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*L.Z. Harrison, Jr., Commander 2025-2026*

# Richland County Post 6 American Legion Bugle

## August 2025

### AUGUST MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 4th—USCG Birthday (235th)
- 7th—Foundation Meeting (11:30 am)
- 8th—Blood Drive at Post 6
- 9th—District 1 Meeting in Chapin
- 9th—ALRSC Meet and Greet (Laurens)
- 14th—PEC and Post Monthly Meeting
- 21st—Chapter 6 Riders meeting
- 22nd-28th—American Legion National Convention
- 25th—Veterans Breakfast (8:30 am)
- 28th—BYO Steak Night in The Cave (6:00 pm)

### August 7th National Purple Heart Day



**Legion Meeting Night Program:  
Boys/Girls State & USCG Birthday**

### 2026 Membership Year Began July 1st, 2025

**Please pay your 2026 dues as soon as you are able, so that you will be good until December 31st, 2026. Let's have 100% in 2026!**



**Located under the Carolina Tower:  
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Office Hours: M-W-Th, 10:00am—2:00pm  
CLOSED: Tuesday and Friday**

**VISIT the Post 6 Website!  
<https://www.rcamericanlegionpost6.com>**

## Post & Squadron Everlasting

Jerry Funderburk, US Army, Korea  
Blaine "Johnny" Johnson, US Air Force, Vietnam  
Barbara Watson, US Army, Persian Gulf  
Jerry Youngblood—SAL

## Welcome to Post 6 Family

Randall Hankins—Legion, US Army  
Gene Kennedy—Legion, USMC  
Mark Madej, Legion, USA  
Dana Ammer—Auxiliary  
Ricky Moss—SAL

**"Membership Options—Help us reach 100% in 2026!"** Pay online OR Mail dues to Post 6  
**The American Legion**—[www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew)  
**Auxiliary**— [www.legion-aux.org/renew](http://www.legion-aux.org/renew)  
**SAL**— [www.mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/SAL-Renew](http://www.mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/SAL-Renew)

**Let's get ready to be a 100% post in 2026! New Members who join this month can get 16 months of membership for the price of 12 months. This offer only available at the Post and not online! Talk to your family and friends about joining this year. Renew YOUR dues as soon as you are able!**

Rickland Post 6 American Legion  
**CHILI COOK-OFF**  
OCTOBER 9TH PRIZES!  
MEETING NIGHT 6:00 PM  
TO SIGN UP AND RESERVE YOUR SPOT EMAIL THE POST OR CALL 803-360-3830  
COOK UP YOUR FAVORITE CHILI RECIEPE AND BRING IN A CROCK POT OR OTHER POT TO BE JUDGED AND SHARED WITH ALL! SIDES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE POST  
AMERICAN LEGION

**Sign up to bring a pot of Chili to the October meeting for judging and to win prizes!**

**Send an email or call the Post to sign up for the cook off!**

**We need at least 10 entries!**

**Call: 803-799-2736 and leave a message**



**ITS THAT TIME!** Post 6 has partnered with The Blood Connection, a Community Blood Bank, to conduct a Life Saving Blood Drive at the Post on **Friday, August 8th, 2025 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.** As part of their non-profit program for every 30 donations, we receive a grant of \$500. Please step forward and give the gift of life! RSVP at the link or call the post! **WE NEED MORE DONORS!**

[https://  
donate.thebloodconnection.org/  
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## Meet the Post Leadership, Edition 2



Mr. Ronnie Jeffcoat, 1st Vice Commander, Post 6, attended Airport High School and after graduation attended Baptist College at Charleston. After attending college for a year, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and attended Basic Training at Lackland AFB. He then went on to attend Air Police Course graduating in 1966. After training, he was assigned to Homestead AFB in Florida. In 1968 he was transferred to McDill AFB, Florida where he attended Tactical Air Command NCO Leadership course and returned to Homestead, where he was promoted to the rank of Sgt. Where he also served in the Honor Guard. After 6 years in the USAF, he was honorably discharged and returned to SC. He then went to work in Law Enforcement with the Richland County Sheriff's Office, Cayce Police Department, and Wackenhut Corporation where he conducted investigations and background checks for DOE employees at Savannah River Plant. He then performed country music with the Silver Sage Band, across the East Coast including military bases. In retirement he joined volunteer organizations and has been a member of The American Legion for 11 years and is currently a Paid Up for Life member. Ronnie has been married to Johnette (JJ) for 50 years in August 2025.



Mr. Philip G. Elliott, 2nd Vice Commander, Post 6 graduated from Columbia High School in 1979 and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in August 1979. He was assigned to Travis AFB, 60th Aerial Port Sq, from 1979-1982 and was honorably discharged in 1982, with an Air Force Commendation Medal. He was blessed with a son (Derek) and 2 daughters (Brittany and Ashton), 6 grand-children and 1 great grandchild. He has been married to Tammy Elliott for 10 years. After the Air Force, he worked in the Whiskey Industry with George Dickel, at USC Colonial Center, the Federal Court House in Columbia, the Lexington County Courthouse, the V.C. Summer Nuclear Facility, and Lazzara Yachts. He is the owner of Silver Haired Handyman LLC. He is an American Legion Member at Post 6, where he has served with the American Legion Riders as Ride Coordinator. He has been elected as the Ride Director for 2025-2026 and oversees the monthly Veterans Breakfast.



### Post 6 Shirts Available at August Meeting!

We have ordered Post 6 T-shirts that have all of the Legion family emblems with the words "Our Service Never Expires" and then "For God and Country" with the Post 6 Information. We have limited sizes that are available at the Post 6 office and during meetings for sale for \$25 up to XL & \$27 for 2XL and 3XL.

  
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**If the addressee is deceased or has moved, please call Post 6  
at 803-799-2736 or email [alrp6@alrp6.org](mailto:alrp6@alrp6.org)**

*New memberships this month will get 16 months of membership for the price of 12.*

The United States Coast Guard, one of the country's five armed services, is a unique agency of the federal government. They trace their history to 4 August 1790, when the first Congress authorized the construction of ten vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws and to prevent smuggling. Known variously through the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as the Revenue Marine and the Revenue Cutter Service, they expanded in size and responsibilities as the nation grew.

The service received its present name in 1915 under an act of Congress when the Revenue Cutter Service merged with the Life-Saving Service. The nation then had a single maritime service dedicated to saving life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws. The Coast Guard began to maintain the country's aids to maritime navigation, including operating the nation's lighthouses, when President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the transfer of the Lighthouse Service to the Coast Guard in 1939. In 1946 Congress permanently transferred the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation to the Coast Guard, thereby placing merchant marine licensing and merchant vessel safety under our purview. The Coast Guard took over the administration of bridges over navigable waterways in 1967.

The Coast Guard is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government and, until the Navy Department was established in 1798, they served as the nation's only armed force afloat. They continued to protect the nation throughout their long history and have served proudly in our nation's conflicts. The USCG national defense responsibilities remain one of our most important functions even today. In times of peace they operate as part of the Department of Homeland Security, serving as the nation's front-line agency for enforcing laws at sea, protecting the marine environment and the vast coastline and ports, and saving life. In times of war, or at the direction of the President, they serve under the Department of Navy.