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## Next Gathering: Wednesday, August 6th, 6:30 pm



The next gathering of the Clarence A. Dunning American Legion Post 21 will be August 6th. Come early and enjoy a meal before the meeting starts. See you then!



Three United States commemorative stamps honoring the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps will be issued later this year.

*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
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**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





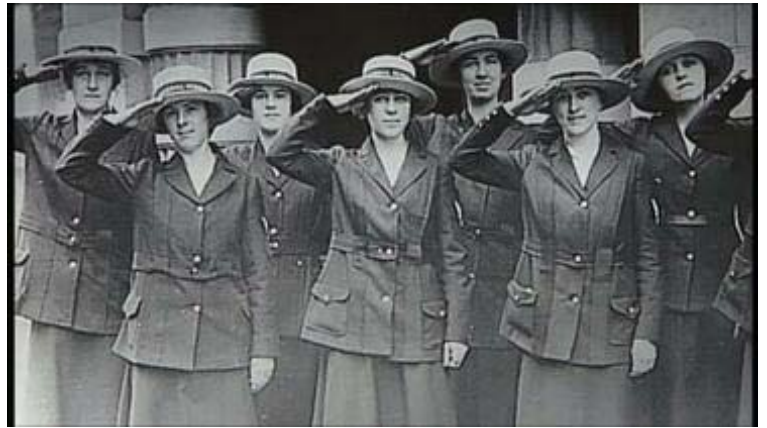


# Did You Know?

## **SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN IN WORLD WAR I**

When the United States entered the First World War in 1918 the women of South Carolina figuratively rolled up their sleeves, and went to work to support their state and their country. At this time, the average woman in the state lived in a rural setting, worked in agriculture or as a domestic worker. Women in the middle class were still largely living in rural areas or small towns, and working in agriculture or in textile mills. During wartime women not only participated in more jobs so men could go fight, but women from South Carolina enlisted to aid the war effort. They served as nurses, drove trucks that delivered supplies and drove ambulances that transferred the wounded. Not only

degrees. They also concentrated their efforts towards things like raising money, selling war bonds, and getting the word out about food, which the government urged citizens to grow at home so more farm-produced goods could go to soldiers



fighting overseas. In spite of the fact that women lost factory jobs after the war to returning veterans, they ultimately gained ground in the working world, as they retained jobs in some areas such as nursing, telephone operators, stenographers. They benefitted from a growing government and economy, and shortly after the war enjoyed another big benefit - the vote.

did women step into wartime roles such as manufacturing everything from textiles to tanks and airplanes, but they also found work as secretaries, nurses and in the world of academics, with some women going into higher education to earn Ph.D.



# NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE



The next time you want to visit a great military museum, why not take the short drive to Pooler Georgia and visit the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. The National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force preserves the stories of courage, character and patriotism displayed by the men and women of the Eighth Air Force from World War II to present. Among the many World War II exhibits are aircraft including a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber, a model of a Messerschmitt Bf 109G fighter, and a 3/4-scale model of a P-51 Mustang fighter. Aircraft on display outside include the B-47 Stratojet, MiG-17, and F-4 Phantom II from the post-WWII Cold War era. Last month, the museum announced that it would be receiving a B-24 from the Barksdale Global Power Museum.



National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force  
175 Bourne Avenue  
Pooler, GA 31322

Open Tuesday - Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday: 12 pm - 5 pm. Closed Monday



# Military Anniversaries in August

August is a significant month for military anniversaries and observances. Key dates include the US Coast Guard's establishment on August 4th, Purple Heart Day on August 7th, and the Marine Forces Reserve Birthday on August 29th. Additionally, National Airborne Day is celebrated on August 16th.

## August 4th:

**US Coast Guard Birthday.** This day marks the anniversary of the establishment of the US Coast Guard in 1790.

## August 7th:

**Purple Heart Day.** This day honors those who have been wounded or killed while serving in the US military.

## August 16th:

**National Airborne Day.** This day commemorates the first official Army parachute jump in 1940, recognizing the nation's airborne forces.

## August 29th:

**Marine Corps Reserve Birthday.** This date marks the establishment of the Marine Corps Reserve in 1916.



# 1775 - United States Military Services

In 2025, the United States military is commemorating several significant anniversaries. The most prominent is the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, all founded in 1775:

- **June 14,** : The 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army.
- **October 13,** : The 250th anniversary of the U.S. Navy.
- **November 10,** : The 250th anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps.







# Backpack Buddies

We supply Summerville Elementary with food for children that might not otherwise have food over each weekend. This program feeds 36 children from Summerville Elementary. Please bring the following items to the Post meeting each month, or bring cash to donate.

**Breakfast:** Packages of instant grits  
Packages of instant oatmeal  
Mini-muffins (Little Bites)  
Small individual boxes of cereal  
Breakfast bars (such as NutriGrain bars)

**Drinks:**  
Sunny D (individual bottles)  
Orange juice (individual bottles)  
Horizon Organic Milk (not refrigerated, individual servings of plain, vanilla or chocolate)  
Capri Sun juices  
Juice boxes of any flavor  
Yahoo chocolate milk in boxes or cans  
Nesquik Chocolate drink (individual bottles)

**Entrees:**  
Beanie Weanies (small cans that can be microwaved)  
Chef Boyardee meals in cans (with pop tops)  
Individual boxes of tuna and crackers or chicken and crackers  
Vienna sausages  
Hormel Compleat meals (individual meals, available in packages of 3 at Walmart)  
Macaroni and cheese (individual servings that you can microwave)

**Snacks:**  
Applesauce in individual cans/plastic containers  
Cheez-its (individual bags)  
Rice Krispie treats  
Pirate booty (individual bags)  
Cheese or peanut butter crackers  
Boxes of raisins  
Popcorn (individual servings)  
Chocolate pudding cups  
Buddy Fruits (these look like drinks but they are fruit snacks)  
Little Debbie oatmeal cakes  
Pringles chips in individual containers

We try to put an apple or orange in the bags at least once a month, so a bag of fruit is also welcomed.

# ***A Blast From the Past***



Back in 1902, this was the Pawleys Island Railroad — owned by the Atlantic Coast Lumber Company out of Georgetown, SC. Vacationers heading to Pawleys would first ride the train to Georgetown, then cross the Waccamaw River by ferry to Hagley Landing. From there, it was a short two-mile ride by rail to reach the sandy escape of Pawleys Island, SC



In the summer of 1929, long before the bridge connected Georgetown, SC to the Waccamaw Neck, folks crossed the water the old-fashioned way — by ferry. This one, The Pelican, made the ten-minute trip across Winyah Bay to Alderney Landing in Pawleys Island, SC. On the Fourth of July that year alone, The Pelican hauled 264 automobiles and 962 passengers across the bay. Can you imagine the buzz? Families packed into Model A's, farmers in overalls, visitors hoping for a breeze — all waiting patiently to board. The Seashore Road ended at the water's edge near Alderley Plantation's rice fields. From there, The Pelican did the rest. It wasn't just a ferry; it was the thread tying two communities together — until 1935, when the first bridge finally rose from the water and changed the journey forever.





# Movies in the Park

Event Dates - August 1st, September 12th, & October 10th

Come out to and enjoy a special movie screening under the stars! There are 3 separate movie night events, each screening presenting something unique and fun for the whole family to enjoy. There will also be food vendors so you can grab some snacks while you enjoy the show. All screenings begin at sunset, so make sure to get there before then. Please make sure to also bring your own lawn chairs and blankets so you can sit back and enjoy the show.

This year's events are:


- Friday, August 1st at Doty Park! - One Last Splash: Back to Boating School with The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie.
- Friday, September 12th at Gahagan Park. - Sing-along Movie Night with Encanto.
- Friday, October 10th at Gahagan Park. - Halloween Movie Night with the original Ghostbusters.



# THIRD THURSDAYS

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

EVERY Third Thursday of the Month

 Hutchinson Square, W. Richardson &  
Short Central



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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 FARMERS MARKET



- 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.



## 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.

## 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.



# ***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

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.

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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



## **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

