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POST MEETING EVERY 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 1800 HOURS, AT DAYMAR INSTITUTE ON TRENTON RD.

COMMANDER: WILLIE SMITH

ADJUTANT: BILLIE ZEVENEY

Up Coming Calendar of Events for May

May – National Military Appreciation Month

Every Friday	Honor Guard Practice, 1800 Hours at Sykes Funeral Home & Crematory, 424 Franklin St, Clarksville
7 th	Executive Meeting - Daymar Institute at 1800 Hours
8 th	V-E Day
10 th	JROTC Awards Presentations – Northwest High - 0830hrs - NWHS Main Gym – Willie Smith
15 th	Peace Officer Memorial Day
12 th – 18 th	National Law Enforcement Week
18 th	Armed Forces Day
18 th	Fort Campbell Retiree Appreciation Day 11:00AM
19 th – 25 th	American Legion Boy's State - Tennessee Tech University, 1 William L Jones Dr, Cookeville, TN 38505
20 th	Monthly Auxiliary Membership Meeting, 1800 Hours at Daymar Institute
21 st	Post Membership meeting, 1800 Hours at Daymar Institute. Come early for a potluck and fellowship with post members- Election of Post Officers
22 nd	National Poppy Day
27 th	Memorial Day
June	
4 th	Executive Meeting - Daymar Institute at 1800 Hours
14 th	Army's Birthday and Flag Day
18 th	Post Membership meeting, 1800 Hours at Daymar Institute. Come early for a potluck and fellowship with post members

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.

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 National Commander Brett Reistad. To read the complete article click this link: <https://www.legion.org/commander/245458/legion-va-team-approach-suicide-prevention>

CSM GARY W. CRISP, POST 289 OFFICER ELECTIONS

Elections are this month for Post 289. Please come and vote for your new 2019-2020 Officers. The elections will be held on Tuesday, May 21st during the membership meeting. The candidates and positions are listed below:

POSITION	CANDIDATE
Commander	David Zeveney
1 st Vice	Bob Grigsby
2 nd Vice	Ernest Schmidt
Finance Officer	Larry Johnson
Service Officer	Open / Vacant
Adjutant	Sandra Empey
Sergeant of Arms	Bob Sisson
Historian	Robert Lamon
Membership Chairman	Tony Walters

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: americanlegion.post289adjutant@gmail.com or to P.O. Box 2641 Clarksville, TN 37042 or Bob Grigsby. Bob.grigsby62@gmail.com.

BLANCHFIELD ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, Fort Campbell is looking for volunteers who may want to support the Patient Transport service during clinical hours (via golf cart). This is a great opportunity to provide customer service to veterans and their families. For more information contact: Laura Boyd at laura.c.boyd2.civ@mail.mil.

DISTRICT 6 CONVENTION

On April 27 the District convention convened at 1:00PM in Nashville at Operation Stand Down. There was a great lunch, comradery with the other Posts and of course elections for new 6th District Officers for 2019-2020.

Your new District 6 American Legion Commander is our own Commander Willie Smith. He will assume duties immediately following the Department Convention held 1-2 June 2019. Congratulations Commander on winning the nomination for Commander of American Legion Department District 6.



From left to right photo 1 - Luther (Lou) Holsonback Department Membership Chairman & Willie Smith Post 289 Commander; photo 2 - Dean Tuttle Department Adjutant, Steve Weismann Department Commander, Willie Smith Post 289 Commander, Diedre Tyler District 6 Commander

Post 289 also earned the 100% Honor Award 2019 streamer for reaching 100% membership goal.

JROTC AWARDS

This last month has been busy awarding our future leaders. Several awards were given out last month to our distinguished JROTC members in our schools across the Clarksville Montgomery County School System.

Presentations were at the following schools throughout March and April:

1. Rossvie High School by Larry Johnson – Post Financial Officer



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| a. | Cadet Christian Basham | Military Excellence |
| b. | Cadet Maria Hindi | Scholastic Excellence |

2. Northeast High School by David Zeveney – Post 1st Vice



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| a. | Cadet Angelina M. Egan | Military Excellence |
| b. | Cadet Anthony M. Lee | Scholastic Excellence |

3. Kenwood High School by Fae Casper – Post 289 Women’s Auxiliary 2nd Vice



- a. Cadet Ariana Byrd
- b. Cadet Joshua McKinley

Military Excellence
Scholastic Excellence

JROTC AWARDS CONTINUED

4. Clarksville High School by Carmen Cherry – Post Chaplain

- a. Cadet Koen G. Ploeckelman Military Excellence (No Photo Available)
- b. Cadet Ava A DoVanne Scholastic Excellence (No Photo Available)

5. Montgomery Central High School by Robert Lamon – Post 289 Historian

- a. Cadet Alexi Barfield Military Excellence (No Photo Available)
- b. Cadet Stephen Motes Scholastic Excellence (No Photo Available)

6. West Creek High School by Ernest Schmidt – Post 2nd Vice

- a. Cadet Simira Flakes Military Excellence (No Photo Available)
- b. Preston Livesey Scholastic Excellence (No Photo Available)

LEGIONNAIRE’S GET AWARDS

Several of our comrades received awards last month for membership recruitment, participation and recognition helping with Boy Scouts and the National Convention.



Comrade Tony Walters earned the National Commander’s Recruiting pin, presented by Commander Willie Smith.

LEGIONNAIRE'S GET AWARDS CONTINUED



Congratulations to 1st Vice David Zeveney and 2nd Vice Ernest A. Schmidt who received certificates of participation from Commander Willie Smith for all their long hours and hard work as members of the National Commander Visit Committee.



Dual member Legionnaire & Auxiliary Fae Casper and Auxiliary Unit President Dawn Schmidt receives a certificate of appreciation from Commander Willie Smith for her leadership as the National Commander's Visit Committee Chair.



Commander Willie Smith presented Bob Grigsby (webmaster) and Robert Lamon (Historian) certificates of recognition on behalf of Cub Scout Pack 510.

HOW DO YOU GET YOUR POST'S MESSAGE OUT TO YOUR COMMUNITY?

Our Financial Officer Larry Johnson found this article published on line by a post in North Carolina. He felt it would be a good idea to add it our newsletter and we all could take the advice to heart.

How do you get your post's message out to your community? You can think about ways to do it, you can recall how you used to do it, and you can read stories about how it is done elsewhere in the American Legion magazine. But they are just ideas and they will never get your word across, unless you, personally, take your message to the street.

Town Criers in Colonial America would walk the town commons, ring their bell, and cry out the news. It was an effective means of communicating. It worked then and it still does. He was expected to be there each day, rang a bell to get everyone's attention, and then he have something of importance to say.

Can you do that today? Yes, you can. Here is how.

- **Be visible.** Wear something that shows you are a veteran or a member of the American Legion, when you are shopping, on errands, at events, at the bank, at the doctor's, at your grocery, and just about anywhere you go. People will know you are a veteran. You don't have to say a thing. Your attire says it all. They will see you and often thank you for your service.
- **Be watchful for veterans, possible veterans, and their families.** Vets will be wearing unit or campaign caps. Others wear patriotic caps. Families wear attire that proclaim military; "Go Navy," "Beat Army," "USS IDAHO BB-42," "My Dad's a Soldier," and many other examples.
- **Get their attention.** Say, "Hello." Ask if they served. Did their dad serve? Ask, "Do you have someone serving in the military?"
- **Listen to their story.** You can't listen, if you are talking.
- **Think about something that you know that might be important to them.** Examples are: VA Benefits, GI Bill, VA disability claims, Aid and Attendance Care, and Veterans Pensions. If a family member, do they know about American Legion Boys or Girls State, our Oratorical Contest, or aid to veterans' families.
- **Give them a post business card that includes post information, phone number and website info.** (Don't have cards? Order free patriotic cards from VistaPrint.com.) Put your name and number on the back. Ask them to visit your post's website for information on what you talked about. Let them know that the American Legion is there for the community.
- **Invite veterans to visit your post to take a look.** Make sure that they know that we are not a bar, we don't smoke in our post, and we are not a supper club. Tell them about the family-based facilities and amenities at your post. Don't forget to mention your community activities and post events that involve families.
- **People will get to know the American Legion through your visibility, activity, community service, and actions.** That's the ring in your bell. You clang that bell by keeping your post's name and activities in their face. Advertise what you do with press releases, news stories heralding what you have accomplished, Legion programs and events, speaking at schools, visiting senior centers, and by drawing attention to the community service of American Legionnaires.

Can you hear the Legion bell clanging in your town? If not, take the lead and show your post how to do it.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

On April 5th the City of Clarksville and Montgomery County hosted the Cogioba District Friends of Scouting (FOS). Both Mayors from Montgomery County Jim Durrett, and Clarksville Mayor Joe Pitts were at the breakfast talking about the importance of how our community backs our Scouting programs. Mayor Pitts hosted the breakfast announcing the speakers. The Cogioba District Friends of the Scouting Chair, Jay Albertia spoke about scouting and the importance to support children.



The special guest speaker at the breakfast was United States Congressman Mark Green who was Good Scout Award Recipient for 2019. The breakfast raised over \$61,000 dollars for the scout program.

Commander Willie Smith, 2nd Vice Ernest Schmidt, Finance Officer Larry Johnson, Comrades Bob Grigsby and Doug (last name) and Post 7 Commander Chuck (last name) were there to show that we were there to help support our scouting program.

The scouting community would like to thank the businesses, families, and people that generously donated to this great organization.

Troop 289 Scottlander web page: <http://pack510clarksville.scoutlander.com/publicsite/unithome.aspx?UID=47629>

SCOUTS PUTTING FLAGS ON HERO'S GRAVES – VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED MAY 25TH

The Boy Scouts, Troop 289 and Cub Scout Pack 510 will be working with other Cogioba District Middle Tennessee Council Scout Troops and Packs placing Flags on all the graves of Veterans buried at the Clarksville Greenwood Cemetery.

The date is 25 May 2019 meet at 0800 am at the main gate. Scouts must be in Class A uniform and be prepared to walk a lot. If it's hot that day I would bring a canteen. Our Flag Placement point of contact is Chuck Weber and Commander Chuck Clark from Legion Post 7. We will be putting flags on Saturday and pick them up Monday 27 May Time to be announced, contact Ernie Schmidt @ 931-624-8564 afternoon after Memorial Day.

PACK 510 DONATES CENTENNIAL FLAG TO THE POST

During the Blue and Gold Awards Ceremony, Pack 510 and Troop 289 donated their Centennial Flag to the Post. Our thanks to the Boy Scouts for the flag.



NEW EAGLE SCOUT

Commander Willie Smith and 2nd vice Commander , Scouting Chairman Ernest Schmidt attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony for New Eagle scout Rafael Cerritos of Troop 101 on Fort Campbell, Ky. Commander Smith presented him with the American legion Good Citizenship Citation for attaining the Rank of Eagle Scout, The highest award in Boy Scouts, but also for his help in leading the Scouts in the Pledge during the national commanders visit to CSM Gary W. Crisp Post 289. Rafael is a senior at Fort Campbell Senior High School. He currently has a 4.0 GPA, participates in varsity Sports and is the president of the National Honor Society at Fort Campbell High School.



US DEPARTMENT VETERANS AFFAIRS NEWS RELEASE - APRIL 30, 2019

VA celebrates Women's Health Week with events at medical centers. Women's Health Clinics to host open houses for Veterans and their families

WASHINGTON — In celebration of National Women's Health Week, May 12-18, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Centers (VAMCs) across the country will host events to support women Veterans and connect them with VA's health care services.

"VA is serving nearly a half million women Veterans and we want to take care of even more," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "Events like these get them through the doors, so they meet VA health providers and learn firsthand about the comprehensive services and quality care VA provides to women who have served."

Women are among the fastest growing Veteran demographics, accounting for more than 30% of the increase in Veterans who served between 2014 and 2018. The number of women using VA health services has tripled since 2000, growing from about 160,000 to nearly 500,000 today. VA offers a wide range of primary care and specialty services for women Veterans, such as health screenings, preconception counseling, maternity care, menopausal support and more.

VA Medical Centers with dedicated women's health clinics will celebrate National Women's Health Week by hosting either an open house or outreach events. Veterans attending these events can speak with health providers about the broad range of services offered at their medical centers and hear from experts on topics such as maternity care and child safe homes. Tours of the clinics and educational materials will be available.

VA is seeking broad public participation and encourages Veteran Service Organization members to participate. News media are welcome to cover these events. To learn about events at facilities in communities around the country, visit the local VAMC website or contact the public affairs officer directly.

VA encourages women Veterans not currently using VA health care services to enroll and use the benefits they have earned. Call the Women Veteran Call Center for information at 855-VA-Women (855-829-6636) for information or visit womenshealth.va.gov.