service officers,” American Legion National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer said. “This represents one of the core values of our organization: assisting our brothers and sisters. It is, in fact, a value that changes lives and saves lives.”



Thank you Service Officer Ralph Yoho for your 15 years of dedicated service to American's Veterans!

Our Local Community Pack of Cub Scouts! Learning about Flag Etiquette and how The Poppy grew from the rows of crosses to a National Day of Remembrance symbol!



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Welcome



Kenneth Brown—USAF—Persian Gulf
India Dixon—USA—GW on Terrorism
Robert Johnstone—USA—Vietnam
David Abell—USAF—Vietnam

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and let us know. If no one is available leave a message!
803-799-2736**

BE THE ONE
TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR
LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.
TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETER-
AN NEEDS TO TALK.
TO **REACH** OUT WHEN A
VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.

 **Veterans
Crisis Line**
DIAL 988 then **PRESS 1**

\$1500.00
Three drawings, \$500.00 each!

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RAFFLE

Drawing on June 30th