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February 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 Executive Meeting 6:00 – 8:30pm Daymar Colle	5 Veterans Day on the Hill Creative Writing Class for Military and Families	6	7	8 2020 Mid-Winter Conference 1200 Conference Center Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN
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16	17 Presidents' Day American Legion Auxiliary Unit 289 Membership Meeting 6:00 – 8:00pm	18 Post Membership Meeting 5:30 – 7:30pm, Daymar College, 2691 Trenton Rd,	19	20	21	22
23	24 Pinewood Derby at Barkers Mills Elementary School - 6:30PM	25 Last day for newsletter articles	26	27	28 Honor Guard Training 6:00 – 8:00pm Sykes Funeral Home & Crematory 424 Franklin St	29

VETERANS CRISIS HOTLINE



PHONE: 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/>

MONTHLY SOCIALS

The social will be casual and informal, so that we can get to know other Legionaires and their guests. It will also be a post mentorship program, to share information about the Legion, the Four (4) Pillars of the American Legion and other topics our Veterans would like to discuss.

Who: American Legion Members & Guests

What: Veteran Social

Where: Fazoli's (Near Lowes)

When: Tuesday, 18 February from 4:00PM to 6:00PM

You can contact Billie Zeveney 931-338-7610 or davenbill@yahoo.com if you have any questions about this particular event.

POST HONOR/COLOR GUARD NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Post honor/color guard is now ready. As of the first of the year we will be honoring our veterans at their funerals. We've all worked hard to get to this place.

The honor/color guard is only 15 strong. With that said, we are looking for more of our member to volunteer to become a member of the honor/color. If anyone is interested, you can contact the following people:

1. Sergeant-of-Arms Bob Sisson: Phone: (931) 919-3712 – Email: bob@sissonmail.com
2. Commander: David Zeveney: Phone: (931) 338-7612 – Email: zeveneydavid@gmail.com

POST OFFICER ELECTIONS ARE COMING IN APRIL

The election for our post officers is in April this year. Anyone interested in any of the positions, need to notify any officer by the membership meeting in March. They will take office in May. The following positions are:

Officer	Candidates		
Commander	David Zeveney		
Adjutant:	Bob Grigsby		
Finance Officers	Larry Johnson		
1 st Vice Commander			
2 nd Vice Commander			
Sergeant-of-Arms	Bob Sisson		
Chaplain	Carmen Cherry		
Service Officer	John Beck		

If you are interested in any of these positions, you can contact us by going to our website; www.tnpost289.com, our Facebook page; <https://www.facebook.com/pg/AmericanLegion289/>, email; tnpost289@gmail.com, or any officer listed at the end of this [newsletter](#).

BUDDY CHECK WEEK

It's that time to check up on our comrades. Last count we had over 350 members in our Post. We need volunteers to give them a call to see how they are doing. Buddy check is from March 15th through 21st. We need volunteers to call our members. The officers can't do it all. We need to have members call other members. If you are interested in helping us give our members a call, please contact one of the officers at the end of the newsletter.

CPR AND NARCAN TRAINING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

We have been given openings to CPR and Narcan training. We are looking for members in our post that may be interested in these classes. We don't have dates for the classes yet. Anyone interested please call contact the Commander or any officer on the list at the end of the newsletter.

WAREHOUSE 41 BOOTH

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.

CHAPLAIN REPORT

Over the fall months of October, November & December we were able to reach out and provide comfort and prayer to 12 Veterans and family members from Clarksville to Nashville. In October there were 3 at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville and 3 at Tennova Hospital here in Clarksville. In November, 3 Veterans and family members at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville and 2 at Tennova Hospital here in Clarksville were visited. One Veteran at Saint Thomas Hospital in Nashville was visited in December.

If anyone knows a Veteran that is shut-in or hospitalized and would like chaplain support, please contact the Chaplain team.

Have a Blessed Day and God Bless!

Carmen Cherry, Post Chaplain (931) 551- 6070 and Faye Cherry, Auxiliary Chaplain (931) 257-6447.

COMMITTEE'S NEEDED FOR SEVERAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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

- **Financial Audit Team** – The audit is required annually. The reason for the audit is to make sure the numbers are correct and that the new officers know what our finances are in accordance with the Post's Constitution and By-Laws. These members **CANNOT BE OFFICERS**, they must be members of the Post.
- **Volunteers to award JROTC medals** to the schools throughout the spring. It really helps for the members to award our JROTC members at the local schools. All the Clarksville schools that have a JROTC program get awards from our Post.
- Chairpersons of open vacancies, Chairpersons are selected by the Commander each year to help with American Legion Programs. We are currently looking for the following:
 - Children & Youth
 - National Security
 - Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

These are just to name a few. We also need chairpersons for events such as:

- Setting up the dinner for the upcoming certification and installation of officers
- Annual American Legion birthday event in March. (If we don't get a committee together, no event will occur.)

Each program/event has several opportunities, we cannot do them all, but we can 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!

You can contact any officer or committee chairperson if interested at email tnpost289@gmail.com or go to our website. www.tnpost289.org and go to the Contact Us page to express your interest in any of the programs and committees.

ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

One contestant represented the Clarksville Montgomery County Community in The American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Contest at Sixth District on 25 January 2020 in Nashville. The Sixth District is comprised of 26 American Legion Posts and only four high school contestants competed at that level.

To prepare for the District contest Oratorical Chairman Robert Lamon held a mock contest at the Ajax Senior Citizen Center on 18 January 2020. Comrades Larry Johnson, Tony Saluzzo, and Charles Cook played critical roles as Judges, Tabulators and Escorts to conduct a preparatory contest for Annissia Emanuel with the guidance of her mother Cicely Emanuel. Annissia was given an overall brief and introduced to the officials, and then given time to prepare. She presented her prepared oration on Article 6 of the Constitution required to be 8 to 10 minutes. A second assigned discourse randomly selected from a choice of four was then presented to her. She had 5 minutes to prepare herself and then delivered her oration Article 24.

The contest was developed in 1938 to instill a better knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States in High School Students. A \$25 gift certificate was presented on behalf of the post, generously donated by Chaplain Carmen Cherry. She will also receive a \$25 check from the Department for her participation at District level. We are very proud of Annissia's hard work demonstrating great knowledge of The Constitution and the responsibilities of the nation's citizens.

2020 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 8-9 (REGISTER BY 8 JANUARY)

The *Department MID-WINTER Conference* brings together Department, Division, District & Post Officers as well as members from the state of Tennessee together to discuss business & programs as implemented across the area. It is an opportunity to meet other Legionnaires and to hear how their posts are active in the 4 Pillars caring for Veterans and the community. Among those who will attend, a few will be chosen as delegates at the January post meeting. The Registration Fee is \$25 which includes breakfast with the Department Commander. For more information, registration, & agenda go to: <http://www.tennesseelegion.org/>

BOB COSMAN'S PURPLE HEART PROJECT MISSION

The project is designed to introduce physically or mentally combat Wounded Warriors, still suffering from the negative effects of combat, to the peace and joy that can be found through the therapy of traditional hand tool woodworking.

We accomplish our mission in two ways:

- 1) We provide a free lifetime membership to Rob Cosman's Online Workshop to any Wounded Warrior suffering from the negative effects of combat, and
- 2) by annually providing 36 physically or mentally combat Wounded Warriors with an all-expenses paid Purple Heart Project scholarship to attend one of Rob Cosman's Training the Hand Workshops.

We produce an online workshop where I broadcast half-hour woodworking training episodes. It is a members-only website, but combat Wounded Warriors get a free lifetime membership. Our goal is to reach Veterans who cannot come in person to our Training the Hand Workshop and thereby introduce them to the joy and peace that can be found through the therapy of woodworking.

All those that may be interested, you can contact them several ways:

- 1) Their website: <https://robcosman.com/> and click **Purple Heart Project**.



- 2) Call them: 877-967-5966
- 3) Email: Click the Contact Us link at the bottom of the webpage.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

The Post has enrolled in the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**. When you Shop online or at any Kroger store using your Loyalty Card, it will raise funds to help us help our local veteran community. If you don't have an account with Kroger, go to www.kroger.com to create a new account. Search for **Post 289** by name or **PK112** to link your Loyalty Card to the Rewards program. Those with existing accounts can log in and choose **PK112** to enroll. Once enrolled, you will earn rewards for Post 289 every time you shop using your Loyalty Card.

H & R BLOCK TO SPEAK AT THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Comrade Larry Johnson reached out to one of the H & R Block offices. Alejandro Jungo from HR Block has agreed to be our speaker during our next membership meeting, February 18th. Alejandro will give a short tax talk about the annual coupon promotion with them. The post is taking part in H&R Block's Nonprofit Referral Program again this year. For every new client to H&R Block that uses the coupon code **40010001093423**, the post will receive \$20. When getting your taxes done, just give them the referral code.

AMATEUR "HAM" RADIO CLASS & EXAMINATION FEBRUARY

Learn the basics and prepare to take your entry level "Technician" exam!!!

What is Ham Radio? [Source: <https://www.ARRL.org> What is Ham Radio?]

"Amateur Radio" (ham radio) is a popular hobby and service that brings people, electronics and communication together. People use ham radio to talk across town, around the world, or even into space, all without the Internet or cell phones. It's fun, social, educational, and can be a lifeline during times of need.

You can set up a ham radio station anywhere! In a field, at a club station, or at home. Although Amateur Radio operators get involved for many reasons, they all have in common a basic knowledge of radio technology and operating principles and pass an examination for the FCC license to operate on radio frequencies known as the "Amateur Bands." These bands are radio frequencies allocated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for use by ham radio operators."

Dates: February 15, 22 & 29, 2020

Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location: Dickson County Emergency Operations Center
284 Cowan Rd.

Dickson, TN 37055

Cost: Materials plus \$15 Exam Fee day of exam

Learn more at: [Amateur Radio Technician License Course Summary](#) or Contact w4cmg@arrl.net for more info!

UPCOMING PACK 510 & TROOP 289 EVENTS

We have two upcoming scouting events this month; Camp Cards and the Annual Soap Box Derby

Camp Card - Our Pack 510 and Troop 289 will begin selling camp cards. This is new type of fundraising product sale than is been utilized by Pack and Troop to raise money to support the units, outdoor programs and council operations.

The cards include discounts from various businesses represented in the local council territory and typically have one-time use "break off" coupons along with multi-use offers.

The cards are most widely offered at the low price point of \$5.00. Customers recoup their donation by using one of the two one-time coupons, and enjoy multiple food, service and entertainment discounts throughout the year.

Someone from the Scouts will be available at the February membership meeting to sell the cards.

Pinewood Derby - Pack 510 will have its annual Pinewood Derby at Barkers Mills Elementary School on February 24th at 6:30PM. Come out and support our Pack.

AMERICANISM MONTH

February is Americanism Month! From the American Legion Americanism Manual:

Americanism is love of America; loyalty to her institutions as the best yet devised by man to secure life, liberty, individual dignity, and happiness; and the willingness to defend our country and Flag against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

It is a vital, active, living force. Americanism means peace, strength, the will and the courage to live as free men in a free land. It means a friendly hand to people everywhere who respects our institutions and our thinking. It is not a word; it is a cause, a way of life – the best way of life ever known – a challenge and a hope in this world.

Americanism is an ideal of loyal patriotism, religious tolerance, righteous freedom, fearless courage, honest integrity, abiding faith in the commanding destiny of the United States, and a fathomless love for the principles that led our forefathers who founded this country.

It is complete and unqualified loyalty to the ideals of government as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. It is respect for, and ready obedience to, duly constituted authority and the laws of the land. It is freedom without license, religion without bigotry, charity without bias, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty for our nation and for our posterity.

As we go forward into the new year, keep Americanism in the forefront of your day to day interactions. Remember... Your vote CAN make a difference. Encourage your neighbors to be active not in protest but in education of policy, of law, of what is right for America.

The first Sunday in February is recognized as Four Chaplains Sunday. On that day many American Legions and other organizations recognize the heroism demonstrated 77 years ago.

An article written in the American Legion Magazine, February 2015 can be found at:

<http://www.fourchaplains.org/american-legion-magazine-feb-2015-article/>

JOBS AND JOB FAIRS (FROM THE MCVV NEWSLETTER)

LOTS OF GREAT JOBS! Follow the link to a goggle doc that lists Jobs and Job Fairs.

[Link to Jobs and Job Fairs](#)

VETERAN BENEFITS

TAX RELIEF FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS

Mrs. Wiggins, the Montgomery County Trustee County Trustee will be our guest speaker for the March membership meeting. It's an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about tax relief options. Her office is located at 350 Pageant Lane, Suite 101-B, Clarksville, TN 37040. Phone: 931-648-5717. Email: kbwiggins@mcgtn.net

If you're a veteran, elderly, disabled or a disabled veteran including widows of veterans you are entitled to some tax relief! See the figure below for more information. <https://mcgtn.org/trustee/veteran-tax-relief>



You may qualify for Tax Relief if you meet ALL the requirements under one of the following categories*Applications must be completed and taxes must be paid in full by April 6, 2020. For more information visit our website at www.mcgtn.org/trustee

Elderly	Disabled	Disabled Veteran or Widow of a Veteran
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Must be 65 years as of December 2019 ■ Own and use the property as primary residence ■ The combined 2018 income from ALL sources including spouse must not exceed \$29,860 ■ The spouse's income is included whether or not they have an ownership interest in the property. ■ All owner's signatures must be present on documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ You must be totally and permanently disabled as rated by the Social Security Administration ■ Own and use the property as primary residence ■ Spouse's income is included whether or not they have an ownership interest in the property ■ All owner's signatures must be present on documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 100% Disabled Veteran / Spouse of Disabled Veteran ■ Veteran's disability should be rated as permanently service or combat related ■ Own and use the property as your primary residence ■ Widow(er)-Veteran's Death Certificate
Required	Supporting	Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Documentation from Social Security indicating 2018 income (1099) ■ A copy of prior year (2018) income tax return (1040) ■ Proof of age - Valid driver's license 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Documents from Social Security indicating 2018 income (1099) ■ A copy of prior year (2018) income tax return (1040) ■ Proof of age - Valid driver's license 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TN Driver's License Driver's License/State ID ■ Voter Registration Card ■ If no State ID-2019 Bank Statement to prove residence

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Sergeant-at-Arms	Bob Sisson	931-919-3712	bob@sissonmail.com
Service Officer	John Beck	817-301-9223	Jmbeck5729@sbcglobal.net
Chaplain	Carmen Cherry	931-551-6070	Carmencherry1949@gmail.com

AUXILIARY NEWS:

The Auxiliary will be raising funds by volunteering during Valentines week. On 11, 12, 13 & 14 February they will be helping in the Fort Campbell Shop preparing and delivering flowers and creations. The volunteer time will be paid back to the Post by the owner of the shop. If you can assist on any of those days for a few hours of more, please let the Unit President know as soon as possible. Contact Dawn Schmidt at 931-444-4652.

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