



The Kingsport Legionnaire
American Legion Hammond Post 3



Newsletter for June 2022

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

**June Meeting moved to June 24, 2020
In the V. O. Dobbins Community Center, Douglas Community Room
1st Floor, North Entrance**

Commander's Corner:

I hope this newsletter finds you well. Our last newsletter was before the pandemic hit in 2020. We cancelled meetings and events due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Our Honor Guard suspend their operations throughout 2020 and most of 2021. In April 2022 they resumed normal operations.

We lost several members during the pandemic. There are too many to list here. We miss them all; their families are in our thoughts and prayers.

The post has not held any social gatherings since December 2019. So, we are moving the June meeting to **Friday June 24, 2022**, and are a fried chicken dinner in the **Douglass Community Room**, 1st floor, North Entrance of the V.O. Dobbins Community Center.

Business will be kept to a minimum, but we want to recognize our American Legion 70-, 60-, and 50-year members of continuous membership:

Kenneth Whiten – 70 Years
George Epps – 60 Years

John Born – 50 Years

Charles Dingus – 50 Years

Gerald Horton – 50 Years

Haskel Jones – 50 Years

Leland Leonard – 50 Years

We hope to see you at the dinner on June 24, 2022.

Gary R. Stidham
Post Commander

Adjutant's Corner:

Our last published newsletter was two and a half years ago. That is way too long.

Here are some accomplishments worth mentioning between Jan 2019 – May 2022:

- Honor Guard conducted 249 funerals
- The Chaplain completed 5 Flag Etiquette Classes teaching 336 grade and middle school children
- The Post sponsored two girls to the Virtual Girls State in 2021.
- The Post sponsored one girl to in-person Girls State in 2022
- The Post sponsored one boy to in-person Boys State in 2022

- The Post continued to present JROTC and School Award Certificates to Sullivan North, Sullivan South, Sullivan East, Dobyns-Bennett and now West Ridge High Schools (2019 and 2020 were virtual presentations)
- The 1st Vice Commander visited six veteran hospice patients
- Many volunteers decorated veteran graves at over thirty cemeteries each May since 2019

Sadly, we lost several members over the years. They are in our thoughts and prayers.

Wishing everyone a safe Summer.

Angelo A. Pellitteri
Post Adjutant

Post Chain of Command:

Post Commander – Gary R. Stidham
Past Post Commander/Honor Guard
Commander – Gerald Cardwell
1st Vice Commander – Robert Williams
2nd Vice Commander – Michael Hannan
Adjutant – Angelo A. Pellitteri
Chaplain – Phil Jones
Finance Officer – Angelo A. Pellitteri
Service Officer – Michael Hannan

Sick Call:

To add members contact:
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Upcoming Events:

June 14, 2022 – Flag Day
June 24, 2022 – Post Meeting/Dinner

July 2, 2022 – American Legion Mack Riddle Independence Day Parade

July 2 – 3, 2022 – Department or Tennessee Convention

July 4, 2022 – Independence Day

July 15 – 23, 2022 – Kingsport Fun Fest

July 18, 2022 – Post Meeting (tentative)

August 22, 2022 – Post Meeting

Email Newsletter:

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If you want to continue receiving a paper copy, contact:

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AMERICAN LEGION HAMMOND POST 3 DINNER

DATE: June 24, 2022

TIME: 6:15 P.M.

PLACE: V. O. Dobbins Center, Douglas Community Room, 1st Floor

MENU: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Banana Pudding, Tea, Water, Coffee

COST: \$5.00/person

RSVP: Number in your party by

Monday June 24, 2020

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