

American Legion Post #2 Meeting: **7 Sept 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:

Date: 7 September 2026 @ the American Red Cross

Time: **1901**hrs

Meeting Called to Order by: Commander Mike Testerman

Adjutant: Norita Cruz:

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

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

Finance Officer: Marty Everett:

Savings \$ 9174.35

Checking \$1819.78

Check were paid for the following:

- -\$3000 atty fee
- -\$100 ARC donation
- -\$36.72 KUB
- -\$160 mowing
- +\$11.98 earned in interest

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

1st Vice: Membership: Steven Patrick:

- We currently have **537**members active on MyLegion (Nashville has us at **308**members)
- We have **90** PUFL's (Nashville has us at **88**PUFL's)

2nd Vice: Kim DiDomenico:

- First game was held September 5th
- We are looking to provide the cadets with at least the same amount that we provided them last year which was \$5850. Since the suites are only requiring 3 cadets to work each game at \$450 per game for a total of \$3150, we will need to cover the difference from the markets.
- Depending on how we do at the markets, we may look to provide them more than last year's amount, however we need to see how things go.

3rd Vice: Chris Richardson:

- The building is coming along. We are at a stand still on the building.
- Trash and left over building supplies need to be cleaned up and consolidated

Committees:

Riders: Roy O'Neil:

- Next meeting will be held at Knoxville Harley Davidson on September 17th at 6:30pm
- Dan said the mobile coffee lady is up and running again. We discussed inviting her to Pearl Harbor Remembrance and some events next year.

Sons: Bob Vergith:

- Next meeting will be held at Knoxville Harley Davidson on October 15th at 7:30pm Membership cards have been received

Veterans Resources 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.
- We are working on a new flyer for the fund raising committee. I hope to have it ready by the end of the week.

Old 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.

- A formal response has been submitted to the opposing lawyer so we have met all time lines.
- We are waiting on the response from the other lawyer.
- The National Convention is currently going on in Louisville (28 Aug thru 3 Sep) Approximately 40 members were in attendance from Tennessee.

New Business:

- TheMid 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.
- What makes potential members come / join our post
- The National Commanders Tour will be on the 16th of October. There will be visits to local veterans organizations and cemeteries. Hope to have a good turn out for the Second District.
- New attendee Charles Godard 4 yr member first time attendance
- We have been asked to present the 13 Folds for the American Flag at the TN Valley Fair

- Patriotic days will be held on 19 September. We will need 3 or 4 personnel to conduct the ceremony (1 to read the meanings and 2 or 3 to fold the flag). Other members will be participating at the concession stand at Neyland Stadium.
- Mingle with Kringle is being planned for December the 12th from 3 to 5 pm.

Good of the Legion:

- 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.
- We need help in supporting our ROTC's, Oratorical and Boys State.
- East Division SAL Meeting on 24 Oct, Post 13
- American Legion Training Tuesday's, [Training Tuesdays | The American Legion](#)
- Roundup will be in Cookville, May 14-16 2027
- October 15-18 will be the National commanders tour Will be in district 2 post 149 Wartburg on the 16th see Commander for info.
- October 16 free legal clinic for vets at the Knox Community law office on Liberty st.

A motion was made by **Marty** and seconded by **Bob Dewald** to look at moving the regular post meeting day from 1st monday to make meeting more standard. Motion carried without objection.

- The 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



250
Years of Heritage and Traditions

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

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

Questions may be directed to:
tjohnson@seacadets.org

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



- American Legion National Convention will be held in:
 - 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
- Parade registration opened on August 1st. We currently have 30 units registered in the parade.
- Steven asked a local businessman whether any of their services can be contributed in-kind, and how the post can make good on the agreements for work.
- Steven is working on condensing some previous information in order to fundraise more.
- Marty shared an annual quote from Rural Metro for Fire and EMS services for \$2,002.93. Steven shared that we may need to enquire if they have a non-profit rate. Another idea was brought up to ask if property insurance will cover it?

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

November Calendar

2nd Post 2 AL Meeting @ Red Cross
11th Veteran's Day parade
7th UT vs Kentucky TBD
19th ALR Meeting @ Knoxville Harley Davidson at 6:30pm
21st UT vs LSU TBD
23rd Executive Committee Meeting - virtual via Teams

Next Post Meeting:

- a. Next Post Meeting: October 5, 2026, 1800 hrs, @ American Red Cross
- b. Next Executive Committee meeting: September 28, 2026 1830 hrs, virtual via Teams

A motion was made by **Marty** and seconded by **Rodney** 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 @1952