

THE BEAUFORT ROTARY CLUB

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2025 GOLD

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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

4/02/2025

The HISTORY of the Naval **HOSPITAL** in Beaufort, South Carolina

The Naval Hospital Beaufort, located in Port Royal, South Carolina, has served military personnel and their families for over 75 years. It plays a crucial role in providing healthcare to service members stationed in the southeastern United States.

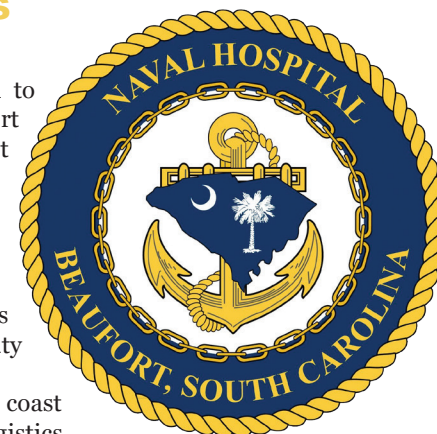
Key Historical Milestones

Established in 1949

- The U.S. Navy commissioned the hospital to support the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort and Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot.
- It replaced an older naval dispensary that had been in use since World War II.

Strategic Location

- Situated near Marine Corps bases, it provides essential medical care for recruits, active-duty personnel, and veterans.
- The hospital's proximity to the Atlantic coast made it a vital part of military healthcare logistics.



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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUFORT

89 Years Strong – Chartered November 1934



Program Lineup Today

Today: Captain Tracy Isaac,
Commander, Naval Hospital Beaufort

Club Calendar

April 9: Robert H. Cooper, Jr., President, R. H. Cooper and Company LLC; Mentoring early discharged Parris Island recruits

April 16: Major John “CDAG” Carter, USMC; pilot from VFMT-402, the “Aggressor Squadron”



**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 \$758 32 CARDS REMAINING

Congratulations to door prize winner **Mike Keyserling** for winning a prize donated by **Bill Anderson**.

DONORS FOR DOOR PRIZES

Apr 2 – Swinton Anderson, Jr.
Apr 9 – John Ballantyne
Apr 16 – Robert Bussa
Apr 23 – Claude Dinkins

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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Facility Expansions and Upgrades

- Over the decades, the hospital has undergone numerous renovations to improve patient care and medical services. It modernized its facilities to include outpatient clinics, specialized medical units, and advanced surgical capabilities.

Role in Military Conflicts

- Served as a critical medical hub during the Korean War, Vietnam War, and later conflicts.
- Provided rehabilitation and treatment for wounded service members returning from overseas deployments.

Integration into the Broader Military Healthcare System

- The hospital operates under the Department of Defense's Military Health System.
- Works closely with the Department of Veterans Affairs to support retired military personnel.

Present-Day Services

- Offers comprehensive healthcare, including primary care, surgery, mental health services, and physical therapy.
- Supports thousands of active-duty service members, veterans, and military families annually.

Conclusion

The Naval Hospital Beaufort has been a cornerstone of military healthcare in the Lowcountry for decades. Its rich history reflects a commitment to excellence in serving the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces. Today, it continues to evolve, ensuring high-quality medical care for those who serve.

MEMBER MILESTONES

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Billy O'Neal, 04/03/85, 40 years
Warren Slesinger, 04/06/23, 2 years

MEMBER BIRTHDAY

Allan Rae, 03 April

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Travis Fortson, 04/08, 25 years

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 _____