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Up Coming Calendar of Events

July	
2 nd	Executive Meeting – 6pm @ Daymar Institute
4 th	Independence Day
12, 19, 26	Honor Guard Training Fridays at 6pm @ Sykes Funeral Home & Crematory
8 th	Clarksville's Mayor's summer night lights - July 8, 2019 at 5 – 9pm @ Summit Heights in Clarksville – Post 289 will have a table and teach Flag Etiquette!
13 th	Sixth District Commanders Tour, Post 289 is hosting! All members invited. 12pm @ 223 N 2 nd Street Clarksville (Masonic Lodge). Meal is \$10. RSVP by 9 July 931-338-7610.
20, 27	Color Guard Training - Saturdays at 9:30 – 11am @ Austin Peay State University ROTC Gym
16 th	Post Membership meeting, 6PM at Daymar Institute. Come early for a potluck and fellowship with post members
August	
Every Friday	Honor Guard Training Fri 6pm @ Sykes Funeral Home & Crematory
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
11 th	9/11 Remembrance
18-21 st	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.

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.

NOTE FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN & COMMITTEE

1 July 2019 is the opening date to pay for Annual dues for 2020. You can pay online at mylegion.org, mail to P.O. Box 2641 Clarksville, TN or in person at the membership meetings (or any post event). Contact Membership Chairman Tony Walters 931-338-3337 with any questions you may have.

6TH DISTRICT COMMANDERS TOUR

The 6th District Commanders Tour will be hosted by Post 289 as detailed on the Department Calendar. The commander's tour is held once a year after elections. The 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. *RSVP NLT 9 July Billie Zeveney 931-338-7610 (Meal planning)*

Event: Sixth District Commander's Tour

Location: Post 289 of Clarksville will host the event at the Masonic Lodge, 223 N 2nd Street, Clarksville, TN

Date: Saturday, July 13, 2019

Time: 12:00 PM

Menu: BBQ with Sides, Dessert, Tea, Coffee or Water. \$10.00

PAST POST 289 COMMANDER WILLIE SMITH TO: THE MEMBERS OF POST 289

Comrades when I started working on getting Post 289 off the ground, I had my personnel reasons for starting a new post in Clarksville. But as I put in the work alongside Past 6th District Commander Stan Milton I discovered that my motivation for starting the post was changing.

The more I talked with veterans from the north side of town the more I discovered that the north side needed a post of its own. I also discovered that there are a lot of vets out there that don't know about us or what we do. It amazed me to hear from vets that our scholarship programs, support for the scouting program, the service provided by the honor/color guards was unknown by our vets. With that being said, it was an honor serving as Commander of Post 289 during its first three years of operation and I hope to continue providing service to the post as well as the veterans across this county, district, and state.

Next, I would like to send a much deserved congratulation to the new Commander David Zeveney. He has shown he has what it takes to be a good one. I hope that the membership gives him the same, if not more, support that you all gave me.

Commander Zeveney I want you to know that I will always be there when you need me. Again, I wish you much success during your tenure.

6th District Commander

Willie H. Smith

BEST WISHES TO OUR ASSISTANT SERGEANT AT ARMS

Wallace Mason has served as the Assistant SGT at Arms for the last 6 months as the post stood up its Honor Guard and Color Guard. His dedication and leadership has been greatly appreciated. He is moving on with his family, but we hope that his travels will lead him back to Post 289. Pictured at left: Bob Sisson SGT at Arm & Wallace Mason Assistant SGT at Arms.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



A few of our post members were able to visit PUFL Legionnaire Anton Derbort on his birthday 31 May. All members and guests shared some good conversation & reminisced on our military past. Anton is a World War II Veteran and resides at the Clarksville Tennessee State Veterans' Home.

MAYOR'S SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS

On June 12th Post 289 promoted Flag Advocacy and Youth engagement through positive engagement. Post 289 members, Auxiliary Unit 289, Boy Scout Troop 289, and Cub Scout Pack 510 demonstrated Flag folding and other aspects of Flag Advocacy.



Pictured above: Commander David Zeveney, Mayor Joe Pitts, Adjutant Sandra Empey; Boy Scout from Troop 289 and unnamed participant; Boy Scout & Scoutmaster Troop 289 Jeff Walters, unnamed participant & Legionnaire Jerry Colbert.

Post 289 will return to do it again on 8 July from 5-8 pm at Summit Heights. Volunteers are welcome. Come out and enjoy the fun. Come out for an hour or spend 3 with us and the community!

Mayor's Summer Night Lights, coordinated by the Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department, continues at eight locations on Mondays and Wednesdays through July 24th. The program is designed for teens, but all ages are welcome. A meal is provided free of charge by Manna Café each night of the program. Free swimming is provided from 6:00pm-8:00pm June 3rd at New Providence Pool and July 17th at Bel-Aire Pool.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 289 COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Boy Scout Troop 289 is always out there supporting the community. On 15 June the troop was out on the grounds of Historic Collinsville doing beatification and restoration.



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

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.

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>

DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

Here are some key details from the Blue Water Navy Act that was just signed into law by the President.

Effective Date: The new law goes into effect on January 1, 2020.

VA's Responsibility: Within 120 days, the Secretary of the VA is required to submit a report to the Senate and the House of Representatives detailing the Secretary's plans "to conduct outreach" to Veterans concerning this new legislation and "to respond to inquiries from Veterans regarding claims for disability compensation" under these new statutory provisions.

Translation: Within 120 days, we will know what the VA's "go forward plan" is regarding these disability compensation claims, including the unanswered questions of whether Nehmer rules will apply to these cases, how the VA intends to prioritize these cases, etc.

Definition of Offshore: A location is deemed to be "offshore of Vietnam" (and thus eligible for the presumption of Agent Orange exposure) if the location is within 12 nautical miles of the coast of Vietnam and Cambodia, along a line of demarcation intersecting the following points:

Points Geographic Names	Latitude North	Longitude East
At Hon Nhan Island, Tho Chu Archipelago Kien Giang Province	9°15.0'	103°27.0'
At Hon Da Island southeast of Hon Khoai Island Minh Hai Province	8°22.8'	104°52.4'
At Tai Lon Islet, Con Dao Islet in Con Dao-Vung Toa Special Sector	8°37.8'	106°37.5'
At Bong Lai Islet, Con Dao Islet	8°38.9'	106°40.3'
At Bay Canh Islet, Con Dao Islet	8°39.7'	106°42.1'
At Hon Hai Islet (Phu Qui group of islands) Thuan Hai Province	9°58.0'	109°5.0'
At Hon Doi Islet, Thuan Hai Province	12°39.0'	109°28.0'
At Dai Lanh point, Phu Khanh Province	12°53.8'	109°27.2'
At Ong Can Islet, Phu Khanh Province	13°54.0'	109°21.0'
At Ly Son Islet, Nghia Binh Province	15°23.1'	109° 9.0'
At Con Co Island, Binh Tri Thien Province	17°10.0'	107°20.6'

Spina Bifida Cases: Under this law, benefits are now available for children diagnosed with spina bifida who had a parent who served at covered locations in Thailand (e.g., Royal Thai Air Bases in certain military occupational specialties) during the Vietnam War. (This coverage is already available for children diagnosed with spina bifida who had a parent who served in Vietnam and along the Demilitarized Zone [DMZ] in Korea).

New Starting Date For Korean DMZ Presumptions: The new law amends the starting date for the presumption of exposure to Agent Orange to apply to a Veteran who served along the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) from April 1, 1968, to September 1, 1967