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November Newsletter

Hello Fellow Legionnaires and Happy Veterans Day!!!

Our November Meeting is on Tuesday November 20th, at the Taylors First Baptist Ministry Center, not the Lee Road United Methodist Church, beginning at 6:00 PM. You will want to attend this special event, as it will be our end of year and Christmas Celebration. This will be a special evening with music provided by the Senior Action Band, and Miss Liberty Bell. A special menu has been planned for the evening with lots of extra home made deserts!! We will also be presenting a check to the Marine Corps Reserve for their Toys For Tots Campaign and there will be a silent auction with many nice gifts to bid on. You are also requested to bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots campaign. **If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, you can still purchase them at the Post on Saturdays and Sundays or you may call either Carroll or Helga at 864 655 5010 or 864 905 2736 and add your name to the attendee list and pay the evening of the event.** I hope to see everyone there!!!

I want to express my appreciation to the Christmas Party Committee for all the hard work they have done planning and putting this event together and to Chris Baird for arranging to have the Senior Action Band at our event. The Committee Members are: Alice Smith, Susan Gribble, Helga Rogers, Carroll Kelley, Mary and Pete Bellinger, Kathy and Bobby Davis and Susan Rector. A big Thanks to each of you!!!

VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day is celebrated on the 11th of November each year and was formerly called Armistice Day, for the end of WW1 came on the 11th month, at the 11th hour on the 11th Day. The guns of War fell silent at that moment in 1918. Today we honor all Veterans on this special day. There will be many events in and around Greenville that you can participate in that will honor you, your service and sacrifices on this day. I have listed a few activities below that you may want to attend.

What is a Veteran? I often ask this questions to Veterans when we video for our U Tube channel and here are some of their responses:

A Veteran is someone that steps forward to serve his country in time of need.

A Veteran is someone who loves his Country and is willing to serve no matter the cost.

A Veteran is someone who at time of taking their Oath writes a blank check for any amount up to and including their lives.

What is your definition of a Veteran?

VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES

November 11th- 3 PM- Cleveland Park- The Viet Nam Veterans of America Greenville Chapter will have a wreath laying and flag retirement ceremony. Everyone is invited to participate.

November 11th- 3PM – Fluor Field- Veterans Appreciation Day- Charlie Daniels Band will be there. Free event for all Veterans. Go to <https://upstatesalute.com/> for information and to get your free tickets. The gates open at 3:00 and event starts at 5:00. Our Post will have a display at this event.

November 11th- Sunday Evening- 7 PM- at the Cannon Center in Greer. (Its near the new Greer City Complex) Presentation by the Upstate Men's Choir, "Lest we forget." This is a celebration in song of the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, ending WW1. Admission is \$10.00 General Public and \$8.00 for Veterans, with proof of service. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Upstate Warrior Solutions. Our Post Color Guard will be there to present the Colors.

November 12th- Veterans Day Ceremony, Greenville County Square, starting at 10:00 AM. The Program will last for approximately one hour. The theme for this years program is WW1, Celebrating the Armistice. The Upstate Senior Concert Band will provide several selections of music. A wreath laying Ceremony will take place, followed by a rifle volley, ending with the playing of Taps.

There are numerous restaurants around Greenville and the Upstate that are providing free or reduced cost meals to Veterans on Veterans Day.

Membership

Another friendly reminder that Dues are now Due!! As of this week our total membership is 180, with only 40 members that have not paid. **I would like to see everyone pay their Dues by the end of December.** If you need some assistance in paying your Dues, call Tony (864 246 1905 or 864 979 9867) and we will help. I don't want to loose any member because of financial hardship.

Color Guard-

A special thanks to Charlie Porter and our Color Guard. They have represented our Post well in numerous events and continue to participate in events, from Funeral services to special events to Veteran Day programs. They will be participating in several programs over the Veterans Day weekend. Some days they will participate in two events. These gentlemen have represented our Post well and deserve our respect and appreciation for their dedication and diligence.

When you see a member of the Color Guard, thank them!!

Museum Update

If you haven't visited the Museum in a while, you need to visit. Peter and Ken, Co- Directors continue to improve and add to the museum. We also have a fine library of books for you to check out, as well as copies of Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force Times for you to read. There is usually a video being played each day the Museum is open, as well. The coffee pot is always on, so come visit your Museum. Also, if you have any military items that you want to donate or just put on display, just let Peter or Ken know.

December Events

The **Executive Committee meets December 4th at 6:00 PM at the Post**

No General Membership Meeting for December.

Sunday December 9th- Greer Christmas Parade- Parade starts at 2:30. Our Color Guard and a couple of vehicles will be representing Post 214. Come out with your families and get into the Holiday spirit and see Santa Claus.

Saturday, December 15th- National Wreaths Across America Day- Christmas Wreaths to be placed on Veterans Graves at Woodlawn Cemetery. Our Post Color Guard to present Colors.

2019 Plans

Get ready for 2019. It will be here before you know it. We have several great speakers scheduled for our Membership meetings, so you will want to make sure to attend as many meetings as you can. I also understand Greenville may have a parade on Memorial Day this coming year!!

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