



Knoxville, Tennessee

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# The American Legion Post 2

Legionnaires,

I want to thank everyone who attended the January Post meeting - we had one of the best attended meetings we have had in quite a while and I hope we can continue this type of meeting!

Our next meeting will be on Monday February 3rd. The Auxiliary will not be serving a full meal in February, but will have a variety of delicious desserts to enjoy, so please attend as we have **EXCITING UPDATES TO SHARE** with the membership!

**\*\*\* FEBRUARY MEETING \*\*\***

**Monday, February 3rd**

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

The Auxiliary will be taking a break from cooking in February, so please feel free to bring your dinner - and Post 2 will provide the complementary beverages and desserts!

If you have questions or need additional assistance, please email Patrice at [pcollins@knoxvillechamber.com](mailto:pcollins@knoxvillechamber.com) or call 865-806-4487.

The social hour will begin at 6pm with the business meeting at 7pm.

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2025 will be a big year for Post 2 as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Knoxville Veteran Day Parade - so keep your ears open for some special announcements regarding the parade as well!

Many members of the Legion family have attended events at the Foundry Building over the years, and the Knoxville entire community was sadden as they permanently closed their door at the end of 2024.

However, for the Post, the silver lining is the owners of the Foundry made an extremely generous contribution to the Post 2 building fund by donating several commercial grade kitchen appliances, including a refrigerator, and a warming oven, mixer, utensils, cookware, tables, chairs, serving pieces, dishes, linens and much, much more. This amazing donation will ensure that our new kitchen is fully prepared to serve our veteran community. Thanks goes to Norita Cruz and Chris Richardson who coordinated this enormous undertaking!

The annual American Legion District 2 Oratorical Competition will be held on Saturday, February 22 at the Bible Baptist Church. located 759 King James Way in Seymour, beginning 10am.

As a reminder, we need new faces and new ideas at the Executive Committee level. Part of this process will be to evaluate some of our past commitments and obligations for the year, and to have a renewed focus on serving our veteran community. All positions will be available, and the nominations process will open in March, with elections taking place in May.

I recommend that interested Post members take a look at the [American Legion Basic Training course](#). Scroll down to basic training and log in - it's a great primer on the history and mission of the American Legion.

Finally, please keep former commander and past adjutant Marvin Tuggle and his wife in your prayers. They are both currently at Well Park Assisted living due to health issues, and both are recovering from injuries suffered from falls.

And, as always, if you have any comments, questions,, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at at 865-742-6170 or by email at [commanderlegionknox.com](mailto:commanderlegionknox.com).

### 2024-2025 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

*Mike Testerman*

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Post 2 Chaplain Steve Sword

On January 20, we witnessed once again the peaceful transfer of power in the executive branch of our government. The inauguration of President Trump made me think about the word "power" a lot. The Oxford Dictionary defines power as the ability to do something or act in a particular way. Scripture also discusses power multiple times. It is often used to discuss the power of God. "Great is our Lord and abundant in power," Psalm 147:5, for example.

However, the Bible also discusses power that we have. Jesus promised that after he returned to heaven, he would send the Holy Spirit. He commanded the disciples, "stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49. The power of the Holy Spirit is central to the Christian belief that we may live our lives in obedience to God. It is only in this power that we can accomplish His calling on our lives.

The Bible also reminds us that this power is not our power, but is from God. 2 Corinthians 4:7-9 says, "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

This is a very comforting passage to me. In this dark world, there is a power greater than me that operates to equip me, guide me, and sustain me. Whatever the future may hold for us, if we trust in the power of God, we need not despair. We are not abandoned. And we will not be destroyed. That is worth remembering.

## February 2025 Calendar of Events

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

- February 3rd Post Meeting social begins at 6pm, with meeting beginning at 7pm. The Auxiliary will not be providing a full meal, just desserts and beverages.
- February 20th American Legion Riders monthly meeting begins at 6:30  
Sons of the Legion Monthly meeting begins at 7:30  
Knoxville Harley Davidson, 5810 Clinton Hwy.
- February 22 Oratorical Contest begins at 10am at Bible Baptist Church, located at 759 King James Way in Seymour.
- February 24th Executive Committee Meeting begins at 6:30pm.