



Knoxville, Tennessee

March 2026

Chartered in 1919

The American Legion Post 2

Legionnaires - After a challenging winter season that resulted in several meetings being cancelled due to inclement weather, I am proposing an update to our Constitution and Bylaws regarding our inclement weather policy. These recent cancellations highlighted the need for clearer guidance and consistency moving forward and I will be presenting the proposed revisions to the Executive Committee and to the membership for consideration.

*** MARCH POST MEETING ***

Monday, March 2

Knoxville American Red Cross Building
6921 Middlebrook Pike

The March meal will be catered by the Cracker Barrel and will feature a traditional meatloaf supper, complete with mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable side dish, and rolls & butter along with dessert.

Coffee, lemonade, iced tea and bottled water will be provided as well.
Meal cost is \$15 per person.

[Register Here for Meal](#)

PLEASE REGISTER ONLY IF YOU PLAN TO EAT!

Those who arrive for the meal who have **NOT** preregistered - will be asked to go through the food line last.

The Auxiliary works hard to provide delicious meals for the membership each month and when you register and then no show - that costs the Auxiliary money.

Please be considerate and do not register if you are not sure if you will be able to attend.- and if you do have to cancel, please consider making a donation to the Auxiliary in lieu of the missed meal. Post members have never been asked to prepay for monthly dinner,, but we may be forced to do so if we continue to have a large number of meal no shows. We want continue to enjoy the camaraderie we share with each other over a good meal.

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More than a Century of Service

1919-2024

With Spring also comes the outdoor season of mowing, weed eating and maintaining our property.. We will reach out to same the lawn service as last year to confirm they are able to provide the same service. However we do need volunteers to visit the Post periodically to ensure there is no trash in the way of the mowers and to ensure the property is trash free and looking good for our neighbors. Please reach out to Chris Richardson if you can help.

If anyone happened to go by the Post 2 property on one of the coldest weekends of the year - you may have noticed several pop up tents and a multitude of antennas around the pavilion. The Knoxville Amateur Radio Club conducted their radio field days at the property, and this is the the first step in garnering support for a Post 2 amateur radio club.

The Post is hosting a fundraising golf tournament on April 17 at Three Ridges Golf Course in Knoxville. A flyer with additional information is attached below. Encourage your friends and family to attend, or sponsor a hole. All funds raised will be directed to the Post Building Fund.

The ETVMA Medal of Honor Evening is Monday, May 4th and Post 2 will again have two tables. The ticket price is \$100 per person, and Marty Everett can give you additional details. Due to this annual event, please remember that the May Post 2 meeting will be held on TUESDAY May5th.

Memorial Day is just around the corner and we will need volunteers to help plant flags at John Sever State Veterans Cemetary, as well as setting up at the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial for our Memorial Day Ceremony.. Pleas take plans to participate in the reading of the names and s the Post 2 Memorial Day ceremony.

And finally, a HUGE thank you goes to to 2nd Vice Commander Kim DiDomenico for her outstanding leadership in coordinating the operation of the concession stand at Neyland Stadium this past fall.

A total of 120 individuals worked the games—including 107 cadets from the UT Air Force ROTC and 13 Legionnaires—resulting in a record \$24,000+ raised for the Building Fund.

Her efforts, along with the commitment of our volunteers, made this a tremendous success for the Post.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the March 2nd Post meeting. 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.

Mike Testerman



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***

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Roy O'Neill, ALR Director

The traditional monthly Sunday lunch continues as members of the Post 2 Legion Riders gathered at Louis Original restaurant for food and friendship. Despite the dismal weather, eighteen members braved the rain to enjoy lunch and conversation.

The March ALR meeting will be on Thursday, March 19 at Knoxville Harley Davidson, located at 5810 Clinton Highway beginning at 6:30pm.

March 2026 Calendar of Events

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

- March 2 Post Meeting meal begins at 6pm, with meeting beginning at 7pm.
Meal is \$15 per person
- March 19 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.
- March 30 Post Executive Committee meeting begins at 6:30pm



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Bob Vergith, Squadron Commander

At February SAL meeting, SAL Adjutant Steve Kyriazes accepted a plaque from SAL NEC David Curler in acknowledgment of the Post 2 Squadron meeting their membership goal for 2025.

With spring approaching, the members of SAL are beginning to secure hole sponsors and door prizes for their annual golf tournament which will take place on July 25 at the Three Ridges Golf Course. If you or your company are interested in supporting this annual event, please contact Bob Vergith.

The next meeting of the Post 2 SAL be Thursday, April 16th at Knoxville Harley Davidson, located at 5810 Clinton Highway, immediately following the Legion Riders meeting.

2025 SAL Officers

Bob Vergith
Commander

Shane Shaffer
Vice Commander

Steve Kyriazes
Adjutant

Lloyd Pitney
Treasurer

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Post 2 Chaplain Steve Sword

After the snow and ice of February, the recent warmer temperatures have us all in spring fever! The days are getting longer, nights are getting shorter, and a feeling of renewal permeates the world around us. But spring always brings to my mind memories of March 1993.

Everyone who was living around Knoxville in 1993 remembers the blizzard. The week before the storm hit, it was 71 degrees. Only a few meteorologists had any inkling that we would soon be blanketed by 15 inches of snow and that temperatures would be in single digits.

Life can be like that. One moment, we are cruising along in the sunshine; the next, we find ourselves in a cold, unfamiliar world. Jesus warned his disciples that they would experience trouble in the world. Yet we often experience shock when those troubles come. It is easy to feel like nothing can go wrong when our lives are blessed, and all seems sunny. It's like a snowstorm in the spring. The reality is that we still live in a fallen world where death will come to us all and those we love.

That reality would be really depressing had Jesus not followed his statement about troubles with a declaration of hope. His very next sentence to his disciples was, "But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33. In this one phrase, we find an eternal hope of spring.

Near the conclusion of the Lord of the Rings trilogy, Sam Gamgee learns that his friend Gandalf, whom he had thought was dead, was alive. Sam exclaims, "Is everything sad going to come untrue?" We have recently lost many of our friends and loved ones. But those losses are just snowflakes in the spring. Soon the sun will return, the snow will melt, and like Sam Gamgee, we will see all the sad things come untrue.



Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony

Saturday, March 28

10am

Worlds Fair Park

Hosted by the Captain Bill Robinson Chapter #1078



PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

Jenny Testerman, Unit President

If for any reason you haven't attended a meeting in while, we hope that you'll give the Auxiliary a second chance. Traditionally, the Post and Auxiliary meets the first Monday of the month with dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Our meetings are very informal. We will be sharing updates regarding upcoming community events. We welcome any information our members may have regarding events that present an opportunity to support the Auxiliary mission.

We're needing more participation. If you are a member of other Legion family pillars (Legion Riders or Sons of the American Legion) please consider coming to fellowship with Auxiliary brothers and sisters. We love any opportunity to be of service to others. In order to continue to serve one another, the community, and to officially conduct business; we are looking more active members.

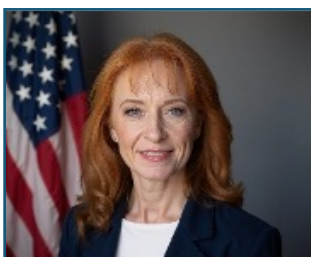
I'm enthusiastic about education relating to the needs of those served by veteran service organizations. I think it's important to know why we do what we do in order to better serve one another. An emphasis will be placed on mentoring for leadership and understanding leadership roles. There will be multiple 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 and alaforveterans.org

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: Legacy of Service". 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".



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