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POST MEETING ARE EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY EACH MONTH AT 1800 HOURS, LOCATED AT DAYMAR INSTITUTE ON TRENTON RD.

COMMANDER: WILLIE SMITH

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***Up Coming Calendar of Events for March***

**February**

19 <sup>th</sup>	Membership meeting. Speaker Brian Flanary talks about Reboot Combat Recovery
	American Legion Consolidated Post Report (CPR)

**March is Community Service Month**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Arbor Day for Fort Campbell. New date!
5 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Officers Meeting at 1800 Hours at Daymar Institute
8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Honor Guard Practice, 1800 Hours at Sykes Funeral Home & Crematory, 424 Franklin St, Clarksville
11 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Buddy Call Week – Larry Johnson is the Point of Contact (POC) for planning a group activity that week.
15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>American Legion Birthday</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	The National Commander's visit to Nashville, Clarksville, and Dover had been rescheduled for March 17 – 19, 2019.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Auxiliary Membership Meeting, 1800 Hours at Daymar Institute
19 <sup>th</sup>	Post Membership meeting, 1800 Hours at Daymar Institute. Come early for a potluck and fellowship with post members
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Blue and Gold Banquet – Boy Scouts of American Founding Anniversary

**April – Children and Youth Month**

5 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	Honor Guard Practice, 1800 Hours at Sykes Funeral Home & Crematory, 424 Franklin St, Clarksville
4 <sup>th</sup>	JROTC Award Presentations - 6pm – 7pm, Northeast High School
15 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Auxiliary Membership Meeting, 1800 Hours at Daymar Institute
16 <sup>th</sup>	Post Membership meeting, 1800 Hours at Daymar Institute. Come early for a potluck and fellowship with post members
26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	Military weekend at Talladega Superspeedway

**NEXT MEETING**

The Post meeting is every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**REBOOT COMBAT RECOVERY – SPEAKER BRIAN FLANARY**

REBOOT Combat Recovery is our 12-week faith-based trauma healing course designed to help combat veterans and their families recover from the spiritual and moral wounds of war. Since 2011, thousands of REBOOT graduates have seen their hope restored and lives transformed.

The REBOOT Alliance exists to help veterans, first responders and their families heal from the moral and spiritual wounds associated with service-related trauma.

We do this through our groundbreaking trauma healing courses – REBOOT Combat Recovery and Firstline, which provide a unique blend of clinical insight with Christian faith-based support. Our courses are private and peer-led, inclusive of the entire family, and offered at no cost to participants.

The REBOOT Alliance is headquartered near Fort Campbell, KY, where it was founded in 2011 by occupational therapist Dr. Jenny Owens and her husband, Evan. What began as a small group meeting in the Owens' home has expanded to hundreds of courses and thousands of graduates across the U.S. and around the world.

Starting on Thursday, February 28th at 6pm for two hours a week for 12 weeks at Clarksville Grace Church of the Nazarene, focusing on the spiritual aspects of combat recovery. We are a free course - not a support group providing practical help for veterans, service members and families dealing with after effects of combat. You won't find shortcuts or easy answers, but instead you'll find solutions that last. Dinner and childcare provided. Register at [rebootalliance.com/reboot#join](http://rebootalliance.com/reboot#join)

## CONSOLIDATE POST REPORT (CPR)

The Consolidated Post Report was established in 1975 in order to assist departments in the documentation of the various activities a specific post has done during the twelve-month reporting period, June 1 through May 31. The Consolidated Post Report (CPR) may be the most important document your post will complete this year. Your post's information, combined with that of other posts, is used when the National Commander and others testify on Capitol Hill on behalf of all veterans. Each post has a story to tell and when we speak collectively our strength is magnified.

Anything you do for the Post, is volunteer work and can be put on the CPR. If you look at the Honor guard for example, we cannot put "numbers" in there, yet I will be adding the narrative of the volunteer hours we have spent on the training. Which in Jan was about 120 hours. Another example, is updating and maintaining the Post website and writing the newsletter, combined ours for the month of February is 50 hours. If you're in doubt send the hours to the adjutant anyway. She will be able to determine where to put the hours on the CPR.

## CENTENNIAL DANCE

What a great turn out to our centennial Dance! We are so thankful for the 101st Division Band, our guest speaker Colonel Kirkpatrick and his wife Kristie, all our special guests and judges for the dessert contest that helped make this dance a success.



Thanks to all the attendees that dressed in period dress, all the wonderful members and guests who joined in the centennial celebration. We can't leave out all those who worked tirelessly planning and putting this all together, Thank You!

## JROTC AWARDS

Post 289 will have the privilege of awarding 14 JROTC cadets with the American Legion Awards this year in 7 schools in Clarksville Montgomery County School District. We would like to see member participation in the audience supporting the awardees. The award ceremonies will be in the months of March, April & May. We will update Facebook and the newsletter with upcoming ceremonies so that you can plan ahead.

The first Award Ceremony will be at Kenwood Highschool, on 16 March 2019 at 6:00PM at Cole Park Commons Fort Campbell.

## NEWS

If you have not yet paid your membership dues, you may notice a recent national mailer sent out to you as a reminder. You can pay your dues online at <https://www.legion.org/membership/whyjoin>, [store.tnpost289.org](https://store.tnpost289.org), by mailing it in to the post, or dropping it off at a meeting.

Please submit any volunteer hours/donations you have done as an American Legion member; these numbers are reported to Department and National before congress.

On 9 March 2019 the Department Oratorical contest will be held at the Department Headquarters.

On 27 April 2019 is the 6th District Convention it will be hosted by Post 289 at TN Operation Standdown, 1125 12th Ave S. Nashville, TN Cost is \$10 spaghetti w/sauce, salad, green beans, garlic bread and desert, coffee/tea. What is the 6th District Convention? American Legion Structure: Post 289 falls under 6th District, under Middle TN, under the American Legion Department of Tennessee. At the convention district leaders are elected, business is discussed and most importantly there are Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Riders and Sons of the Legion from throughout District for you to meet & greet with. We are part of a larger family.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTH

The month of March is Community Service month. According to the Americanism manual:

“The objective of the broad, far-reaching community service program of The American Legion is “to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation.” One of the most lasting Legion contributions to American life is that of making our communities better places in which to live.

Community Service is a major Americanism activity. Several good projects should be included on the program of every Post each year. Every project completed adds strength and better service to the community.

It will be a sense of great satisfaction in later years to look over worthwhile institutions in a community and be able to say: “The American Legion started that in this area.”

Hundreds of projects, designed for the betterment of communities, are sponsored each year by Posts. Every community needs many improvements, and therein lies the opportunity for the local Post to take the lead in an active, aggressive campaign for community betterment.”

### **Together, we make a difference**

The American Legion provides life-changing assistance and guidance for veterans, military personnel, their families and communities in thousands of ways every day around the world. Help comes in the form of personal assistance, cash grants, donated goods, disaster relief, labor, networking, volunteerism and advocacy.

## NATIONAL COMMANDERS VISIT

The National Commander’s visit to Nashville, Clarksville, and Dover had been rescheduled for March 17 – 19, 2019. National Commanders Tour Committee meeting is on 28 February 2019, 1800hrs @ Daymar Institute. The meetings will be every Thursday until 17 March 2019.

Clarksville will welcome National Commander Brett Reistad on 17 March at 10:30AM at Kenwood High School. The address is 251 E. Pine Mountain Rd., Clarksville, TN. This is the first known visit of an American Legion National Commander to come to Clarksville. The public, all military, former military and families are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Fae Casper, 931-436-7452 / [fae0316@comcast.net](mailto:fae0316@comcast.net) or Ernest Schmidt, 931-624-8564 / 931-494-896 [/eaglewarr7@yahoo.com](mailto:eaglewarr7@yahoo.com).

## MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Ernest Schmidt received the Membership Excellence Award for Recruitment

## ARBOR DAY

**Arbor Day** (or **Arbour**; from the Latin *arbor*, meaning *tree*) is a holiday in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees. Today, many countries observe such a holiday. Though usually observed in the spring, the date varies, depending on climate and suitable planting season.

Arbor Day was founded in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton in Nebraska City, Nebraska. By the 1920s, each state in the United States had passed public laws that stipulated a certain day to be Arbor Day or *Arbor and Bird Day* observance.

National Arbor Day is celebrated every year on the last Friday in April; it is a civic holiday in Nebraska. Other states have selected their own dates for Arbor Day.

The customary observance is to plant a tree. On the first Arbor Day, April 10, 1872, an estimated one million trees were planted.

On 2 March 2019 at 10:00AM, Post 289 volunteers will be helping Fort Campbell to plant trees, as part of their initiative to plant 1000 trees in February. Due to the extraordinary amounts of rain in the community, some dates were postponed into March. The event will be from 10-4 but volunteers can come any the time during that time and assist with any part of the planting. The exact timeline and location are not yet distributed (dependent on the ongoing volunteer efforts this week).

If you are interested, please let Billie Zeveney via phone (931)338-7610 or email her at [americanlegion.post289adjutant@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegion.post289adjutant@gmail.com). When she gets more information, details will be texted/called/emailed, to you as soon as they are available. Please provide your preferred method of contact. The Facebook event will also be updated.

## TALLADEGA SUPERSPEEDWAY TICKETS AT A DISCOUNT

The commander received an email from Dean May, the military coordinator at Talladega Superspeedway earlier this month. If anyone is interested in going to the race on the weekend of April 24-26<sup>th</sup> you will be able to get tickets at a discount.



Military tickets start at \$30 per person for the Sunday race. These tickets are originally \$75. You can partner up with other posts and military organizations to create a larger group increasing your chances of bringing the largest group. The discounts are valid for family and friends, and they will count towards your group's total numbers.

Mr. May stated in the email that if we are one of the first 3 groups to purchase at least 10 tickets, he will also throw in an additional 10 free fan visions rentals for your group to use during the race.

If your group is the largest military group, someone in your group along with 2 or 3 other people from your group will be escorted down to victory lane with myself to before the race ends to shake hands with the winner of the race and hand over the freedom trophy. You will be able to stay for the entire post-race ceremony in victory lane.

Anyone that are interested or would like more information please give Mr. Day a call, 256-761-4766. Your group will have an amazing time at Talladega with friends and family. As soon as you reach 10 people, Mr. Day will get rid of any and all fees that will apply to your groups order.

## VIETNAM VETERANS PLEASE SHARE

MOAA Chapter member and APSU Professor LTC Dewey Browder reports that his colleague Dr. Zieren is having his students conduct interviews with Viet Nam veterans as part of the ongoing APSU Oral History Project. Any Viet Nam veteran who is willing to be interviewed by one of these APSU students should contact Mrs. Dusty Coates at 931-220-9572 or [DCOATES1@MY.APSU.EDU](mailto:DCOATES1@MY.APSU.EDU).

## BUDDY CHECK WEEK

As Legionnaires, our most sacred responsibility is to look out for each other and our fellow veterans. National Commander Brett Reistad has called for a Buddy Check during our National Week of Calling around the Legion's 100th birthday to

reach out to members and former members who may need help. Perhaps they have been waiting for a personal call or visit to renew or rejoin. No matter their situations, we can do as our founders did by making personal contact with veterans in our communities.

**Buddy Call Week – Larry Johnson is the Point of Contact (POC) for planning a group activity that week.**