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■ Year in Review: Celebrating Service, Community, and Impact

This year has been a powerful testament to what can be achieved when a community comes together with purpose. Through celebration, education, service, and compassion, we strengthened connections, honored traditions, and expanded our reach in meaningful ways.

🌟 Looking Ahead

This year's accomplishments reflect dedication, teamwork, and a deep commitment to service. As we move into the new year, we carry forward the momentum, the lessons learned, and the joy of making a difference.

Leadership, Learning, and Professional Growth

Our members represented the organization at the **Annual Department Convention, the Fall Conference** as well as the **National Convention in Tampa, FL**, engaging in workshops, leadership development, and collaborative sessions. These gatherings strengthened our network, expanded our knowledge, and equipped us with new tools to better serve our community.



Youth Leadership and Civic Education

The organization proudly represented our post at the **Palmetto Boys State** Opening Ceremony, participating in the program's annual Legion Night to honor and recognize our nation's veterans. This engagement reinforced our longstanding commitment to civic education, youth leadership development, and the preservation of veteran-focused traditions. By taking part in this ceremony, the post helped highlight the values of service, citizenship, and respect for those who have worn the uniform, while strengthening our relationship with one of South Carolina's premier youth leadership programs.



Veterans Outreach and Health Initiatives

A key highlight of the year was the **Veterans Health and Wellness Event**, which included a **community blood drive**. This initiative provided essential health resources, promoted wellness education, and demonstrated our ongoing dedication to supporting veterans and their families.

Each donation **saves** up to **3** lives.

AMERICAN LEGION
UNIT 212 AIKEN
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9
1 PM - 3 PM

BEGIN YOUR LIFESAVING JOURNEY TODAY!

FREE SHIRT FOR ALL DONORS

PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR QUICKPASS THE DAY OF YOUR DONATION. PHOTO ID REQUIRED.

Sheppard Community Blood Center
@sheppardblood

SPONSORED BY MILITARY VETS SUPPORTING VETS & THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS EVENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025
AMERICAN LEGION POST 212
602 HAMPTON AVE NW, AIKEN, SC
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

HEALTH CHECK-UPS - VITALS SCREENINGS

INFLATABLES FOR THE KIDS - FREE FOOD

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👤 Fall Fitness and Community Well-Being

Our **Fall Fitness Group Exercise Class** brought community members together to promote physical health, movement, and fun. This event encouraged healthy habits and fostered a supportive environment for participants of all fitness levels.

GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS
FREE FALL FITNESS
6 WEEK GROUP EXERCISE
ALL PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS ARE WELCOME
American Legion Post 212
602 Hampton Ave NW
Aiken, SC 29801
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME
NOVEMBER 1, 15 & 22 DECEMBER 6, 13, & 20
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
TJ @ 803-645-3295
SIMMONS MEMORIAL CHAPEL
American Legion Post 212
602 Hampton Ave NW
Aiken, SC 29801
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Fundraising and Educational Program Support

The organization conducted a successful fundraising initiative through the raffle of a 75-inch television and a custom-made 55-gallon drum grill. This effort generated strong community participation and reinforced our commitment to supporting youth leadership and educational development. All proceeds from the raffle were designated to support Boys State, Girls State, the Youth Law Cadet Program, and other educational initiatives that advance civic engagement, leadership training, and academic enrichment for young people in our community.



🌈 Community Celebrations and Cultural Engagement

We proudly participated in both the **Black History Parade** and the **Christmas Parade**, sharing our mission with the broader community while honoring heritage, unity, and the spirit of the season. These events allowed us to connect with residents of all ages and highlight the importance of cultural celebration and togetherness.



🇺🇸 Thanksgiving Outreach: Feeding Families in Need

In the spirit of gratitude and giving, we provided **complete Thanksgiving meal packages to four deserving families**. This effort ensured that each family could enjoy a warm, abundant holiday meal and feel the support of a caring community.



🧑‍🌾 Honoring Heroes: Wreaths Across America

This year, our organization proudly participated in **Wreaths Across America**, a National Day of Remembrance honoring the men and women who served our country. Volunteers came together to place wreaths on the graves of veterans, ensuring their sacrifices are never forgotten.

The experience was both humbling and inspiring, offering a moment of reflection and gratitude as we joined thousands across the nation in this meaningful tradition. Our participation reaffirmed our commitment to honoring those who served and supporting the families who carry their legacy forward.



🍲 Feeding the Community: 250 Meals Served

Our **Feed the Community Event** stood out as one of this year's most meaningful service efforts. Through the collective dedication of our partners and volunteers, we provided **250 nutritious meals** to individuals and families across our community.

This initiative was strengthened by the support of six faith-based organizations: **Ashley Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Bell Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Friendship Baptist Church, Mt. Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Old Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, and Welcome Travelers Baptist Church**. Volunteers from additional organizations also joined in, contributing their time and compassion to ensure the event's success.

Together, we demonstrated the power of unity and reaffirmed our commitment to uplifting those in need. Moments like these remind us what can be achieved when our community comes together with purpose.



Winthrop Hall Upcoming Events 2026

Valentine's Day Party

You are warmly invited to join us for a semi-formal Valentine's Day celebration, an evening filled with good company, delicious food, handcrafted drinks, and music to set the mood. We hope you'll share this special night with us as we enjoy great conversation, festive flavors, and a lively atmosphere.

