



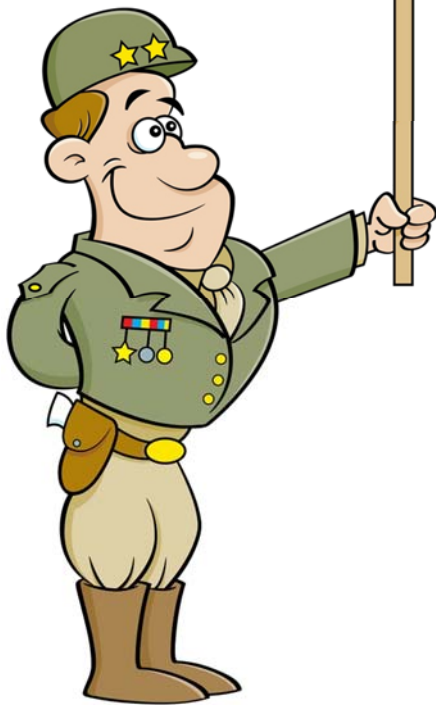
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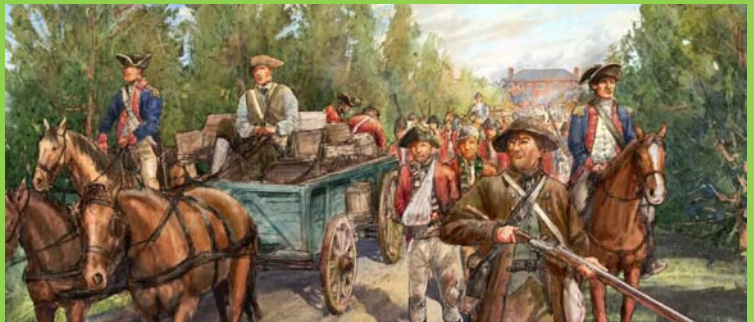


**Next Meeting:**  
**Wednesday, June 3,**  
**6:30 pm.**



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*The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness.*

# Summerville Post 21



Position	Officer
Commander	Ken Thompson
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Second Vice Commander	Bill Schmitz
Finance Officer	Brian Ponder
Chaplain	Karl Naugle
Sergeant at Arms	Bill Dutour
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Judge Advocate	Steve Smith
Webmaster	Ken Thompson



Post Website: <https://summervillepost21.org/>

## American Legion Post 21 - Clarence A. Dunning - Summerville, SC

Empowering heroes through community  
and resources.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS



# MEMORABLE DATES AND MILITARY OBSERVANCES IN JUNE

Key military dates in June include the Army Birthday and Flag Day on June 14, and the anniversary of D-Day on June 6. Other significant observances are Women Veterans Day (June 12), the Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday (June 23), and National PTSD Awareness Day (June 27).



## **June Military Dates & Observances**

- June 6: Anniversary of the invasion of Normandy (D-Day).
- June 12: Women Veterans Day.
- June 14: Army Birthday (founded 1775).
- June 14: Flag Day.
- June 23: Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday (founded 1939).
- June 27: National PTSD Awareness Day.
- June 28: Operation Red Wings Observance (honoring Navy SEALs).

## **Other June Historical Milestones**

- June 25, 1950: Start of the Korean War.
- June 14, 1876: Battle of Little Bighorn.
- June 14, 1890: Battle of Wounded Knee



# May Meeting

At the Post meeting last month we heard updates about all of the events, projects, and plans the Pot is involved in. That included the current status of Boys State and the attendees we have signed up to go. Reminders were given about the 107<sup>th</sup> Department Convention. Updates were provided on the Eagle Scout Projects: (Griffen Quartuccio – Fire Pit, and Finley Boyle – Wall, Bookcase, Davy Crockett Repair). We also heard about the enormous success of the Rifle Raffle. While we also reviewed projects and ideas concerning the Facility and Grounds, and the ongoing Rentals. Alex Pavlenenko gave us an update on the Honor Guard Updates, and what is needed there. As usual, we reviewed the ongoing regular events we are involved with, including Coffee with a Vet Sunday, Memorial Day Flags at Summerville Cemetery, US 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booth at Gahagan Park and the possibility of reestablishing an SAL chapter. Lots of good things going on. There is always a place for anyone that wants to volunteer, in fact, more than enough places, and opportunities to make a difference!





The Rifle Raffle Sales have concluded with our best year ever! Great work, everyone!

Here is our total profit from Rifle Raffle sails for 2026

Jan:	\$345.05
Feb:	\$596.70
Mar:	\$1423.27
Apr:	\$498.55
May:	\$961.40
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3824.97</b>

Total Tickets Sold to date: 396

Total Tickets sold in 2025 were 215. We almost doubled that number.

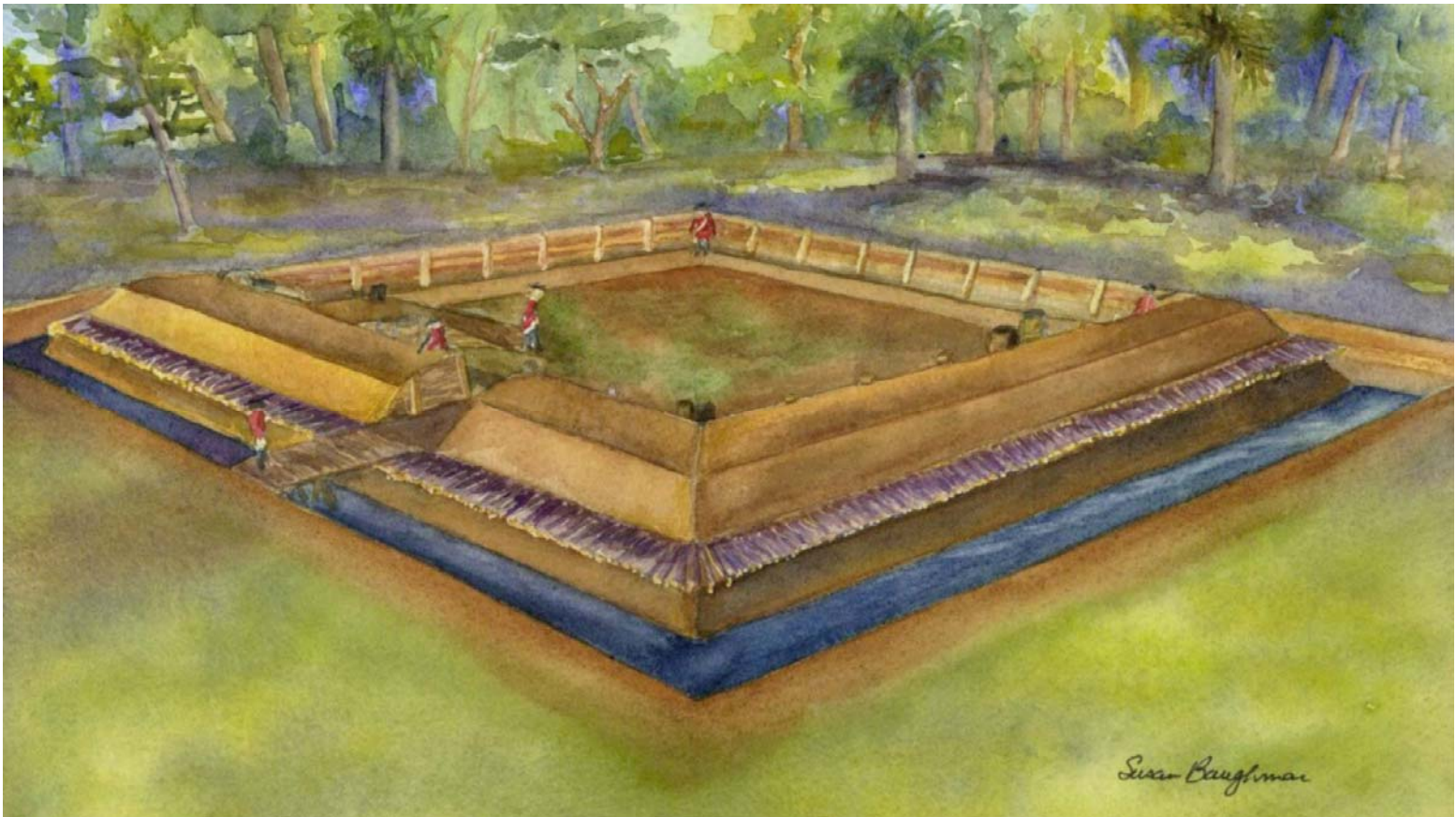
As always the phenomenal results go to all the amazing Post members who have contributed their time and energy to make this raffle the success it's been. It can never be done without you.

Bill Dutour

Rifle Raffle Guy

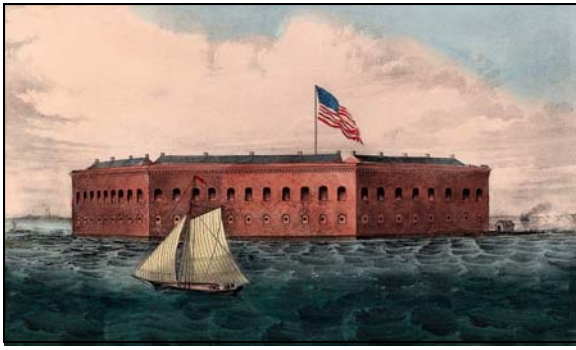
## The Next Time You Get A Waffle, think about this....

Among the more interesting stories of military actions that took place right here in Dorchester County during the American Revolution is the “Hessian” redoubt. The interesting part of this story, at least for most people today, is that this small fort was where Ladson Road meets Dorchester Road in Summerville. Can you imagine a fort of built-up dirt in the parking lot where the Waffle House and Hard-ees is today? So, first it is important to know what a redoubt is, and that is “a temporary or supplementary fortification, typically square or polygonal and without flanking defenses”. It looked like a big square or polygonal pile of dirt that troops could stand behind for protection and it could look quite imposing.



*Revolutionary*  
SOUTH CAROLINA

*Be A Part of It – Visit SC250 for more history and events!*

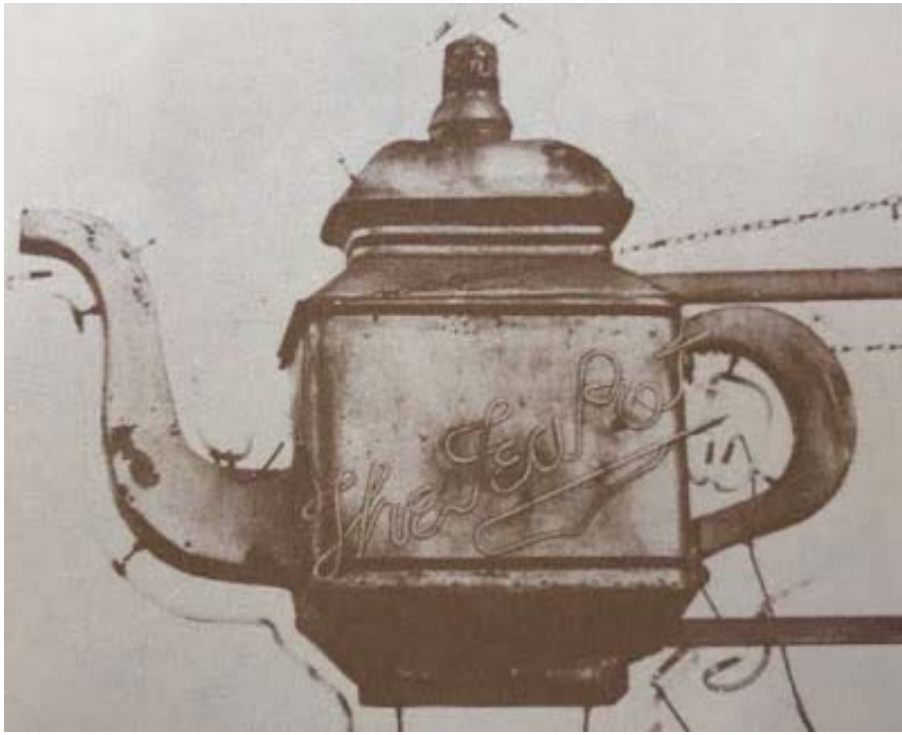


# History Lives Here

## Town Hall

Throughout Summerville's history there have been 4 town halls to include the current one. In 1892, a large Town Hall was erected on the present site at Hutchinson Square. It stood three stories high with a bell tower connected alongside. The third floor housed a multi-purpose room where dances, plays, parties, and even high school graduations took place. The first floor housed a high-end grocery store named the "Tea Pot." The bell tower during WWII was designated as a look-out post. The bell of the tower was originally installed at Porter Military Academy in Charleston. Rev. Toomer Porter, the founder of the school for boys and a resident of Summerville, arranged for the bell's transfer. The bell was rung to mark the hours of the day as well as to raise a fire alarm and direct the volunteers to the fire site. Silhouettes were pinned up and/or drawn on the interior walls of the tower, enabling volunteer look-outs to easily identify enemy aircraft. Of the four town halls (to include the current one) this one served the longest (1892 to 1965).





**Left: The Tea Pot Sign**

**Below: Town Hall being demolished in 1965**



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# COFFEE WITH A VET

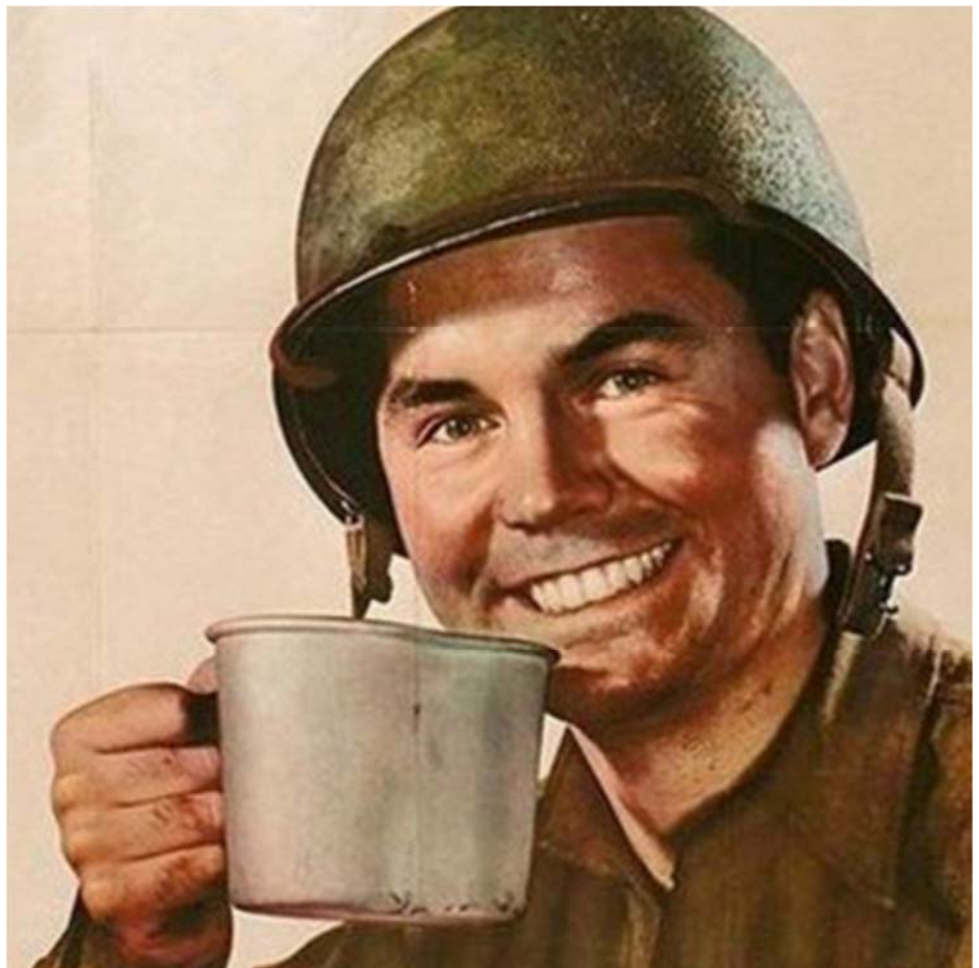


SUNDAY MORNINGS, 8:30 TO 12:00



AT POST 21

Come to Post  
21 between  
8:30 am and  
12:00 Noon  
every Sunday  
and enjoy a cup  
of coffee and  
camaraderie!





# Did You Know?

## Summerville “The Birthplace of Sweet Tea”

Summerville is known as “The Birthplace of Sweet Tea.” The beginnings of which stems from an 1890s military reunion where sweet tea was abundant, marking one of the earliest documented uses of tea and sugar combined in large-scale servings. The town successfully made its case to the Federal Trademark Commission back in 2013 and has used the copyrighted tagline ever since. To honor this history, the town built a massive mason jar sculpture known as “Mason,” located in the town square. In 2016, the City of Summerville combined 210 pounds of loose leaf tea with 1,700 pounds of sugar and 2,524 gallons of water to make the largest sweet tea ever, certified by the Guinness Book of World Records. You can stop by the visitor’s center and pick up a copy of the Sweet Tea Trail guide. Participating businesses and attractions offer stamps that can be collected in the little booklet and redeemed for Sweet Tea gifts and merchandise. A mural completed in October 2018 at the Greater Summerville/Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce celebrates the “birthplace of sweet tea.”





# 40 and 8 Parades in the Low Country!

In 1948, the Forty and Eight Society, an honor organization of American Legion, held a parade in Charleston, which featured "Engine 1025," a miniature locomotive. The Forty and Eight Society was formed after World War I by American Legion members. They were known for using miniature trains modeled after the French boxcars used in WWI in parades and fundraising efforts for charitable causes. These types of locomotives were often built by railroad workers and used by local branches for civic events and charitable parades. Other 40 and 8 parades were held in Beaufort and Savannah.



Voiture train of Savannah, Georgia in the 40 and 8 parade



Engine 1025 in the 40 and 8 parade. Charleston, SC



Participants in the 40 and 8 parade in front of Fordham Hardware, Beaufort.



Men waving from the train boxcar in the 40 and 8 parade, Beaufort, SC

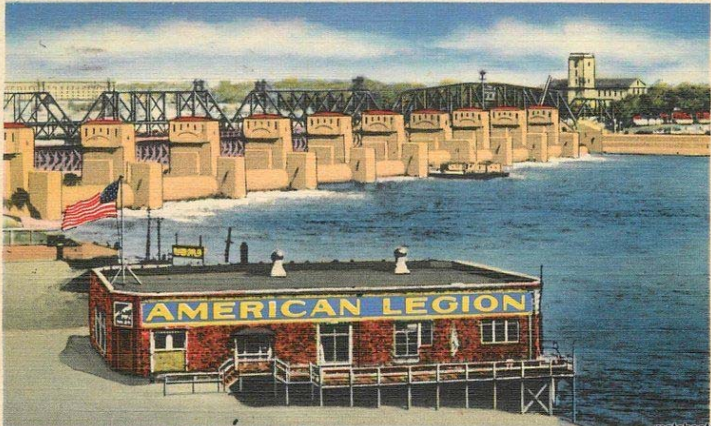


# Old Summerville Railroad Depot



# American Legion Postcards from the Past

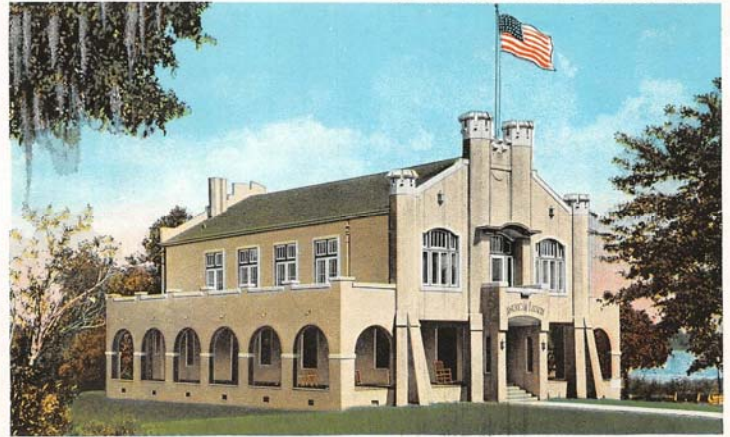
American Legion Post No. 26, Snug Harbor, Davenport, Iowa



Showing Roller Dam, Mississippi River and Bridge

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AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING.

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American Legion. Post 123. Lansford, Pa.

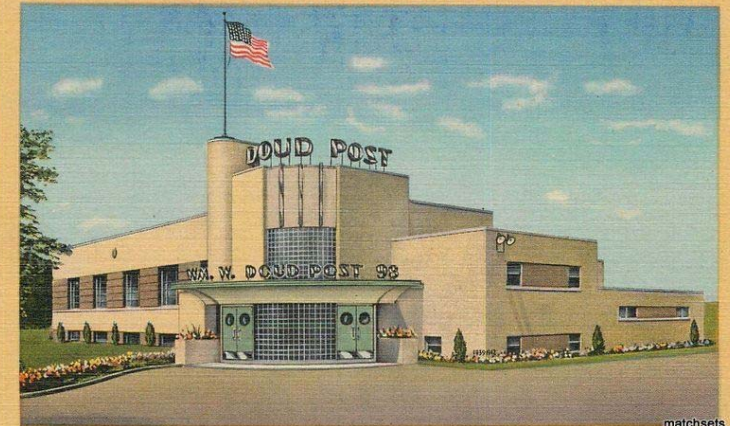
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AMERICAN LEGION CLUB HOUSE, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, "THE SUNSHINE CITY"



Wm. W. Doud Post No. 98, American Legion, 898 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N. Y.



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American Legion Memorial Building, Atlantic, Iowa



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**175** YEAR ANNIVERSARY



YMCA of Greater Charleston 3rd Annual

# Father's Day CAR SHOW

CARS • TRUCKS • MOTORCYCLES • DJ • FOOD • DRINKS

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21 3:00-8:00PM CANE BAY FAMILY YMCA**  
FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL GUESTS • \$35 CAR ENTRY FOR EARLY BIRD

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## CAR SHOW ENTRY

Early Bird Entry is \$35 until June 20.  
\$40 for the day of the event.  
Scan this QR code and complete your car show registration to win for prizes.



## SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship opportunity is available. Please email [business@ymcagc.org](mailto:business@ymcagc.org) for more details.

People's Choice Awards will be presented to select winners!

Summerville

# FARMERS MARKET

## MAKE IT A SUMMERVILLE DAY

Shop the market, visit unique shops and pick-up lunch all within a few square blocks. There is something great happening in Historic Downtown Summerville. There is plenty of FREE parking throughout the downtown including the town garage behind Town Hall.

All vendors are selected based on uniqueness, past participation and facility footprint. If you have questions about being a vendor please contact us at [info@summervilledream.org](mailto:info@summervilledream.org).



- **First Citizens Bank 218 South Main Street behind Summerville Town Hall**
- **Every Saturday: April – Mid-November**  
8:00am- 1:00pm
- **Historic Downtown Summerville**

### Shop Local and KEEP IT SUMMERVILLE

The Market aims to offer a venue where Farmers, Growers, Specialty Foods, and Artisans can actively showcase and sell their handcrafted goods. We've established rules and regulations to create a fair sales environment that strongly promotes and honors local entrepreneurs and small business owners. Embracing the ethos of "I am because we are," we collaborate for collective success. Participants must adhere to these rules and regulations, as failure to do so may result in dismissal from the market.



### Business Booth Opportunities

If your company is interested in supporting the Farmers Market you may apply to be a business vendor. Business vendors are provided with a 10x10 booth to display/demonstrate goods and services. Space is limited, fee is \$100 per week.

### 8:00 AM-1:00 PM | Rain or Shine

Summerville Farmers Market hosts local farmers, growers, artisans and specialty food vendors.

If interested in being a Market Vendor please fill out the application in full and submit all supporting documentation. Applications are reviewed by the Market Committee and assignments are made based on selection criteria.



# THIRD THURSDAYS

📅 5:30p-8:30p (unless otherwise listed)

EVERY Third Thursday of the Month

📍 Hutchinson Square, W. Richardson & Short Central



- EVERY Third Thursday of the month
- 5:30 PM-8:30 PM – Rain or shine (unless otherwise listed)
- Hutchinson Square, W. Richardson & Short Central

On the third Thursday of each month, Historic Downtown Summerville transforms into a special marketplace featuring local entertainment, craft vendors and artisans, to complement the extended hours of our eclectic shops, boutiques and restaurants.

Third Thursday traffic is rerouted from 4:00 PM until 9:00 PM from the following streets; Little Main Street, W Richardson to Central (closed for traffic). There is plenty of FREE parking throughout the downtown including the town garage behind Town Hall.





**SUMMERVILLE**  
SOUTH CAROLINA

## Fireworks and Freedom Festival

The Town of Summerville Fireworks and Freedom Festival is held annually on July 4 at Gahagan Park. You won't want to miss out on this FREE family-friendly event with live music, food, fireworks, a kid's zone, and loads of fun!

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, umbrellas, and water. Attendees can bring small lunch box-sized personal coolers.

What NOT to bring:

No large coolers.

No pets, tents of any size, personal fireworks, grills of any type, alcohol.



# Dorchester County Veterans Affairs



## Summerville

500 N. Main St.  
Summerville, SC 29483

Please use the Main St.  
Entrance.

### Office Hours:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Monday - Friday

Phone: (843) 832-0050

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## St. George

201 Johnston Street  
St. George, SC 29477

The St. George office is  
located on the Raysor St.  
side of the building, behind  
DSS.

### Office Hours:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday

Phone: (843) 563-0116

The Dorchester County Veterans Affairs Office assists veterans and their families who reside in Dorchester County in all matters that pertain to veterans and Veteran Benefits. You can contact the Veterans Affairs office at (843) 832-0050 to schedule an in-person or virtual appointment.

The Veterans Affairs office assists all ex-service personnel with financial compensation claims including but not limited to:

- Hospitalization
- Training
- Insurance Benefits

These services are extended to eligible dependents, including parents, widows, children and orphans of ex-service personnel.

If you need support for a specific mental health problem - or if you're having problems sleeping, controlling your anger, or readjusting to civilian life - you are not alone. You don't need to be enrolled in VA health care to get care. To access free VA mental health services right away:

- Call or walk-in to any VA Medical Center - anytime, day or night
- Call or walk-in to any Vet Center during clinic hours

If you have questions about enrolling in VA health care, please contact the VA via phone at 1-877-222-VETS (1-877-222-8387) Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM EST. Veterans with hearing loss are asked to use the TTY phone number 1-800-877-8339.

Newly separated service members can expect three calls from qualified VA Solid Start representatives over the first year of separation. VA will attempt to contact you several times around 90, 180 and 365 days post-separation, so make sure your contact information is up to date in eBenefits.

VA Solid Start representatives will not ask you for financial information and will only discuss topics you are comfortable with. Remember that phone scammers often target Veterans, so always be vigilant and protect your financial information when talking to someone you don't know over the phone.

For questions about VA Solid Start, call 1-800-827-0611, Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM EST.

## VA Clinics

### Trident VA Clinic

9237 University Boulevard  
North Charleston, SC 29406-8908  
Phone: 843-574-1010

### North Charleston VA Clinic

6450 Rivers Avenue  
North Charleston, SC 29406-4882  
Phone: 843-818-5100

### Charleston VA Clinic

2424 City Hall Lane  
Community Resource & Referral Center  
Suite B  
North Charleston, SC 29406-6538  
Phone: 843-789-6804  
Mental health: 843-577-5011

### Goose Creek VA Clinic

2418 NNPTC Circle  
Goose Creek, SC 29445-6314  
Phone: 843-818-6999, ext. 343100  
Mental health: 843-577-5011

### Ralph H. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center

109 Bee Street  
Charleston, SC 29401-5799  
Phone: 843-577-5011

### Beaufort VA Clinic

1 Pinckney Boulevard  
Beaufort, SC 29902-6122  
Phone: 843-770-0444

