



Knoxville, Tennessee

March 2023

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The American Legion Post 2

Legionnaires -

I want to start out by thanking everyone who has been attending our monthly meetings at the DAV Chapter 24. As we move forward, and the days get longer (and warmer!) I hope more people will again begin attending the monthly meetings. I also want to thank the DAV Chapter 24 for allowing us to use their Chapter House.

We have had some exciting news with our fundraising. Post 2 is now the owner of the former Legion Post 119 property in Rutledge. Executive members are working with our real estate professional to ready the property for sale, with proceeds to the building fund. In addition, the Post recently received a very generous gift to the building fund from the estate of World War II Navy veteran and Post 2 member Guy Clifford Easter

Larry Sharp and Randy Spencer are heading up the Fundraising committee, so if you have any suggestions of those to contact regarding monetary or in kind donations, please let them know.

The Legion hosted another successful Oratorical competition, with the East Division finals held February 25 at Bible Baptist Church in Seymour, TN Emma Raines, who won the competition, placed 2nd in the Tennessee Finals. A big thank you to all Post members who assisted with the event.

Just a reminder that the The Executive Committee, in coordination with the Auxiliary, voted to change the monthly meeting dinners to a quarterly event, and encourage Post members to brown bag the other two months. The Post will still provide desserts, coffee, iced tea and bottled water at the meetings.

APRIL MEETING

The Post 2 Family will meet on Monday, April, 3rd at the DAV Building in Fountain City at 6pm.

Remember to brown bag as there will be no meal served - just coffee and dessert.

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1919-2022

April Calendar

All events held at the DAV Building unless otherwise noted

Apr 6	April Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm No meal Served
Apr 20	American Legion Riders meet at 6:30pm Knoxville Harley Davidson on Clinton Hwy Sons of the Legion Meet at 7:30pm
Apr 24	Post Executive Meeting 6pm

There have been some scheduling changes to upcoming meetings - so please mark your calendars.

The May meeting will be held on TUESDAY May 2, while the June Post meeting will be held at the pavilion with a cookout meal and a brief joint meeting following the meal.

With the weather warming up - it is again mowing season - and we need volunteers to assist with the mowing and clean up of the post property. We are in the process of scheduling some property work days, and even if you feel unable to push a mower or operate a weedwacker, we need people to pick up trash. This is a great opportunity for kids or grandkids to earn some community service or volunteer hours. Please reach out to Jamie Pawlinski if you can help.

Finally, Post 2 elections are right around the corner. Nominations will take place in April and May, with the elections taking place in June. Officers will be installed in July prior to the Department Convention. Officers must be certified before the convention. If officers are not in place and certified, the Post will not have a vote at Department Convention. As stated, before If you are interested in moving up into one of the post officer positions or serving on the Executive Committee, please contact me.

CURRENT POST 2 OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Commander: Michael Testerman
1st Vice Commander: Marty Everett
2nd Vice Commander: Bob" Virgith
3rd Vice Commander: Jamie Pawlinski
Adjutant: Norita Cruz
Finance Officer: Roy O'Neil
Chaplain: Steve Sword
Sgt. at Arms: Joseph Cruz
Historian: OPEN

Members at Large: Gene Bayless, Vickie Plane and Larry Sharp

As as always, If you have any questions, or concerns, please call me at 865-313-0964 or email me at commander@legionknox.com

Mike Testerman



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Dan Chipman, ALR Director

March proved to be a little too chilly for our monthly fun run, so the Post 2 Riders gathered at Calhouns for a late lunch and fellowship.

ALR members start providing lunch at the Knoxville Harley Davidson on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month



beginning Saturday, April 1st from 11am - 2pm. All funds raised are directed to the Post 2 Building Fund. So swing by and grab a little lunch while you are out and about in North Knoxville!

The 2nd annual "Blessing of the Bikes" ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th at St. George's Greek Orthodox Church on Kingston Pike in Knoxville, beginning at 10am, followed by a short ride and lunch. The rain date for the event is the following Saturday, May 20th.

In May, ALR members will be welcoming the "Run for the Wall" and providing lunch for the group as they continue on their cross country trip from California to Washington, DC.

Later that week, the ALR will be participating in a fundraising ride for Honor Air sponsored by Knoxville Harley Davidson.

 American Legion
Post 2 - Knoxville, TN 

Blessing of the Bikes

Join the American Legion Riders
and the
Saint George Clergy for the
Second Annual Blessing of the Bikes
Saturday May 13 - 11 AM
(Rain Date May 20 - 11 AM)

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church
4070 Kingston Pike,
Knoxville, TN

All Bikes
Welcome

Suggested
Donation of
\$10 per Bike



For more information on the Post 2 Legion Riders, please contact Dan Chipman or join us on the the 3rd Thursday of each month.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Post 2 Chaplain Steve Sword

Spring in East Tennessee. It may be 79 degrees and sunny or we may have a foot of snow. Either way, there will be pollen! What a wonderful place to live. Regardless of the weather, spring always brings hope. The trees budding and the flowers blooming remind us that there is life after death. It's not surprising that we would find in spring very significant events in the history of the world revealing God's provision for his people.

Passover begins on April 5 this year. During Passover, we celebrate God's provision of freedom from Egyptian captivity. The children of Israel anointed their homes with the blood of the lamb so that the final plague would pass over their homes. God used this final terrible judgment on pharaoh to set his people free and begin their journey to the promised land.

Easter will be celebrated this year on April 9. Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from his death on the cross. Like Passover, God used the blood of the lamb – Jesus – to anoint his children so that the punishment for our sins may be passed over us and borne by his own son.

Whether you celebrate Passover, Easter, or both, I hope this spring brings you a reminder that God has provided and will continue to provide a path to freedom from the evils of this world and the evils within our own hearts. That is worth thinking about and celebrating.



Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on percentage of spending as it relates to total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.

Sign up for the free Kroger Community Rewards program to support the Post 2 Building Fund!

If you already have a Kroger digital account - log on to the Kroger website, and link your Kroger card to "American Legion Post 2 and Auxiliary". Remember to swipe your card when shopping at Kroger to have your transactions apply toward the Post. If you don't already have a Kroger card - click the link below to get started!

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AUXILIARY UPDATES

Melina Rogers, Unit President

Thanks to everyone who provided desserts for the March Post meeting and a special thank you to Jenny Testerman, who stepped in and who took charge of the meeting in my absence.

Remember that the new arrangement with the Legion, means that the Auxiliary will begin providing meals once a quarter, with the other two months being either desserts only or a brown bag dinner. As a result, the April 6th meeting will be cookies, iced tea and coffee.

Thank you to all the Auxiliary members who've already renewed their memberships for 2023. If you have any questions about your membership status - please contact Jackie Keyes and she will be happy to help you.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Monday, April 6th!



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Dan Chipman, Squadron Commander



**Sons of the American Legion
Post 2 - Knoxville TN**

Annual Golf Tournament

July 22, 2023 - 1:00 PM Shotgun

Three Ridges GC

6101 Wise Springs Rd., Knoxville, TN 37918

All Proceeds Benefit Various Youth Organizations

Four Player Scramble - \$60 per Player

Cash Prizes - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place

Along With Lots of Door Prizes

Also Selling Hotdogs and Hamburgers



***For More Registration Information or
Details Regarding a Hole Sponsorship Contact***

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or

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SAL members continue to organize their annual golf tournament which is scheduled for July 22nd at Three Ridges Golf Course, with a tee off time of 1pm.

As in the past, the SAL always welcomes hole sponsors, as well as donation of door prizes for the event.

The SAL meets at Knoxville Harley Davidson on Clinton Highway, beginning at 7:30pm., immediately following the Legion Riders Meeting.

For additional information on the SAL, programs and activities, please contact Dan Chipman.