

## September 2023 Bugle

### American Legion Family Post 6 Home Attn: Legion, Auxiliary, Sons & Riders

Due to computer, internet and graphic issues, we wanted to share the following information.

#### **Legion / Auxiliary Meetings for September 2023:**

The Legion and Auxiliary meetings will be on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Post Exe. Committee at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm, Auxiliary meeting at 6:00 pm and Program at 6:30 pm. **Menu:** Chicken Pot Pie

**Program:** Meet and greet the American Legion Lady's Fast Pitch Softball Team – Post 6 Lady Patriots. RCSD presentation of “An Active Shooter”. **Son's Meeting:** Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. **Rider's Meeting:** Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm. **Other Events:** Veteran's Breakfast – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. Post cleanup day – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Steak Night – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm and Fall Conference Friday 29-Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>. Get your name in for the conference, there will be much training going on, all Legion, Sons and Riders will be able to attend all meetings. Auxiliary members please let Pat know who will attend the Conference, I need to get you registered and will need your name and \$35.00 registration fee by the end of the week. You can register on arrival for a larger fee.

**Current membership stats:** TAL – 238 paid – 54.96% ALA – 6 paid -- 33.34%  
SAL – 6 paid -- 27.28%

#### **2023 National Convention:**

With the National Convention being in Charlotte, NC this year we had record attendance numbers. Nearly 100 American Legion Family members from the Department of South Carolina represented this great state. The SC Legion Delegation had about 26 delegates, the Auxiliary Delegation was about 9 Delegates, and the Sons Delegation had at least 5 delegates. Also, including alternates and guests (family members and friends) SC Department family was very-well represented by the American Legion Family.

**Legion Highlights from the National Convention Stage:** Keni Thompson – Do you recall “Black Hawk Down”? Singer and Ranger Keni Thompson did an excellent presentation of the day when he witnessed the Black Hawk going down, the moment he stepped into a leadership role! **“Top Gun – Maverick”** – The Blue Angel pilot that flew the jet in the latest movie gave a behind the scenes presentation of how and whys of making it happen on the big screen. **Legacy Run:** Accompanied by Adjutant Mike Strauss and two AL Rider's from Post 178 Murrell's Inlet, Past Department/Post Commander Jim Jarvis presented a check to the National Rider's Legacy Fund in the amount of **\$78,579.00!** **Past South Carolina Department Commander Jim Jarvis Project:** Jim Jarvis returned to the stage to present a check to The American Legion National Emergency Fund (**NEF**). SC Department raised over \$10,023.00 for this emergency fund. It was eerie to

make that presentation as a hurricane was about to make land fall that was predicted to go through the state of South Carolina. Thank you to all who contributed to this project. A wonderful display of Veteran's helping Veteran's. **National Youth Shooting Competition**: The winner of one of the Sporting Shooting Competition was from Clover, SC.

**Auxiliary Highlights from the National Convention Stage**: Unit 186 Little River received the Southern Division award for "**Unit Excellence in Community Service**". Southern Division also came in at Second Place in the "**Membership Race**".

**Overall National Youth Accomplishments**: From across the Globe, our youth were presented on both stages for their accomplishments in the top positions of these programs: Sporter and Precision Shooting; President of Boys and Girls Nation; National Oratorical Contest; and National Eagle Scout Award. What amazing youth we witnessed on these stages. "Hope for the Future" is alive and well.

**A few other things**: BE the One – TAL – ALA – SAL are all working as a family to Save Lives. September is Suicide Awareness Month!

BE THE ONE – Pat Jarvis, Adj.