

Richland County Post 6 American Legion Bugle March 2025



*Serving America and Veterans since 1919
Rick Cook, Commander 2024-2025*

MARCH MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 5**– American Legion National Commander visits Post 6 (9:00 AM)
- 13** – 5:00 pm Post Executive Meeting
5:30 pm Auxiliary Meeting
6:00 pm Dinner Served
6:30 pm Post Membership Meeting
- 15**– District 1 Meeting at Post 7, Lexington
ALRSC Spring Meeting at Post 90, S. Congaree
- 19**– SAL Monthly Meeting
- 20-22**– Veterans Experience Action Center (Bluff Road Armory)
- 23**–National Auxiliary President Town Hall at Post 6 (2:00 PM)
- 26**– Post clean up (11:00 AM)
- 27**– American Legion Riders Meeting (Moved from previous week)
- 31**–All Veterans Invited Breakfast



**Legion Meeting Night Program:
Firefighter, Law Enforcement, and
Public Safety Awards along with
American Legion Birthday**

Renew Now! 2024 Memberships Expired December 31st, 2024

If you haven't yet, now is the time to renew your Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL dues since memberships lapsed on 31 Dec. Our organizations are members based organizations and we encourage everyone to stay on board!



**Located under the Carolina Tower:
200 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC 29205
Phone 803-799-2736
E-mail: alrp6@alrp6.org
Office Hours: M-W-Th, 10:00am–2:00pm
CLOSED: Tuesday and Friday**

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

Post Everlasting

*Terry Brown, U.S. Army Retired—28 years membership
Catha Ridgeway, WWII, U.S. Army Retired—32 years membership*

Welcome to Post 6

Russell Newman, U.S. Army Retired

**“Membership Options—Help us reach 450 Legion members!”
Pay online OR Mail dues to Post 6 - Our goal is 100% by April**

The American Legion—www.legion.org/renew - *83% - 76 away.

Auxiliary— www.legion-aux.org/renew - 83% - 11 away.

SAL— www.mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/SAL-Renew - 84% - 4 away.

***As of February, Post 6 American Legion was at
83%; March is 90% target date.**

**Do you have the drive and
determination to make a
difference in Veteran’s lives?
We are looking for motivated
members to serve as officers
on YOUR Post 6 Executive
Council.**

**The Post doesn’t exist without
those willing to give of their
time and talents to keep it
active and thriving.**

**Your membership is
important, but your presence
is valued.**

**Contact 1st Vice Harrison if
you are interested in serving
for 2025-2026.**

CASH RAFFLE

**June 12th, at the Post meeting,
two winners will take home \$500
each in our 2025 drawing.**

**Tickets are \$5 each, but the more
you buy the more chance you
have to win.**

**Buy tickets during meetings
or at Post 6!**

March 15—American Legion 106th Birthday

March 15-17, 1919

Members of the American Expeditionary Force convene in Paris for the first American Legion caucus.

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Focusing on service to veterans, servicemembers and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at over 1.6 million in more than 12,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Latin America and the Philippines.

Over the years, the Legion has built its identity by achieving hundreds of benefits and services for veterans, supporting the U.S. Armed Forces and instilling the values of responsible citizenship among young people. From the nation-changing of The American Legion-drafted GI Bill to relief for veterans exposed to toxic contamination in the service, veterans of The American Legion have worked for over a century to improve and strengthen the nation they swore with their lives to defend.

March 29—National Vietnam War Veterans Day

March 29 was chosen as National Vietnam War Veterans Day because on March 29, 1973, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) was disbanded and the last U.S. combat troops departed the Republic of Vietnam. The last unit was elements of MACV's Infantry Security Force (Special Guard), actually special couriers.

On March 28, 2017, President Trump signed the *Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017*. This act officially recognizes March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. The Act also includes the day among those days on which the US flag should especially be displayed.

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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**

Renew your dues now! Current memberships expired December 31st, 2024.



Midlands



The American Legion Department of South Carolina and the SCNG in partnership with the SC Department of Veteran Affairs and U.S. Veteran Affairs Regional Office proudly presents

VETERANS EXPERIENCE ACTION CENTER (VEAC)

All Veterans and family members are welcome to attend this
3rd Annual VEAC for the Midlands.

March 20 - 22, 2025

Thu - Fri: 9 AM | 3 PM
Sat: 9 AM | 2 PM

SCNG Army, 1328 Old Dairy Dr., Columbia SC 29201

Get Assistance With:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VA Disability Compensation & Pension claims filing and assistance for Veteran & Widow benefits On-site C&P Exams (for eligible Veterans) Veteran Readiness & Employment benefits VA Mobile Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VHA- Health Care benefits & on-site enrollment VA National Cemetery Adm. Memorial Benefits Vendors & services from community partners and much more!
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Donations may be made to American Legion, Department of SC, 103 Legion Plaza, Columbia, SC 29210 (Please add VEAC to the memo line on your check.)
 To volunteer email Darlene Walton @djwalton26@gmail.com










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TO ASK VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.

TO LISTEN WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.

TO REACH OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.