



Knoxville, Tennessee

April 2026

Chartered in 1919

The American Legion Post 2

Legionnaires

Although Mother Nature continues to show us that winter was not over, we know Spring is on the way along with the 2026-2027 Post leadership election.

Nominations are currently being accepted with the election to take place at the May Post meeting. New faces and ideas are always appreciated, so please consider joining the executive leadership team.

Thursday, March 12th was the first ever "Legion Family Day" on Capitol Hill in Nashville and also coincided with "Be The One Day in Tennessee. State Commander Todd McKinley joined Senior Vice Commander Vice Tonya Lundsby and Auxiliary President Jenny Testerman to meet with state elected representatives to discuss issues important to the Legion and the veterans community.

*** APRIL POST MEETING ***

Monday, April 6

Knoxville American Red Cross Building
6921 Middlebrook Pike

The April meal will be catered by the Cracker Barrel and will feature a baked ham dinner complete with mashed potatoes & gravy, buttered corn, sourdough bread & butter, and a dessert.

Coffee, 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.

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More than a Century of Service

1919-2024

I know that the number one question from our Post members is, “When will the building be done?” And, the honest answer...when we have the funds to finish it!

That’s where all of us come in. Post members are strongly encouraged to support our fundraising efforts—whether through financial donations or in-kind contributions. Every bit helps move us closer to the finish line.

We’ve got some great opportunities coming up to get involved. Our Post golf tournament is happening in April, so spread the word to your golfing buddies, share the flyer on social media or at your church, put together a team—or just come out, grab some lunch, and take a chance on the raffle! You can also sponsor a hotel or provide a door prize.

You can also reach out to Kim DiDomenico to help with upcoming special events at Neyland Stadium this spring and summer. We need all hands on deck to make this happen.

Let’s show our community what we can accomplish together and get this building across the finish line! And while construction is ongoing, we need to keep the site clean with mowing and trash pickup. Please contact Third Vice Chris Richardson for more details on how you can help with keeping the post site tidy.

The 15th annual East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association’s annual Medal of Honor Evening is on Monday, May 4th at the Crowne Plaza hotel. Post 2 will again have two tables for the dinner. The ticket price is \$100 per person, and all funds go towards the maintenance of the Memorial.

Please contact Marty Everett if you are interested in attending and purchasing a ticket. This year, ETVMA will be honoring MSGT Charles McGaha from Cocke County and the guest speaker is nationally known World War II historian, author and UT graduate John McManus.

Finally, Memorial Day is just around the corner and we will need volunteers to help plant flags at John Sever State Veterans Cemetery in addition to setting up at the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial for our Memorial Day Ceremony.. I encourage you to participate in the Reading of the Names ceremony as well as attending the Post 2 Memorial Day service at World’s Fair park.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the April 6th Post meeting. And, as always, if you have any comments, questions,, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 865-742-6170 or by email at commanderlegionknox.com.

Mike Testerman

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Post 2 Chaplain Steve Sword

Our current military conflict with Iran brings to mind stories from the Old Testament about Persia, the ancient name for Iran.

One of my favorite Bible stories from childhood is Daniel in the lion's den. After Persia conquered Babylon, the ancient name for Iraq, King Darius established leaders throughout the region. Daniel was one of those leaders. The other leaders were jealous of Daniel and his success, so they set a trap for him. The king passed a law that all petitions must be made to Darius and no other king or god.

Of course, Daniel petitioned the one true God in public. King Darius was forced by his own law to lock Daniel up in a den of hungry lions all night. The next morning, King Darius called for Daniel to see whether God had saved him. Imagine the king's joy when he heard: "O king, live forever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him."

King Darius brought punishment to the schemers and declared, "in all my royal dominion, people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end. He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions." Daniel 6:26-27.

Daniel's act of faithfulness to God led Darius to acknowledge before his whole kingdom that, although he himself was regarded as a god, there was only one true God worthy of praise and worship. It would have been easy for Daniel to avoid the trap set by his enemies by praying to God in secret and concealing his devotion to Yahweh. But his act of courage and devotion resulted in the truth being proclaimed throughout the land.

We never know how God will use the challenges in our lives. All we know is that he has called us to be faithful. He will take care of the rest, even the hungry lions.

April 2026 Calendar of Events

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

- April 6th Post Meeting meal begins at 6pm, with meeting beginning at 7pm.
Meal is \$15 per person
- April 19 American Legion Riders monthly meeting begins at 6:30, followed by SAL at 7:30
Knoxville Harley Davidson, 5810 Clinton Hwy.
- April 27 Post Executive Committee meeting begins at 6:30pm



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Roy O'Neill, ALR Director

ALR Members are eagerly awaiting the warmer weather to get back out on the road. In the meantime, they continue to gather monthly for Sunday lunch.

The next Legion Riders meeting will be on April 23rd at Knoxville Harley Davidson, located at 5810 Clinton Highway beginning at 6:30pm.



Sons of the American Legion Post 2 - Knoxville TN

Annual Golf Tournament

July 25, 2026 - 1:30 PM Shotgun

Three Ridges GC

6101 Wise Springs Rd., Knoxville, TN 37918

All Proceeds Benefit Various Youth Organizations

Four Player Scramble - \$75 per Player

Cash Prizes - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place

Along With Lots of Door Prizes

Also Selling Hotdogs and Hamburgers

***More Information
and Registration
Contact***

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Bob Vergith, Squadron Commander

The next meeting of the Post 2 SAL be Thursday, April 23rd at Knoxville Harley Davidson, located at 5810 Clinton Highway, immediately following the Legion Riders meeting.

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.

2025 SAL Officers

Bob Vergith
Commander

Shane Shaffer
Vice Commander

Steve Kyriazes
Adjutant

Lloyd Pitney
Treasurer



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. Dinner begins 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 begging for more participation, so If you are a member of other Legion family such as Legion Riders through your Auxiliary membership - 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, d the community, and to officially conduct business; we are looking more active members.

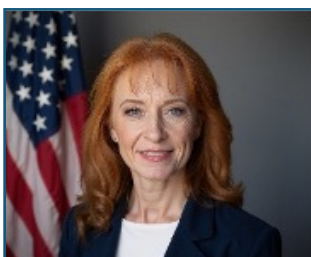
The time is quickly approaching to nominate and elect Auxiliary leadership, so please contact an Auxiliary sister if you have any interest in leadership at any level.

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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