

Executive Committee
28 Sept 2026

American Legion Post 2
Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, September 28, 2026

Time: Meeting Called to Order by: Commander Michael Testerman at **1838** hrs

Members Present: Steven Patrick, Marty Everett, Dan Chipman, Norita Cruz, Rod Myers, Kim DiDomenico, Ken Irvine

Adjutant Norita Cruz/Assistant Adjutant Kim DiDomenico:

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

A motion was made by **Rod** and seconded by **Steven** to approve the August minutes as presented. Motion carried without objection.

Finance Report: Finance Officer: Marty Everett:

Post Checking: \$2,735.41

Checks were sent out for the following:

- \$100 - Red Cross Donation
- \$36.64 - Cell Phone
- \$9000 - Grayco and Jim Hickman
- \$36 KUB
- \$6.99 - Kroger charge for meeting refreshments

Post Savings Account: \$186.16

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

1st Vice: Membership: Steven Patrick shared the following membership report:

Membership Report for 09/28/26

534 (303+6+3=312) Current active members for Post 2 Of that we have **90** Paid Up For Life

Nashville has us at **316 & 88 PUFL** 58.8454% as of 09/24/26 with 4 "IN PROCESS"

Members Who Paid to National **01-Jul-26 to 28-Sep-26** (Count: **74**)

TARGET DATE	PERCENTAGE NEEDED	# of Members		
Early Bird/NEF Kickoff	September 10, 2025	269	50%	MET
Fall Meetings	October 14, 2025	296	55%	MET
Veterans Day	November 12, 2025	350	65%	
Pearl Harbor Day	December 9, 2024	403	75%	
Mid-Winter	January 13, 2026	430	80%	
President's Day	February 10, 2026	457	85%	
American Legion Birthday	March 10, 2026	484	90%	
Children & Youth	April 14, 2026	511	95%	
Armed Forces Day	May 12, 2026	537	100%	

Charts below updated 9/28/26

Paid Through Year	Count
2024	0
2025	48
2026	222
2027	303
2028	6
2029	3

Branch	Count
USA	248
USAF	122
USN	96
USMC	44
USCG	7
USMM	1

Conflict/War Era	Count
VIETNAM	277
PERSIAN_GULF	61
GW_TERRORISM	57
KOREA	32
LEBANON_GRENADA	43
OTHER	38
PANAMA	14
WWII	4
Unknown	3
MISSING	5

Type	Member Status	Count
1 Year Membership	Active	403
1 Year Membership	Deceased	2
1 Year Membership	Expired	51
Honorary Life	Active	1
PUFL renewal	Active	88
PUFL renewal	Deceased	2
Post Transfer	Active	41
Post Transfer	Deceased	0

2nd Vice: Kim DiDomenico

- We have made it through the first three games. We are working in a new market on the third level.
- We have made a total of \$14,373.50 for this season. This includes \$12,423.50 for the market and \$1,950 for the executive suites.

3rd Vice: Chris Richardson:

- Need a post clean up bad!

Riders: Roy O'Neil:

- Next meeting will be held at Knoxville Harley Davidson on October 15th at 6:30pm
- Leadership will be changing. An update should be provided after the next meeting.

Sons: Robert Vergith:

- Next meeting will be held at Knoxville Harley Davidson on October 15th at 7:30pm

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. We will also have a Veterans Resources officer at the post.

Building Committee: Randolph Spencer. Arty Stavros.

- We need money. Looking for donations.

Old Business:

- What makes potential members come to meetings and join our post: Guest Speakers
 - We will have a special presentation at the November meeting to present the Eagle Scout Award
- The National Commanders Tour will be on the 16th of October. (see itinerary at end of minutes) There will be visits to local veterans organizations and cemeteries.
 - Hope to have a good turn out for the Second District meeting that will be held at post in Oneida
- We had to cancel the presentation of the 13 Folds for the American Flag at the TN Valley Fair Patriotic days that was held on 19 September
- Information for the lawsuit over Post 119.
 - Ken shared that Chance Harrison was hired to file a response to the lawsuit and had conversations with the plaintiffs lawyers.

- They are hoping to do something by agreed order but no specifics on the process or draft of an order to consider have been shared up to this point.
- The response was filed.
- If an order is drafted and presented, it should be considered in order to help resolve this concern.

New Business:

- Steven shared that a 90 minute AI training directed towards older people was discussed as it was emailed to him. A charge for the class/workshop may be incurred
- Need help with Guest Speakers
 - 15-20 minute presentation during a post meeting meal ~6:30 pm
- Still need people to help out at the concession stand
- It was shared that a special call sign was created for a veteran helping raise awareness and camaraderie by creating a radio club at his local va
 - Donald "DOC" Ballard "W0MOH" the first and only MOH recipient that is a Ham radio operator, was at the TAL national convention talking about amateur radio and its worth and use in the TAL. Trying to get more posts active into amateur radio.
- We will need help for the parade. Closing in on 40 entries so far.
- Looking to host Mingle with Kringle on December 12th 3 to 5 pm at the post property

Good of the Legion:

- We need help in supporting our ROTC's, Oratorical and Boys State.
 - February 2nd weekend (3rd weekend alternative)
 - Location options were discussed. Some schools and other buildings may be available as an alternative.
- East Division SAL Meeting on 24 Oct, Post 13
- American Legion Training Tuesday's, [Training Tuesdays | The American Legion](#): 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
- Bylaw clarifications and updates needed
 - Weather related updates are needed to clarify meeting cancellations.
 - I.e. follow school cancellation policy.
 - Ken Irvine said he would work on adapting the language needed for updating the times and dates for the regular and executive committee meetings.

A motion was made by **Marty** and seconded by **Steven** update the meeting date from the first Monday of the month to the second Monday of the month beginning in January 2027. This would help reduce conflicts with Medal of Honor dinner and several holidays that land on Mondays. Motion carried without objection.

- Volunteers are needed to fill committee positions and assist with upcoming events.
- A local lawyer requested Post 2's information for helping a veteran plan their estate.

October Calendar

3rd UT vs Auburn at 3:30pm
5th Post 2 AL Meeting @ Red Cross
16th National Commanders Tour
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

December Calendar

7th Post 2 AL Meeting @ Red Cross
12th Mingle with Kringle
28th Executive Committee Meeting - virtual via Teams

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

Meeting Adjourned @**19:45**hours

National Commanders Itinerary:

0900 A East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, John Sevier Veterans Cemetery

Eric Spangler Director of East Tn Veterans Cemeteries

1000 D 2200 East Gouverneur John Sevier Hwy, Knoxville TN

30 min drive to Heros Hill

1045 A Heros Hill Veterans Homes Mayor Glen Jacobs & Mayor Betsey Henderson

1130 D 1101 Liberty Street, Knoxville TN

15 min drive to Calhoun's on the River

1145 A Calhoun's on the River 400 Neyland Drive, Knoxville Tn

1300 D Lunch

9 min drive to East Tennessee Veterans Memorial

1315 A East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Joleen Dewald

1430 D 800 World's Fair Park Dr. Knoxville TN

1500 A Hotel, Rest and prepare for District Meet and Greet

1600 D

1hr 30min drive to Post 136 Oneida

1730 A Post 136 Oneida

1800 Meeting at Post 136 Oneida