



The Kingsport Legionnaire

THE AMERICAN LEGION Hammond Post 3

Newsletter for April/May 2024



Post meetings are every third Monday of the month, 6 P. M.
in the Eastman Conference Room, 2nd Floor of the
V.O. Dobbins Community Center, 301 Louis Street, Kingsport 37660

April Meeting is April 15, 2024, May Meeting is May 20, 2024

COMMANDER'S CORNER: I hope this newsletter finds you well. Our last newsletter was June 2024. Several Post officers and their families had health issues and we dropped the ball on the newsletter. We strive to do better in the future.

WARNINGS FROM DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE: Tennessee Secretary of State warns businesses about mail scam before renewal deadline <https://fox17.com/news/local/tennessee-secretary-of-state-warns-businesses-about-mail-scam-before-renewal-deadline>

Also, Tennessee is a "hands free" state – Law Enforcement is placing extra compliance emphasis during the month of April. Please remind your members not to have phones in their hands as they drive-it does not matter if they are using their phones as a GPS, calls, or text message.

MEMBERSHIP: THE AMERICAN LEGION Headquarters is raising their dues \$7.00 effective July 1, 2024. Unfortunately, we will have to raise our dues as well. The membership voted at the last meeting to raise our dues from \$45.00 to \$55.00. The reason for a \$10.00 is to make it easier to remember the dues and allow us not to raise dues for several more years.

National Headquarters has a renewal program for UpToDate and Delinquent members to renew their membership at the current rate for membership years 2025, 2026, and 2027. This offer ends June 30, 2024, and you must renew online at WWW.LEGION.ORG/RENEW.

ELECTIONS: We are in the process of electing our 2025 leadership positions Commander, 1st Vice Commander and 2nd Vice Commander. Nominations

may come from the floor in the April meeting. Elections will be before the May meeting on May 20, 2024.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Beginning July 1, 2024, we are closing our P.O. Box. Our mailing address will be:

THE AMERICAN LEGION Hammond Post #3
301 Louis Street, Suite 301
Kingsport, TN 37660

We hope to see you at the April meeting.
Gary R. Stidham

ADJUTANT'S CORNER: I echo the Commander's comments, it has been too long between newsletters. We will strive to do better.

Here ARE accomplishments worth mentioning between July 2021 – April 2024:

- Donated \$500.00 to Post member needing a new heat pump.
- Honor Guard: 340 Grave Site Honors, 16 Civic Events.
- Flage Etiquette Classes: 12 Classes taught four hundred students in county elementary and middle schools.
- Girls State: Sponsored four girls.
- Boys State: Sponsored three boys.
- Cemetery Flags: 30 - cemeteries supported each year.
- JROTC Awards: Provided Military Excellence and Academic Excellence awards to Dobyns-Bennett, Sullivan East, and West Ridge High Schools.
- Hospice Visits: Visited six terminally ill veterans.

Angelo A. Pellitteri

POST OFFICERS:

Post Commander: Gary R. Stidham
Past Post Commander/Honor Guard Commander:
Gerald Cardwell
1st Vice Commander: Todd McKinley
2nd Vice Commander: Michael Hannan
Adjutant: Hunter Woodall
Chaplain:
Finance Officer: Angelo A. Pellitteri
County Veteran Service Officer: Hunter Woodall

SICK CALL: Bill "Buck" Conant

To add members to the list contact:
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL 2024

15: Post Meeting
19: Fundraising Event at Freddy's in Kingsport
26: First District Convention, Post 21 Rogersville @ 6 P.M.

MAY 2024

19 – 24: Tennessee Boys State
20: Post Meeting
24: Fundraising Event at Freddy's in Kingsport
27: Memorial Day

JUNE 2024

14: Flag Day
14 – 16: Department Convention at Embassy Suites Nashville-SE
17: Post Meeting

JULY 2024

1: Beginning of 2025 Membership Year
1: Mack Riddle Independence Day Parade
4: Fourth of July
6: Fourth Of July Fireworks
15 – Post Meeting
19 – 27: Fun Fest

EMAIL NEWSLETTER: To reduce postage costs, we are emailing the newsletter to those members who have email addresses. It will also be on <https://www.tnpost3.com>, MyLegion.org and Facebook. If you want to continue receiving a paper copy, contact:

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POST FUNDRAISERS: We have two fundraisers scheduled for April 19 and May 24, 2024, at Freddy's in Kingsport. The hours are 5 – 9 PM. We get 15% of the proceeds on those nights. Come out, have a meal, and mention THE AMERICAN LEGION Hammond Post #3 when you order. The funds go to support our programs. You can use online orders, too!

April 19, 2024

Prom Code: GiveBack



May 24, 2024

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Thank you for your membership!