

# American Legion Post 212

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Post 212 made history at the 2024 Department of SC State Convention. Our very own Patricia Dandy was elected as the 4th Vice Commander for the State of SC. She is the 1st African American female elected at the state level. Additionally, Clarence 'Shoe' Shuford was elected as Department Chaplain. He is the 1<sup>st</sup> African American to hold this position.

## Membership



**Post 212 received a plaque for obtaining 100% membership**

Membership report as of 30 May 2024. District 15's membership reached 100.35% Membership. Our team didn't stop and kept driving and for the third year in a row,

our District is 100%. Great Job Team, You Did It!! Continue to drive your membership!! Members make it possible to support veterans, youth, and the community.

Swearing-in of Officers for the year 2024 to 2025. SC 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Commander Patricia Dandy officiated the ceremony. Congratulations to all

of our newly installed officers for Post 212. I look forward to all the great things we are getting ready to do.



From left to right: Commander Kenneth Oakman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Andrew Hicks, Finance Officer Donna Martin, Service Officer Calvin Johnson, Chaplain Melinda Ryans, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Henry Jones, Adjutant Ethel Sherrod, Judge Advocate Mack Henry Holland, Sergeant at Arms James Hendrix



## Memorial Day

The Memorial Day Parade was held on 25 May 2024. Post 212 Honoring and Mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.



On this Memorial Day 27 May 2024, we pause to honor and remember the brave men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving their country. As we place flags on



each veteran's grave, it's a time to reflect on their courage, selflessness, and unwavering dedication to protecting the freedoms we hold dear.





**The 105th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION was held from Thursday, May 16, to Sunday, May 19, 2024, @ the Double Tree by Hilton, Columbia SC**

The purpose of the Department Convention is to set the programs of The American Legion for the ensuing year, amending the Department Constitution and By-Laws, election of Department Officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

All attendees are housed at the Doubletree by Hilton Columbia, 2100 Bush River Rd, Columbia, SC 29210. This includes all members of The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion, American Legion Riders, the American Legion Auxiliary, and any guests of said groups.



**Swearing in of State and local officers for 2024- 2025**



**Brandon Dandy was awarded police officer of the Year**



## Palmetto Boys State / Girls State

### Opening Ceremony



Celebrating Palmetto Boys State Inauguration Day at the South Carolina Statehouse. Congratulations Brayson Aldrich of Darlington, SC for being elected 2024 Palmetto Boys State Governor and Lola Gantt of Goose Creek, SC elected Palmetto Girls State Governor.







## American Legion Family Day

What an awesome turnout for our 1st Annual American Legion Post 212 Family Day. There was high energy and love in the air, from the babies to the seasoned saints and everyone in between. The atmosphere created a great environment for recruitment, which gave us

phenomenal results. We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the support from our community. If you missed the event today, don't worry, we will do this again next year, same time, same station. 😊



# Winthrop Hall Happenings

## 1<sup>st</sup> Friday's

We have started opening to the public every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. Come out and enjoy some great music, dancing, and snacks. We are open to the public and free admission.



We had another successful fish fry on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This is a good way to meet the community, have some good food, and raise money for scholarships and other community events.