



# American Legion CSM Gary W. Crisp Post 289

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## SEPTEMBER 2020

| SUN<br>30                    | MON<br>31                               | TUE<br>Sep 1                      | WED<br>2   | THU<br>3   | FRI<br>4  | SAT<br>5   |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
|                              |   | • 6pm Executive Meeting           | <b>VJ Day</b><br>• 6pm Troop 289 Meeting<br>• 7pm K5TAL 80M Net (0030 UTC V) | • 9:30am KN4YQL 40M and Echolin  |   |  |
| 6                            | <b>Labor Day</b>                        | • 7pm Post 289 Ham Radio Club Net | • 7pm K5TAL 80M Net (0030 UTC V)<br>• 11pm N7ALR - Echolink Net (0500 UTC)   | • 9:30am KN4YQL 40M and Echolin  | <b>Patriot Day</b><br>• 6pm Honor Guard Training                      | • 11am K9TAL - Echolink Net (1700)<br>• 12pm K9TAL - 20M Net (1800 UT) |
| 13                           | <b>Birthday of National Anthem Poem</b> | • 6pm Post Membership Meeting     | • 7pm K5TAL 80M Net (0030 UTC V)   | <b>Constitution Day/Citizenship Day</b><br>• 9:30am KN4YQL 40M and Echolin | <b>POW/MIA Day</b><br><b>U.S. Air Force Established</b>               | • 1pm District 6 Commanders Meet                                       |
| 20                           | • 6pm American Legion Auxiliary Ur      | • 6pm CERT Meeting                | • 7pm K5TAL 80M Net (0030 UTC V)   | • 9:30am KN4YQL 40M and Echolin  | <b>Last day for newsletter articles</b><br>• 6pm Honor Guard Training | <b>Scout Strong 5k Walk, Jog, or Roll</b><br><b>Canceled</b>           |
| • 1pm Ham radio exam testing |   |                                   | • 7pm K5TAL 80M Net (0030 UTC V)   | • 9:30am KN4YQL 40M and Echolin  |   | <b>TN American Legion College</b>                                      |

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewals for 2021 started 1 July, reminder notices for renewal are sent out from National headquarters periodically. For members who do not renew by 10 September, a renewal notice will go out on 10 October. Your 2020 membership is current through 31 December. With reports of delayed mail and everything else, we understand that some items may be received later than expected. **If you ever have a question about membership, renewals, the status of your cards contact the Post Adjutant.**

### 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/>

## MEETINGS OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY



Last year Post 289 trialed a blended meeting venue which included a face to face interactive meeting room along with a virtual meeting room. Who knew that 2020 would harbor a pandemic making mixed meeting venues and learning platforms the new normal?

For the August meeting Department Commander Lou Holsonback joined us for a meeting as did other members from the comforts of their homes.

We appreciate all that could attend and hope to see more in the future, this is your post and what we do and communicate should be relevant to what our comrades, and community needs.

## POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

For years, The American Legion supported a National POW/MIA Recognition Day, which is now recognized annually on the third Friday of September. This commemoration is set aside to honor the commitment and sacrifices made by this nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action, as well as their families. The focus is to ensure that America remembers its responsibility to stand behind those who serve it and to make sure that we do all that is possible to account for those who have not returned.



## MEMBERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP

From August 3-6 the 57<sup>th</sup> National Membership Training Workshop was hosted for the first time, virtually, through Microsoft Teams. The theme this year was "Growing a Post." Learning is FREE! If you would like to access the videos or the training slides to learn more about how fulfilled membership equates to successful posts visit <https://www.legion.org/training/membership>. You just may be inspired and find a way you can get involved with your own personal skill set and vision.

## BOOTH 289 AT WAREHOUSE 41

Currently the booth is very low on stock and is successful because of generous donations of gently used household items. If you are doing a fall clean-up, looking for a place to donate items look no further! Contact Larry (931-257-8069) or Sue Johnson (480-235-7589). All proceeds are redistributed to the Post and Auxiliary to fulfill program needs which support the post, veterans and the community.

## A MONTHLY HAM RADIO NET

Post 289 hosts an amateur radio check-in net each month on the 2nd Tuesday. The next net is scheduled for 8 September at 1800. Use the 2M band AA4TA repeater at 146.925. All licensed amateur radio operators are welcome to join. It is not necessary to be a member of the American Legion but we do need members that are licensed for our own TALARC affiliated club. Radio should be set up with CTCSS tone 110.9Hz and a minus transmit offset of .6Mhz.

### **AMERICAN LEGION EMBLEM SALES**

Due to changes in state law, The American Legion Emblem Sales will begin collecting sales tax on sales made from Tennessee starting October 1, 2020. The standard state sales tax rate of 7%, plus any required county and/or local sales taxes, will be charged and added to the sales price of taxable items and shipping charges. The total rate will be based on the location to which the goods are being shipped. U.S.36460 and Tennessee state flags are exempt from sales tax in Tennessee, so tax will not be applied to those items. All types of sales will be affected, including catalog and internet sales. Customers will need to add their sales tax to taxable merchandise on mail and fax orders. Emblem Sales' systems will automatically calculate the tax on internet and phone orders.

### **100 MILES FOR HOPE**

100 Miles for Hope is a virtual 100-mile walk/run/ride challenge starting Aug. 3 and going through Veterans Day in 2020. It's a way to invigorate donations for the Veterans & Children Foundation, as well as encourage American Legion Family members to be active in this time of social distancing.

The foundation serves two primary functions. It provides critical grants for military and veteran parents in unexpected financial crises, and support for service officers in their tireless efforts to obtain care, benefits and opportunities for disabled veterans and families. The American Legion's 3,000 accredited service officers provide free assistance for any veteran in need.

Participants in 100 Miles for Hope would have from the official kickoff to run, walk, bike or ride their motorcycle for 100 miles. That time frame is 100 days so it would mean being active for just a mile day, roughly 20 to 30 minutes for walkers — which coincidentally is the activity level many health experts recommend. Some may choose to walk a mile a day. Others may do longer stretches of walks, runs and/or bike rides on a less frequent basis. Legion Riders could easily knock off 100 miles on a single trip.

To register, go to the Emblem Sales site. For a \$30 registration fee, participants will receive a men's, women's or children's tech shirt, and a sign they can display once the 100 miles is completed. After figuring the cost for the shirt, other materials and shipping, the remaining proceeds will go directly into the Veterans and Children's Foundation.

Participants are encouraged to wear their shirts when they are walking, running or riding their 100 miles. Additionally, they are encouraged to share their experiences on social media using the hashtag #100MilesForHope. After completing their 100 miles, participants can download and print a Certificate of Accomplishment. They are also encouraged to share their journey on a special category on Legiontown where they can publish their stories and photos.

### **JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR (JOTA)**



Larry Johnson will lead the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual JOTA hosted by Post 289 on 17 October 2020 along with other HAM Radio Operators. Members interested should reach out to Larry. Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually the third full weekend in October. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby amateur radio operators ham shack. Many times, you can find the hams will come to you by setting up a station at your Scout camporee, at the park down the block, or perhaps at a ham shack already set up at your council's camp.

## 2021 AMERICAN LEGION POST 289 SCOUTING RECRUITING IS IN HIGH SWING

From the Second Vice Ernest Schmidt and Post Scouting Chairman Douglas Kirby: Cub Scout Pack 510 and Boy Scout Troop 289 are chartered by American legion CSM Gary W. Crisp Post 289. Scouting provides the opportunity to have fun while developing new skills in crafts, games, outdoor activities, Rain gutter Regatta, field trips, camping, crafts, games, building and racing model cars, carving pumpkins, hiking, camping and much more. If you know of anyone interested in Scouting, friends, relatives, neighbors, please pass this on.

Adult volunteers and/or former Scouts are also needed to help plan, coordinate activities and events. Cub Scouting is for boys and girls in kindergarten through fifth grade. Boys and Girls entering sixth grade and up are invited to join Boy Scout Troop 289 our sister Troop 21.

Troop 289 is now meeting at Sykes funeral home on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm (enter the back door). They are planning an open house open house soon. Boy Scout Troop 289 is a small troop recruiting Scouts and Leaders. No experience needed; we will train you! <http://troop289clarksvilletn.ScoutLander.com>

Pack 510 is small, friendly and family-oriented, and ready to welcome new members. The Pack had been providing activities for boys and girls at Barkers Mill elementary School off Tiny Town Road for the last three years but are on hold until the virus slows down and a new place to meet at is found. Visitors and siblings are welcome at all pack events, and are invited to join in our activities. The Pack is planning future joint activities with other packs in the area, including soap box derby, bicycle rodeo and some combined camping dates. <http://pack510clarksville.ScoutLander.com/>

### **Contact's:**

**Ernest Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice**, [Eaglewarr7@yahoo.com](mailto:Eaglewarr7@yahoo.com), 931-624-8564, American Legion Tennessee Scouting Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/AmericanLegionDeptofTennesseeScouting/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/AmericanLegionDeptofTennesseeScouting/)

**Douglas Kirby**, Post Scouting Chairman at [rotebard@yahoo.com](mailto:rotebard@yahoo.com) call me at or see for a schedule of upcoming events.

## SCOUT STRONG - canceled

The Post and Scouts are joining together to do a first ever "Scout-Strong" 5k Walk, Run, Roll Fundraising event of 26 September 2020. The Scout Strong event will take place at McGregor Park for those that walk to meet withing Social Distancing guidelines or virtually. At McGregor Park there will be a four-hour window to come down and participate on the Riverwalk next to the Cumberland River. You can also join from where ever you want to put in those 5k's! Get on your bike, go ruck, jump on a treadmill or your own neighborhood walkways.

More information will be sent out with registration information and will also be available at the monthly meeting. Contact Ernest Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, [Eaglewarr7@yahoo.com](mailto:Eaglewarr7@yahoo.com).

## HONOR GUARD

On 28 August the Honor Guard team members returned to practices every other Friday at 1800 at Sykes Funeral Home. If you are interested in joining contact Bob Sisson, Sergeant at Arms at 931-919-3712.

## BLOOD DRIVE

Plans are in the works to sponsor a Blood Drive in December with the American Red Cross. In order to do so, we would need a minimum of 20 people to commit to the blood drive. If you are able to donate blood, and are willing to commit this activity under the American Legion Pillar of National Security donating critical resources please let us know. Commit now that you will support the Blood Drive in December.

## VOTING INFORMATION AND SCAM ALERTS

We are all there doing our civic duty reviewing our candidates and policies to make sound decisions in the upcoming elections. Unfortunately, there are still those out there that want to cause malice.

Excerpt from article: The FBI has identified dozens of suspicious websites that look like official election websites but are not legitimate and could be used to interfere with the 2020 vote, according to a Department of Homeland Security bulletin sent to state and local officials across the country and reviewed by Yahoo News....The websites' addresses flagged by the FBI include names that appear to reference voting in states like Pennsylvania, Georgia, **Tennessee**, Florida and among others. Many ends in dot-com, others in dot-net, just like many official elections websites.

Read the entire article here: [https://news.yahoo.com/exclusive-dhs-warns-of-fake-election-websites-potentially-tied-to-criminals-foreign-actors-221029900.html?&web\\_view=true](https://news.yahoo.com/exclusive-dhs-warns-of-fake-election-websites-potentially-tied-to-criminals-foreign-actors-221029900.html?&web_view=true)

## SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING!

**15 September 2020** (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month) at **1800** (6pm). **The meeting will be held at Sykes Funeral Home on the corner of 424 Franklin St, Clarksville.** There is plenty of parking across the street, and around back. Signs will be posted outside. The use of **masks** is required, the health and welfare of our comrades is first priority. Our guest speaker will be Dr Rita Burnett, Executive Director Loaves and Fishes [www.loavesandfishestn.org](http://www.loavesandfishestn.org).

We understand that many may want to remain at home, we respect every members' effort to remain safe and keep others safe. We will have a **virtual** venue set up so that you can participate from home.

Join Session 1, at 40 minutes we will have to switch to Session 2 (40-minute time limits)

### **JOIN ON ZOOM: Session 1**

Time: Sep 15, 2020 06:00 PM Central Time

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9849064194?pwd=bFRoMTFlalFibFg2TOVmV3Blemp2dz09>

Meeting ID: 984 906 4194

Passcode: 573631

### **JOIN ON ZOOM: Session 2**

Time: Sep 15, 2020 06:45 PM Central Time

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9849064194?pwd=bFRoMTFlalFibFg2TOVmV3Blemp2dz09>

Meeting ID: 984 906 4194

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### DONATION DRIVE FOR VETERANS

Unit 289 Auxiliary will have an ongoing drive for items to donate to Veteran Homes and Veteran Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers. A current resident, a Marine Veteran in the YORK VAMC Campus (RRTP) Murfreesboro, TN, reached out and asked for donations of some comforts and to include hygiene products. These items would be used by Veteran patients while in patient, and in some cases patients who are released do not have a home to go to so items can be taken and used which would be a blessing.

Allowable Misc. & Food Items Alcohol Free (Sealed/Unopened) This is ONLY a list of examples, think of comforts you may have wanted when away from home, traveling or without the ability to purchase for yourself. *Mixed Nuts / Canned Nuts, Beef Jerky, Ramen Noodles, Coffee (Grounds for Coffee Pot), Snack Crackers, Hard Candy, Blanket / Throw, Travel Pillow(s), Bandanna(s), (for Nose & Mouth Covering), White Socks, Shower Shoes, Mug, Coffee Tumbler, Paper, Pencils, Envelopes, Stamps, Band-Aids, Sewing Kit, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Mouth Wash, Lotions, Shampoos, Conditioners, Soaps, Facial Cleansers*

Items can be brought to the meetings, Honor Guard Practice or coordination of pick up can be made by contacting Billie Zeveney 931-338-7610 or [davenbill@yahoo.com](mailto:davenbill@yahoo.com)

### YARD SALE 3 OCTOBER 2020

The Unit Auxiliary is working on having a yard sale on 3 October 2020. Unused items that you would like to donate will be accepted and appreciated. All proceeds from the yard sale will go into our 2021 programs. If you would like to volunteer or donate please contact Sue Johnson. More details in the September Newsletters as it draws nearer and the state of health and the community dictate.

### AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Requirements: (1) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion; and (2) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who served in either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918 and any time after December 7, 1941 who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of their entry therein served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; (3) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941 who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and (4) to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.\*

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