



American Legion CSM Gary W. Crisp Post 289

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October Events	
5 th	Thanking our Veterans and First Responders from 12-4PM at 223 N. 2 nd Street Clarksville
13 th	Us Navy 244 th Birthday
15 th	Membership meeting at Daymar College. Potluck 5:30PM / Meeting 6:00PM
19 th	Jamboree on the Air at 9:00AM at Daymar. This is a Scouting event. Come watch the scouts learn HAM radio operations.
19 th	Walk/Run event at Clarksville Athletic Club. All are invited for this event.

November Events	
2 nd	Post 289 Auxiliary Unit Poppy Drive at the Fort Campbell PX from 9:00AM to 4:00PM
5 th	Executive Meeting at Daymar College at 6:00PM
9 th	Veterans Day Parade in downtown Clarksville. Start time is 10:00AM
10 th	American Legion Auxiliary's 100 th birthday
11 th	Veterans Day
19 th	Membership meeting at Daymar College. Potluck 5:30PM / Meeting 6:00PM



VETERANS CRISIS HOTLINE

1-800-273-8255 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/>

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NOW OPEN TO MALE SPOUSES OF US VETERANS & SERVICE MEMBERS

The American Legion has voted to extend membership in the American Legion Auxiliary to male spouses of U.S. veterans and servicemembers. During the American Legion National Convention in Indianapolis in August, delegates of The American Legion voted to replace the word "wife" with "spouse" in their constitution and bylaws, opening membership in the American Legion Auxiliary.

Why are The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary making this change? Currently, 1.9 million women veterans are living in the United States, and 9% of the U.S. military is female. By 2045, it's estimated that 18% of the U.S. military will be comprised of women.

"As we welcome eligible male spouses into the American Legion Auxiliary, we gain another perspective on the needs of military families — enabling the Auxiliary to support even more veterans, servicemembers, and their families," said 2019-2020 American Legion Auxiliary National President Nicole Clapp.

This new membership eligibility has much promise for growth in the American Legion Auxiliary, leading to new resources, increased funding opportunities, and additional diversity and talent among our leadership, as well as general membership.

American Legion Auxiliary members, since the founding of our organization in 1919, have been committed to meeting the needs of veterans, the military, and their families. The American Legion Auxiliary will continue its century-old legacy of Service Not Self well into the future. An increasing number of veterans, servicemembers, and their families will need support. The American Legion Family is taking a "big picture" look at how to help these future families and keeping our membership strong.

VETERANS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Montgomery County Veteran Transportation Service or better known as the Veterans Van service share an office located at 350 Pageant Lane, Ste 308; Clarksville, TN. If you are in need a ride the phone number is (931) 553-5173/5175. Ask for Mr. Wes Westerman of Larry Bolden.

ASERA-CARE HOSPICE HAS A VET-TO-VET PROGRAM

Asera-Care Hospice sponsors and trains active duty members and veterans to serve as specialized hospice volunteers for this special population. To become a volunteer, you complete a background check, drug screening, training and orientation process. The office is located at 1539C Ashland City Bypass, Clarksville TN. 37040. Phone: (931) 551-4100.

APSU VETERANS UPWARD BOUND (VUB) PROGRAM

The VUB's mission is to inspire confidence, explore educational options, and create individual success plans toward academic and career goals. They can link eligible adult veteran learners to resources that lead to higher education enrollment and continuous quality of life.

The program offers:

- No Associated Fees
- Materials are provided to help you achieve your pre-college educational goals
- Educational Counseling
- Financial Aid Assistance
- Computer and Industrial Tutoring
- Pre-college testing and skills enhancement.

Two locations are available to anyone interested in the program

- ASPU Downtown Campus Main Office: Phone: (931) 221-7600
- ASPU Fort Campbell Center: Phone: (931) 221-1433

RIVERFEST IN CLARKSVILLE

The post had a great opportunity to be at this community event to teach Americanism and flag folding to the children. A lot of children and adults came by to learn how to fold the flag and the meaning of how it is folded. The flag is folded thirteen times shaped in a triangle.



HONOR WEEK LUNCHEON

As part of Honor Week, a series of events spanning the week of September 11, Reboot Recovery hosted a luncheon at Old Glory Distillery on Wednesday, September 11. Bryan Flannery reached out to our Post and invited us to the event. The table was offered to Reboot, and Bryan invited our post to the luncheon. The Post Member that went to the luncheon were 1st Vice Bob Grigsby, 2nd Vice Ernie Schmidt, Adjutant Sandra Empey and her husband Comrade Jason Empey, Public Relations Officer for the post Carl Downey. Post Auxiliary member Carol Downey also attended.

The event brought corporate and community leaders together to honor those who make Clarksville, and the United States, a safer place through acts of bravery and sacrifice, including active duty military, veterans, first responders and all those who work to serve others.

The keynote Speaker for the event was former Army Ranger Steven Elliot, whose involvement in the tragic friendly-fire death of fellow Ranger and former NFL player Pat Tillman made national headlines.

In 2004, Elliot deployed to the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. During an enemy ambush, he was one of four

Rangers who mistook Tillman's position for that of the enemy and fired there. He is one of two Rangers considered likely to have fired the fatal shots.

Elliott served the remaining years of his enlistment and returned to civilian life in 2007. He is now a business owner, author and a national voice on the struggles combat veterans often face after their service ends.

WELCOME HOME WEEK

What a busy week for the Post. Welcome home week was from 19 through the 22 September. Our Post was invited to have a booth near the field of flags and the Vietnam wall. Our booth was about Americanism and folding of the flag properly. We had a small Army, no pun intended, of members from the post and the auxiliary to have a little history lesson about the flag and to show the children from the local schools here in Clarksville how the flag is properly folded.

The children started rolling in at 9:00 AM and the flow didn't stop until almost noon. Our guess on the children that came through our booth was between 80 to 100 children. The children were very attentive and the ones that did fold the flag, which was almost all of them, did an outstanding job. We would like to thank the school district for allowing us to show their children how to fold the flag



WELCOME HOME PARADE

The Welcome Home festivities included a parade on Saturday the 21st. There many organizations that participated in the parade to welcome our troops home. We were one of the organizations that were an honored to do so.



POST COLOR GUARD INVOLVED IN SEVERAL WELCOME HOME EVENTS

It was an honor to be asked by the city to be involved during the Welcome Home Weekend. The Post Color Guard was asked to bring the colors in several events during the Welcome Home Event. The Post Colors started Thursday night to be part of several color guard units in the Mass of the Colors at Beechhaven Winery. The traveling Vietnam Wall, traveling Korean War Monument, the Field of US Flags were displayed at the Winery.

The Post Color Guard also presented and closed the colors the 101st/Vietnam dinner on Friday evening.



CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION AWARDED TO VOLUNTEERS

Last July, the new 6th District Commander Willie Smith had his district meeting here in Clarksville. Our 6th District is also from Post 289. He had asked for volunteers to find place and set up the luncheon meeting. Everything went well and the post received accolades from the Department and up.



Post 289 members were recognized by the District and Post Commanders for their support and hard work successfully executing the 6th District Convention in July. L2R FR - Larry Johnson, Bob Grigsby, Bob Sisson, Robert Lamon, Carl Downey, Sandra Day Empey, Jason Empey, Carmen Cherry, John Beck.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING

The (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using their training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event and can take a more active role in preparing their community. The program is administered by the Department of Homeland Security. Montgomery County teaches CERT twice yearly. For more information about attending classes contact Montgomery County EMA at (931) 648-5702. Several members of our Post will be going to the training this month.



PATRIOTIC RECOGNITION IN CLARKSVILLE

A of our member of American Legion CSM Gary W. Crisp Post 289 went around Clarksville to check to see which companies were waving our United States flag. We also wanted to know how many not only the American flag up but also were they flying it correctly. We found quit a few were flying old "Glory" correctly and proudly. By this we mean the flag was above all other flags if more than one was flying with the American flag. We also looked at the flag itself: Were the colors bright and not faded; Was the flag faded and frayed, and Was it well-lit at night? We found great and not so great.

We found a lot of companies flying the American Flag great. The Post has started an initiative to award these companies with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for flying the American Flag correctly. We awarded the first five awards this month.

These companies are:

1. Josten's
2. Purity Zinc Metals
3. Hendrickson-International
4. America's Car-Mart
5. Custom House Museum



As of this printing, we have ten (10) more Certificates of Appreciation to handout. Hopefully, word will get out the Post 289 is looking and watching.

SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE

The Montgomery County Veterans Coalition sponsored this conference to get over 25 vendors in one place to talk about suicide prevention and to figure out ways to get the message out. The coalition invited us to show the community we are one of the sources a veteran can use to get the help they need. As a Post we would be the resource for the veteran to get some of the vendors that were here today.

A list will be posted on the website soon with some of the resources in Clarksville that is available to them. Our website is: <https://www.tnpost289.org>.

THANK YOU VETERAN'S AND FIRST RESPONDER'S

October 5th, we are thanked our veterans and first responders and their families a day of fun, games, and free food. The location of the event was at 223 N. 2nd Street here in Clarksville. We also included the first responders that had to work, including the men and women at the jail and 911 center. Including the men and women officers at the jail and 911 center, we served a little over 300 meals. Next year, we were asked to move this event to the Welcome weekend.

We are looking to do an event like this hopefully every quarter. Members and officers alike are welcome to comment and/or make suggestions for future events. Events like this will keep our post active in the community. The next event is coming in February. Our 2nd annual Valentine's Dance. We need members to volunteer for the committee so we can start getting everything together.

Thank A Veteran and First Responder Everyday... Not Just on Holidays

MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMS
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
TAKING ACTION. SAVING LIVES

9-1-1
CALL IF YOU CAN
TEXT IF YOU CAN'T

You are Cordially Invited to A Day of Free Food, Games/Activities, and Door Prizes
Date/Time: October 5, 2019/ 12 PM to 4 PM (Military or First Responder Identification Required)
Where: 223 N 2nd Street, Clarksville Tennessee 37040
Hosted by CSM Gary W. Crisp Post 289
For any Questions or Inquires, please contact Carl Downey, Public Affairs Officer, either at 502-301-9030 or cdowney401@outlook.com
Families Members May Attend at No Cost. If Electing to Eat, A \$5.00 Donation is Requested For Any Person over the Age of Five (Under Five Eats Free)

NEW TRANSFERS INTO THE POST

This the month has been a good month. We have gained 21 new members by them transferring into the Post. Latest count is 321 members and 291 that are active as of this printing. Welcome, to all the new members.

TIDBITS IN HISTORY

Comrade Robert Lamson is our historian. He's also a bit of a history buff as well. Here are a few interesting facts in history:

- On October 21, 1944 Aachen the first large German City during WWII, was captured by the Allies.
- On October 21, 1967 Thousands of protesters stormed the Pentagon in protest the war in Vietnam.
- On October 14, 2019 Commemorate the arrival of Christopher Columbus to the Americas on October 12, 1492. (Columbus Day)
- On October 26, 2019 This day is set aside to honor all the brave men and women who have been deployed and are sacrificing their or have sacrificed their lives to fight for our country and acknowledges the families that they are separated from.
- The US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims ruled in the class suit" Wolfe versus Wilke case on September 9, 2019.

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