

Richland County Post 6 American Legion Bugle

September 2024



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

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 2**—Labor Day (Post Closed)
- 12**— 5:00 pm Post Executive Meeting
6:00 pm Dinner Served
6:00 pm Auxiliary Meeting
6:30 pm Post Meeting/Program
- 11**—Patriot Day, 9/11 Memorial Event
- 13**— Steven Siller Tunnel to Towers 5k Run/Walk
- 17**— Chapter 6 Riders Meeting (5:00 pm social hour and business meeting at 6:00 pm—(MOVED FROM THURS))
- 18**—U.S. Air Force Birthday
- 19-22**—Chapter 6 Riders Trip to Washington D.C.
- 26**— Bring your own steak night (6:00 pm)
- 28**— Legion Laughs Comedy Show
- 30**—All Veterans Invited Breakfast (8:30 am)



**Legion Meeting Night Dinner will
be catered by Di' Prato's**

Program: Boys and Girls State

Renew Early! Why Procrastinate?

The push is on for renewals and we are asking members to Renew Early and Don't Procrastinate. Do you procrastinate on your electric bill and car payment? Probably not. So don't procrastinate on your membership renewal. Our organization is a members based organization and we encourage everyone to stay on board!



**Located under the Carolina Tower:
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CLOSED: Tuesday and Friday**

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

Post Everlasting

Joe E. Berry—U.S. Army, Korea, 63 years
Ted Delage, U.S. Army, Vietnam, 24 years
John H. Holladay, Jr.—US Army Air Corps, WWII, 37 years
Lawrence Norris—U.S. Navy, 5 years
**years denotes continuous membership in The American Legion*

Welcome to Post 6

Tom Watson, USAF
David A. Peacock, USAF

“Membership Options—Help us reach 450 Legion members!” - Pay online OR Mail dues to Post 6

July began the new legion year. Although your current dues are paid up through December, please pay for 2025 as soon as you are able. **Our goal is 90% by the end of the year.**

The American Legion—www.legion.org/renew

Annual, Multi-Year, Paid Up For Life (PUFL)

Multiyear membership and PUFL sign-up is only available on the national American Legion website.

Auxiliary— www.legion-aux.org/renew

SAL— www.mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/SAL-Renew

2025 National Dues Increase

The American Legion raised the national portion of dues by **\$5** for the **2025 Membership Year**. Post 6 American Legion dues rose from **\$45 to \$50**. This is the first dues increase seen by Post 6 Legion Members in over 15 years and Post 6 continues to have one of the lowest annual dues in the Midlands. We hope you understand the value of your membership in the premier Veteran’s Service Organization (VSO) across the nation.



*Renew prior to
Veteran’s Day to get
the Early Bird stamp of
approval!*

RICHLAND POST 6 THE AMERICAN LEGION
PRESENTS

LEGION LAUGHS COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, September 28th at 7:00 PM

performances by
Stan Shelby &
U.S. Navy Veteran
Robin Phoenix
U.S. Army Veteran



Doors Open 6:15 PM

Beer, Wine, Snacks, and Refreshments Available

\$20 in advance or \$25 at the door / For tickets Call or
text 803-360-3830 or Email alrp6@alrp6.org

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Six Recruiting Tips to Bring in a New Member

(Adapted from Sept 4, 2020 article on www.legion.org)

American Legion recruiting for the 2024-2025 membership year is actively underway. American Legion Membership Engagement Coordinator Ron Neff, who presented the “Every Legionnaire is a Recruiter” training session during The American Legion Membership Workshop in 2020, put out a challenge for every Legionnaire to bring in one new member – “But not just to get them to join. Bring in that one and then mentor them to be your replacement.”

Below are a few recruiting best practices – and a rejection tip – shared during the training session.

Be prepared to answer what this organization will do for them. “We are an organization of givers,” Neff said. “We volunteer our time because we believe in the cause. It’s not about what we receive but about what we give. Whether it’s filling that void or providing that camaraderie, there is something mutual in that relationship that we need to discuss.”

Be confident and knowledgeable about the organization. Take the Legion’s Online Basic Training course if you haven’t already at legion.org/training.

Passively recruit. “Most important thing we can do is thank every veteran you see for what they have done for their nation,” Neff said. “You can then just ask if they’re a member or consider continuing their service by joining. But at the end of the day, it’s all about thanking them, it’s that Buddy Check.”

Show pride. “Display your pride in the organization by what you wear, what you say and what you display in public,” Neff said. “Set the example by demonstrating the highest degree of professionalism and patriotism as it relates to The American Legion.”

Have a business card with an American Legion application printed on the back or carry a membership application everywhere you go. (back page of this newsletter)

Overcome objection. “Nine times out of 10, whatever that objection is it’s a falsity – it’s not true,” Neff said. “Those are generally easy to overcome because they have a misperception about who we are and what we do. So as long as we understand our organization, we can walk them through the misinformation. One out of 10 times whatever their objection is, is valid. That one objection you say, ‘Well join me, and let’s make it better.’”

CM Tucker Nursing Care Center Visit

On August 2nd, Ed and Teri Meagher visited the CM Tucker Nursing Care Center. Through generous donations to Richland County American Legion Post 6, they were able to gift 55 Veterans with a baseball cap, a t-shirt, a pair of shorts, a wristband, and a thank you note! Post 6 also was able to provide ice cream for their ice cream social!

It was truly a pleasure to meet and thank a few awesome Veterans for their Service at C. M. Tucker Center’s Stone Pavilion.



**If the addressee is deceased or has moved,
 please call Post 6 at 803-799-2736 or
 email alrp6@alpr6.org**

It's that time of the year again when those pesky renewal notices are starting to arrive in your mail box. Be an Early Bird and send your dues in before October 1st, to avoid getting another notice. **If you know of a Veteran who would like to “Still Serve America” give them this application and invite them to a meeting.** Auxiliary and SAL applications also available at the office.

The American Legion Membership Application

NAME DATE OF BIRTH
Format: mm/dd/yyyy - select date by clicking inside box

MAILING ADDRESS PHONE NO.


CITY STATE ZIP POST NO.

EMAIL MALE FEMALE DUES

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below

<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Space Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts	



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RECEIPT OF DUES

FROM

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