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May 2020

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| 3 | 4 | 5 <i>Cinco De Mayo</i> 6:00PM Exec Mtg Teleconference | 6 <i>CPR's & Awards Due to Dept</i> | 7 | 8 6:00PM Honor Guard Tmg Canceled | 9 |
| 10 Mothers Day | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 <i>Form 990 Deadline to IRS</i> | 16 |
| 17 | 18 6:00 AL Auxiliary Unit 289 Mtg | 19 5:30PM Potluck 6:00PM Membership Mtg Officer Installation <i>CANCELED</i> | 20 | 21 | 22 6:00PM Honor Guard Tmg Officer Certification Deadlne | 23 |
| 24 | 25 <i>Memorial Day</i> Newsletter Deadline | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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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.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S THOUGHTS (FROM THE TENNESSEE LEGIONNAIRE)

By Luther M. Holsonback

"As I write this from home. I am fully aware the consequence that COVID-19 has had on our lives. No longer can we attend church, go grocery shopping or conduct American Legion business in our usual manner. No one is more disappointed than me for having to cancel programs and meetings that affect youth, parents and members. But this is the situation we find ourselves so let's make lemonade out of lemons.

My hope is that Commanders at all levels and other post members are engaged in the Buddy Check activities that the National Commander has asked us to do.

No one is more affected than our older Veterans by being shut in. so call to check on them. That's what the Legion does; Help Veterans in need.

I hope this find all of you well. Be safe and I hope to see you at our next event."



POST OFFICER VOTES ARE IN!!!

Your officers for 2020-2021! The officers will be installed at the next membership meeting.

| Officer | Candidates |
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| Commander | David Zeveney |
| Adjutant: | Bob Grigsby |
| Finance Officers | Larry Johnson |
| 1 st Vice Commander | Tony Soluzza |
| 2 nd Vice Commander | Ernrest Schmidt |
| Sergeant-of-Arms | Bob Sisson |
| Chaplain | Carmen Cherry |
| Service Officer | John Beck |
| Historian | Robert Lamon |

POST HONOR/COLOR GUARD

The Post has a voluntary honor and color guard. Volunteers are always needed and should you be considering it, now is the time to ask questions & get involved. A volunteer organization is only as strong as its volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or just ask questions about either the honor guard or the color guard contact Sergeant-of-Arms Bob Sisson (931) 919-3712 or Email: bob@sissonmail.com

AMERICAN LEGION'S IS 101

This month marks the anniversary of the St. Louis Caucus, where organization of The American Legion was completed in 1919.

POST EVERLASTING - SGT ORGAL EVERETT HOLLAND, ARMY (RET)

December 29, 1922 ~ March 28, 2020 (age 97)



SGT Orgal Everett Holland, ARMY (Ret), age 97 of Clarksville, passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2020. A private burial will be held at Fort Donelson National Cemetery. He was born on December 29, 1922 in Greene County, TN to Everett and Letha Kennedy Holland. Holland, as he was affectionately known, was retired from the United States Army after 25 years. He served during WWII and the Korean Conflict. Holland loved farming, nature, and spending time with family. He was also a member of Excell Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his 1st wife, Elvira Holland, 2 brothers and 3 sisters. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Eva Taylor Holland; children: Orgal Thomas (Linda) Holland, Chip (Jill) Mullins and Dawn Mullins-Bibb; grandchildren: Katy Johnson, Danny Holland, Colin Bibb, Danielle Mullins, Hunter Graham, and Blake Davenport; and 3 great-grandchildren.

In compliance with health and public safety directives a Celebration of Life service and the rendering of military honors will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/Donate>.

Please visit Holland's guestbook at www.sykesfuneralhome.com and share a memory with the family.

MAINTAINING AMERICAN LEGION NONPARTISANSHIP

Extracted from February 2020 AMERICANISM eBulletin

"This year ushers in a presidential election. And while American Legion posts are encouraged to promote "Get Out the Vote" (GOTV) efforts, it is important to remember to remain nonpartisan in the process.

The American Legion is a nonpolitical, nonpartisan organization but advocates for all U.S. citizens to register and vote in all elections. The American Legion does not show preference for or against any particular candidate or political party. Since its inception in 1920, The American Legion's Get Out The Vote program has encouraged Americans to exercise their right to vote and help others understand the importance of the electoral process. The program suggests activities on how American Legion posts can increase voter turnout such as calling potential voters to get to the polls, volunteer in their communities by providing rides to and from the polls if necessary, use social media to share information about poll locations and times, and place newspaper ads or public service announcements in local media that promote registration and voting.

Q: Why can't The American Legion endorse a candidate?

A: Federal election laws require that any registration drive conducted or sponsored by groups like The American Legion be nonpartisan. In other words, the IRS mandates the strict nonpartisanship of all such activities by organizations eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions under Section 501(c)(19) of the Code. Failure to do so could endanger an American Legion post's nonprofit status. A nonpartisan organization does not support, oppose or provide aid to any candidate for public office or to any political party. In a nonpartisan drive, registration and voting assistance, and information and materials must be offered and made available to all, regardless of which candidate or party they support."

In the coming months should conditions allow for change and we can gather the post will be planning some "Get Out the Vote" efforts, encouraging the community to register to vote, and get out and Vote. If you are interested on being a part of the Get out the Vote Team let us know. You can contact the Commander or Adjutant to share your interest.

Information about the American Legion Legislative Agenda for the 116th Congress

at: <https://www.legion.org/publications/226187/legislative-agenda-116th-congress-2nd-session>

Make sure you are registered and your address: www.GoVoteTN.org or www.usa.gov/register-to-vote or from the Montgomery County Election Committee at <https://mcgtn.org/election/voter-registration>

Phone: [931-648-5707](tel:931-648-5707) Mail in voter registration is available.

A copy of the e-bulletin can be found on our website in the Library section: [Nonpartisanship e-bulletin Feb 2020](#).

A copy of the Vote America Booklet can be found on our website in the Library section: [Vote American Booklet](#).
Submitted by Billie Zeveney 2019-2020 Americanism Chairman

MONTGOMERY COUNTY VSO OFFICE UPDATE

Our office is closed to the public, with a couple of exceptions.

We are doing death claims for survivors of veterans in the office on Tuesday and Thursday only, at 8:00, by appointment only.

We also have a drop box that can be used to leave forms, paperwork, medical records, etc. We are also taking drop offs for the TDVS rep at Fort Campbell who does the BDD claims. The drop box is available from 8am to noon on Tuesday and Thursday only.

Our phone line is being forwarded to our lead admin clerk and she is setting up phone appointments and forwarding messages to the individual VSO so that we can reach out to the veterans. We are using Google Voice to call our clients while working remotely, since we don't have county issued cell phones.

JOBS AND JOB FAIRS

There will be a National Career Fair in Nashville on May 21st at the Radisson National Airport Hotel between 11:00AM to 2:00PM. It's free to attend. Bring lots of resumes and be ready to meet plenty of recruiters from some of the area's best companies.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 289

From the Unit President: There are reasons some people cannot come to the meetings, but I want everyone to know that they are important! We are coming up on elections again. Can hardly believe it's been a year. I am going to send everyone a ballot as well as nomination forms. Please if you don't mind taking a few minutes to mail your votes back it would be much appreciated. There are different programs you can be a part of, for instance the unit has been making walker and wheelchair bags. We have collaboratively made 15 made so far. You may be able to cut the bag patterns; others can sew them. The bags will be donated to the Veterans Home in the future when visitation is possible.

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