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Up Coming Calendar of Events

August	
Every Friday	Honor Guard Training Fri 6pm @ Sykes Funeral Home & Crematory
4 th	U.S. Coast Guards Birthday
6 th	Executive Meeting – 6pm @ Daymar Institute
20 th	Post Membership meeting, 6pm @ Daymar Institute. Come early for a potluck and fellowship with post members
24	Montgomery County Veterans Service 75 th Anniversary – Veterans Service Plaza Clarksville, The Post & Auxiliary Unit will have a table at the event to share information and provide a community activity. Many other Veterans organizations on site as well!
September	
Every Friday	Honor Guard Training Fri 6pm @ Sykes Funeral Home & Crematory
5-7	The Post will have a booth at Clarksville Riverfest. Volunteers needed for a few hours in shifts. We will be conducting more Flag advocacy!
11th	9/11 Remembrance
18-21st	Clarksville Welcome Home Celebration Week many activities scheduled https://www.welcomehomeveteranscelebration.com
21 st	Welcome Home Veteran's Parade! Post 289 will be in the parade. We welcome all members to join us walking, or riding the float. POC Tony Walters 931-217-3107.

NEXT MEETING

The Post meeting is every 3rd 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.

PAID UP FOR LIFE (PUFL) MEMBERS

The following 27 members are recognized for their lifelong commitment to The American Legion as we move into the 2019-2020 year. These members are considered "PUFL's" Paid up For Life. They have recognized the value in the American Legion, it's contributions to Veterans, our Youth and Community and resolved to apply and pay forward, lifetime dues. This is no easy commitment, but such a commitment demonstrates a recognized value in the organization. We salute you!

HAROLD KARRIEM ABDULLAH	JOHN BECK	MICHAEL BROWN	PHILIP CARON
FAE CASPER	CARMEN CHERRY	DANNY CLARK	OTIS CRAWLEY
ANTON DERBORT	RONALD DVORSKY	HARRY HARRIS	WILLIAM HUGGINS
DAVID JOHNSON	EDMUND KLINGSPORN	TIMOTHY KRIDER	MICHAEL LAMBERT
LISA LANE	LARRY LOWRANCE	THOMAS MCLAUGHLIN	TREVOR MORRIS
PATRICK PAGE	DAVID PARSELL	PAUL PAYTON	STEPHEN REGO
ROBERT SISSON	FREDERICK STACEY	JERRY TANNER	

MAYOR'S SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS

Americanism and Youth Development

Participation by the post members 8 July at a community event focused on providing positive mentorship for our youth. As part of the Clarksville Mayor Summer Night Lights Post 289 provided an opportunity to learn how to fold the American Flag supporting flag advocacy. Members also participated alongside the children in healthy activities. Fun and community spirit for all.

Special thanks to the City of Clarksville for allowing us to participate and to the Post & Unit members of 289 that helped at the booth 8 July 2019. Robert Lamon, David Zeveney, Carl Downey, Ernest Schmidt, Billie Zeveney and Auxiliary President Dawn Schmidt

This event was one of two that the Post and Auxiliary participated in this summer. Combined the 2 events supported approximately 400 community residents. We hope to provide more support in next year's summer program.



Robert Lamon assists in folding the flag



Robert Lamon helps in the fun & games



Community Youth

MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION (MCVSO) 75TH ANNIVERSARY

American Legion Post 289 will be a partner with Montgomery County Veterans Service Organization for their 75th Anniversary celebration on Saturday 24 August from 10am – 2 pm at Veterans Plaza. We are very excited to be a part of this event supporting and celebrating Veterans.

Montgomery County Veterans Service Organization vision for this celebration is for community awareness and involvement. This is not limited to veterans. Everyone in our City knows a veteran. The more awareness we can raise the more veterans we can be served.

Veterans plaza will be filled with vendor booths with services and information for our veteran community, food services that will provide refreshments at low cost or no cost for this event and activities for those who attend.

Come by and help at the booth if you can, stop by and meet other members, say hello and check out all the other Veterans support booths.

CIVIL AIR PATROL (CAP) – USAF AUXILIARY

We had two special guests to talk about the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) at our last membership meeting. Lt. Col Wilson Polidura and Captain Chuck Milam gave a presentation on the role of the CAP all over the world and in the Clarksville area. It was a great presentation and very educational. The CAP and American Legion have a lot in common. There are areas we can work together in the community. They are located at Clarksville's Regional airport. For more information on the CAP nationally go to: <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/about/who-we-are>. For the local CAP go to: <http://ky216.kywg.cap.gov/>.

ELEVEN THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE LEGION ACT (FROM LEGION.ORG)

The LEGION Act - Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act — also redefines The American Legion's membership eligibility dates. The eligibility now span from Dec. 7, 1941, until a time when the U.S. is no longer at war, as determined by Congress.

Here are answers to 11 key questions about the new law and what it means for The American Legion.

Question: How does this change the eligibility requirements for The American Legion?

Answer: The only change is that Congress has reduced the number of eligibility periods from seven to two. They are April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941, and continuing. No other restrictions are changed.

Question: What's the impact on veterans who previously were not eligible for American Legion membership?

Answer: Veterans who were honorably discharged but whose service did not fall into the previous defined war eras may now join The American Legion immediately. To do so, eligible members may sign up at www.legion.org/join.

Question: I am among the veterans who were not allowed to join previously, so why do you want me now?

Answer: The American Legion's founding fathers believed, "a veteran is a veteran," an axiom that has held true throughout the organization's more than century of service. Some veterans were ineligible to join because of the war eras that were defined by Congress. The recent bill passage and president's signature changed that.

Question: So how does this differentiate The American Legion from AMVETS?

Answer: The American Legion's eligibility criteria states that veterans must have served during "wartime." When Congress decides the U.S. is no longer in a state of war, the Legion's membership eligibility period will close, while AMVETS will still be open to those who served.

Question: How does this affect the Sons of The American Legion (SAL)?

Answer: The Sons' eligibility criteria will change along with that of The American Legion. Any son or grandson of a living American Legion member will be able to join the SAL program. (Sons and grandsons of deceased veterans are also eligible.) For example, a son of a veteran who served between 1985 and 1988 previously would not have been eligible. With the extension of the war period, that veteran would immediately be eligible for The American Legion and the son would be able to join the SAL.

Question: How does this affect the eligibility for the American Legion Auxiliary?

Answer: This follows the same concept as the SAL, as noted previously. Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is currently open to grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and adopted female descendants of eligible veterans.

Question: How does this affect membership for departments, districts and posts?

Answer: This change opens up American Legion membership to thousands more veterans who likely live in your communities. They may become members immediately.

Question: The current membership applications don't address the eligibility change. How do we process those members?

Answer: New membership materials will be developed and provided as quickly as possible. Until then, it is recommended that prospective members from a previously undocumented war era write "Other Conflicts" in the eligibility date section and send it in to their department with the appropriate dues.

Question: What steps should departments, districts and posts focus on?

Answer: A good first step would be to review all recruiting materials to look for eligibility dates. Information on electronic media (websites, social media channels, etc.) should be changed immediately. It is up to departments to decide on the best way to handle printed materials, while updated ones are being produced.

Question: How does this change the Paid Up For Life program?

Answer: There are no changes to the PUFL program, though the newly eligible members would be able to become PUFLs. To learn more about the program, visit <https://www.legion.org/PUFL>

Question: Who can I contact for more information about this change as it applies to membership and recruiting?

Answer: Contact the national Membership Division. Visit this web page to find the representative in your state.

<https://www.legion.org/membership/contactus>.

Do you know the number to the Suicide Hotline? (800) 273-5233



Suicide is a national public health issue. Veterans are among higher risk groups, but suicide affects all Americans, which is why VA and The American Legion are working together to adopt a public health approach to suicide prevention. The public health approach looks beyond the individual to involve peers, family members and the community in preventing suicide. Preventing veteran suicide is a top priority for VA, but they need help from dedicated partners like the American Legion Family to reach veterans outside the VA health-care system. This is just an excerpt from Past National Commander Brett Reistad. To read the complete article click this link: <https://www.legion.org/commander/245458/legion-va-team-approach-suicide-prevention>

AMERICAN LEGION CSM GARY W. CRISP, POST 289 FAMILY ALBUM

We are still building a “family album” of our legionnaires. We are asking that all members submit a brief bio of yourself to be added to the book. Please include the following:

1. Branch of service(s), service periods,
2. Immediate family (i.e. Spouse, children, grandchildren, etc.)
3. Military highest rank, & highest award
4. Military history to include, any significant units, accomplishments
5. American Legion history, (how long you’ve been in, posts you’ve been in, positions you held).
6. Personal history, who are you what are your hobbies.
7. Please add a picture of you “then” and “now” or somewhat recent.

Send to: Davenbill@yahoo.com or to P.O. Box 2641 Clarksville, TN 37042 or Bob Grigsby. Bob.grigsby62@gmail.com

LEGIONNAIRE INSURANCE TRUST (LIT)

Did you know that your members can easily enroll online for the LegionCare Accidental Death coverage on any web enabled device including your smart phone?

Here’s how to do it:

1. Set your web browser to www.theLIT.com/LegionCare1
2. Click “Sign Up Now.”
3. Enter the required information.
4. A few clicks and you’re all done. When you provide your email address, you will get instant confirmation in your inbox.

And then, you’ll have no cost accidental death coverage for \$1,000. In the case of an accidental death while on Legion Family business, the amount is \$5,000. (Except in Washington state in which the benefit is \$2,500 for all covered accidental deaths. You will never pay for this coverage and it is good for as long as you remain a due paying member in the Legion Family organizations.

Please read all details on the website, www.theLIT.com.

With Convention season in full swing, how about relating this to your DEC and area Commanders and officers how easy this is? And thank you for your continued support of your Legionnaire Insurance Trust!

HISTORICAL DATES & FACTS

U.S. COAST GUARDS BIRTHDAY

On August 4, 1790 the U.S. Coast Guards was born. Initially was part of the Dept. of the Treasury (Now, the Dept. of Transportation) It is The US Coast Guard's 229th birthday.

THE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

The Korean War Memorial will be at the Beechhaven Winery from September 9 - 22, and they are looking for Korean War Era Veterans to honor.

GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE PURPLE HEART AWARD

On August 7, 1782 General George Washington created the Purple Heart Award, which is now awarded to those who have been wounded or killed in action.

ATOMIC BOMBS DROPPED ON JAPAN

On August 6 & 9, 1945 - Two Atomic bombs were dropped on Japan (Nagasaki and Hiroshima, respectively). The first one was code-named "Little Boy", the second bomb was codenamed "Fat Man". These two incidents involved the famous USS Indianapolis, on which our Comrade Sergeant Edgar Harrell was assigned and survived after it had been sunk by the Japanese Navy.

THE U.S. WAR DEPARTMENT

On August 7, 1789 - the U.S. War Department was established.

AGENT ORANGE

On August 10, 1964 - In Vietnam: the first use of the Agent Orange by the U.S. Army.

VIETNAM GROUND FORCES

On August 11, 1972 - U.S. Ground Forces withdraw from Vietnam.

U.S. MARINE CORP

August 29, 2019 - The birthday of the U.S. Marine Corp Reserves.

M1A CARBINE RIFLE HISTORY

This historical weapon is used by our own Color and Honor Guard and was used during the most recent District #6, meeting here at the Masonic Lodge on 2nd Street, in Clarksville last month on July 13, 2019.

It is light-weight, and easy to use, This .30 carbine semi-automatic weapon was the standard weapon for the U.S Armed Forces during WWII, the Korean War, and most of the Vietnam War. It was manufactured by military contractors during the time period of 1938 - 1941. Its effective range is 300 yards, and its rate of fire is 750 rounds/min. It is approx. 35,6 inches in length and weighs 6.5 lbs. It's a gas operated w/rotating bolt; with capacity to fire 15-20 round magazine loaded, with an 18-inch round barrel with a flip rear sight.

VA'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT LINE



VA's Caregiver Support Line assistance is just a quick phone call away. Whether you're in need of immediate assistance or have questions about what services you may be eligible for, the caring licensed social workers who answer the support line can:

- Provide you with information about assistance available from VA.
- Help you access services.
- Connect you with the Caregiver Support Coordinator at a VA Medical Center near you.
- Just listen, if that's what you need right now.

If you're just getting started with VA, calling the Caregiver Support Line at **1-855-260-3274** is a great first step to learn more about the support that is available to you.

6TH DISTRICT COMMANDER'S TOUR

The 6th District Commanders Tour was hosted by Post 289 on 10 July 2019 at the Clarksville Masonic Lodge 89. The commander's tour is held once a year after the department elections. The newly selected Department Commander visits each District where representatives from all posts in the District are encouraged to attend. It is where the department Commander will provide a mission statement and expectations for the year to come.

Post Commander David Zeveney hosted, while the 6th District Commander (past Post Commander) Willie Smith presided over the meeting. Department Commander Luther Holsenback discussed his vision for the future. Several Department Chairmen presented reports on areas such as Veterans Affairs, Membership, Scouting and more. Several awards for members across the district were presented as well.

There were approximately 80 guests, Department Headquarters staff, Elected Department Officers, Department and Unit Auxiliary. A special thanks to the committee responsible for a successful event and all the volunteers that made happen!

