



Knoxville, Tennessee

October 2024

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The American Legion Post 2

Legionnaires -

I've been pleased to see some new faces at our monthly Post meetings, and always enjoy welcoming back Post members we have not seen in a while. Please join us for fellowship, and a great meal on the first Monday of each month - and bring a friend!

OCTOBER MEETING

Monday, October 7

at the American Red Cross Building
6921 Middlebrook Pike

The Auxiliary will be providing "Comfort Food" with an assortment of hearty fall casseroles, green beans, corn,, bread and butter, along with a variety of desserts, coffee, iced tea and water.

Please pre-register only if you plan to eat

Please rsvp for the meal using the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/american-legion-post-2-meal-monday-october-7-2024-registration-1020861774047>

Please be sure to continue thru the registration process until the end where it asks you for both your cell phone and email.

Those who arrive for the meal who are not preregistered will go through the chow line last.

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More than a Century of Service
1919-2024

With school is back in session, November is just around the corner and members of Post 2 have are gearing up for the for the 99th Annual Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. As always, volunteers are needed to help line up parade entries the morning of the parade, - so if you can help, please contact Marty Everett or Dan Chipman.

2024 Post 2 Officers

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| 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 |

Assistance is especially needed this year with the route change due to the unexpected closure of the Gay Street bridge.

The 2nd District meeting will be held at the Harriman Post #19 on October 19th. Please let me know if your are interested didn't attending.

A big thank you goes to the Post 2nd Vice Chair Kim DiDomenico, for working with the University of Tennessee to organize the concession stand this season. We have the largest stand in the stadium - located in Section Y, in the North plaza - so please support the Legion (and tell your friends!) to visit our stand to make game day food and beverage purchases!

Remember that the Legion Riders will be hosting their annual Car, Bike & Jeep show on Saturday, October 5 at the Post beginning at 10am.

As always, if you have any comments, questions,, please feel free to contact me at at 865-742-6170 or by email at commanderlegionknox.com.

UPCOMING POST EVENTS

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

- October 5 Legion Riders Car, bike and Jeep Show. 10am-3pm at the Rutledge Post site
- October 7 Post Meeting social begins at 6pm, with meeting beginning at 7pm
- October 17 Legion Riders meet at Knoxville Harley Davidson beginning at 6:30 pm, followed by SAL meeting at 7:30.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Post 2 Chaplain Steve Sword

I am an outlier in my family. Everyone else loves spring. But I love the fall. October is one of my favorite months. The weather gets colder, Halloween is fun for the kids, and it marks the start of the holiday season. My spring loving family thinks it's depressing and they much prefer spring where the weather gets warm, the flowers return, and the days grow longer.

I've often wondered why I like the fall more than the spring. I certainly understand my family's preference for spring. There is just something about the approach of winter that makes me look forward with anticipation. I believe what I'm feeling is a sense that things aren't right with the world and we must go through the darkness before we are reborn in spring.

The Bible reveals to us that this is true. We do live in a fallen world. It is dying around us and someday, we too, will die. It wasn't meant to be this way, but man's sin brought death with it. But thanks be to God, this death does not have to be permanent. Romans 6:3-4 says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

So, to me the "fall" season is a sign that the "fall" of the world has been overcome and what happens on the other side will be a glorious new life. We no longer need fear death. It is just a necessary step in the putting off of this corruptible life and the dawning of an eternal spring.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Dan Chipman, Squadron Commander



On behalf of the The Sons of the Legion, Dan Chipman presented donation checks in the amount of \$2000 to [Suds4Students](#), which helps provide hygiene products for local students, and to the Sevier County Isaiah: 117 House, which offers physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children in foster care awaiting placement.



Thanks again to all SAL members who helped with making this tournament our most successful yet, plus a special thank you to Shane Shaffer for getting most of the sponsors.



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Dan Chipman, ALR Director

The riding seasons may be winding down, but the Legion Riders are still staying active in the community.



Several members of the Post 2 Riders participated in the funeral escort for Past Post 2 and Tennessee Department Commander Judge Joe Duncan, who transferred to Post Eternal at the age of 100.

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

Enjoy some lunch as well, with Ken's Firehouse BBQ, while the Post 2 Auxiliary will be hosting a bake sale, and providing some delicious home made desserts.

Finally, the Legion Riders and SAL will be having their annual fall picnic at the home of Jamie and Janet Pawlinksi on September 21st.



**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.



PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

Jenny Testerman, Unit President

If for any reason you haven't attended a meeting in awhile, we hope that you'll give the Auxiliary a second chance. The Post and Auxiliary meets the first Monday of the month. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. Cost for dinner is \$10.00 per person.

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. Upcoming event dates are the following:

October 19: East TN District Divisional Meeting at Unit 21, Rogersville

November: ALA National President will visit TN

November 16: National ALA Mission Training in Nashville

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

alaforveterans.org

Planning is underway for the unit 2 holiday service project. Unit members are planning to support Wreaths Across America, STAR, and Smoky Mountain Service Dogs. We will be sharing more detailed information in the coming weeks.

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". I look forward to seeing you at a future Auxiliary meeting! Feel free to contact me at jenny.testerman@gmail.com or 865-742-6139

Jenny Testerman

Department of Tennessee President 2024-25

Department of Tennessee Gold Star Chair 2024-25