

Executive Committee
28 April 2025

American Legion Post 2
Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, April 28, 2025

Time: Meeting Called to Order by: Commander Mike Testerman at **1830** hrs

Members Present: See attached sign in sheet.

Meeting Minutes: Adjutant: Adjutant Norita Cruz/Assistant Adjutant: Kim DiDomenico

- The meeting minutes for the March meeting were sent out ahead of time for review.

A motion was made by **Steven** and seconded by **Randy** to approve the March minutes as presented. Motion carried without objection.

Finance Report: Finance Officer: Marty Everett:

Post Checking: \$ 4,806.31

- Outstanding check: \$34 for flag that flies over capitol

Post Savings Account: \$ 98,801.59

A motion was made by **Steven** and seconded by **Randy** to approve the finance report as presented. Motion carried without objection.

1st Vice: Membership: Steven Patrick:

- **506** current active members (Nashville has us at 513)
- **98** PUFL
- 89.2174% - need 62 to make 100%

2nd Vice: Kim DiDomenico

- Email has been sent to Aramark to see if we would have the North Market again this year. According to Aramark, a decision has not been made as to where groups will be placed.
- Received email from David Greenway (AirForce recruiter for Knoxville) to see about working the games
- Received names from UT AirForce ROTC Major for cadets that would like to work the games this season
- Brought up the Women's Veterans Day dinner. Email sent to Jessica Hodge requesting cost per veteran to attend the dinner. Will bring it to the regular meeting next week.

3rd Vice: Chris Richardson:

- Always can use help keeping the post area clean
- Mowing season is here. Need help to mow and weedeat the post property.

Committees:

Riders: Roy O'Neil:

- Next meeting will be held at Knoxville Harley Davidson on May 15th at 6:30pm

Sons: Dan Chipman:

- Next meeting will be held at Knoxville Harley Davidson on May 15th at 7:30pm
- Golf Tournament 18 Aug 2025

Service Officer:

- There is no report.

Building Committee: Randolph Spencer:

- No report

Old Business:

- Steven Patrick brought a resolution to the executive team to recognize Amateur Radio as an official program of the American Legion department of Tennessee. Radio plays a role in supporting veterans, community outreach,

emergency communications, especially during a natural disaster. This aligns with the mission of service to community, state, and nation.

Rod made a motion to endorse the resolution and was seconded by Chris. There were 7 yes and 1 no. The executive committee will recommend this at the next post meeting.

- Note for land disturbance and Knox county approved plans “Since TDOT has taken part of your parcel, you do not have to meet the specific setback for the zone. We just ask that you meet it as closely as possible. So I can go ahead and approve your site plan.”
- Wyatt Keeton has applied for Boys State. Two more were considering applying.
- ROTC Awards. Need people to represent the Legion. Each school gets 2 medals. The military one is on backorder so as soon as they arrive, medals can be delivered to schools.
- Smokies are moving their stadium downtown. The post previously helped encourage them to fly a POW flag and seat behind home plate. Marty brought this up and wants to offer a new POW flag to provide for the new stadium to continue the tradition.

Rod made a motion to purchase the POW flag and was seconded by Steven. Motion carried without objection.

- Nashville motor speedway and Indy races across the country have events for veterans to attend.
- Post Elections will be held at the May regular meeting.
 - Replacement for Jim Quick (member at large)
 - Nominate Dan Brooks for Asst. Chaplain

New Business:

- Bobby Gray is working with the Land Development Survey Team to get the property lines and building placement 100% correct. Should be moving dirt this week.
- Memorial Day Program
 - Pledge of Allegiance speakers set

- Need a guest speaker for Memorial Day as Senator Massey is not available.
- Need a firing squad
- Noah Tutten has been contacted to be the bugler. We have not heard anything back yet.
- We will be contacting Smokey Land Chorus this week

Good of the Legion:

- 2nd District Convention 1 May 2025, and will be held at the Red Cross at 6pm. District Elections will also be held.
- 2025 Mid Winter Conference will be at Embassy Suites Murfreesboro
- National convention will be held in Tampa August 21-28, 2025
- The Department Convention will be at Embassy Suites Murfreesboro June 13-15. (Rooms are sold out)
- For 2026, the Department convention will be at the Music City Sheraton
- We will be beta testing a new American Legion portal through ESAMS to test streamlining membership and other administrative tasks.
- Need assistance for Memorial Day and Run for the Wall events

May Calendar

1st 2nd District Convention (District Elections)
 5th ETVMA Medal of Honor Evening
 6th Post 2 AL Meeting @ Red Cross
 15th ALR Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 6:30pm
 15th SAL Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 7:30pm
 20th Run for the Wall - At the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial
 24th Placing of flags at John Sevier Veterans Cemetery
 26th Memorial Day reading of the names at East Tennessee Veterans Memorial
 27th Executive Committee Meeting @ Red Cross

June Calendar

2nd Post 2 AL Meeting @ Post Property - Rutledge Pike
 19th ALR Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 6:30pm
 19th SAL Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 7:30pm
 23rd Executive Committee Meeting @ Red Cross

July Calendar

7th Post 2 AL Meeting @ Red Cross

17th ALR Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 6:30pm

17th SAL Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 7:30pm

28th Executive Committee Meeting @ Red Cross

Next Post Meeting: May 6, 2025, 1800 hrs, Red Cross Building.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: May 27 , 2025, 1830 hrs, Red Cross Building

Motion to Adjourn was made by **Marty** and seconded by **Steven**. Motion carried without objection.

Meeting Adjourned @**1947** hrs