



AMERICAN LEGION POST 2 KNOXVILLE

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PRESS RELEASE

American Legion Post 2 is proud to host the cadets from South Doyle High School Army JROTC, Cherokee Battalion, as they honorably retire a record setting number of American flags.

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The South Doyle High School JROTC cadets will attempt setting a self-proclaimed record with the largest number of American Flags to be retired at one time.

The Cherokee Battalion began this Service Learning Project after assisting with a similar flag retirement ceremony at American Legion Post 2 Knoxville, in 2018 where 508 flags were retired. The cadets initially began collecting flags and set a goal of retiring 1,000 flags, following their 2019 JROTC Program of Accreditation inspection. The community quickly stepped in and the cadets have received over 4,000 flags. They are on track to surpass their goal!

The cadets have focused on flag history, protocol, customs, and etiquette, including the United States Flag Code, Title 4, Section 8k:

The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

We invite members of the public to bring their worn or damaged American flags to the post, where they will be properly folded and honorably retired. The opening ceremony will begin Saturday morning, and will continue through the night, while the flags are still there.

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Opening Ceremony: Saturday, May 15, 2021 9:00 a.m.

Closing Ceremony: Sunday, May 16, 2021 2:00 p.m.

American Legion Post 2 Knoxville received its charter in March 1919. Members of the post have been in service to the community for over 100 years focusing on 4 pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. They are proud to partner with local JROTC and ROTC programs, coordinate the annual Oratorical Scholarship contest for high school students, support Boys' and Girls' State programs, scouting and Young Marines programs.

The Post 2 family includes the Legionnaires, the Auxiliary, the Sons of the Legion, and the American Legion Riders. Members come from many locations, backgrounds, and occupations. Together, these members work to organize many local veteran and community events, such as Knoxville's Annual Veterans Day Parade, Mountain Man Memorial March, Memorial Day and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Please visit American Legion Post 2 Knoxville on social media or www.Legionknox.com for more information.