

Summer Edition 2024



**Lexington
County
Veterans' Affairs
Office**



**"Serving those who served
and sacrificed for America"**

Lexington County Veterans' News



As a department in Lexington County government, we value honesty, respect, and service to country, patriotism, sacrifice and personal excellence. We acknowledge, respect and honor all Veterans for their service to America no matter how, when or where they served. We proudly pledge ourselves to creating and maintaining a customer service environment for Veterans and their survivors. We hold ourselves accountable to our customers, partners and each other. We have a passion for Veterans and firmly believe that excellence is not a goal, it is the standard.

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From the Director

As summer approaches, let us be mindful of what a brutal South Carolina summer can do to our bodies. Please remember to drink water and stay hydrated and avoid health complications. Summer is particularly hard on our youngsters and our elderly so we need to be extra careful with them.

With this edition of our newsletter, our editor, Christy Rucker, is leaving our work family and moving to a new position. We have enjoyed working with her and admire the great job she has done here not only as a benefits counselor, but as our newsletter editor. We will miss her and wish her the best.

We continue to file claims at a steady pace since the PACT ACT was signed into law on August 10, 2022. The largest Congressional bill for Veterans in history has caused a major backlog at the VA but at the same time, more Veterans are getting more benefits and healthcare than ever, this is great. We are proud of the work we do and we have seen some great VA decisions in the past year and these decisions have literally changed the life of a Veteran and their family.

Have a great summer!

Enjoying the journey,
Ed Lundeen

War Time Dates

World War II: Dec. 7, 1941 through Dec. 31, 1946

Korean War: June 27, 1950 through Jan. 31, 1955

Vietnam War: Aug. 5, 1964, (Feb. 28, 1961 for Veterans who served "in country" before Aug. 5, 1964) through May 7, 1975

Gulf War: Aug. 2, 1990, through a date to be set

Links

<https://scdva.sc.gov/>

<https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/home>

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>

<https://benefits.va.gov/columbia/>

<https://www.fisherhousecolumbiasc.org/>

Numbers

- Veterans crisis line 24/7, 800-273-8255, press 1
- Vet Center counseling 803-765-9944
- Women Veterans Hotline 855-829-6636
- Homeless Veteran call center 877-424-3838
- VA pharmacy refills 800-293-8262
- VA claims self-help line 800-827-1000
- Mission Lexington (803) 785-6930



To all of you with birthdays
during the months of
JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST!

Thank you to everyone who
Volunteered to say the Pledge!

- Jim Weiss
- Tommy Neal
- Erine Massaro
- Orlando McCauley
- Mike Smith
- Ed Lundeen

County Council Needs You!!



Veterans are still needed to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at County Council meetings on the **2nd and 4th** Tuesdays of the month. County Council meetings start at 4:30pm, so please be present around 4:15pm. Contact the office at 803-785-8400, if you are interested.



Ed Lundeen will be at the libraries below:

Gaston library – 1st Thursday of each month between 10am – 12pm

Chapin library – 1st Friday of each month between 10am – 12pm

Cayce library – 2nd Thursday of each month between 10am - 12pm

Batesburg library – 2nd Friday of each month between 10am – 12pm

We Will Be
CLOSED

**INDEPENDENCE
DAY!
THURSDAY, JULY
4TH**

Biography Template

Pledge of Allegiance County Council Meeting



(Please fill out and return to the Lexington County Veterans Affairs Office)

Lexington County Veterans Affairs Office
605 West Main Street, Suite B
Lexington, SC 29072
803-785-8400
803-785-0115 fax
ablake@lex-co.com

The County Council Meetings are held in the
Council Chambers located on the second floor of the
County Administration Building
212 South Lake Drive

The meeting starts at 4:30, and we will meet you inside the chamber at 4:15 on the
right hand side close to the podium.

Bio Template

Name:

Contact Information (number and/or email address):

Served in Branch and Dates of Service:

Veteran of Wars:

Military Medals and Awards:

Lives where:

Works at or retired from: (if retired – number of years worked)

Volunteer work or organization:

Married to:

Number children:

Number grandchildren:

Number great-grandchildren:



Bronze Star Medal

7 things to know about the Bronze Star Medal

The Bronze Star is a military award that indicates a U.S. service member has performed heroically and/or meritoriously. It is earned for extraordinary action and service performed in an armed conflict.

This medal was developed and instituted during World War II, and it has been awarded to thousands of recipients since for serving their country.

1. A Bronze Star Medal is the fourth highest-ranking award that a service member can receive in the U.S. military. Recipients of this medal have performed a heroic and/or meritorious deed in armed conflict.

Those who have earned this medal are decorated and recognized for their sacrifice, achievement, bravery, and honor in service to the United States.

2. Service members earn a Bronze Star medal through a heroic act(s) in the field or through meritorious work. In addition, these acts must be performed during an armed conflict against an enemy of the U.S.

There are three categories for which the medal is awarded:

- Valor
- Merit
- Achievement

The medal can be earned through heroic achievement or heroic service that shows extraordinary bravery and courage during combat operations.

It can also be awarded to those who perform their duties in a meritorious manner in a combat zone, even if they do not directly participate in combat action.

Here are other criteria for actions that determine how a Bronze Star is earned:

- Be performed on or after December 7, 1941, serving with the U.S. military
- Distinguish the person apart from their comrades through brave and/or praiseworthy achievement or service
- Be performed while fighting an enemy of the U.S. or while in conflict with an opposing/foreign force
- Be performed serving alongside friendly forces engaged in combat against an opposing military
- Can be for single act of valor or meritorious service
- Acts that are meritorious and/or heroic during aerial flight are disqualified from the Bronze Star

3. There are only three combat military awards, currently, that rank higher than the Bronze Star:

- **The Medal of Honor:** This is the highest military decoration awarded by the U.S. government for members of the Armed Forces who distinguish themselves in armed conflict at the risk of life, above and beyond call of duty.
- **Distinguished Service Cross:** This is the second-highest military decoration, awarded by the U.S. Army for extraordinary heroism while engaged in armed conflict. Equivalent to the Distinguished Service Cross are the Navy Cross and the Air Force Cross.
- **The Silver Star:** The Silver Star is the third-highest military combat decoration awarded to a U.S. Armed Forces member for gallantry in action. The Silver Star is awarded for meritorious actions of such degree that they surpass those required for all other U.S. combat decorations except the Medal of Honor or a Service Cross.

The medal is awarded for acts of heroism or meritorious service that are of a lesser degree than those described by the Silver Star award.

4. Colonel Russell P. Reeder initiated the idea of the Bronze Star during World War II.

Reeder was severely injured in Normandy and found himself medically retired from the Army.

Though Colonel Reeder was awarded the Purple Heart, Distinguished Service Cross, and Silver Star when he returned home, he wanted small unit ground commanders to have an award to immediately bestow on ground soldiers in the field.

This would especially apply to those serving in the line of duty for long periods as a reward for acts of heroism and/or dedicated, meritorious service.

Reeder's proposal for the "Ground Medal" was taken up by General George C. Marshall.

It was signed into order by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as the Bronze Star Medal, and the award became part of the military award catalog in 1944.

In addition to establishing the Bronze Star as a military award, the order became a retroactive precedent for service members dating back to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

In 1947, the medal also retroactively replaced the Combat Medical Badge and Combat Infantryman Badge for World War II.

5. This medal is made of bronze and measures 1.5 inches in diameter, with a raised bronze star in the center whose rays coincide with the larger star.

The Bronze Star itself hangs from a ribbon that is 1 and 3/8 inches wide.

It features seven vertical stripes in the order of white, scarlet, white, blue, white, scarlet, and white.

Each white stripe measures 1/32 inch, each scarlet stripe measures 9/16 inch, and the center blue stripe measures 1/8 inch wide.

Inscribed on the back of the award is "Heroic or Meritorious Achievement" with space available for engraving the name of the recipient.

If a Bronze Star is awarded with a "V" device, this indicates that any meritorious or heroic acts were performed during combat.

The V device on the award is intended to reflect a recognition of valor among this medal's recipients.

An oak leaf cluster device indicates the number of times the award was received.

They may also denote additional achievements.

These devices can be worn on a ribbon bar or the ribbon of the medal itself.

6. The Bronze Star, awarded for meritorious service or acts of valor while serving in combat operations, is the ninth-highest military award in order of precedence of overall U.S. military decorations

This includes combat and non-combat awards.

Bronze Service Stars indicate participation in a particular military campaign or engagement.

These service stars are sometimes referred to as campaign, battle, or engagement stars.

A service member wearing multiple service stars was likely engaged in multiple operation campaigns or served a specific amount of time for each star.

It is important to distinguish that a bronze service star is not an individual medal, whereas the Bronze Star is.

Service stars are approximately 3/16th of an inch in size and are attached to the ribbon of the respective campaign medal of the recipient.

7. The Bronze Star has been awarded to thousands of recipients for valor and achievement.

Service members have received the award during such conflicts as World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

To receive a Bronze Star, a commander must recommend the service member to receive the medal with a citation in their orders.

In unique cases, civilians serving with the U.S. Armed Forces in combat are also eligible for the award.

A civilian reporter and photographer, Joe Galloway, received this medal during the Vietnam War in 1965 for rescuing a wounded soldier under fire.

In addition, author Ernest Hemingway also received the Bronze Star in 1947 when working with troops from Normandy to the Battle of the Bulge.

VA Decision Reviews and Appeals

The legacy VA appeals process has changed to the decision review process. If you disagree with a VA benefit or claim decision, you can choose from 3 decision review options (Supplemental Claim, Higher-Level Review, or Board Appeal) to continue your case. If you aren't satisfied with the results of the first option you choose, you can try another eligible option.

A Supplemental Claim may be an option for you if the VA decided your claim in the past. You now have new and relevant evidence to submit, or you're requesting a review of your claim based on a change in law (such as the PACT Act).

If you disagree with a VA decision, you can request a new review of your case by a higher-level reviewer. The reviewer will determine whether an error or a difference of opinion changes the decision. You can't submit new evidence with a Higher-Level Review. You can request a Higher-Level Review of an initial claim or Supplemental Claim decision. You have 1 year from the date on your decision letter to request a Higher-Level Review. You can't request a Higher-Level Review after a previous Higher-Level Review or Board Appeal on the same claim.

A Board Appeal may be an option for you if you submit your request within 1 year of the decision on your initial claim, Supplemental Claim, or Higher-Level Review (the 1-year timeframe starts from the date on your decision letter). You can request a Board Appeal only after these types of claims or decision reviews: An initial claim, A Supplemental Claim or A Higher-Level Review

You can request 1 of the 3 types of Board Appeals listed here. A Veterans Law Judge reviews all Board Appeals. But only some types of Board Appeals allow you to submit new evidence or have a hearing with a Veterans Law Judge.

If you choose Direct Review, a Veterans Law Judge will review your appeal based on the evidence that's already part of your case. You can't submit new evidence, and you can't have a hearing. The Board's goal is to send you a decision within 365 days (1 year).

If you choose Evidence Submission, a Veterans Law Judge will consider new evidence together with evidence that was already part of your case when we made our most recent decision on your claim. You must submit new evidence with your Board Appeal or within 90 days of the date we receive your request for a Board Appeal. The Board's goal is to send you a decision within 550 days (1.5 years).

If you choose Hearing, you'll meet with a Veterans Law Judge. You can choose to add new evidence, but you don't have to. You can submit new evidence at the hearing or within 90 days after the hearing. We'll transcribe your hearing (write down the conversation you have with the Veterans Law Judge) and add the transcript to your appeal file. You can choose to speak with the Veterans Law Judge in 1 of these 3 different ways: Virtual tele-hearing using your computer or mobile device, Videoconference hearing at a VA location near you, In-person hearing at the Board in Washington, D.C. (you'll need to pay any travel costs). The Board's goal is to send you a decision within 730 days (2 years).



Coming Soon!

Shared Sacrifice: South Carolina in World War II

This upcoming exhibition opens June 8, 2024, and explores the powerful stories of South Carolina men and women who contributed to the war abroad and at home.

<https://scmuseum.org/>

**The First Sunday of Every Month
General admission to the South Carolina Museum
is only \$1 for guest on First Sunday!**



1. Why did the Optometrist set his clock to military time? He wanted to see 20:20.
2. A drill sergeant yells at his young trainee, "I didn't see you at camouflage training this morning, private!" The private replies, "Well, thank you very much, sir."
3. Which month do soldiers hate? March.

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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration

Veterans Affairs Dental Insurance Program

Delta Dental is proud to offer valuable dental benefits to help improve the health and lives of Veterans and CHAMPVA beneficiaries through the Veterans Affairs Dental Insurance Program (VADIP).

Eligible beneficiaries include Veterans enrolled in Veterans Affairs (VA) health care and people enrolled in the VA's Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA). Choose between three plans and enjoy access to our large, nationwide network of dentists. All three VADIP plans offer 100% coverage for in-network cleanings, exams and x-rays.

Benefits	Enhanced plan		Comprehensive plan		Prime plan	
	In-network	Out-of-network	In-network	Out-of-network	In-network	Out-of-network
Benefits available upon enrollment						
Diagnostic and preventive¹ Routine cleanings, x-rays, oral exams, sealants	100%	80%	100%	80%	100%	90%
Basic restorative Fillings (silver)	50%	30%	60%	40%	70%	60%
Simple extractions^{2,3}	50%	30%	50%	30%	50%	40%
General services	Not covered	Not covered	50%	30%	50%	40%
Additional benefits available after nine months of enrollment						
Major restorative² Crowns	Not covered	Not covered	50%	30%	70%	60%
Endodontics² Root canals	50%	30%	50%	30%	50%	40%
Periodontics² Treatment for gums	50%	30%	50%	30%	50%	40%
Prosthodontics^{2,4} Bridges, dentures, implants	Not covered	Not covered	50%	30%	50%	40%
Deductibles and maximums						
Deductible	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$50
Annual maximum	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$3,000

¹ The deductible is waived for diagnostic and preventive procedures for all plans.

² The waiting period is nine months for major restorative (Comprehensive and Prime; Enhanced not covered), endodontics (all plans), periodontics (all plans), oral surgery³ (all plans) and prosthodontics (Comprehensive and Prime; Enhanced not covered).

³ Simple extractions (procedure codes D7111 and D7140) are the only covered oral surgery services under the Enhanced Plan (lifetime) and the only covered oral surgery services in the first nine months under the Comprehensive and Prime plans.

⁴ Per the missing tooth clause, services or treatment for the provision of an initial prosthodontic appliance (i.e. fixed bridge restoration, implants, removable partial or complete denture, etc.) when it replaces natural teeth extracted or missing, including congenital defects, prior to the effective date of coverage are not eligible for coverage.

Orthodontics (Braces) are not a covered benefit.

Enrollment is quick and easy

Visit deltadentalins.com/vadip and select **Enroll now**. Be sure to enter your name exactly as it is listed in the VA system.

Don't have internet access? Call Delta Dental at **855-460-3302** and request an enrollment application kit or simply enroll over the phone.

Delta Dental coverage is affordable

Receive quality dental care at a price you can afford. Easily look up plan rates in your area and compare options to find the right fit for your needs. Your premium rate is based on where you live.

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5
Connecticut	Alabama	Illinois	Arkansas	Alaska
Delaware	Florida	Indiana	Colorado	American Samoa
Maine	Georgia	Iowa	Louisiana	Arizona
Maryland	Kentucky	Kansas	Mississippi	California
Massachusetts	Puerto Rico	Michigan	Montana	Guam
New Hampshire	South Carolina	Minnesota	Oklahoma	Hawaii
New Jersey	Tennessee	Missouri	Texas	Idaho
New York	U.S. Virgin Islands	Nebraska	Utah	Nevada
North Carolina		North Dakota	Wyoming	New Mexico
Pennsylvania		Ohio		Northern Mariana Islands
Rhode Island		South Dakota		Oregon
Vermont		Wisconsin		Philippines
Virginia				Washington
Washington D.C.				
West Virginia				

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Rating region	Veteran		CHAMPVA		
	1 Veteran	2 Veterans	1 beneficiary	2 beneficiaries	3 or more beneficiaries
Enhanced Plan					
1	\$21.50	\$43.00	\$21.50	\$43.00	\$64.50
2	\$20.51	\$41.02	\$20.51	\$41.02	\$61.53
3	\$22.61	\$45.22	\$22.61	\$45.22	\$67.83
4	\$18.87	\$37.74	\$18.87	\$37.74	\$56.61
5	\$26.05	\$52.10	\$26.05	\$52.10	\$78.15
Comprehensive Plan					
1	\$36.89	\$73.78	\$36.89	\$73.78	\$110.67
2	\$35.07	\$70.14	\$35.07	\$70.14	\$105.22
3	\$38.91	\$77.83	\$38.91	\$77.83	\$116.74
4	\$32.10	\$64.19	\$32.10	\$64.19	\$96.29
5	\$45.16	\$90.32	\$45.16	\$90.32	\$135.48
Prime Plan					
1	\$45.88	\$91.76	\$45.88	\$91.76	\$137.64
2	\$43.58	\$87.16	\$43.58	\$87.16	\$130.74
3	\$48.47	\$96.94	\$48.47	\$96.94	\$145.41
4	\$39.79	\$79.58	\$39.79	\$79.58	\$119.37
5	\$56.41	\$112.82	\$56.41	\$112.82	\$169.23

You can find an in-network dentist and more detailed information on the VADIP plans at deltadentalins.com/vadip.

VADIP is administered and underwritten by Delta Dental of California through its subsidiary, Delta Dental Insurance Company.



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Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, is a day celebrated as the day the Declaration of Independence was signed by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The Declaration announced the separation of the American Colonies from Great Britain and the birth of American Independence.

The Tradition of setting of fireworks on the Fourth of July began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777.

Congress memorialized Independence Day as a Federal Holiday in 1938.

The American Flag we know today was debuted on July 4, 1960 with 50 stars. The year after Alaska and Hawaii became states.



Facts About D Day

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the Allied Normandy Invasion also known as D-Day. D-Day was codenamed as Operation Overlord to make a cover for the planned attacks.

When Troops landed on the beaches of Normandy, Adolf Hitler was asleep. None of his generals dared to send reinforcements without his permission. No one dared wake him.

Allies parachuted dummies over Normandy on D-Day to distract Axis shooters from the real paratroopers.

D-Day was originally planned for June 5, 1944. It was postponed a day due to bad weather conditions.

J.D. Salinger arrived on D-Day carrying with him a work in progress; his book "Catcher in the Rye".



Easy and Fun DIY Red White and Blue Decorations to show your national pride. You'll only need a few things: white rice, red and blue food coloring, glass jars and some votive candles.

- Separate rice into desired amounts per layer. I used 2 to 3 cups of rice per color.
- Add food color into rice and mix with a spoon. Add more food coloring as needed to achieve a deep color.
- Spread each color of rice on baking sheets to dry.
- Layer in jars for desired pattern and order of colors.
- Add a votive or small pillar candle in the middle of the rice.

Enjoy



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Jul 4 2024, 4 pm - 9 pm

Come join us for our Fourth of July celebration and music festival, Fort Jackson style. Doors open at 4pm.

- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- Tent Space Reservation Information Coming Soon
- Amusement Kiddie Rides at 4pm
- Food Trucks and Local Vendors at 4pm
- Music Festival Starts at 6pm (Local Bands and Artists)
- Fireworks Around 8pm (tentative)

LEXINGTON COUNTY

PEACH FESTIVAL

Join in the fun for this sweet annual summer event!

#PeachySummer #PeachFestival #GilbertSC

An all-day July 4th celebration, at the Gilbert Community Park in Gilbert, SC; recognized as one of the most successful events of its kind in the southeast USA. Morning parade and flyover with a World War II era N3N.

- Car Show (9:00AM – 2:30PM)
- Art & Craft Vendors (9:00AM – 5:00PM)
- Peach Parade (9:30AM)
- Live Entertainment (12:00PM – 9:00PM)
- Fireworks (9:15PM)



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LIFELONG LEARNING: LIBRARY ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

Holli McGee from McGee Auction & Appraisal Services will present on auctioneering in South Carolina, and will appraise items brought in by the first 15 attendees.

June 17 at 6 PM | Batesburg-Leesville Branch

June 29 at 2 PM | Irmo Branch

July 11 at 5 PM | Gilbert-Summit Branch

AUTHOR TALK: TOM POLAND

Tom Poland will talk about the carnivorous plants, snakes, amazing orchids and wildflowers that live in our bays.

July 17 at 4 PM | Chapin Branch

July 23 at 5:30 PM | South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch

July 31 at 6 PM | Pelion Branch

HANDMADE: JEWELRY WORKSHOP

Create beaded and wearable art. Materials will be provided for the first 10 attendees. Additional attendees are welcome to observe.

July 8 at 5:30 PM | Gaston Branch

July 13 at 11 AM | Swansea Branch

July 23 at 6 PM | Cayce-West Columbia Branch

SUMMER READING 2024

June 1–August 10 • All ages

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Chapin American Legion

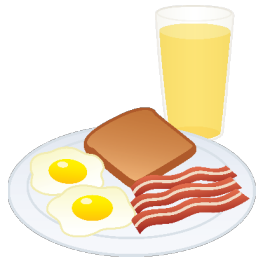
Post 193



LET'S PLAY BINGO!

Chapin American Legion Post 193 hosts BINGO on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the OLE Oak Barn, 1155 Holy Trinity Church Road, Little Mountain, SC. Admission is \$3.00, and Game packets (13 games) are just \$20.00. Doors open at 5:30 pm and games begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Concessions are available on-site so please no outside food or beverages. Ages 6 and up can play! All proceeds benefit Chapin American Legion Post 193 New Building Fund.

Monday Morning Veterans ONLY Breakfast



Every Monday morning unless otherwise posted on our website
<https://www.americanlegionpost193.com>

Coffee is on at 7:30 am with breakfast served from 8:30am-9:15am. The cost is \$6.00 per person. (Eggs including made to order, hash browns, grits, various types of meat, fruit, a yogurt bar, and home-baked goods, juice, and coffee.)

Chapin American Legion Post 193
102 Lexington Ave, Chapin, SC 29036

This is a Veteran ONLY event to foster fellowship and conversation



Ladies Fastpitch Softball

- We are looking for a few passionate players ages 13-18 to complete our roster & make this season unforgettable.
- Games will be played on Tuesday & Thursday nights in June. Playoffs in July
- For more information call or text Nicole 803-920-8708

Building Fund



We have initiated a capital fundraising campaign to raise funds to build a new American Legion Post in Chapin, SC. The Post has already purchased a 5.7-acre lot at 230 Amicks Ferry Road, Chapin for our future home. While the Post is actively seeking pledges from the membership, we still need the assistance of the community to make our Permanent New Home a reality.

Please go to <https://www.americanlegionpost193.com/index.php?id=107> to donate!

Chapin American Legion Post 193 is actively recruiting new members! We are a dynamic Post and one of the fastest growing Posts in the State of SC For more information, please contact our Post Adjutant, Steven Goulet, at (803) 553-2806 or adjutant@americanlegionpost193.org

Chapin American Legion Post 193 is also conducting a fundraising Military Appreciation Cruise in conjunction with Dream Vacations. Come join us as we set sail November 9-16, 2024, aboard the Norwegian Joy on a cruise of the Western Caribbean. Pricing includes gratuities, specialty dining, shore excursion credit, a premium drink package, and more. It is per person double occupancy. For more information contact Betty Barrett, Dream Vacations consultant, babarrett@dreamvacations.com, (803) 618-6011. Each cabin booked and sailed provides our Post with funds to help us in our mission of serving Veterans and the local community. See you onboard!



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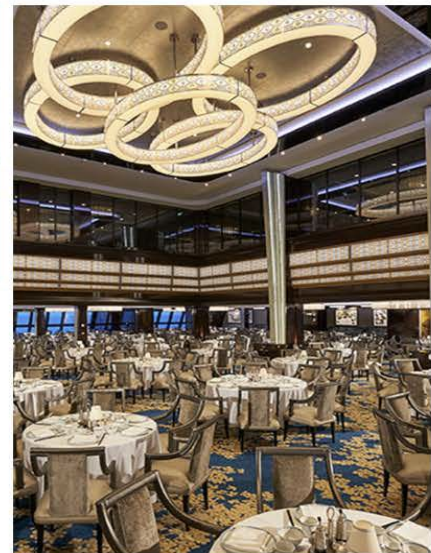


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- If anyone has another person in mind for special guest speaker, share the information with Rod, the Group Leader.
- We miss all our members that are absent and hope to see you soon!

Thank you for being supportive and reach out to members



All Lexington County Veterans are cordially invited to attend the weekly meeting. The group meets on Tuesdays from 10am-12pm at The American Legion Post 7. The address is 200 American Legion Drive (off Harmon St.) Lexington, SC 29072



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Wishes everyone a

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