

Executive Committee
26 January 2026

American Legion Post 2
Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, January 26, 2026

Time: Meeting Called to Order by: Commander Mike Testerman at **1837** hrs

Members Present:

Adjutant Norita Cruz/Assistant Adjutant Kim DiDomenico:

- The meeting minutes for the December meeting were sent out ahead of time for review and are posted on the Legion website.

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

Finance Report: Finance Officer: Marty Everett:

Post Checking: \$ 2,283.27 available balance

- We have \$3809 in outstanding checks
 - UT AirForce ROTC Football Games
 - South Doyle HS
- The following payments went out
 - KUB
 - Red Cross usage donation
 - Cell Phone
 - Beverages for post meetings
- Received a \$1,003 check from Nashville. Source may be from online renewals. Further enquiry is needed to figure out the other details. Steven will be looking into it in comparison with membership renewals.

Post Savings Account: \$ 121,559.18

- Reflects interest earned of \$204.60 and transferring \$2,700 to checking to cover the ROTC concessions check from the UT games.

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

1st Vice: Membership: Steven Patrick:

- We currently have **460** members active on MyLegion (Nashville has us at **463**)
- We have **89** PUFL's (Nashville has us at **90** PUFL's)
- Shared that we received a check from Logan for his Eagle Scout completion. The ceremony is scheduled in early February

2nd Vice: Kim DiDomenico

- Planning an American Legion golf outing on Friday, April 17th beginning at 1pm. I will need assistance getting hole sponsors, teams, and door prizes.

3rd Vice: Chris Richardson:

- Always can use help keeping the post area clean, pick up trash.
- Planning for the next phases of the building (where do we go from here)

Committees:

Riders: Roy O'Neil:

- Next meeting will be held at Knoxville Harley Davidson on February 19th at 6:30pm
- Had Sunday lunch at the Boar
- Run with the Wall scheduled and assistance from members will be requested. (possibly Wed. May 20th- date here will be confirmed)

Sons: Robert Vergith:

- Next meeting will be held at Knoxville Harley Davidson on February 19th at 7:30pm
- Golf Tournament will be held again

Service Officer: Rod Myers:

- Passed course working on the next phase. When Post is open, we are planning on having it open at least 3 days a week to assist veterans.
- VSO completion needs more hours to get fully accredited so Rod is helping fill out and submit more paperwork to complete the hours.

Building Committee: Randolph Spencer:

- We need people to help with fundraising

Old Business:

- Jim Hickman
 - He was a guest and is a building contractor
 - He provided options to assist with getting the building completed:
 - He would charge \$30k as a consultant or \$50k to serve more like a project manager/G.C.
 - He has helped us save approximately \$20k off the pipe boring for fire suppression.
 - Every option will be placed in front of the post.
 - Quotes will be based on assuming the work is done by professionals.
 - Voluntary contributions via funds raised, in kind, or parts provided may reduce overall cost/scope of work.
 - The committee discussed his fees and ways his assistance would be beneficial to complete the building

A motion was made by **Chris** and seconded by **Norita** to hire Jim as a Project Manager. Motion carried with one objection. Steven will take lead on contact with him.

- Steven shared an updated floor plan image with Floor Drains. The standpipe will need to be relocated to not interfere with the door to the footers.
- The spreadsheet for the building will be a timeline from 75 years ago until now.
- Memorial Day Ceremony
 - Guest speaker - Possibly request Admiral Ross Myers. Doug from the Veteran's home was also recommended.
 - Lester Speaks Award- Typically a non-legionnaire in appreciation of their work or care of Veterans.
 - Honor Guard - need to lock in someone for the event
 - Bugular (Noah Tutten)
 - Chorus: Jason Hardy jhardy@knoxvilleopera.org
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Prayer

- Red Cross canteen services will not be offered in 2026. We will need to get some things set up for future events.
- Member attendance at events is costing the auxiliary money when they RSVP but no-show

New Business:

- Mike shared a letter received requesting the Post to sponsor a table for \$1,000 for 10 seats. Members or Auxiliary would be invited. More information is needed before making a decision.
- GunShow at Post 13 Maryville on the 7th of February
- The National convention will be in Kentucky this year
- Honor Air flights will be coming to an end after the April 2026 flight

Good of the Legion:

- The 2026 Department convention will be June 25-28th at the Sheraton Music City, 777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN.
- American Legion Training Tuesday's, [Training Tuesdays | The American Legion](#)
- Statewide Chaplain training is being held in Gallatin, TN
- Radio Club at Post 2 resolution is in progress and a few changes need to be made. Approval is hopeful in June at the department convention.

January Calendar

5th Post 2 AL Meeting @ Red Cross
 9-11 Mid-Winter Conference, Murfreesboro
 19th MLK Day
 15th ALR Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 6:30pm
 15th SAL Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 7:30pm
 26th Executive Committee Meeting @ Red Cross

February Calendar

2nd Post 2 AL Meeting @ Red Cross
 7th Statewide Chaplain Training, Gallatin, TN
 9th Oratorical Applications Due
 16th Presidents Day
 19th ALR Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 6:30pm

19th SAL Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 7:30pm
23rd Executive Committee Meeting @ Red Cross
28th Second District Oratorical

March Calendar

2nd Post 2 AL Meeting @ Red Cross
19th ALR Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 6:30pm
19th SAL Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 7:30pm
23rd Executive Committee Meeting @ Red Cross
28th East Division Oratorical Contest, White Pine

Next Post Meeting: February 2, 2026 1800 hrs, Red Cross Building

Next Executive Committee Meeting: February 23, 2026, 1830 hrs, Red Cross Building

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

Meeting Adjourned @ **1935** hrs