

Richland County Post 6 American Legion Bugle

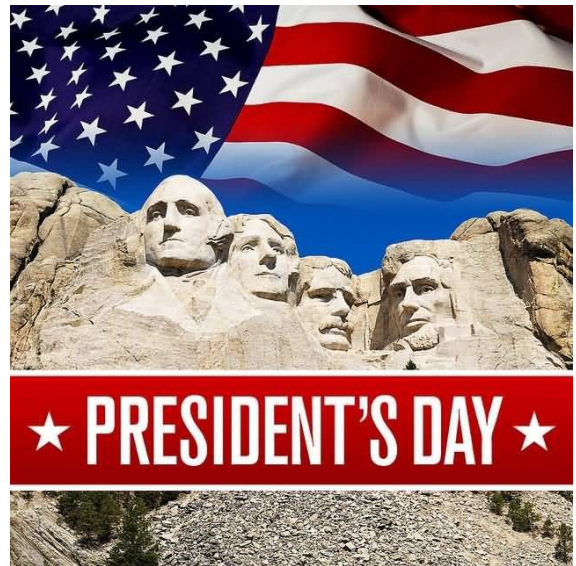
February 2025



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

FEBRUARY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 3– Four Chaplains Day (see page 3)
- 4– USO Birthday
- 13 – 5:00 pm Post Executive Meeting
5:30 pm Auxiliary Meeting
6:00 pm Dinner Served
6:30 pm Post Membership Meeting
- 17– President’s Day (Post Closed)
- 20– Chapter 6 Riders Meeting
- 22-23—ALRSC State Legacy Pre-Ride
- 24—All Veterans Invited Breakfast



**Legion Meeting Night Program:
Dinner and Post Update**

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>

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Welcome to Post 6

Perry Hoskins, US Navy, Panama Era

“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 - *80% - 89 away.

Auxiliary— www.legion-aux.org/renew - 73% - 17 away.

SAL— www.mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/SAL-Renew - 80% - 5 away.

***As of January, Post 6 American Legion was at 80%; February is 85% target date.**



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 Armory, 1328 Old Dairy Dr., Columbia SC 29201

Get Assistance With:

- 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
- VHA- Health Care benefits & on-site enrollment
- VA National Cemetery Adm. Memorial Benefits
- Vendors & services from community partners
- and much more!

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 djwalton2@gmail.com

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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!

Four Chaplains Day—February 3rd

Feb. 3 marks the anniversary of the sinking of the United States Army Transport *Dorchester* and the selfless acts of four Army chaplains aboard during World War II. The four chaplains, also known as the "Immortal Chaplains" or the "Dorchester Chaplains," represented three faiths: Catholic, Jewish and Protestant. After midnight on Feb. 3, 1943, the *Dorchester* was torpedoed by a U-boat in the Labrador Sea off Greenland and went down in 20 minutes, according to official records. The four chaplains had spent much of their time calming nervous young soldiers, even putting on evening variety shows to help pass the time. When the torpedo hit, the chaplains guided men below decks to the lifeboats and handed out life jackets.

"Just before our ship went down, these chaplains took off their own life preservers and gave them to us," one of the survivors, 19-year-old Daniel O'Keefe of the U.S. Merchant Marine Service, said a few weeks after the tragedy. "They were standing on the deck praying hand in hand as our lifeboat drifted out of sight."

Survivor John Ladd also recalled the chaplains giving away their life vests, "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven," he said.

Another survivor, told *The Baltimore Sun* in 1997: "I could hear men crying, pleading, praying and swearing. I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage to the men. Their voices were probably the only things that kept me sane."



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at 803-799-2736 or email alrp6@alrp6.org**

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



**14th Annual
ALR of South Carolina
State Legacy Ride**

APRIL 26 - 27, 2025 (Pre-ride Feb 22-23)

Support the American Legion Rider Chapters of South Carolina as they go on a cross state legacy ride for the American Legion Veterans and Childrens Foundation (VCF) which helps train Veteran Service Officers and provides emergency grants to homes with minor children.

★ Sponsors and Donations Needed. ★

**Shotgun Start on Saturday to Florence
then ride to the State House on Sunday**

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Support your local Riders Contact your local Chapter to donate



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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.