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

# Richland County Post 6 American Legion Bugle

## September 2025

### SEPTEMBER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 1st— Labor Day (Post Closed)
- 11th—Post Executive Council—5:00 pm  
Auxiliary—5:30 pm  
Monthly Meeting—6:00 pm
- 16th— Chapter 6 ALR Meeting-5:00 pm  
(moved due to D.C. Trip)
- 17th—SAL Squadron 6 Meeting
- 18th—USAF Birthday
- 18th—Riders Depart for D.C.
- 20th—ALRSC Wash the Vietnam Wall in D.C.
- 25th—BYO Steak Night in the Cave (6:00 pm)
- 29th—Veterans Breakfast (8:30 am)

### *Patriot Day—September 11th*



**Legion Meeting Night Program:  
Red Cross Guest Speaker  
& USAF Birthday**

**Post 6 Shirts Available!** Post 6 T-shirts that have all of the Legion family emblems with the words “**Our Service Never Expires**” and “**For God and Country**” with the Post 6 information are now available.

We have limited sizes available at the Post 6 office and during meetings for \$25 up to XL & \$27 for 2XL and 3XL.



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CLOSED: Tuesday and Friday**

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

*Post & Squadron Everlasting*

*Sylvester McCrea, U.S. Army Persian Gulf  
Silas W. Holmes, U.S. Navy Korea*

*Welcome to the Post 6 Family*

*Miles Weaver—Legion, USMC, Vietnam  
Ron Gordon— Legion, U.S. Army, GWOT*

**“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)**

We are at 55% membership for 2026 and moving up!  
Let’s get ready to be a 100% post in 2026! New Members who join this month can get 15 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. Renew YOUR dues as soon as you are able!

***DUES RENEWED BY SEPTEMBER 10th means no dues notice in October!***

**We need chili chefs for the October Meeting**

**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**

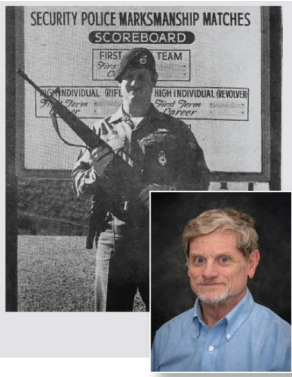


**BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED OR TRIED TO DONATE ON AUGUST 8th.**

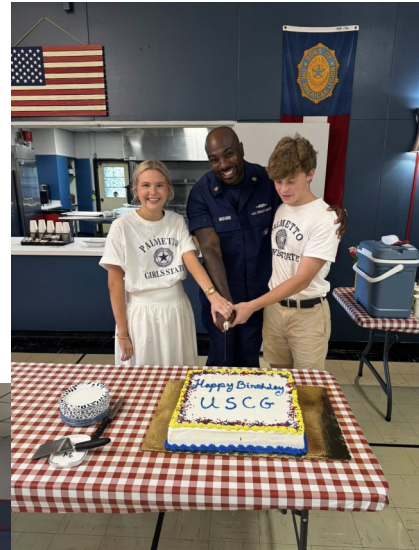
We had 31 complete donations, which is enough to get a \$500 grant to our Post.

**Our next date is October 10th, 2025. We need at least 40 donors. Please sign up when details are released. We look forward to everyone helping save a life.**

## Meet the Post Leadership, Edition 3



Mr. Michael Carr, 3rd Vice Commander, Post 6, graduated from Radford High school and attended his first year of college in Hawaii (father was retired AF) then for 2 years in Texas. He joined the USAF in 1975 as a Security Policeman. After basic and Tech school at Lackland AFB his first assignment was Upper Heyford England where he did a lot of sightseeing. He participated in the Security Police Marksmanship matches for 4 years and later 3 years in the Peacekeeper Challenge. Mike's next assignment was Carswell AFB in Fort Worth, TX for the rest of his first enlistment. He reenlisted a year later and spent the next 4 years at Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson AZ. He used his GI Bill to learn drafting and Design and is still working in the career field full time. He first joined The American Legion in Greenville SC over 25 years ago. He was Post 6 Commander in 2008-2009 and has stayed on the executive committee until elected the first time as 3rd Vice Commander. He and his wife of 38 years like to travel and is still involved in the shooting sports.



For our August meeting, we hosted delegates from Girls State and Boys State, who discussed their experiences and thanked Post 6 and Unit 6 for sponsoring them. We also recognized the USCG Birthday with a cake cutting with Petty Officer Moore from the USCG Columbia Recruiting Office.

**If the addressee is deceased or has moved, please call Post 6  
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The United States Air Force (USAF) was established as a separate military branch on September 18, 1947, evolving from earlier military aviation efforts dating back to 1907. The USAF traces its origins to the **Aeronautical Division of the U.S. Army Signal Corps**, established on August 1, 1907. This division was responsible for military ballooning and air machines. During **World War I**, the U.S. Army Air Service was formed, marking the first major U.S. aviation combat force. It played a crucial role in supporting ground troops and included notable figures like **Eddie Rickenbacker**. The USAF's capabilities expanded significantly during **World War II**, where it became a key component of the Allied forces, conducting strategic bombing campaigns and air support operations. Following the war, the need for a separate air service led to the establishment of the USAF as an independent branch of the military under the **National Security Act of 1947**. Throughout the **Cold War**, the USAF played a vital role in various conflicts, including the **Korean War** and the **Vietnam War**, emphasizing air superiority and strategic bombing. The introduction of advanced technologies, such as jet aircraft and missile systems, solidified the USAF's position as a leading military force. In the late 20th century, the USAF continued to evolve, integrating unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and advanced satellite systems into its operations. The USAF has been actively involved in operations following the **September 11 attacks**, participating in the War on Terror and various global missions to maintain air superiority and support ground forces. The USAF has a rich history marked by significant milestones, technological advancements, and a commitment to national defense. From its early days in military ballooning to its current role as a leader in air and space operations, the USAF continues to adapt and evolve in response to changing global threats and challenges.