



Knoxville, Tennessee

April 2024

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The American Legion Post 2

Legionnaires -

The first vote on the updated Post 2 Constitution and Bylaws was conducted at the March Post meeting, and the second and final vote will be at the April 1st Post meeting. I encourage you to attend as we would like as many Legionnaires present as possible.

If you are not present for this vote, then you will not have a say in the Constitution and Bylaws approval. This has been a huge undertaking, and the Executive Committee feels this version is the most inclusive and comprehensive set of bylaws we have ever presented.

Please remember that nominations for Post 2 officers will begin in April and May, with the elections held at the May monthly meeting. This schedule gives us time to certify and install our officers prior to the Department convention in June.

*** APRIL MEETING***

**Monday April 1st at the American Red Cross Building
6921 Middlebrook Pike
Dinner begins at 6pm with the meeting at 7pm**

*****Fried Chicken*****

The Auxiliary will be providing fried chicken with sides including baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, along with delicious desserts, iced tea, coffee, and water.

The meal cost is \$10 per person

****REGISTER HERE****

If you invite guests, YOU MUST REGISTER THEM on the Eventbrite site or email Patrice Collins so we have an accurate headcount. Those who arrive who are not pre-registered will go through the food-line last.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please email Patrice at pcollins@knoxvillechamber.com or call 865-806-4487.

legionknox.com

Commander@legionknox.com

865-313-0964

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1919-2024

If you are considering stepping up for any of the open positions, I would recommend that you take the online Basic Training course at <https://www.legion.org/>. Scroll down to the basic training tab and then log in. I encourage you to take the time to do so, as it is a worthwhile course and explains the history of the American Legion.

If, like many of us, you prefer an in-person training experience, the Tennessee Eastern Division will be conducting an in person American Legion Basic Training session on Saturday, April 13th at Post 13 in Maryville. This is open to all Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SON members. Please attend if you are available! Post 13 will also be hosting the Second District Convention on April 27 beginning at noon.

Post 2 is also looking for submissions for “Legionnaire of the Year”. If you know a member of the Post that you feel is worthy of this honor, please, please let me know and I will forward the contact information on to the Division Commander.

Finally, on February 28, members of Post 2 met with representatives of Hickory Construction Company and BarberMcMurry Architects to discuss the future of our Post 2 home. Hickory is willing to work with us and move forward with the building project. The project training is moving and gaining speed - so Git on the train or Git outta the way!

If you have any comments, questions, or complaints about Post 2, please feel free to contact me at 865-742-6170 or by email at commander@legionknox.com

I look forward to seeing everyone at the American Red Cross on April 1st!

Mike Testerman

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are held at the Red Cross Building unless otherwise noted.

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| April 1 | Post Meeting meal and dinner begins at 6pm, with meeting beginning at 7pm |
| Apr 18 | Legion Riders meet at Knoxville Harley Davidson beginning at 6:30 pm, followed by SAL meeting at 7:30 |
| April 29 | Post Executive Meeting begins at 6:30pm |



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Dan Chipman, ALR Director

Welcome Roger & Nichole Eckley to the Post 2 Legion Rider Family!

The Post Riders have started serving lunch at Knoxville Harley Davison on the first and third Saturdays of each month, and all donations collected are earmarked for the building fund.



On Sunday, March 24, Ride Captain Dave Ferguson, led a dozen ALR members on the first monthly fun run of 2024, ending up at the Amis Mill Eatery in Rogersville, TN for lunch.

The annual Blessing of the Bikes is scheduled for

Saturday, May 11th at St. George Greek Orthodox Church - so invite your friends to join us for the short ceremony, followed by a lunch ride.



AUXILIARY UPDATES

Melina Rogers, Unit President

A very special thank you goes to Ken Rife who assisted the Auxiliary last month by providing the baked potatoes and pulled pork for the March dinner. - it was very much appreciated!

On a personal note, due to some ongoing health issues, I have decided that I must relinquish my position as ALA president at the end of this term. The nominations committee will be looking for someone to step up into that role.

Please consider serving as an officer or committee chair as we continue our discussions on how the Auxiliary can work to engage more within the community, encourage membership and raise awareness of the important poppy program. In addition, we want to discuss several organizations that we might financially support through our previous Poppy drives.

Finally, the April meal will feature the always popular fried chicken, with sides including coleslaw, baked beans and potato salad, along with desserts. Please be on the lookout for an email from Patrice to see how you may contribute.

Look forward to seeing everyone on April 1st - no fooling!!



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Dan Chipman, Squadron Commander

The SAL members are actively recruiting hole and tournament sponsors for the annual golf tournament - See Dan Chipman for more details.



Sons of the American Legion Post 2 - Knoxville TN

Annual Golf Tournament

July 27, 2024 - 1:30 PM Shotgun

Three Ridges GC

6101 Wise Springs Rd., Knoxville, TN 37918

All Proceeds Benefit Various Youth Organizations

Four Player Scramble - \$65 per Player

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

Along With Lots of Door Prizes

Also Selling Hotdogs and Hamburgers

- More Information and Registration Contact -

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American Legion
Post 2 - Knoxville, TN



Blessing of the Bikes

**Join the American Legion Riders
and the
Saint George Clergy for the
Third Annual Blessing of the Bikes
Saturday May 11 - 11 AM
(Rain Date May 18 - 11 AM)**

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

**All Bikes
Welcome**

**Suggested
Donation of
\$10 per Bike**

