



American Legion CSM Gary W. Crisp Post 289

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ADJUTANT: SANDRA EMPEY

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Eagle Scout Applications Due	2 Firing Team for Veterans Funeral at Kentucky West Veterans Cemetery - 1:15PM	3 Super Tuesday 6:00PM Exec Mtg K5TAL 80M Net6:30 – 7:30pm	4	5 Boys State Fundraiser- Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers 10:30AM-10:30PM	6 Arbor Day	7 Dept of TN Oratorical Contest
8 Daylight Savings Time	9	10 K5TAL 80M Net (0030 UTC Wed) 6:30 – 7:30pm N7ALR - Echolink Net 3/10, 11:00pm – 3/11, 12:00am	11	12	13 6:00PM Honor Guard	14 INDY K9TAL - Echolink Net 11:00am – 12:00pm K9TAL - 20M Net- 12:00 – 1:00pm
15 American Legion 101st Birthday	16 6:00 Aux Mtg	17 5:30 PM Membership Mtg K5TAL 80M Net 6:30 – 7:30pm Officer Candidate Deadline	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 6:00PM CERT Mtg K5TAL 80M Net 6:30 – 7:30pm	25 Cong. Medal of Honor Day Newsletter Deadline	26	27 6:00PM Honor Guard	28
American Legion Birthday (Buddy Checks) March 17-27						
29	30	31 Boy's State Registration Deadline K5TAL 80M Net-6:30 – 7:30pm				

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/>

POST WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

Just a quick note to come take a look at our website (<https://www.tnpost289.com/>) and our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegion289/>) to keep up to date on the many activities we are currently doing in the community.

JROTC/ROTC AWARDS

It is a ROTC Awards time! What does that mean? We have the privilege to provide and present awards to all 7 of the Clarksville Montgomery County School JROTC cadet awardees. For High School 1 Cadet is selected for the Military Excellence Bronze Award and 1 Cadet is selected for the Scholastic Excellence Bronze Award. For Austin Peay 1 Cadet is selected for the Military Excellence Silver & Gold Award, 1 Cadet is selected for the Scholastic Excellence Silver & Gold Award.

POST HONOR/COLOR GUARD NEEDS YOUR HELP

To date the Post Honor Guard has had the privilege to give final full honors to four (4) Veterans. We have taken the last 12 months practicing & preparing and welcome additional members to the team. The honor/color guard is currently only 15 strong. If you would like to volunteer or just ask questions about either the honor guard or the color guard contact:

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. With this CoronaVirus, walk-in candidates are welcome. You must be an active member and you will need to finish the Basic Training with 30 days of being elected if you haven't done so already.

The elected positions available are:

<i>Officer</i>	<i>Candidates</i>		
Commander	David Zeveney		
Adjutant:	Bob Grigsby		
Finance Officers	Larry Johnson		
1 st Vice Commander	Tony Soluzza		
2 nd Vice Commander	Ernest Schmidt		
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](#).

HELP REDUCE THE RISK OF SPREADING THE FLU, COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) AND OTHER ILLNESSES

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports that some people are at higher risk higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19. These people include:

- Older adults
- People who have serious chronic medical conditions like:
 - Heart disease
 - Diabetes
 - Lung disease

While risk to average Americans remains low, common sense measures can help protect some of our most vulnerable patients. To that end, TVHS is restricting inpatient visitation at its facilities. Until further notice, visitors are not allowed in

inpatient units, including Community Living Centers and intensive care units. Requests for visitation to hospice and palliative care units will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Additional notes:

- If you become sick, stay home and call ahead to your clinic or VA facility before visiting.
- Screening for COVID-19 will be underway at entrances to TVHS facilities.
- Outpatients should come to appointments alone if possible. If not, you may bring one immediate family member or caregiver.

For more information about Coronavirus and COVID-19 visit [VA's Public Health COVID page](#) or [CDC coronavirus disease 2019](#).

WAREHOUSE 41 BOOTH

The post has a booth is always in need of gently used household items and crafts. Are you spring cleaning? Crafty? A hoarder ready to downsize? Donate! Anything you have laying around; you haven't used think about donating. Items should be clean and serviceable. Looking for items – check out the booth! Contact Larry Johnson @ Americanlegionpost289.finance@gmail.com or 931-257-8069 if you have questions or would like to donate.

H & R BLOCK TO SPEAK AT THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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.

NEW "HAM" RADIO TECHNICIAN'S

We have two new Amateur HAM Technicians in the Post. After three grueling Saturday's and a Technician test, Commander David Zeveney, Service Officer John Beck. Congratulation's Comrades! Including Finance Officer Larry Johnson we know of 3 members certified. If there are any certified radio officers out there in the post let us know. Four (4) to have an official The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) at the post level.

STATE FARM QUOTES

Post 289 has partnered with the office of Michael Freemyer to help the post raise money as well has trying to save money for anyone who does not currently have their auto or home insurance with State Farm. It's as easy as calling their office and asking for a quote to compare with what you are now paying. In many cases, you can save money. But there is no obligation. For every new quote referred to them by the post, they will give us \$10 whether or not a new policy is purchased. This offer is good through the end of March. Please help the post and maybe yourself by giving them a call. Be sure to tell them that you were referred by Post 289.

Contact: Michael Freemyer Agency, Lacey Long, Acct Representative 931-436-2105

SCOUTING

On 24 February the Scouts competed in their troop Pinewood Derby. The children and adults all had a fabulous time. They are now prepared to compete at the District level. Wish them luck!

STAY IN THE LOOP ON VETERAN EMPLOYMENT

Paralyzed Veterans of America announces a new virtual engagement initiative from its employment program, PAVE (Paving Access for Veterans Employment), that specializes in helping veterans with disabilities find meaningful employment. PAVE Connect bridges a critical gap, reaching those who do not have the time, means, or ability to attend traditional employment or educational events. [Visit this link to learn more.](#)

JOBS AND JOB FAIRS (FROM THE MCVN 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

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FLAG RAISING AT IWO JIMA

On Feb. 23, 1945, four days after the initial assault on the island of Iwo Jima, Marines took control of the high ground and planted a flag atop Mt. Suribachi.

The flag raising didn't signal the end of the fight on Iwo Jima. It did motivate the Marines and corpsmen still flushing out an entrenched enemy force.

Medal of Honor recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams and Navajo Code Talker Thomas H. Begay recall what it was like to see the Stars and Stripes fly high over the island.

"It was the greatest feeling I ever had," Begay said.

The island, 10 square miles in area, was a Japanese stronghold halfway between Saipan and Tokyo. The Iwo Jima assault started Feb. 19, 1945, with three Marine divisions and more than 80,000 men. Four days later, Marines took

control of Mount Suribachi and raised the American flag. Joe Rosenthal's iconic image capturing the flag raising is the model for the Marine Corps War Memorial and the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

[The battle](#) lasted 36 days, killing 5,931 Marines. Additionally, 209 Navy corpsmen and surgeons assigned to the Marines died, as well as Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen from other units. More than 110,000 Marines, Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen served, with more than 26,000 killed or wounded.

SIXTH DISTRICT CONVENTION

Event: Sixth District Convention

Location: Host Post 48 at Grace Baptist Church, 3181 Walling Rd. Springfield, TN

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020

Additional Information: \$10.00 and Menu; Baked Chicken, Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert and Tea/Coffee

Time: 12:00 PM

Contact Information: Adjutant Cordell Short, 931-263-2900 C Email;wcshort@att.net

Duration: 2-3 hours

HOW DO I REQUEST COPIES OF MY MILITARY RECORDS?

<https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/ompf-access>

Certain basic information needed to locate military service records, includes: the veteran's complete name as used in service; service number; Social Security Number (if applicable); branch of service; dates of service; date and place of birth. For records affected by the 1973 Fire, additional information, such as place of discharge; last assigned unit; and place of entry into service may be useful.

To request military service records: veterans, the next-of-kin (the un-remarried widow or widower, son, daughter, father, mother, brother or sister) or authorized representatives may: Request Records Online with eVetRecs

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

On behalf of the American Legion Post 289 and The American Auxiliary Unit 289 Adjutant Sandra Empey & Americanism Chairman Billie Zeveney sponsored cakes for The 36th Annual Sweetheart Cake Bake. This year's theme "TN Triumph" At the Heart of Our Community 2020 Celebration 100th Year of Votes for Women. Proceeds donated directly support the Smith Trahern Mansion including Montgomery County FCE programs.

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AUXILIARY NEWS:

The Auxiliary will be raised funds by volunteering during Valentines week to deliver flowers and baskets too local residents. 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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