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December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Executive Meeting Daymar College @ 6.00PM	4	5	6 Honor Guard Training @ 6:00PM	7 <i>Pearl Harbor Day</i> "A Day that will live in Infamy."
8	9 Membership Renewal Cutoff	10	11	12	13 Honor Guard Training @ 6:00PM National Guard Birthday – 363 Yrs Old	14 Wreaths Across America
15 Auxiliary Unit 289/Post 289 Christmas Luncheon 12:30PM – 2:30PM	16 Department OPEN HOUSE 11:00AM-2:00PM - RSVP	17 Membership meeting Daymar College. Potluck 5:30PM / Meeting 6:00PM	18	19	20 Honor Guard Training @ 6:00PM	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas 	26	27 Honor Guard Training @ 6:00PM	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

VETERANS CRISIS HOTLINE



1-800-273-8255 and Press 1,

Chat online or send a **text message to 838255** to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Website: <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

POST 289 CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Post Constitution and By-Laws have been reviewed by the Special Committee as they should annually. A few recommended changes were sent out last month via eMail, reviewed at the November meeting and a copy sent to the Department Adjutant for a second look. A few additional items were recommended to be checked and is back in the hands of the Special Committee. It is expected that the final draft will be reviewed & approved of by the Special Committee and the Executive Committee at which time a copy will be sent to all members either via eMail or mail (for those with no eMail on file). The Constitution and By-Law revisions will be presented in writing and read at the next membership meeting. Furthermore they will be published on our website (www.tnpost289.com) and voted on for approval at the January meeting. Some changes were required to reflect the changes to the National Constitution as revised by the Legion Act.

WAREHOUSE 41 BOOTH

Our Post booth at Warehouse 41 is coming along slowly. Donation items are selling quickly. The booth is comprised of gently used items and crafted goods which are tagged as recommended donation amounts based on fair market comparisons. All proceeds (minus cost) are redistributed to the Post and Auxiliary to fulfil program needs which support the post, veterans and the community.

The booth is always in need of gently used items and crafts. Are you crafty? Create something and donate the craft to our Post booth. For the season coming up, Christmas items would be great. Anything you have laying around, you haven't used think about donating. Items should be clean and serviceable. Contact Larry Johnson @ Americanlegionpost289.finance@gmail.com or 931-257-8069 if you have questions or would like to donate.

VETERANS DAY PARADE

The Veterans Day parade was a site to see. The parade was not only a parade for our veteran's, but it was also homecoming for Austin Peay State University. Everyone came out to see our floats, bands and to cheer for the home university.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Every year organizations across America and abroad gather at Veteran cemeteries to honor those whom we have lost. There are a few within the local community that will be doing the same. We encourage you to support this event in whatever means you can. There are official ceremonies at each cemetery that are posted in the local papers. This year it will be on Saturday, 14 December. Members will be present at all locations.

You can find out more at: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

COLOR GUARD AT MISSION BBQ ON VETERAN'S DAY

Our color guard posted the colors at Mission BBQ on Veterans Day. It wasn't the first time our color guard was tasked to post the colors but the first time we did so in the community of Clarksville. Our color guard and the honor guard are now fully active and ready to go.

Color guard pictured left to right Larry Johnson, Kirby Douglas, Danny Clark, and Robert Lamon. Other Color guard and Legion members were present.

Many of the honor guard are also on the color guard.



TIS' THE SEASON FOR FRAUD

Did you know seniors are being targeted more frequently than ever by fraudsters?

The scams focus around topics designed to make you nervous, so you act more emotionally than rationally: your health, your Social Security or Medicare, the recent death of a relative. Likewise, scammers try to confuse you and rely on the idea that you are polite and trusting.

Some of the common scams include:

- **The Grandparent Scam:** Pretending to be a grandchild who's in trouble and needs money.
- **IRS Scams:** Claiming to be from the IRS and tricking you into giving up valuable information.
- **Tech Support Scams:** Pop-ups on your computer promising technical support, but actually planting malware.

Combating senior fraud takes not only good cyber hygiene but also habits and behaviors that will make you a bad target for criminals:

- Don't fall for urgent language.
- Run anything fishy by a friend first.
- Never give out personal information to a caller.

CHATTANOOGA ARMORY NAMED FOR TENNESSEE LEGIONNAIRE

On Nov. 13, one of Tennessee's most esteemed veterans received yet another honor, when the National Guard armory in Chattanooga was re-designated with his name.

Retired Brig. Gen. Carl Levi, a 65-year member of The American Legion and former city treasurer, says he was surprised last spring when he heard the Tennessee General Assembly passed a bill that would add his name to the historic facility at 1801 S. Holtsclaw Ave. Built by the Works Progress Administration and opened in 1941, the armory continues to be used as a readiness center and recruiting station.

"I am humbled," said Levi, 89. "I think of the thousands of people who have gone through that armory and that I'm the lucky one who got his name on the building."

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee joined Levi at the armory to sign the bill officially changing its name.

"General Levi is an outstanding Tennessean and exemplary public servant," Lee said. "We are grateful for his years of service to our country and are pleased to honor his legacy through the BG Carl E. Levi and CSM Bobby G. Davis National Guard Armory."

To read the rest of the article by Matt Grills, go to: <https://www.legion.org/honor/247643/chattanooga-armory-named-tennessee-legionnaire>

DOD EXPANDING ACCESS TO MILITARY COMMISSARIES, EXCHANGES, AND FACILITIES

The Department of Defense is proud to expand commissary, exchange and morale, welfare and recreation program retail eligibility to:

- Purple Heart recipients
- Former prisoners of war
- All veterans with service-connected disabilities
- Individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible veterans enrolled under the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers

The DoD, VA and the Department of Homeland Security are collaborating to implement the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018 for those who will be eligible for this benefit on Jan. 1, 2020.

Facilities like these will be open to the newly eligible patrons starting Jan. 1, 2020:

- Commissaries*
- Military service exchanges
- Golf courses
- Bowling centers
- Recreational lodging
- RV campgrounds
- Movie theaters
- And more!

*DoD is required to charge a small fee to new users who are eligible solely under the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018, to cover any increase in costs to the U.S. Treasury for processing commercial credit and debit cards.

Want to know more? Check out the FAQs, click this [link](#).

SCOUTING AS A WEBELOS SCOUT?

Unlike other Cub Scout diamond-shaped rank badges, the Webelos badge is an oval, similar to Scouts BSA rank badges. Webelos also wear tan uniforms instead of the blue ones that younger Cubs wear. But all Cub Scouts must earn the Bobcat badge before earning any other rank.

So, what if you're new to Scouting and your Scout joins as a Webelos? Can you put that diamond-shaped Bobcat badge on the uniform's left pocket? **Yes, you can.**

The National Cub Scouting Committee recently approved this allowance, and it's effective immediately. The [Guide to Awards and Insignia](#) will be updated to reflect this change.

The Bobcat and Webelos badges won't be worn together. When the Webelos rank badge is earned, remove the Bobcat badge and attach the Webelos badge, centered, on the left shirt pocket. We know it won't be long before your Scout fulfills the requirements for the Webelos rank badge, so if you don't want to pull out the sewing machine, you can attach the Bobcat badge temporarily.

Cub Scout Ranks

The rank badge placement on your Cub Scout's blue uniforms hasn't changed since the last update in 2018. This update is only for Webelos tan uniforms.

Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear badges will still be in their positions over the left shirt pocket with the Lion badge underneath. The 2018 update saw [Lions officially added](#) to the Cub Scouting program, Wolf rank colors turn from yellow to red, Bear from light green to light blue, and Webelos go solely to the tan uniform.

INTERESTS, HOBBIES & SHARING

The American Legion has several programs that are supported. Many cannot be managed by a few along, but with the help our members we can do more for our veterans and the community. Think about what you CAN do, what you LIKE to do, what you are WILLING to do to volunteer. Here are a couple areas where we could use your help over the next few months.

- Oratorical Scholarship (A speech contest) volunteers to help prepare contestants for District level competition. More at www.tennesseelegion.org Oratorical Contest POC: Robert Lamon (931) 302 - 0120
- Four Chaplains Sunday Coordinating a ceremony to commemorate the events of the USAT Dorchester 3 February 1943 – Ceremony will be planned for 3 February 2020. POC Ernest Schmidt (931) 624-8564
- Financial Audit Team required annually
- Membership Team – This is probably one of the most important! We need to be able to connect with members. Facebook, eMail, mail, websites are tools but personal connection is a game changer. We are looking for a few volunteers to help call monthly and do buddy checks on members. Perhaps you have time to call 5-10 people a month and just see how they are doing. This can be done from the comfort of your own home, no need for travel. There are a lot of spam calls out there but recognizing a number month to month is a much better response to the phone ringing. There are members who prefer text, or eMail instead and we will try to work with the members.
- Volunteers to award JROTC medals to the schools throughout the spring
- Chairmen of open vacancies, Chairmen are selected by the Commander each year to help with American Legion Programs, currently looking for: Children & Youth, National Security, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation.

Each program has several opportunities, we cannot do them all, but we can definitely get engaged if we work together. You do not need to know it all, just have an interest and we help you find where and how you can be involved.

If you have something you would like to try, to share let us know! There are so many opportunities!

SHARE & SOCIALIZE EVENTS

We will be trying something new this upcoming year starting in January. We will find a local place where we can socialize outside of meetings, make it a more relaxed atmosphere and share knowledge. We want to get many involved. Some of the first ones will be focused on sharing information about the American Legion, so you can be more informed and understand more about the largest veteran organization that has celebrated a century and “Setting a Foundation for the Future” (National Commander James W. Oxford’s theme for 2019-2020). Watch for the event and mark your calendar.

WHAT IS #VET RESOURCES?

VetResources is a weekly newsletter for Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors. Have a resource to share? Post it on [#VetResources](https://www.facebook.com/VetResources). This is a one stop shop for veterans that is everything VA. The newsletter gives plethora of information and links that can the veteran and their families.

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AMERICAN LEGION & AUXILIARY UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY



Join us Sunday 15 December at 1230 pm.

The banquet room is reserved for Auxiliary, Legionaries and their guests. Arrive at 1230. Pay for your meal, serve yourself and join us in the banquet room. Spend the afternoon enjoying food and the company of the Legion family!

Smokehaus at Sportsman's Lodge Restaurant & Lounge
6633 Sportsman's Ln Fort Campbell Kentucky

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 289

TREES OF CHRISTMAS

The Auxiliary has created a tree at the Smith Trahern Mansion at 101 McClure Street Clarksville, TN. It is part of The annual Trees of Christmas, this year's theme "Standing On the Shoulders of Others". A theme Celebrating 100 years for the right for women to vote.

The display is open to the Community for a \$1-2 donation thru Christmas there are so many beautiful trees and creations to see. At our open House on 1 December we were pleasantly surprised to have The Department Americanism Chairwoman visit. Even Mayor Joe Pitts stopped by.



Department Americanism
Chairperson
Candy Kurilko



LeAnne Bryant, Sue Johnson, Dawn Schmidt,
Billie Zeveney, & Astra Eaglin



Sue Johnson, Billie Zeveney, Astra Eaglin, & Sharon
Crisp

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SELFLESS SERVICE

On 10 November at the American Legion Auxiliary celebrated its centennial birthday. Sue Johnson and a few other ladies set up a social at the Clarksville Tennessee Veterans Home . The Unit was very well received by the facility and it was an honor to visit veterans and family members there.



Pictured from left to right: Astra Eaglin, Betty Colbert, & Dawn Schmidt

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Christmas can be joyous and wonderful when surrounded by family and friends. There are many who may not have a lot, or many feel alone in a crowd. Our best wishes go out to each and every one of you. We are a family of veterans, of community.

As we rush, rush, rush on by, try to take a moment to look up and around. Greet your neighbors, those you pass in the market, or in busy traffic while stopped at a light. A smile can go a long way. A kind word can be remembered forever.

Many members have recently been in accidents, dealing with medical problems, health concerns, keep them all in your thoughts.