



**AMERICAN LEGION CSM GARY W. CRISP, POST 289**

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POST MEETING ARE EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY EACH MONTH AT 1800 HOURS, LOCATED AT DAYMAR INSTITUTE ON TRENTON RD.

COMMANDER: WILLIE SMITH

ADJUTANT: BILLIE ZEVENEY

**Calendar of Events for February**

**February is Americanism Month**

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> | TN Department 2019 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>                   | National Boy Scouts Day, 7:00AM – 11:00AM<br>Honor Guard Practice, 1800 Hours at Sykes Funeral Home & Crematory, 424 Franklin St, Clarksville   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>                  | American Legion Centennial Dance at the National Guard Armory on 41A from 6:00PM to 11:00PM   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                  | Presidents Day<br>Monthly Auxiliary Membership Meeting, 1800 Hours at Daymar Institute  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                  | Post Membership meeting, 1800 Hours at Daymar Institute. Come early for a potluck and fellowship with post members. Guest Speaker for Reboot Combat Recovery will be at this meeting. |

**March is Community Service Month**

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| 8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | Honor Guard Practice, 1800 Hours at Sykes Funeral Home & Crematory, 424 Franklin St, Clarksville                   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                    | <b>American Legion Birthday</b>  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> | National Commander's Visit   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                    | Monthly Auxiliary Membership Meeting, 1800 Hours at Daymar Institute   |
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**NEXT MEETING**

The Post meeting is every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month and starts 1800 hours at Daymar Institute. We encourage you to come early and enjoy the potluck along with the fellowship with Post members.

**100 YEARS YOUNG**

The American Legion was formed 100 years ago at the American Club near Place de la Concorde in Paris, France by members of the Expeditionary Forces on March 15, 1919; and, was chartered by Congress on September 16, 1919.

**MEETING NOTES**

**American Legion CSM Gary W. Crisp Post 289 - 15 January 2019**

**Time convened:** 1809 **Time adjourned:** 1948

**Attendance:** Officer roll call, Sign in roster

**Sick & Shut in:** Past 2nd Vice Ed Eaglin recovering in the hospital from open heart surgery.

**Meeting Minutes:** December minutes reviewed, motioned by Carmen Cherry, 2nd by Kirby Douglas.

**Finance Report:** December finance report read, motioned by Carmen Cherry, 2nd by Ernest Schmidt

**Service Officer:** Commander introduced Scott Eldridge as new Service Officer, membership approved selection.

**Visitors:** Comrade Joseph Lutz, 1st time attendee, current member

## Executive Reports

- 1) **1st Vice** – Report on membership numbers
- 2) **Membership Chairman**: Membership drive 21 January time and location to be announced unresolved, tabled until Executive Committee meeting.
- 3) **2nd Vice**: Scouting Report given
- 4) **Sergeant at Arms**: Practices continue every Friday through January. Still recruiting, storage at Sykes Funeral Home of weapons once obtained.
- 5) **Historian**: Working on the Centennial website – requesting honorable mention recommendations. Recommended CSM Gary W. Crisp Post 289.
- 6) **Judge Advocate**: Recommended changes to the Constitution & By-Laws to specifically outline requirements, duties and timeliness of financial audit. Members recommended to adjust recommendations. Topic tabled until December to be re-presented to membership. Discussed but not finalized to present to post for voting. - no update

## Special Committee Reports

- 1) **Oratorical Committee** (Commander & Historian): Dissolved, no submission to Dept
- 2) **Law Enforcement Committee** (1st Vice/2nd Vice): Dissolved, no submissions to Dept
- 3) **JROTC Committee** (Adjutant) – Details for award ceremonies received, continues coordination with schools by committee chair.
- 4) **Centennial Celebration** (Membership Chairman & 2nd Vice) – Presented subcommittee positions and names.
- 5) **National Commander Tour** (Fae Casper, Commander) – January tour postponed follow-up when give the updated tour dates.
- 6) **Special Committee formed for financial audit** – Volunteered Fae Casper, Bob Grigsby, Kirby Douglas. – no updates

## Old Business

- 1) Commander working on a written partnership agreement for CSM Gary W. Crisp Post 289 and Daymar is in draft.
- 2) Securing of rifles and ammo for the Honor Guard Team: Paperwork awaiting signatures.
- 3) Recommendation to purchase music for the ceremonies as a back up to live instruments. – Resolved post resources and Bugle player currently available, purchase declined.
- 4) Commander presented the need to have a storage unit for collection of post assets. Motioned and accepted by members that it was an acceptable expenditure of post funds. Pending bids. – no update
- 5) Commander and 1st Vice awarded 5 consecutive year pins to Robert Lamon and Chuck Cook.

## New Business

- 1) New members voted in: David Henricksen, Robert Blue, Bonnie Wise
- 2) Carmen Cherry offered to purchase Banner for the post
- 3) Carmen Cherry offered to purchase banner for Troop 289
- 4) Bob Grigsby offered to coordinate a guest speaker “Combat Reboot Recovery”. Recommendation approved.
- 5) 2nd Vice spoke to Mayor Pitts and there is an opportunity to secure a building on Trenton road, more details forthcoming.
- 6) Bob Grigsby has stepped forward and volunteered to be the Newsletter Chairman and Webmaster, membership approved.
- 7) Billie Zeveney opened to the membership an opportunity to participate in Americanism month by planting trees with Fort Campbell’s DPW 1,000 tree initiative 9-23 February. Potential volunteers included Billie Zeveney, Carmen Cherry, Kirby Douglas Scott Eldridge. Approved by membership to plan event.

**Guest Speaker:** None

**Meeting adjourned by the Commander**

## NEWS

The American Legion was the only Veteran's Service Organization that steps forward to assist the members of the Coast Guard, who were directly affected by one of the longest government shutdowns yet; with its Financial Arm, known as the TFA (or Temporal Financial Assistance). The shutdown of the federal government began on December 20, 2018 and ended on January 24, 2019. Two of our Pillars, of the American Legion are: National Security and Youth and Children.

## HONOR GUARD

Our Honor Guard consists of Post 7, 143, & 289 in Clarksville. The Honor Guard had four (4) straight training meetings to date at Sykes Funeral Home. The training will continue after the Mid-Winter Conference the first weekend in February. The next training date is February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM at Sykes Funnel Home.

Eagle Shoe Repair had offered their services for the Honor Guard if their boots need repair or shoes shined. Eagle Shoe Repair is located at 16350 Fort Campbell Blvd, Oak Grove, KY.



## NATIONAL COMMANDERS VISIT

The National Commander's visit to Nashville, Clarksville, and Dover had been rescheduled for March 17 – 19 2019.

## BOY SCOUTS

Our Boy Scout Troop 289's first meeting.



## POST AUXILIARY 289

Post 289 Chaplain Carmen Cherry gives Auxiliary Unit 289 a \$500 donation. The Auxiliary is still waiting on their charter application to be finalized and this generous donation will help fund projects for this new unit. Fae Casper helped establish the unit.



Fae Casper, Carmen Cherry Post Chaplain, Dawn Schmidt Unit President.

## CENTENNIAL DANCE

The American Legion celebrates its centennial of Veterans still serving Veterans after Service. Our post will be holding a centennial celebration dance on 16 February 2018 at the National Guard Armory located at 1600 Fort Campbell Blvd, from 6:00PM to 11:00PM.

We are encouraging any war period era dance attire from 1919-2019. This can be civilian and military dress from all the war periods in-between. We want to celebrate our legacy as we reflect and remember American Veterans, their families and those who have supported Americanism throughout the century.

The dance will not have a "formal" expectation of attire as we celebrate with each other for support and remembrance. Dress in what is affordable and comfortable to you. The purpose is to bring us together.

We will have light refreshments throughout the evening.

A dessert contest, amateur dance contest, and War Period attire contest will be held. Entering the contests are free and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Tickets are required and can be purchased through our [www.store.tnpost289.org](http://www.store.tnpost289.org) website or directly from Post members.

## AMERICANISM MONTH

The month of February is the month of Americanism which one of the Pillars of the American Legion. The following is an excerpt comes from "The Four Pillars of the American Legion".

"Many cultural, moral and patriotic values have come under serious attack in the United States in recent years. Prayer has been removed from schools. The U.S. flag is no longer protected from anarchists. Boy Scouts of America faces serious legal duels in the communities it serves. The institution of marriage is under siege. Immigration laws are defied. References to God have been challenged on U.S. currency, in the Pledge of Allegiance and in the public square, all by a minority of voices whose vision for America is far different from that of our Founding Fathers. Our nation's very identity is at stake as more and more values are driven toward extinction. As an organization dedicated to God and country, with a membership of military veterans that takes deep pride in the U.S. flag and all it means, The American Legion has always been a stalwart champion of patriotism, morality and citizenship. Upon the pillar of Americanism is The American Legion's devotion to law and order, the raising of wholesome youth, respectful observance of patriotic holidays and remembrances, education and law-abiding citizenship. Among the American Legion's highest Americanism priorities are: Flag Protection, Illegal Immigration, Voter Registration and Participation, Boy Scouts, The Pledge of Allegiance, and Establishment-Clause Lawsuits."

Continue our Legacy by planning observances throughout the year that teach by action Americanism. To name a few: Arbor Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day.

## ARBOR DAY

The exact date for the observance of Arbor Day is set by proclamation. However, it is generally observed throughout the United States during the months of April and May each year. The American Legion should take the lead each year in the observance of the day because it's an appropriate time for the planting of trees as living memorials to the war dead of the community. Arbor Day will be celebrated on February 23 at Fort Campbell.

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
1919 100 Years 2019  
VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA

Open to Veterans and the Community

6pm - 11pm

16 February 2019

100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DANCE

American Legion CSM Gary W. Crisp Post 289  
Clarksville, Tennessee  
Come dance with us as The American Legion celebrates its centennial, 100 years of "Veteran's Still Serving America"!

Website: [tnpost289.org](http://tnpost289.org)  
Facebook: American Legion CSM Gary W. Crisp Post 289

Dessert Contest \*\*\*\*\*  
War Period Dress Contest \*\*\*\*\*  
Dance Contest

Tickets go on sale 17 November 2018 @ [store.tnpost289.org](http://store.tnpost289.org)  
Or by contacting post representatives  
\$20 individual  
\$30 a couple

This is an Alcohol-Free event.  
All proceeds are used in various ways to promote the 4 Pillars of the American Legion.

- I. Veteran's Affairs & rehabilitation
- II. National Security
- III. Americanism
- IV. Children and Youth

Event will be held at:  
Army National Guard  
1801 Fort Campbell Blvd,  
Clarksville

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## NEW OFFICERS

We have three new officers in the Post: Post Chaplain – Comrade Carmen Cherry, Post Service Officer – Comrade Scott Ridge and Post Webmaster – Comrade Bob Grigsby.

## MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

During the January membership meeting, two members were awarded their five (5) year membership pin. These members are: Comrade Robert Loman, Comrade Charles Cook.



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Rodney A. Grimsley is the Assistant Director of the Emergency Management Agency. The Agency trains and certifies individuals for national emergencies and natural disasters in the area. Mr. Grimsley said the agency has training courses open to members of the Post, but they need to contact him personally for the opportunity to take these training courses. Mr. Grimsley can be contacted by phone or email. Phone: (931) 648-5702 Email: [ragrimsley@mcgtn.net](mailto:ragrimsley@mcgtn.net)

## TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT 2019 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE — FEBRUARY 2 & 3



Post 289 officers made it to the Department of Tennessee Mid-Winter Conference. The conference is always informative and a rejuvenation of energy to get members active in the community — with Larry Johnson, Ernest A. Schmidt, Fae Casper, Billie Zeveney and David Zeveney.

A few notes from the Mid-Winter Conference Sunday Session. These notes were the interpretation by the Post Adjutant. Updates to resolutions and such will be on [www.Tennesseelegion.org](http://www.Tennesseelegion.org)

Post mergers approved by Department Executive Committee (DEC) forwarding to National Executive Committee (NEC) for approval:

- 283 merges into 237
- 238 merges into 163
- 90 merges into 12
- 117 merges into 15
- DEC tabled the cancelation of post 170
- DEC approved cancelation of Post 10 forwarding to NEC

Post Action still pending: Lease on post property ends in 2028, owned by Department of Tennessee. Approval of annual arts and crafts fair to raise funds for the Veterans Campground.

The Dept Commander has been working with Alvin C York – Mark Twain post (park and family) to get permissions of a shared support. Proposal, not complete, American Legion Department of TN would be able to use Alvin C York's photo & history on Dept propaganda and the Center for Peace and Valor check out [www.sgtYork.org](http://www.sgtYork.org) for details about the center

Resolution Chairman: Two (2) resolutions were returned to the posts as they were not written in the correct format

Constitution & By-Laws: 28 amendments

- 1-4 reconciled
- 5 forwarded to June convention
- 6-11 reconciled
- 12 not written
- 13-29 reconciled

Finance Chairman: Lowest membership numbers in 64 years

Americanism Chairman: Reviewed programs discussed on Sat, Baseball, Boys State, Eagle Scouts, Oratorical

Children & Youth Chairman: 16 TFA's for TN Coast Guard processed during government shutdown culminating in \$20,667.87. Talked on Operation Stand Down – invited all members to come visit the Nashville location and get a tour, understand what they do.

Veteran's Affairs : Discussed that the county VSO's need our support & we need to work with them. The post can be become legally liable is the post VSO reports incorrect information to the Veteran's. The county VSO's are trained at least quarterly on updates and should be our go to source. The post VSO is a vessel to get the Veteran to resources. R.A.M.P has upcoming changes keep updated.

The 5 members that attended – including the Scouting Chairman who briefed the conference, attended the 4 pillar breakout sessions and have been rejuvenated on what possibilities lay ahead.

## POST INVENTORY

All Post equipment has been inventoried and pictures have been taken of each. The equipment is currently in several locations. A recommendation was to get one storage unit for all of the Posts equipment and had been approved.