



Knoxville, Tennessee

May 2023

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# The American Legion Post 2

Legionnaires -

May is almost gone and summer is here! Elections were held for Post leadership and congratulations to the following members:

- Commander: Michael Testerman
- 1st Vice Commander: Steven Patrick
- 2nd Vice Commander: Bob Vergith
- 3rd Vice Commander: Jamie Pawlinski
- Adjutant: Norita Cruz
- Finance Officer: Roy O'Neil
- Chaplain: Steve Sword
- Asst. Chaplain: Bob Dewald
- Sgt. at Arms: Joseph Cruz
- Historian: Sean Deal
- Judge Advocate: Ken Irvine
- Members at Large: Jim Quick, Vickie Plane, Marty Everett, Randolph Spencer and Larry Sharp

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to lead the Post in 2023 - 2024!

## \*\*\* JUNE MEETING \*\*\*

**The Post 2 Family will meet on Monday, June, 5th the Post 2 Pavilion beginning at 6pm.**

The Post will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs, with a variety of side dishes, desserts, water, iced tea and lemonade.

**Please remember to rsvp using this [eventbrite link!](#)**

The Department annual convention is scheduled for June 17-18 in Murfreesboro, TN. The delegates for the convention as chosen by the membership are Mike Testerman, and Marty

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More than a Century of Service

1919-2022

Everett, but any Legion member is encouraged to attend. See me or Marty Everett for details.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the clean up at the Rutledge Building - it is now ready for showing and hopefully we will be able to find a buyer for the property in the coming months.

Remember to invite all your your friends and family to head over to the East Town Texas Road House for dinner on Friday, May 19th - as 10% of all purchases (excluding alcohol) will be donated to the Post 2 Building Fund. You can find the flyer and more details elsewhere in the newsletter!

Memorial Day activities will include flag planting at both the Lyons View and John Sevier State Cemeteries on Saturday, May 27th, beginning at 9am. Please remember to bring a piece of rebar, a large screwdriver or a drill with a long bit to make it easier to dig the holes.

And of course, the annual Memorial Day "Reading of the Names" will be held at the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial in World's Fair Park beginning at just before sunrise on Monday, May 29th. Volunteers are welcomed to help with set up at 4am.

This will be followed the dedication of the ten newly engraved names and then the annual Post 2 Memorial Day ceremony, which should begin at approximately 11:40am. Remember that both of these activities are rain or shine events!

I look forward to seeing everyone at these events, and as always, if you have any questions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me at 865-313-0964 or email me at [commander@legionknox.com](mailto:commander@legionknox.com)

## May - June Calendar

All events held at the DAV Building unless otherwise noted

May 18	American Legion Riders meet at 6:30pm Knoxville Harley Davidson on Clinton Hwy Sons of the Legion Meet at 7:30pm
May 23	Run For the Wall
May 27	Flag planting at John Sevier Veterans Cemetary
May 29	Memorial Day Reading of the Names & Memorial Day Ceremony
May 30	Post 2 Executive Meeting
June 5	Post Meeting and cook out at the Post Pavillion Dinner at 6pm

**Warmer weather brings the need to keep our Post pavilion property mowed and looking good - so please help out the grounds crew!**

**Contact [Jamie Pawlinski](#) for more information**

# MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER & HONOR

29th May 2023

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Post 2 Chaplain Steve Sword*

As we approach Memorial Day at the end of May, it is good to be reminded of the significance of the holiday. It doesn't mark the unofficial beginning of summer. It isn't intended to be an opportunity for cookouts with family and friends. It is meant to be a solemn occasion where we reflect on the sacrifices that have kept our nation free, those who lost their lives in military service to our country.

As you reflect on those sacrifices this year, here are some famous quotes to consider.

"Here men endured that a nation might live." Herbert Hoover Memorial Day Address 1931.

"We must dare to be great; and we must realize that greatness is the fruit of toil and sacrifice and high courage." Theodore Roosevelt 1898

"Honor to the Soldier, and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor also to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field, and serves, as best he can, the same cause honor to him, less only than to him, who braves, for the common good, the storms of heaven and the storms of battle." Abraham Lincoln 1863

"The patriot's blood is the seed of freedom's tree." Thomas Campbell 1844

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." Elmer Davis

"I had reasoned this out in my mind: There was one of two things I had a right to—liberty or death. If I could not have one, I would have the other." Harriet Tubman

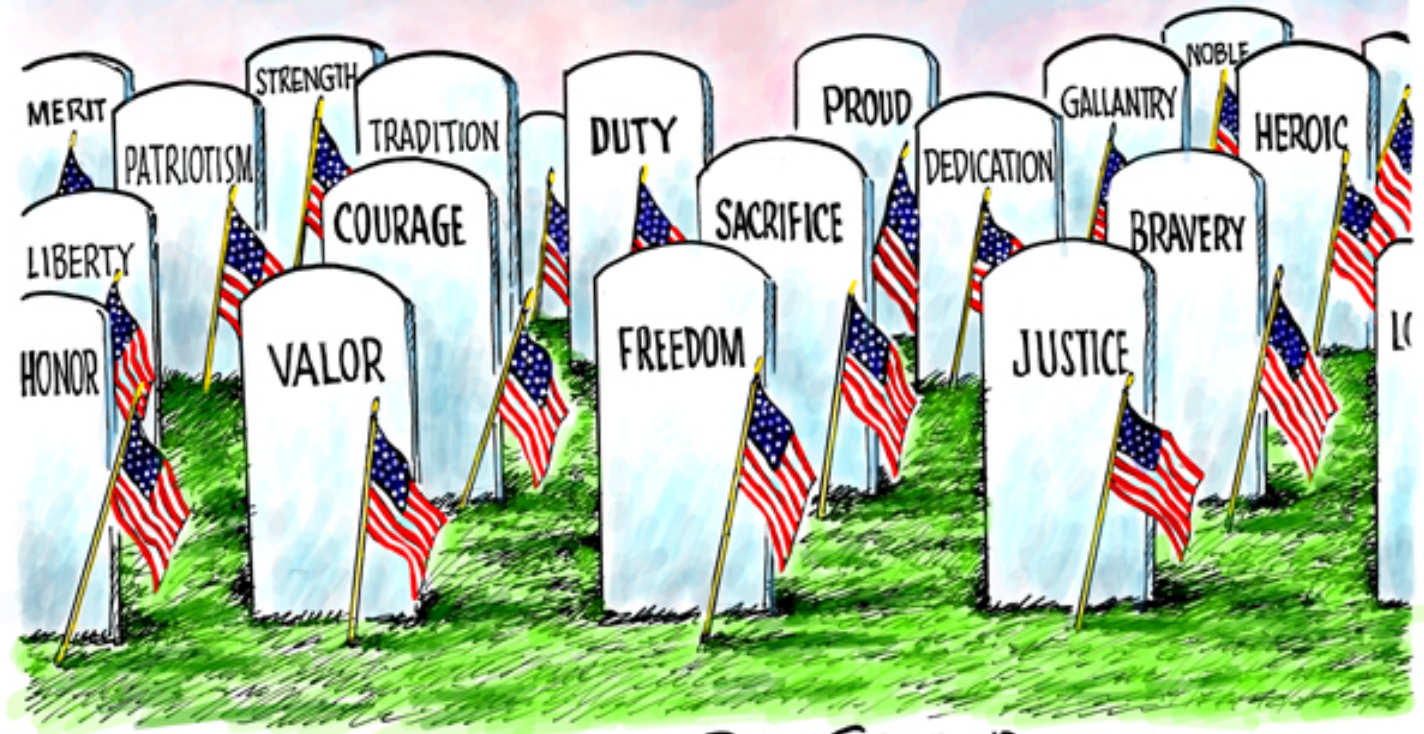
"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them." Franklin D. Roosevelt 1941

"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." Nathan Hale 1776

There are many more quotes that capture the meaning of Memorial Day. None of them are as eloquent or speak as clear a word as the simple tombstones and monuments erected around our nation and the world that mark the final resting places of our heroes.

Let us honor them this Memorial Day, and each day thereafter!

# Remember their names...



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## ETVMA Annual Reading of the Names

**Beginning at Sunrise on Monday, May 29th**

East Tennessee Veterans Memorial at World's Fair Park

Beginning at sunrise, volunteer readers are needed to read aloud each of the 6,000+ names engraved on the granite columns of the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial.

More than one hundred readers are needed, with each volunteer reading approximately 75 names. Names are read chronologically, by county and conflict. Families welcome!

At the conclusion of the Reading of the Names ceremony, the ten newly engraved names will be dedicated, followed by the annual Memorial Day Service organized by American Legion Post 2.

## THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT



# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

*Dan Chipman, ALR Director*



The Legion Riders held their 2nd annual bike blessing under bright blue skies on Saturday, May 13 at the beautiful St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Knoxville.

Father Dionysis Lampropoulos and Father Deacon Mark presided over the event, blessing bikes, bodies and even two muscle cars!



After refreshments and chance to tour the church, and with the assistance of KCSO, the group made its way down to Kingston Pike, eventually ending in Townsend, TN, where they enjoyed a great outdoor lunch at the Abbey Restaurant.



A big thank you goes to both Artie Stavros and David Ferguson who coordinated this great event!



Reminder that the Legion Riders are serving lunch at Knoxville Harley Davidson on the first and third Saturday of each month, to raise money for the building fund - so swing by for some lunch!

The Legion Riders will also be welcoming the "Run for the Wall" and providing lunch to the more than 275 bikers on Tuesday, May 23rd, who will stop in Knoxville at the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial as they make their way across the country to Washington, D.C.

The ALR members will be also be busy Memorial Day weekend as they plant flags at the John Sevier State Veterans Cemetery on Saturday, May 27th and support the annual ETVMA "Reading of the Names" ceremony at the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial on Monday, May 29th.

The 2023 Tennessee Legacy Run will be in East Tennessee June 1-4. For more information on the Post 2 Legion Rider activities, please contact Dan Chipman or join us on the the 3rd Thursday of each month.



# DINE TO DONATE! FUNDRAISING NIGHT



The American Legion Family

*Support*

**AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 2 KNOXVILLE**

**FRI., MAY 19 -  
FRI., MAY 19  
4 - 10PM**

**(865) 540-4150  
3071 KINZEL WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN**

# 10%

## DONATION NIGHT

Support American Legion Post 2 Knoxville by presenting this flyer to the Knoxville, TN location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to American Legion Post 2 Knoxville!

Show this flyer in any form to your server.  
If you would like to make an extra donation through card, ask your server how!



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# AUXILIARY UPDATES

*Melina Rogers, Unit President*

I want to thank everyone who has stepped up to lead the Auxiliary for 2023 - 2024 membership year and I looking forward to seeing every on on Monday. June 5th for our officer installation and joint meeting with the Post members out at the Post Pavilion on Rutledge Pike.

While the Post members will be handling the grill, the Auxiliary will be providing side dishes and desserts. Please be on the lookout for an email from Joleen regarding the meal and remember to register you and your guests for the meal by [CLICKING HERE!](#)

Remember that the Post will be conducting the annual Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 29th at World's Fair Park, beginning at approximately 11:40 at the conclusion of the Reading of the Names Ceremony.

Finally, a big 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.



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

*Dan Chipman, Squadron Commander*

SAL members are still soliciting hole sponsors and door prize donations for their annual golf tournament. This year, the tournament will be held on on July 22nd at Three Ridges Golf Course, with a tee off time of 1pm.

Elections for the Sons of the Legion leadership will be held in May, so if you are interesting in serving as an officer for 2023-24, please contact current SAL Squadron Leader Dan Chipman.

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.



**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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