



The Kingsport Legionnaire
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Newsletter March/April 2019

Commander's Corner:

Winter is behind us and spring is just around the corner. Soon we will be starting up the lawn mowers and weed eaters.

The Post has been extremely busy since our last newsletter; Mid-Winter Conference, 4 Chaplains Ceremony, rejuvenating the Post baseball team, flag etiquette classes to name a few things.

The American Legion Hammond Post #3 and Gate City Post #265 Honor Guard and Post 3 Chaplain Phil Jones performed Military Honors for unclaimed Marine Corps veteran Jerry L. Gray. The ceremony was held at Mountain Home National Cemetery and was attended by several veteran organizations giving Mr. Gray a proper funeral.

This year is the 100th Anniversary of the founding of American Legion. Posts across the nation are commemorating this momentous event.

Post 3 will be celebrating our 100th Year on July 13, 2019 at the pavilion at Warriors State Park. We invite all legionnaires and their families to the event. More information will be forthcoming.

Gary R. Stidham
Post Commander

Adjutant's Corner:

It is late in the year, but I hope everyone had a pleasant Christmas and New Year.

Since our last newsletter we sent two legionnaires to the Mid-Winter Conference and conducted a Four Chaplains Ceremony. We thank everyone who attended.

We thank all of you who have renewed your 2019 membership. If you haven't renewed yet, please send your renewal forms to the Ellen Burchfield at the Post 3 office.

We have two boys interested in Boys State and three girls interested in Girls State. We would appreciate any donation to the Post to help sponsor these five deserving young men and women.

Angelo A. Pellitteri
Post Adjutant

Post Officers:

Post Commander – Gary R. Stidham
Past Post Commander/Honor Guard
Commander – Gerald Cardwell
1st Vice Commander – Doug Mancabelli
2nd Vice Commander – Louis D. Hill
Adjutant – Angelo A. Pellitteri
Chaplain –
Finance Officer – James W. “Bill” Jones
Membership Officer – Doug Mancabelli
Sergeant-At-Arms – Billy “Buck” Connant

Sick Call:

Bobby Westbrook

To add members to contact:

Ellen Burchfield (423)-246-6691

Angelo A. Pellitteri (423)-276-5358

Email Phil Jones chaplain@tnpost3.com

TAPS:

Upcoming Events:

March 18, 2019 – Post Meeting

April 15, 2019 – Post Meeting,

Nominations for post officers

May 19 – 25, 2019 – Boys State

May 20, 2019 – Post Meeting, Post
Elections

May 27, 2019 – Memorial Day

June 1-2, 2019 – Department Convention

June 14, 2019 – Flag Day

June 17, 2019 – Post Meeting

June 22, 2019 – Post 3 100th Year
Celebration

July 4, 2019 – Fourth of July Parade

July 22, 2019 – Post Meeting, Moved due to
Fun Fest

August 19, 2019 – Post Meeting

August 21 – 30, 2019 – National
Convention

September 16, 2019 – Post Meeting

October 21, 2019 – Post Meeting

December 16, 2019 – Post Meeting

Color Guard

We are establishing a Color Guard to ease the burden of our Honor Guard for community events. The Color Guard will perform events such as grand openings, flag ceremonies etc. We will not provide gun salutes. Contact Angelo A. Pellitteri (423) 276-5358 or Mike Hannan (315) 573-0703 if you are interested in being a member.

Email News Letter:

In order to reduce postage cost, we are emailing It will also be posted on MyLegion.org and Facebook.

If you want to continue receiving a paper copy contact:

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Membership:

Our 2019 membership goal is 650. We currently have 467 as of 3/8/2019, 183 short.

Welcome to Post 3:

Inspiration Corner:

As I write this, I have been thinking of the last couple of months about all of the unclaimed/unaccompanied veteran burials we have seen. In the last two months, I have had the privilege of participating in two burials of veterans rendering the committal service for them. I could write a book about this but I think what needs to be said is this: If you are a Legionnaire, or you know a veteran, and are either at home, in a Assistant Living Home, hospice, VA, whatever your circumstances, **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** We are here to help you, support you, and talk with you! In addition, and most importantly, GOD has and is always with you! Psalm 139 says He created you, He knows you. Isaiah 46:4 says, ***“Even to your old age I am he, And even to your advanced old age I will carry you! I have made you, and I will carry***

you; Be assured I will carry you and I will save you.”

We have entered the Lent season this month. I encourage you to take time and reflect on what Easter means too you. There are many devotionals out there on line that will help you walk through the Lent Season and hopefully refresh your spirit as you see God’s wonderful plan of salvation for your life! As we enter Holy week in April, don’t get caught up in all the hoopla of the world’s idea of Easter, but get caught up in God’s grace, love, forgiveness, His plan of salvation and eternal life through the Cross.

You can contact me through our Post by emailing me a chaplain@tnpost3.com, with sick call notification, if you just want to talk or have a visit. Have a blessed March-April month, hug your wife, hug your kids, hug your grandkids; they just might need that from you to help them through the day!

Blessings!

Chaplain Phil