

American Legion Post #2 Meeting: **3 Aug 2026**

1 RAP of Gavel: Everyone Seated

3 Raps of Gavel: Everyone Stand

Colors in place: Hand Salute:

Chaplain's Opening Prayer (un cover)

Pledge of Allegiance:

A POW/MIA empty chair is placed at all official meetings of the American Legion as a physical symbol of many American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty , and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves to this vital endeavor.

Preamble: (Members Recover)

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following Purposes,
To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America,
To maintain law and order,
To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism,
To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in All Wars,
To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation,
To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses,
To make right the master of might,
To promote peace and goodwill on earth,
To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy,
To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

1 Rap Everyone Seated

I now declare Knoxville American Legion Post #2 Department of Tennessee Regularly Convened. Do not let petty jealousy or trivial personalities influence our deliberations. Let us always uphold the obligations of unselfish comradeship and loyalty to our organization and to the government of the United States of America!

Introduce New Members and Guests: Caleb Smith (AirForce)

Date: 3 August 2026 @ the American Red Cross

Time: **1857** hrs

Meeting Called to Order by: Commander Mike Testerman

Adjutant: Norita Cruz:

- The meeting minutes from the July 2026 meeting were posted to our website for members to review ahead of the regular meeting.

A motion was made by **Bob** and seconded by **Tom** to approve the minutes as posted on the website. Motion carried without objection.

Finance Officer: Marty Everett:

Savings \$ 9,162.37

Checking \$1,961.28

Check were paid for the following:

- \$36.75 for the cell phone
- \$ 100 to the Red Cross for providing meeting space
- \$38 for the new flag for the post
- \$36.72 KUB
- \$125.64 for tax prep

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

1st Vice: Membership: Steven Patrick:

- We currently have **528** members active on MyLegion (Nashville has us at **533** members)
- We have **89** PUFL's (Nashville has us at **90** PUFL's)
- Nashville has us at 100%

2nd Vice: Kim DiDomenico:

- We have begun the background check process for the upcoming season.
- Mike and I attended NPO training on July 30th.
- We will be working in two new markets that will be on the 3rd floor of the stadium.

3rd Vice: Chris Richardson:

- The building is coming along

Committees:

Riders: Roy O'Neil:

- Next meeting will be held at Knoxville Harley Davidson on August 20th at 6:30pm
- August 16th - Sunday funday ride

Sons: Bob Vergith:

- Next meeting will be held at Knoxville Harley Davidson on October 15th at 7:30pm Membership cards have been received
- SAL Golf Tournament was held on July 25th at Three Ridges golf course: 24 teams participated.

Service Officer: Rod Myers

- When the post is completed, we are planning on having it open at least 3 days a week to assist veterans. Other plans are being made to assist veterans.

Fundraising Committee: Randolph Spencer:

- We need people to help with fundraising. It will take money to finish this building. So if you have any ideas, please let us know. Spoke to Artie about

helping Randy with fund raising. Things are moving quickly. Now is when we need to talk to possible investors to help us finish the post.

Old Business:

- The 2nd District Commanders Tour was held on Friday 24 July. We had 35+ people that showed up representing 9 of the 14 posts in the 2nd district. This included members of the SAL and Auxiliary.
- Logan Henderson was awarded the Eagle Scout of the Year Award. I want to bring Logan and his parents to the post to present the award to Logan in front of the membership.
- The resolution to change the emblem on our legion cap from Andrew Jackson to Alvin York did not pass.
- The Legion Riders Resolution passed so the riders are no longer governed by the department, but the post makes the decisions. This will allow legionnaires from outside the post to join the riders. An SOP and further information will be sent out accordingly.
- There were many East Tennessee business awards presented this year. The post needs to be more proactive and put more in next year.
- We would like to make Roddie Edmonds an honorary member of Post 2.

New Business:

- Post 2 has been named in a lawsuit for failure to produce a clear title to the property at 7812 Rutledge Pike formerly owned by Post 119. Judge Advocate Irvin, will be looking over the suite and advising on which way to go.

A motion was made by **Tom** and seconded by **Bob** to have the executive committee make a decision on how to proceed with the lawsuit. Motion carried without objection.

- Mid South Round up will be held in Cookville, May 14-16 2027. Good turn out this year looking forward to next year. Everyone is invited.
- The National Commanders Tour will be in East Tennessee on the 15th through the 18 of October 2026.
- Free Legal Advice Clinic August 12th

Good of the Legion:

- The 2026 2nd District Commanders Tour was held on July 24th.
- A Department Commanders Message:
 - Guidance, Direction and Purpose:
 - Take Stock in your Post
 - Have Fun! Do things and have events that make you members want to attend and come to the post.
- There will be a suicide prevention class presented at the Department Mid-Winter conference this year. This will be a 2 hour course.
- We need to put in a candidate for every award we can for the legion and SAL. If they don't win the department level we will make them the post candidate of the year.
- LIT Legion Care Benefits: UP to \$5,000.00 No Cost to You! Accidental death insurance.
- Tennessee American Legion College is coming up on September 26th and 27th
- We need help in supporting our ROTC's, Oratorical and Boys State.
- East Division SAL Meeting on 24 Oct, Post 13 in Maryville
- American Legion Training Tuesday's, [Training Tuesdays | The American Legion](#)

- Navy Ball will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026. There is a cost of \$40 per veteran. They also have a table sponsorship for \$400 with 2 seats



Saturday, October 10th

Rothchilds Event Center
8807 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37923

Everyone is invited!

CELEBRATING
the Anniversary of the Navy's




Years of Heritage and Traditions

Dress code:
Dinner dress blues
Service dress blues
Formal civilian attire

Cash bar reception ★ 6pm
Dinner/ceremony ★ 7pm

Register here:
<https://ezregister.com/events/43333/>

Questions may be directed to:
tjohnson@seacadets.org



- American Legion National Convention will be held in:
 - Louisville, Kentucky - August 28 – September 3, 2026
 - Kansas City, Missouri – August 27 – September 2, 2027
- Women Veterans Retreat will be held at the Dark Horse Lodge Tuesday, October 20th - Saturday October 24th, 2026
- Veterans can show ID and go through TSA pre-check line without having to go through the official TSA pre-check process
- Veterans breakfast this Saturday
- Parade registration opened on August 1st
- Partner with Ben Atchley to visit veterans
- SAL presented checks to Knox County Isaiah House, Suds for Students, and the American Legion building fund with proceeds from their golf outing

August Calendar

3rd Post 2 AL Meeting @ Red Cross
13th American Legion Baseball World Series
20th ALR Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 6:30pm
26th National Convention, Louisville, KY
31st Executive Committee Meeting - virtual via Teams

September Calendar

5th UT vs Furman @3:30pm
7th Post 2 AL Meeting @ Red Cross
17th ALR Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 6:30pm
19th UT vs Kennesaw State @7:45pm
26th UT vs Texas @12pm
26th-27th TN American Legion College
28th Executive Committee Meeting - virtual via Teams

October Calendar

3rd UT vs Auburn TBD
5th Post 2 AL Meeting @ Red Cross
17th UT vs Alabama TBD
22nd ALR Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 6:30pm
22nd SONS Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 7:30
26th Executive Committee Meeting - virtual via Teams

Next Post Meeting:

- a. Next Post Meeting: September 7, 2026, 1800 hrs, @ American Red Cross
- b. Next Executive Committee meeting: August 31, 2026 1830 hrs, virtual via Teams

A motion was made by **Marty** and seconded by **Tom** to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried without objection.

Please Rise: Hand Salute: TOO!

With no further business to come before American Legion Post 2, I now declare this meeting adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned @**1955** hours