



Knoxville, Tennessee

September 2024

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# The American Legion Post 2

Legionnaires -

School is back in session, which means the planning process for the 99th Annual Veterans Day Parade is well under way! This year, the parade will be on Veterans Day, November 11th, and with more than twenty parade entries already, this will be another another great Legion community event!

**\*\*\* SEPT MEETING \*\*\***

**TUESDAY, SEPT 3**

**at the American Red Cross Building  
6921 Middlebrook Pike**

**Due to the Labor Day holiday, the September Post 2  
monthly meeting will be held on TUESDAY**

**There will be no meal served, however, the Auxiliary will  
be providing complementary dessert and coffee for  
attendees.**

**The Social hour will begin at 6pm,  
with the business meeting following at 7pm.**

And, as with everything we do, the Post will need volunteers to help with parking and the parade line up, especially, as there will be parade route changes in parking and lineup due to the unexpected closure of the Gay Street bridge.

As we move forward, please remember that our mission is to serve veterans, and the American Legion Saves Lives and Changes Lives. A great example of this is our very own

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Post 2 American Legion Riders. The Riders are very active and visible in community events. They support a myriad of local military and veterans community, and their next event is the annual car show. The Legion will help support the car show with a motorcycle give away. More to come on this event.

Our monthly meeting venue has shifted from the DAV in Fountain city back to a more central location at the American Red Cross on Middlebrook Pike, in the hopes of attracting more members to our monthly meetings. Post 2 has over five hundred members,, but only average 30-45 members at the monthly meetings. Please consider attending again - we would love to see you at a meeting. If you have any suggestions on how to make the meetings better or what it would take to get more members to a meeting please let me know.

I want to thank Bob Vergith for volunteering to help coordinate the annual American Legion Oratorical Contest, which will beheld in February. If you are interested in helping, please contact Bob. More information coming soon.

The 2nd District Meeting will be held on the October 19th at Post 53 in Harriman, TN. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any you have any questions about the meeting, or are interested in attending, please reach out to me.

#### 2024 Post 2 Officers

Commander	Mike Testerman
1st Vice Cdr	Steven Patrick
2nd Vice Cdr.	Kim DiDomenico
3rd Vice Cdr.	Chris Richardson
Adjutant	Norita Cruz
Asst Adjutant	Kim DiDomenico
Finance Officer	Marty Everett
Chaplain	Steven Sword
Assistant Chaplain	Bob Dewald
Sgt at Arms	Joseph Cruz
Historian	Sean Deal
Judge Advocate	Ken Irvine

The Post continues to raise funds for our new building and one of the most successful is the concession stand at Neyland Stadium during UT football games. The first home game is Saturday, August 31st . Volunteers are still needed, we prefer to have 8 to 10 volunteers per game.

As you can see, we have many opportunities for volunteers. Find a place to help and jump in!

Post elections will be in June 2025, so please be thinking about who you may want as your new Commander and officers.. And, remember to talk to your neighbors & coworkers who are veterans and potential Legion members.

If you have any comments, questions, or complaints about Post 2, please feel free to contact Commander Mike Testerman at 865-742-6170 or by email at [commanderlegionknox.com](mailto:commanderlegionknox.com).

Finally, if you have any comments, questions, or concerns about Post 2, please feel free to contact me at at 865-742-6170 or by email at [commanderlegionknox.com](mailto:commanderlegionknox.com). I look forward to seeing everyone on September 3rd.

*Mike Testerman*

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Post 2 Chaplain Steve Sword*

My wife and I just dropped off our youngest daughter at college. We are now in the proverbial empty nest phase of life. It will be a big adjustment for us, but it is just one more major change in our lives. We have been experiencing a lot of those lately. As the saying goes, the only constant is that things change.

I've been thinking a lot about change in the last few months. I have come to realize in a deeper way how temporary everything in our world is, even our very lives. However, there are a few things that remain immutable. A very few things. Here are the ones that have been giving me comfort in this tumultuous season of life.

1. God is real. The things I have learned and experienced about God are true. There really is an eternal, divine creator.
2. He is ever present in our world. God did not create the world and abandon us. We abandoned him.
3. He then came to save us. Although we abandoned God, he came and dwelt among us to redeem us.
4. His redemption offers us an eternal home in his presence where joy and sadness will forever be gone and changes will not be sad.

When we think about these truths and dwell on them more than we dwell on the present world changing around us, we can find peace in any situation. Wherever you find yourself today, God is there. He is waiting to lead you through the dark valleys of change into his presence of peace. We just need to ask and believe.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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| Sept 3  | Post Meeting social begins at 6pm, with meeting beginning at 7pm No meal served.                      |
| Sept 19 | Legion Riders meet at Knoxville Harley Davidson beginning at 6:30 pm, followed by SAL meeting at 7:30 |
| Sept 23 | Post Executive Meeting begins at 6:30pm   |



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

*Dan Chipman, Squadron Commander*

All Sons of the Legion members are encouraged to attend the September 3rd Post meeting, where on behalf of the SAL, two local youth charities will be presented with donation checks in the amount of \$2000 each, which were the proceeds from the recent golf tournament.

This year's recipients include [Suds4Students](#), which helps provide hygiene products for local students, and the [Knox County Isaiah 177 House](#), which offers physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children in foster care awaiting placement.

Thank you to everyone who participates and donates in our annual golf fundraiser, which allows the SAL to support these organizations, which make such a difference in the lives of our local youth..



# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

*Dan Chipman, ALR Director*

Welcome Brian Murphy to the Post 2 family!

The ALR ended the month of August with a fun ride and lunch to Mudpuppy's at the Marina Restaurant restaurant in Vonore, TN with fourteen members attending.



The ALR wrapping up our summer cooking at Harley Davidson of Knoxville. This has been a great

opportunity to spread the Legion mission, and raise a little money for the Building fund.



Congratulations to ALR Member Artie Stavros, who received a trophy for his 1967 Chevy Chevelle Super Sport at the car and Bike show sponsored by Knoxville Hartley Davidson

The ALR car show is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th at the Post site. please encourage your friends and neighbors to stop by and vote for your favorite car, bike or jeep.!

We are still collecting door-prizes, and vendor spaces are still available. Ken's Firehouse BBQ will be serving lunch, while the Post 2 Auxiliary will be hosting a bake sale, providing some delicious home made desserts.

We will need help to get the Post mowed and cleaned up prior to the car show - so all hands on deck! I will be sending out additional details on this clean up day, scheduled for the end of September.

Upcoming events for for Post 2 Legion Riders include participating in a welcome home for a wounded warrior in Maryville and gearing up for the annual Knoxville Veterans Day Parade.



**American Legion Riders  
Post 2 - Knoxville, TN**

# **Bike, Jeep, & Auto Show**

**October 5, Saturday - 10:00 to 3:00 PM**

5700 Old Rutledge Pike, Knoxville, TN 37924

**People's Choice Trophy for  
Top Three Bikes & Autos Winners**

Dash Plates for First 50 Cars

\$20 Registration Fee for Each Vehicle

**Ken's Firehouse BBQ will have Food & Drinks Available**

*Vendor Spaces Available, \$25 per Space - Contact Dan Chipman.*



*Contact Information -*

**Dan Chipman (865-719-1207) [chipmanvttmn@gmail.com](mailto:chipmanvttmn@gmail.com)**



# PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

*Jenny Testerman, Unit President*

If for any reason you haven't attended a meeting in while, we hope that you'll give the Auxiliary a second chance. As always, in September the Post and Auxiliary meets the first Tuesday of the month. This month, because of the change of day, there will be no meal, but the Auxiliary will be providing complementary desserts beginning at 6pm, with the business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Department Leadership Workshop was held on August 3. Over 50 Auxiliary members were in attendance. **WHAT HAPPENED AT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP?**

- Programs Chairs (or a representative) briefly presented their program and its plan of action (POA) and answered questions for members' understanding.
- Pat Wallace, Membership Chair, (Barbie and team) did a "drive by" membership kickoff. We learned about a pig being able to help each of us better understand ourselves and our team.

**Why should you attend district or division events?** You never know who you'll see there or what fun will be had! Networking is a great way to encourage one another and an opportunity to learn

I'm enthusiastic about education relating to the needs of those served by veteran service organizations. I think it's important to know why we do what we do in order to better serve one another. An emphasis will be placed on mentoring for leadership and understanding leadership roles. There will be multiple opportunities to better understand the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary

**Valuable program information and online training** can be accessed at any time using the following links:

- [alatennessee.org](http://alatennessee.org)
- [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org)

**Feedback is encouraged** Flexibility and being able to adapt and overcome are essential to the survival of any organization. Attempts will be made to infuse fun into events. Members are invited to share constructive suggestions. I would ask that for each "opportunity to improve", a "moment that was enjoyed" is also shared.

The department theme for the year is "Honor through Action". None of the things we do as Auxiliary members would be possible if our loved ones had not laced up their boots and taken action. We honor their sacrifices by serving in the "Silent Ranks" and taking action to preserve the benefits they fought to provide all citizens.

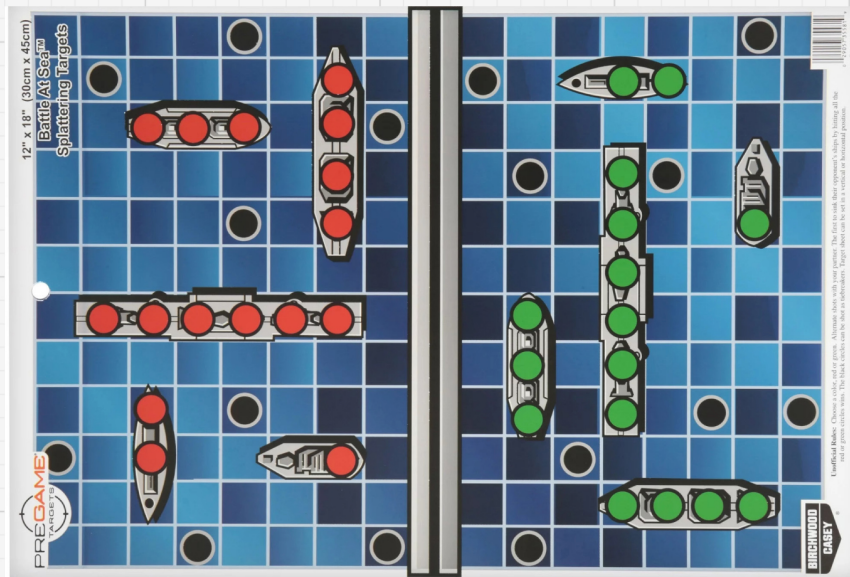
Thank you for all you do to "Honor through Action".

# BATTLESHIP MATCH



AMERICAN LEGION POST 13  
224 WATERS RD, MARYVILLE

## SATURDAY 7 SEP 10:00



### East Tennessee Division Shooting Match

- Open to East TN Legion Posts
  - each post can have up to two 2 man teams
- Hit the circles on the Battleship target at 40 yards
  - .22 rimfire rifles only
  - any sort of sights allowed
  - fired from a rest
- Winning Post takes home the trophy
  - awards for top three teams
- Food available
  - Breakfast in the Post before the event
  - Cook out at the Canteen afterwards
- After the Match the Range will be open for recreational shooting if time permits

