

THE BEAUFORT ROTARY CLUB

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Need a Meeting Makeup?

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 12:15 pm: Sea Island Rotary Club

Fridays, 7:30 am: Rotary Club of the Lowcountry

All clubs meet at Sea Island Presbyterian Church



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

THE WHEEL

3/12/2025

THE HISTORY OF THE BEAUFORT NATIONAL CEMETERY

Beaufort National Cemetery is one of the oldest national cemeteries in the United States. Established during the Civil War, it serves as the final resting place for thousands of American service members who fought in various conflicts throughout the nation's history.

ESTABLISHMENT AND CIVIL WAR ERA

The cemetery was established in 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln to serve as a burial ground for Union soldiers who perished in the region during the Civil War. It was one of the first cemeteries designated as a National Cemetery following the Emancipation Proclamation. Many of the early burials included Union troops who fought in the Battle of Port Royal and those who succumbed to disease in nearby military hospitals.

EXPANSION AND NOTABLE BURIALS

Over time, the cemetery expanded to accommodate veterans from subsequent wars, including World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. The cemetery covers 33 acres and contains more than 21,000 graves.



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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUFORT

89 Years Strong – Chartered November 1934



Program Lineup Today

Today: Mike Brophy, Superintendent, Beaufort National Cemetery

Club Calendar

March 19: Warren Parker, Executive Director of the Pritchards Island Research & Living Shores Coalition (PIRLS)

March 26: Dr. Eric Skipper, Provost USCB

April 2: Captain Tracy Isaac, Commander, Naval Hospital Beaufort

MEMBER MILESTONES

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Dan Russell, 03/15/23, 2 years



2025 HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP DATES:

Apr 12: K-P • June 14: R - Y
Aug 9: A-F • Oct 11: G-J
Dec 13: K-P

TODAY'S SUPER DOOR PRIZE \$667 35 CARDS REMAINING

Congratulations to door prize winner **Wayne Promislow** for winning a prize donated by **Barry Wilson**.

DONORS FOR DOOR PRIZES

Mar 12 - David Youmans

Mar 19 – Bob Allen

Mar 26 – William D. Anderson

Apr 2 – Swinton Anderson, Jr.

Today's door prize winner has a chance to win the SUPER DOOR PRIZE by pulling the winning playing card. If the Ace of Spades is not picked, the drawn card will be retired, and 20% of the door will be added to the pot for next week's raffle. Tickets are \$2.00 for one and \$5.00 for three. Contact Robert Bussa (312-927-5860) or Jay Patel (843-252-2745) regarding your donation.

WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS: The Rotary Club of Beaufort extends a warm welcome to all our visitors and guests. We hope to see you again in the very near future.

TODAY'S AGENDA

Lunch is Served • Call to Order • Pledge
Introduction of Visitors and Guests
Business and Announcements • Program
Club Response • Final Remarks & Drawing
Meeting Adjourned

THANK YOU FROM THE SGT-AT-ARMS COMMITTEE

Howard Heckrotte, Jay Patel and Robert Bussa, would like to thank those Rotarians who come early to set up and those who stay after to close up.

REMEMBER MEETING ETIQUETTE

Nametags and Rotary pins on, phones off. Please refrain from holding conversations when someone is addressing the club. Thanks for exercising proper courtesy.

PURCHASE A MEAL TO GO

Because our club guarantees a specific number of meals for each meeting, we often have additional meals available to-go for \$5 each. Place your order with Robert Bussa, Ron Garrett or Jay Patel prior to the start of the meeting.

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NOTABLE BURIALS INCLUDE:

Sergeant William Harvey Carney – The first African American to receive the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during the Civil War.

Robert Smalls – A former slave who became a Civil War hero, U.S. Congressman, and advocate for African American rights.

General Edwin Pollock – A distinguished Marine Corps officer who served in World War II and the Korean War.

Colonel Donald Conroy – Father of famous author Pat Conroy and inspiration for The Great Santini.

UNIQUE FEATURES AND MEMORIALS

The cemetery features a large rostrum, where Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies are held. A Monument to the Unknown Dead honors unidentified soldiers who fought in the Civil War. **Confederate and Union Soldiers Rest Together** – Unlike many cemeteries, Beaufort National Cemetery contains both Union and Confederate soldiers, emphasizing reconciliation. The cemetery is home to multiple memorial markers, including those dedicated to the Tuskegee Airmen and Vietnam War casualties.

MODERN SIGNIFICANCE

The cemetery remains an active burial site, with spaces available for eligible veterans and their families. It is managed by the National Cemetery Administration, which ensures the preservation of its historical significance. Visitors from across the country come to honor the sacrifices of the fallen and learn about the region's deep military history. Beaufort National Cemetery stands as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices made by American soldiers throughout history. Its rich legacy, notable burials, and historical significance make it an important landmark in South Carolina and a treasured site for military heritage.

Special Invitation - Parris Island Recruit Graduation May 23

Our Rotary has been invited as guests of the Commanding General for the Morning Colors Ceremony (7:45 a.m.) and Recruit Graduation (9 a.m.) on Friday, May 23rd. Plan on arriving at the main gate by 7:15 a.m., park in the visitor parking adjacent to the all-weather ceremonial hall and a tram will be available to transport you to both events. In the event of inclement weather, Morning Colors will be cancelled and graduation will be moved from the outdoor parade deck to the all-weather indoor facility.

We must submit a list of attendees by May 16th. Please provide the following information and give to Jim Weiskopf.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Driver's License Number _____ State _____