

Executive Committee
23 February 2026

American Legion Post 2
Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, February 23, 2026

Time: Meeting Called to Order by: Commander Mike Testerman at **1835** hrs

Members Present: Steven Patrick, Michael Testerman, Joleen DeWald, Marty Everett, Norita Cruz, Chris Richardson, Kim DiDomenico

Adjutant Norita Cruz/Assistant Adjutant Kim DiDomenico:

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

A motion was made by **Kim** and seconded by **Chris** to approve the January minutes as presented. Motion carried without objection.

Finance Report: Finance Officer: Marty Everett:

Post Checking: \$ 2,263.54

Post Savings Account: \$ 81,784.12.

- A payment was made to Grayco for \$42,811.32 (\$8k plumbing rough in, \$28,811.31 outside site work like gravel for the driveway and to protect what is already onsite, \$6k for contractor permit fee.)
- We received \$207.59 in interest

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

- Marty is filing for the tank and the Veterans Day parade permit
- Marty shared that the bank system at First Horizon filters several things in a manner similar to quickbooks. He questioned whether continuing to pay for

Quickbooks is necessary. If we want to keep it, a decision will need to be made soon. If the Riders and SAL would like to switch, the tax person said this could be helpful and save about \$1,500 per year.

A motion was made by **Steven** and seconded by **Kim** to cancel the Quickbooks. Motion carried without objection.

1st Vice: Membership: Steven Patrick:

- We currently have **478** members active on MyLegion (Nashville has us at **482**)
- We have **89** PUFL's (Nashville has us at **90** PUFL's)
- The website and email list is in the process of getting updated to streamline the process and try to have more items incorporated.

Membership Report for **02/23/26**

478 Current active members for Post 2 Of that we have **89** Paid Up For Life

Nashville has us at **482 & 90 PUFL** 90.9434% as of 02/20/26 with 2 "IN PROCESS"
Members Who Paid to National **01-Jul-25 to 23-Feb-26** (Count: **137**)

TARGET DATE	PERCENTAGE NEEDED	# of Members		
Early Bird/NEF Kickoff	September 10, 2025	265	50%	
Fall Meetings	October 15, 2025	291.5	55%	
Veterans Day	November 13, 2025	344.5	65%	
Pearl Harbor Day	December 10, 2024	397.5	75%	
Mid-Winter	January 14, 2026	424	80%	
President's Day	February 11, 2026	450.5	85%	
American Legion Birthday	March 11, 2026	477	90%	
Children & Youth	April 8, 2026	503.5	95%	
Armed Forces Day	May 13, 2026	530	100%	

Paid Through Year	Count
2024	-
2025	-
2026	461
2027	12
2028	5
2029	0

Branch	Count
USA	219
USAF	109
USN	87
USMC	40
USCG	6
USMM	1

Conflict/War Era	Count
VIETNAM	256
PERSIAN_GULF	52
GW_TERRORISM	47
KOREA	31
LEBANON_GRENADA	40
OTHER	27
PANAMA	13
WWII	4
Unknown	3
MISSING	5

Type	Member Status	Count
1 Year Membership	Active	359
1 Year Membership	Deceased	
1 Year Membership	Expired	
Honorary Life	Active	1
PUFL renewal	Active	88
PUFL renewal	Deceased	
Post Transfer	Active	30
Post Transfer	Deceased	

- Steven shared that a 91 year old member was struggling with the financial commitment to pay each year's membership. An Honorary life membership is sometimes given when a veteran is in a nursing home. He asked if we should develop something between honorary life membership or if there is a way to help veterans get their membership sponsored. Additional discussion is needed regarding this.

2nd Vice: Kim DiDomenico

- Information has gone out for the golf outing that will be held on April 17th.



 **American Legion Post 2
Knoxville TN**

Golf Tournament

April 17, 2026 - 1:00 PM Shotgun
Three Ridges GC
6101 Wise Springs Rd., Knoxville, TN 37918

All Proceeds will go towards
Construction of the New Post Building

Four Player Scramble
\$70 per Player
Cash Prizes -
1st, 2nd, 3rd Place
Along With Door Prizes
Also Selling Hotdogs
and Hamburgers



*For More Registration Information or
Details Regarding a Hole Sponsorship Contact*
Kim DiDomenico 847-910-7724
or
kdeedo00@gmail.com

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)

- Someone was trying to access the tank through the top of the turret.
- Chris shared how Michael's framing and veteran discounts could be used by members for shadow boxes and other displays.

Committees:

Riders: Roy O'Neil:

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

Sons: Robert Vergith:

- SAL will be meeting on a quarterly basis in 2026
- Golf Tournament will be held again

Service Officer: Rod Myers:

- Passed course working on the next phase. When the post is completed, 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.
- Steven shared that the rain was delaying the rough-in of floor drains. Once the rough in is completed, it will be approximately 3 weeks until walls go up.

Old 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
- Do we have any participants for the Oratorical Contest

New Business:

- Medal of Honor evening, and Memorial Day Ceremony.

- Finalize Guest Speaker : Mike is going to reach out to Admiral Ros Myers
- Jason with the choral group has been confirmed
- Steven to confirm honor guard for rifle volley
- Lester Speaks Award recipient. Recommending Doug Ottinger, the director of Ben Atchley Nursing Home, for this award
- Joleen shared prospective plans for a memorial service for Roddy Edmonds
 - It was recently announced that his family will be presented the Medal of Honor on March 2nd in Washington DC
 - He was a POW from South Knox who saved over 200 people during the holocaust.
- Charlie Harr has passed away. He was a board member at ETVMA. Services will be held this Friday.

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](#)
- American Legion Riders resolution to change from C&B to SOP should be passed in June
- Statewide Chaplain training is being held in Gallatin, TN
- Radio Club at Post 2 resolution is in progress
- Post 2 hosted Knoxville's amateur radio club's outdoor event at the post property

February Calendar

2nd Post 2 AL Meeting @ Red Cross
 7th Statewide Chaplain Training, Gallatin, TN
 9th Oratorical Applications Due
 19th ALR Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 6:30pm
 23rd Executive Committee Meeting - virtual via Teams
 28th Second District Oratorical

March Calendar

2nd Post 2 AL Meeting @ Red Cross

19th ALR Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 6:30pm
23rd Executive Committee Meeting - virtual via Teams
28th East Division Oratorical Contest, White Pine

April 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
30th Executive Committee Meeting - virtual via Teams

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

Next Executive Committee Meeting: March 23, 2026, virtually via Teams @1830 hrs

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

Meeting Adjourned @ **1949 hours**