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JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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19	20 Martin Luther King Day	21 Membership Meeting & Potluck – 5:30PM Daymar College	22	23	24	25 Veteran Social @ Silke's Old World beards from 9-11AM
26	27	28	29	30	31 Honor Guard Trng @ 6:00PM Sykes Funeral Home	

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/>

MONTHLY SOCIALS

As we begin a new year, we will begin a new monthly social event that we hope to get more members involved in. 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 and the Four (4) Pillars we stand for. The first one kicks off in January!

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Who: American Legion Members & Guests

What: Veteran Social

Where: Silkes Old World Breads, 1214 College Street Clarksville, TN

When: Saturday 25 January 0900-1100

Grab some food and drink and come sit with other Veterans and members of the post. Let's get to know each other and share information, learning "What is the American Legion". The space is a 1st come 1st serve, we will gather in the smaller room to the right when you enter just before the counter. The management cannot reserve space, but will keep it closed off for us. You can contact Billie Zeveney 931-338-7610 or davenbill@yahoo.com if you have any questions about this particular event.

POST HONOR GUARD HONORS NAVY ADCS (AW) STEPHEN PERRY (RETIRED)

We did our first honor on November 30, 2019 giving Navy ADCS (AW) Stephen Perry, NAVY (Ret) a 21-gun salute. The family and Sykes were proud of how we presented ourselves.

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. They will take office in May. The following positions are:

- Commander
- Adjutant
- Finance Officers
- 1st Vice Commander
- 2nd Vice Commander
- Sergeant-of-Arms
- Chaplain
- Judge Advocate
- Service Officer
- Public Relations Officer

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 the [newsletter](#).

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.

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

- **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
- **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
- 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.

ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The post has had 4 applicants come forward to Participate in the Americal Legion Oratorical Scholarship Contest. The post will send contestant to the District level in late January and with them well. Comrade Robert Lamon is the Committee Chairman, Billi Zeveney & Sandra Empey are Committee members for the 2019-2020 year. The National Finalist will earn over \$22,000 scholarship funds.

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/>

EXPANSION OF BENEFITS TO ELIGIBLE VETERANS

The DoD is expanding commissary, military exchange, and morale, welfare, and Recreation (MWR) retail privileges. Starting Jan. 1, 2020, access will expand to include all veterans with service-connected disabilities, veterans who are Purple Heart recipients, veterans who are former prisoners of war, and individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. Learn more by visiting: <https://download.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Factsheets/expanding-access-fact-sheet.pdf>

UPCOMING PACK 510 & TROOP 289 EVENTS

We have two upcoming scouting events in February; Camp card sales 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.

Soap Box 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 to found 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.

Upcoming Americanism Date to know 2 February 2019 is recognized as Four Chaplains Sunday.

An article written in the American Legion Magazine, February 2015 can be found at:
<http://www.fourchaplains.org/american-legion-magazine-feb-2015-article/>

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!

YELLOW RIBBON INTEGRATION PROGRAM (YRRP)

What is YRRP? The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP) is a DoD-wide effort to promote the well-being of National Guard and Reserve members, their families and communities, by connecting them with resources throughout the deployment cycle. Through YRRP events, Service members and loved ones connect with local resources before, during, and after deployments. Reintegration during post-deployment is a critical time for members of the Guard and Reserve, as they often live far from military installations and members of their units. Commanders and leaders play a critical role in assuring that Reserve Service members and their families attend YRRP events where they can access information on health care, education/training opportunities, financial, and legal benefits. We work in conjunction with federal partners, including the Small Business Administration and Departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs, to provide up-to-date and relevant information to the members of the all-volunteer force and their families.

28 February 2019 there will be an YRRP Event in Nashville, volunteers are always needed & welcome. If you are interested contact SSG Tim Bates Yellow Ribbon Coordinator 615-313-0689.

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