



# The Kingsport Legionnaire

THE AMERICAN LEGION Hammond Post No. 3

## Newsletter for September/ October 2024



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

### September Meeting is September 16, 2024, October Meeting is October 21, 2024

**COMMANDER’S CORNER:** I hope this newsletter finds you well. There have been several changes since our last newsletter. James A. LaCoursiere Jr. is the National Commander of the American Legion and John Davis is the new Commander of the American Legion Department of Tennessee. The Post raised over \$1300 in our summer fund raisers.

Thank you to all that came out to Freddy’s to help and eat. The Honor Guard has done over 180 funerals and seven events so far this year. The Chaplain did a Flag Etiquette Class at Providence Academy and is doing a class at Roosevelt Elementary School.

Tuesday November 5, 2024, is Election Day. Make sure to Vote, each vote counts.

Fall is upon us! The days are getting shorter and the nights longer. Here are my safety tips for the season. Make sure your car lights and wipers are in good working order. Clear leaves off your walkways, they get slippery when wet. Be careful when there are wet leaves on roads, they affect traction and breaking distance. Be careful when clearing leaves, they can be very heavy and cause over exertion. Be careful if using a lawn tractor on slopes to clear leaves, the tractor can overturn. Wear light colored or reflective outer garments when walking on roadways, you want to make yourself visible to traffic.

Angelo A. Pellitteri, Commander

#### **NATONAL OFFICERS:**

National Commander: **James A. LaCoursiere Jr.**  
National Vice Commanders: **James Kellogg**  
**Charles “Chuck” Robbins**  
**Gary B. Leach**  
**Joseph “Joe” Lysaght**  
**Roger Mathison**

National Constitutional Officers:  
**Rodney K. Rolland**, National Adjutant  
**Shawn T. Long**, CPA, National Treasurer  
**Mark Seavey**, National Judge Advocate  
**Daneil DePozo**, Nation Chaplain  
**Jennifer L. Laux**, National Historian  
**Everett G. Shepard III**, National Sergeant-at-Arms

#### **DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE OFFICERS**

**John Davis**, Department Commander  
**Dean A. Tuttle**, Department Adjutant and Finance Officer  
**Robert Hensley**, National Executive Committee Member, Post 61 Mountain City  
**Nancy Harper**, Alternate National Executive Committee Member, Post 27 Memphis  
**Todd McKinley**, Senior Vice Commander Post 3 Kingsport  
**James McLaughlin**, East Tennessee Vice Commander, Post 41 Newport  
**Hansel Moore**, Middle Tennessee Vice Commander, Post 207 Spencer  
**Tonya Launsby**, West Tennessee Vice Commander, Post 55 Martin  
**Eric “Scott” Foulks**, First District Commander, Post 21 Rogersville  
**Michael Testerman**, Second District Commander, Post 2 Knoxville  
**Dwight Woodcock**, Third District Commander, Post 81 Cleveland  
**Danny Pan**, Acting Fourth District Commander, Post 135 Cookeville  
**Eric Rasmussen**, Acting Fifth District Commander, Post 82 Inglewood  
**Glen Baggttt**, Sixth District Commander, Post 73 Erin  
**Vincent “Vince” Cuevas**, Seventh District Commander, 39 Lewisburg

**Hubert Culver**, Eighth District Commander, Post 12  
Jackson

**Jean Launsby**, Ninth District Commander, Post 55  
Martin

**Paul Hethmon**, Tenth District Commander, 250  
Germantown

**Lanny Culver**, Immediate Past Commander, Post  
243 Scotts Hill

**Larry Kersey**, Past Department Commander, Post  
78 Manchester

**Luther Holsonback**, Past Department Commander,  
Post 243 Scotts Hill

**POST OFFICERS:**

Post Commander: Angelo A. Pellitteri

Past Post Commander: Gary R. Stidham

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Todd McKinley

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Michael Hannan

Adjutant: **Nancy Rachel**

Chaplain: Phil Jones

Finance Officer: Angelo A. Pellitteri

Service Officer: Gary R. Stidham

County Veteran Service Officer: Hunter Woodall

Honor Guard Commander: Gerald Cardwell

**NEW POST MAILING ADDRESS:**

THE AMERICAN LEGION Hammond Post #3301

Louis Street, Suite 301

Kingsport, TN 37660

**POST EVERLASTING:**

Doug Mancabelli

Kermit Stallard

**SICK CALL:** Bill "Buck" Connant

To add members to the list contact:

Ellen Burchfield (423) 246-6991

Angelo A. Pellitteri (423) 276-5358

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**SEPTEMBER:**

9: September 11 National Day of Service and  
Remembrance

18: Happy Birthday US Air Force

20: POW/MIA Recognition Day

29: Gold Star Mother's Day

**October:**

7: Operation Enduring Freedom Started (2001)

13: Happy Birthday US Navy

16: Flag Retirement Ceremony at Sullivan Gardens  
Elementary School, 10 A.M.

25: Grenada Invasion

26: Kingsport Fashion Week, Honoring Veterans,  
Police Department and Fire Department, The  
Encounter, at The Encounter, 1:30 P.M.

31: Happy Halloween

**NOVEMBER:**

5: Election Day

11: Veterans Day Ceremony, Kingsport Veterans  
Memorial, 11 A.M.

28: Thanksgiving

**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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**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:**

We can now take credit card payments for  
membership dues, donations, resale items (flags,  
legion hats, etc.) A 3.5% charge is added to the  
purchase.

**POST RAFFLE:**

The Post is having a raffle to fund our general fund  
to pay for day-to-day operations, Honor Guard  
expenses, and Americanism programs, i.e., Flag  
Etiquette classes, JROTC and Scholastic Awards,  
etc.

The Grand Prize is \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize 250, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize  
\$100. The drawing will be at the Post meeting on  
October 21, 2024. Tickets are \$5 each, five for \$20  
or ten for \$25. You DO NOT need to be present to  
win.

You can pay with a check, money order or credit  
card. Return the tickets and payment in the  
enclosed envelope. Make checks payable to  
AMERICAN LEGION Hammond Post No. 3

For online entry, email [commander@tnpost3.com](mailto:commander@tnpost3.com)  
with number of tickets, contact information, and  
credit card information. We will print paper tickets  
for the drawing.

**Tickets must be RETURNED by OCTOBER 16, 2024.**

**Hammond Post No. 3 2024 Raffle**

**Grand Prize \$500**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$250, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$100**

**\$25 for 10 Tickets, \$20 for 5 Tickets, \$5 for 1 Ticket**

**You do not need to be present to win.**

**Return your ticket/request by October 16, 2024**

**Online Raffle Form**

Hammond Post 3 members will receive tickets in the mail. You can still enter the raffle if you are not a member of Hammond Post 3.

Download this form and email it to [commander@tnpost3.com](mailto:commander@tnpost3.com) or mail it to the address below. Use Subject: 2024 Raffle. We will print your name on the number of tickets you want for the drawing.

Mail or email us with your donation. Include:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How many tickets do you want? 10 \_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Payment Information:

Name on Card (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_



Security Code\* \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_

***\*For Discover, Mastercard and Visa, enter the last three digits on the signature strip. For American Express, enter the four digits in small print on the front of the card.***

Make checks to: AMERICAN LEGION Hammond Post No. 3

Mail Checks and Entry form to: AMERICAN LEGION  
301 Louis Street, Suite 301  
Kingsport, TN 37660-5197

**Sample Online Ticket:**

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| <p><b>Online Ticket</b></p>  <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> | <p><b>Online Ticket</b></p>  <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> |
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