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Up Coming Calendar of Events

September	
Every Friday	Honor Guard Training Fri 6pm @ Sykes Funeral Home & Crematory
3 rd	Executive Meeting @ Daymar Institute. 1800 Hours
5-7	The Post will have a booth at Clarksville Riverfest. Volunteers needed for a few hours in shifts. We will be conducting more Flag advocacy!
11th	9/11 Remembrance
17 th	Membership meeting at Daymar Institute. Potluck at 1730, meeting starts at 1800
20 th	POW/MIA Recognition Day
18-21st	Clarksville Welcome Home Celebration Week many activities scheduled https://www.welcomehomeveteranscelebration.com
21 st	Welcome Home Veteran's Parade! Post 289 will be in the parade. We welcome all members to join us walking, or riding the float. POC Tony Walters 931-217-3107.
28 th	6 th District Revitalization Day
29 th	Gold Star Mother's Day

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) 273-8255 & Press 1



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 Past National Commander Brett Reistad. To read the complete article click this link:

<https://www.legion.org/commander/245458/legion-va-team-approach-suicide-prevention>

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOU MEMBERSHIP?

Membership renewals received for the 2020 membership year by 9 September will avoid renewal noticed by mail. Membership for 2020 renewals are good through 31 December 2020.

6TH DISTRICT MEETING

Post 17 in Gallatin will be hosting the November 23rd 6th District meeting. More information to follow. The meeting is open to all members in 6th District which consists of 26 posts. Look at your calendars now and start planning ahead we hope to see some members from post 289 present. Carpooling will be encouraged if we get a positive response of attendees.

POST 289 HAS FIRST VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

On 20 August 2019, CSM Gary W. Crisp Post 289, stepped into the 21st century technology realm by confirming our commitment to service members and veterans. The post took steps to ensure that no veteran is left behind in the form of our first virtual post meeting that included Tennessee Veterans Home in Clarksville, TN.

We believe that this is the first virtual meeting that has occurred for any Post within the state of Tennessee. While we have identified some issues and continue to make improvements to this initiative, it indeed allows all post members to actively participate despite physical limitations or geographical location.

We used a teleconferencing application that ensured all veterans and post members can be part of the meeting. Veterans and post members liked the all-inclusive concept. Moving forward, we will be able to invite anyone to the meeting by merely sending an email to our members, district, department, and even national members as deemed appropriate. This initiative was approved and brought to life by Commander David Zeveney, Carl Downey, Jason Empey, Tony Walters, and 1st Vice Bob Grigsby.



20 August 2016
Post 289 First Virtual Membership Meeting



Virtual Setup



Veterans at Veterans Home with
Comrade Tony Walters

VIETNAM LEGACY VETERANS POW/MIA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY DEDICATION



A dedication Ceremony for a portion of Highway 41A today, August 14, 2019, at Patriot Park in Clarksville, Tennessee. A portion of Fort Campbell Blvd Hwy 41A, was renamed "Vietnam Legacy Veterans POW/MIA Memorial Highway. Two Signs were uncovered, one on the north bound lanes (Tiny Town Rd) and the south bound lanes at the Tennessee/Kentucky state line.

The new name is meant to honor the dedication and sacrifice of the brave men and women of Montgomery County who valiantly served their country in the U.S armed forces and gave their lives as prisoners of war in the Vietnam War.



Tennessee State Representative Jason Hodges, State Senator Bill Powers and Clarksville Mayor Joe Pitts attended the ceremony and spoke to the over 35 people, most of them veterans.

Seven members of American Legion CSM Gary W. Crisp Post 289 and two members of American Legion CSM Gary W. Crisp Auxiliary Unit 289 attended the

ceremony. The members from the post were: Commander David Zeveney, 1st Vice Bob Grigsby, 2nd Vice Ernest Schmidt, Finance Officer Larry Johnson, Membership Chairperson Tony Walter, Service Officer John Beck and Chaplain Carmen Cherry. Auxiliary members that attended were Treasurer Sue Johnson and Chaplain Fae Cherry.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION (MCVSO) 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Montgomery County Veterans Service Organization vision for this celebration was for community awareness and involvement. This was not limited to veterans. Everyone in our City knows a veteran.

Veterans plaza was filled with vendor booths with services and information for our veteran community, food services that will provide refreshments at low cost or no cost for this event and activities for those who attended.



THANK A VETERAN AND FIRST RESPONDER EVERYDAY...NOT JUST ON HOLIDAYS

Veterans and their family members are uniting to walk and/or run 289 miles in order to raise money for upcoming Gary W. Crisp Post 289 events that will honor veterans and first responders throughout the Clarksville, Montgomery County, TN area. Please support our cause through donations, either in the form of a per mile or single one-time donation. There are no amounts too small or too big, so please help us raise the required money to say thank you to our nation's protectors and local first responders. Without their desire to serve this nation and our communities, we could never enjoy the freedoms that we are afforded today and every day. Our Post members will be conducting individual walk/run sessions that will be added to the total miles, along with group walks/runs in the Clarksville, TN area.

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 Inquiries, 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)

If you are near Clarksville, TN, feel free to join and cheer us on throughout our physical and demanding challenge. Times and locations of group walks/runs will be advertised prior to each event on our Facebook page located at <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegion289/>.

We have started the GoFundMe page for our upcoming fundraiser. If you would like to donate, please visit our page at https://www.gofundme.com/f/289-miles-for-those-who-protect?sharetype=teams&member=2772378&cid=r01-156673320896-12eae09d04894551&pc=ot_co_campmgmt_w

Additionally, please pass on the information to family, friends, Facebook members, or anyone that may be able to assist in meeting our goal. We are going to be working very hard to achieve 289 miles and can use everyone's support in meeting our monetary goal. The money will be used for upcoming Veteran and First Responder Events. When discussing what we are trying to achieve, the following information is located on the GoFundMe page and can be used by all team members.

RIVERFEST 2019



Riverfest is Clarksville's longest running community festival, and brings more than 30,000 people to the banks of the Cumberland River in an arts and recreation celebration. This year, the Riverfest will be Sept. 5-7, 2019. Music, art, family events, and more will fill Liberty Park on Sept. 5, and McGregor Park on Sept. 6-7. Admission and entertainment at the festival are free and open to the public.

Post 289 will again be taking part in this year's Riverfest. This will be held again this year at McGregor Park on Riverside Drive. We will have a table in the family section teaching youth and adults flag etiquette. For information and maps everything planned for Riverfest, see

<https://www.clarksvilleriverfest.org/>. This is one of the largest and free events in Clarksville each year.

We will be in attendance Friday, Sept. 6 from 5:00-9:00pm and Saturday, Sept. 7 12:00-9:00pm. Please contact Larry Johnson at **931-257-8069** or email at americanlegionpost289.finance@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to participate by helping at the table during those times.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Training and volunteering in disaster preparedness and response supports all four pillars of the American Legion, national security, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, Americanism, and children and youth. National Preparedness Month is recognized in September. The Montgomery County Emergency Management Assistant Director will be providing a **FREE** Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class.

The CERT class is scheduled for the following dates. You must attend all of the dates to complete the course. The time for each night is from 6-9 PM, but we will probably get out a little earlier most nights. The location is at the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center located at 130 S. First St. October 8, 10, 22, 24, 28, and 29. You will only need to bring something to take notes with if you want to.

Please contact Mr. Grimsley directly, let him know that you are a member of Post 289 me by September 5, 2019 if you would like to attend or if you have any questions. **Rodney A. Grimsley ragrimsley@mcgtn.net (931) 648-5702.**

WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION

The Welcome Home Celebration Parade will be on 21 September 2019 at 10am in downtown Clarksville. The parade will be about 3/4 of a mile in the downtown area. Line-up will begin around 9am on Hiter & Commerce Street (First Baptist Church parking lot). Our post will have a trailer for anyone who will not be able to make the walk. Our color guard will be marching with the post and our Auxiliary will be joining with their own special spot in the parade next to the post. We would love to see any and all of our members join us. Bring a Veteran friend, bring your spouses to walk along with the Auxiliary. Tony is also working on getting Veterans in the Clarksville Veteran Home to join us.

If you know that you will need to ride, please let Tony know so that we can ensure we have enough float space/vehicle seats available.

Contact **Tony Walters** for coordinating details of meet-up location **(931) 217-3107.**

FROM YOUR 6TH DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (DAVID ZEVENEY)

On 28 September from 10am-3pm the 6th District will be holding a Revitalization of all posts and membership. Post 248 in Fairview will be hosting the event at the Lions Club, Hwy 212, 96 N, Fairview, TN 37062 (at the Ball Park). Water & coffee will be available for everyone
Pizza will be ordered for lunch, All attendees feel free to bring snacks, deserts to share as well!

Our post needs at least 1 representative but we would encourage anyone with a few hours to volunteer to reach out to other American Legion members and Veterans with us. Attendees: Bring your cell phone & chargers!

The District Revitalization will consist of contacting Veteran's in the district that:

- Are assigned to TN 2000 and encourage them to transfer to local post
- Members new to the area and encourage them to transfer to local post
- Expired members – follow up on Direct Renewal notices (what prevents the member from renewal)

NATIONAL COMMANDER VISITING TENNESSEE

National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford will be visiting Tennessee from 8 to 13 September. What a privilege to have the new National Commander visit as we had the Past National Commander visit in March of this year.

National Commander Oxford will be visiting Visit Alvin C. York VA, Patriot's Day Event in Woodbury, locations in Murfreesboro, Tullahoma, Greenbriar and more.

UNVEILING CEREMONY OF THE GULF WAR MONUMENT

On behalf of Governor Bill Lee and Commissioner Courtney Rogers, the Tennessee Department of Veterans Services cordially invites you and your organization to attend the Unveiling Ceremony of the Gulf War Monument on Wednesday, September 11th, 2019, at 2 p.m. (CDT).

The monument commemorates the service of our United States Armed Forces and the sacrifices made during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. This solemn event will take place at the northeast corner of War Memorial Plaza (301 Sixth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37243) and will be conducted in good weather or poor.

WORKING DOGS FOR VETS MISSION

The general membership meeting on August 21th had two guest speakers: Brittany Dickson and Shawna Kersh from the Working Dogs for Vets Mission from Lawrenceburg, Tn. They have a website that is up and running, which is www.workingdogsforvets.org, they are located 2781 U.S. Highway 43 North Lawrenceburg, Tn 38464. Their Phone number is 843-647-4357.

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

LEGIONNAIRE INSURANCE TRUST (LIT)

Did you know that your members can easily enroll online for the LegionCare Accidental Death coverage on any web enabled device including your smart phone?

Here's how to do it:

1. Set your web browser to www.theLIT.com/LegionCare1
2. Click "Sign Up Now."
3. Enter the required information.
4. A few clicks and you're all done. When you provide your email address, you will get instant confirmation in your inbox.

And then, you'll have no cost accidental death coverage for \$1,000. In the case of an accidental death while on Legion Family business, the amount is \$5,000. (Except in Washington state in which the benefit is \$2,500 for all covered accidental deaths. You will never pay for this coverage and it is good for as long as you remain a due paying member in the Legion Family organizations.

Please read all details on the website, www.theLIT.com.

With Convention season in full swing, how about relating this to your DEC and area Commanders and officers how easy this is? And thank you for your continued support of your Legionnaire Insurance Trust!

LEGIONNAIRE JOHN BECK DONATES THREE-WHEEL SCOOTER

Post 289's Service Officer, John Beck donated his three-wheel scooter to Comrade Frankie and Josie Stewart family. When John found out that the Stewart family needed a little extra transportation for Frankie's wife, he didn't hesitate to help out. Thank you for your generosity.



VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

Last week American Legion Post 289 found a Veteran in great need of some help around the yard. On Saturday, 31 August this disabled Veteran was grateful to the support of a few members who came to his house to help. He is unable to get out and care for his yard because of medical conditions so the Legion gave a hand. Several volunteers and a few hours and we were able to get the yard back under control.



BEFORE

AFTER

VA'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT LINE



VA's Caregiver Support Line assistance is just a quick phone call away. Whether you're in need of immediate assistance or have questions about what services you may be eligible for, the caring licensed social workers who answer the support line can:

- Provide you with information about assistance available from VA.
- Help you access services.
- Connect you with the Caregiver Support Coordinator at a VA Medical Center near you.
- Just listen, if that's what you need right now.

If you're just getting started with VA, calling the Caregiver Support Line at **1-855-260-3274** is a great first step to learn more about the support that is available to you.

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