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POST 14 PARTICIPATES IN SIGNAL MOUNTAIN JULY 4TH PARADE



Chris Dooley (right), Post 14 Commander; Post 293, Signal Mountain, member who rode with us.

We didn't know what to expect during this parade, since this was our first. We were pleasantly surprised; it is truly a family-oriented event.

The participants both walked and rode bicycles and vehicles.

We didn't know the tossing of candy was allowed, so we didn't have any to give the kids. Next year, when we participate in the parade, we will ensure we have plenty of candy for the kids.

THE GENERAL EDITOR



We hope our members and veterans will renew/join Post 14. A membership application is included on the last page of this newsletter. Please pass it on to any veteran who is not a member of the American Legion.

Our post aims to support our community, youth, and fellow veterans. We look forward to taking applications for our two post-scholarship recipients for 2027.

The post recently visited the student veterans at UTC and distributed gift cards to defray the cost of purchasing school supplies. As in the past, we enjoyed talking with the veterans.

We hope to sponsor eight boys and four girls to Boys and Girls State. We will also continue to send youth to Founding Forward. Our goal is to build youth with a strong sense of patriotism.

Alan Syler

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POST 14'S WEBSITE

"amlegion14.us"

Scan the QR code to visit our website.

We will keep our site up to date to ensure you are kept informed about post-meetings and events.



POST 14 FACEBOOK PAGE

Scan the QR code to visit our page.

"American Legion Post 14 Chattanooga"



POST MEETING AND EVENTS

6 Oct Post monthly meeting

3 Nov Post monthly meeting

**7 Nov Air Force-Army game
at the Post**

11 Nov Veterans Day

26 Nov Thanksgiving

Dec No monthly meeting

**12 Dec Army-Navy game
at the Post**

25 Dec Merry Christmas

1 Jan Happy New Year



POST COMMANDER

I am enormously proud of our Post. Recently, we won the Commander's 100% award for membership, as well as recognition for our participation in the Hamilton County Veterans Treatment Court. We want to be a benefit to the community and other veterans.

Several members also visited the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to meet with the student veterans there. It was invigorating to listen to their enthusiasm and youth.

Now let me update you on information from the Marketing Commission meeting at the annual convention in Louisville. While the Legion no longer sponsors a race car, we are still a recognized Indy Car Charity. This keeps our name in that circle of contributors. Because membership is important to the Legion, greater emphasis will be placed on social media. One study says 60% of Americans now get their information from the internet rather than from TV and radio. You will see more humorous videos highlighting the benefits of Legion membership. This method has improved membership.

Money is always an issue for non-profits, so the Legion has a sweepstakes to give away a restored Humvee. Mario Andretti is in several spots touting the giveaway. Go to Drive 4 Freedom by 19 Dec 26 to enter.

Finally, the Legion is stressing its "Be the One" program more. Cliff Barker of Iowa is the new chairman. He is full of energy and new ideas. Remember to reach out to your buddy if you notice something is wrong.

Watch for Alan Syler's announcements regarding packing meals for Hope for the Inner City, building beds with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and supporting the Medal of Honor Heritage Center.

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Very respectfully,

Chris Dooley



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Recently, I attended a family reunion and celebration of our family ranching in Montana, which has continued since 1907. What hit me was the number of old people there and the number of family members who had departed from this world. (At 72, I was one of the youngest people there.)

This begs the question: "What happens after death?" The Bible has the answers.

In the beginning, God created mankind to have fellowship with Him, but Adam and Eve sinned.

This sin broke that fellowship and created a gap between God and mankind. But because God loves His creation, He fashioned a remedy to regain that fellowship. His Son, Jesus Christ, took on the sin of mankind and bore it on a cruel Roman cross as a sacrifice. His death pacified a holy God. Later, Jesus rose and was seated in heaven next to His Father. These actions set in place a way for believers to repent and return to God.

This free gift restores believers' fellowship with God. Jesus' shed blood covers our sin and purchases our salvation. Christ's victory resides in the heart of everyone who accepts Him as Savior.

How about you? Do you wonder about death and living, or heaven and hell? Perhaps now is the time to get serious about finding those answers. Your chaplain or pastor is standing by to help.

Chris Dooley
Chaplain

MEETING MINUTES

July:

No monthly meeting was conducted.

August:

Commander Dooley opened the meeting.

Commander Dooley led us in the opening prayer.

Alan Syler led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, with all reciting.

Commander Dooley read the American Legion Opening Ceremony.

All observed a moment of silence.

Commander Dooley recognized the 3rd District Commander, William Barker, and his wife, Fran.

The Adjutant read the minutes of the last meeting held on 2 June 2026.

Commander requested a motion to approve the minutes as read.

Sheila Billings moved to accept the minutes; Scott Hardin seconded. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.

The Adjutant also reviewed the July 2026 financial report.

Membership numbers reported: 104 paid for the 2026-2028 period.

Correspondence: None

Commander discussed the sale of the 814 Lindsay Street property. The interested party in Nashville did not sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement within the 90-day period, so the deal will not happen. He continued that the property remains listed with RE/MAX Commercial Real Estate in Hixson.

Commander discussed the Executive Committee's effort to ensure the post-investment provides the best yield. The committee continues to monitor the accounts and adjust as necessary.

Commander discussed the post's involvement with the community's youth. He stated these are scholarships, Boys/Girls State, Founding Forward, and JROTC. This effort is to meet one of the four pillars of the American Legion. Commander stated he signed the forms for the post to obtain a Tennessee tax exemption.

Commander reminded the attendees that the post can be used by other organizations if they are vetted and an executive committee member is present.

Syler listed those currently meeting at the post: Post 159, Post 291, submarine veterans, MOAA executive committee, and the Navy League.

Commander stressed that our goal is to be an asset to other organizations.

Commander stated the post had recently renewed its liability insurance policy. Syler stated that the independent insurer, Frank Steil, Hixson, offered a policy with Liberty Mutual for half the amount paid the previous year.

Commander also stated the post has Directors and Officers insurance.

Commander noted the golf cart recently purchased for the VA Clinic is being used to transport patients to and from the parking lot.

Syler stated that when all the decals arrive, we will go to the clinic and place them on the cart.

Commander noted that the post has a Facebook page. He asked Janet Meyer, the administrator, for the name of the page. Janet stated it is "Post 14 Chattanooga."

Commander stated that the post has donated funds to the National Medal of Honor Heritage Center to support teachers who teach students about the five-character traits. A celebration will be held in October; the speaker representing the post is Pam Fields, Jim's wife.

Commander discussed veteran projects undertaken by the post. One recent project is a \$500 donation to DAV Chapter 6 to purchase an ice maker.

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Since an officer in DAV Chapter 6 was in attendance, the presentation was made during the meeting.

Commander stated there will be an event at UTC for student veterans. It is called Operation Supply Drop. This is an opportunity to assist veteran students. He continued that the executive committee voted to purchase \$1,000 in Walmart gift cards to distribute. Several post members plan to attend the event, scheduled for 25 August from 0900-1500 hours.

Scott Hardin indicated that an event is scheduled for 11 September at 1130 hours. He will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Commander discussed the loan requested by Post 95. The executive committee has not received sufficient information from Post 95 to make a responsible decision regarding the loan.

William Barker thanked all for their support in electing him to be the 3rd District Commander.

He continued discussing his agenda and goals for his tenure. One of his goals is to foster cooperation between the posts in the district.

He discussed the need for Post 95 to reconstitute their Honor Guard. Post 81, Cleveland, has been filling the gap left by Post 95, but it has become a burden for them to do so. He said anyone interested in participating in Post 95's Honor Guard should call Commander Parrish.

Commander discussed Gallantry Forward and their effectiveness in assisting veterans in need of a location to decompress.

He stated they have recently received a sizeable grant from a fast-food company to build additional facilities. Building is ongoing on the site, but it has been slowed of late.

Commander said he is impressed with the Gallantry Forward business model and should add to their success.

Commander asked Sheila Billings if Chefs 4 Vets USA will provide the food for the fishing tournament in the fall. She indicated they would.

Syler stated the post should make a larger donation than in 2025 to purchase prizes for the tournament.

Sheila Billings also discussed various equestrian programs in the area. Commander indicated Gallantry Forward is also developing an equestrian program.

Janet Meyer indicated that a veteran participating in UTC's entrepreneur program is providing assistance to veterans enduring PTSD. Contact Janet for additional information.

Syler briefed the attendees on Vickie Putnam's stroke recovery. She has suffered setbacks due to the broken ankle.

William Barker discussed that the Legion Riders must be Legion members. Syler stated that posts increasing their numbers by recruiting younger members have a Legion Riders chapter.

William continued discussing the 3rd District newsletter he plans to publish; he'll be looking for input.

Wes Billings indicated a law enforcement motorcycle ride is scheduled for 22 August to support DAV Chapter 6.

A discussion ensued regarding the resolution to remove Andrew Jackson from our Legion caps, voted on at the Department of Tennessee Convention in June. The resolution was soundly defeated. William said he was pleased no 3rd District post voted to change the caps.

Commander Dooley asked if there were any additional items to discuss; there were none.

Commander Dooley read the American Legion Closing Ceremony.

Syler stated that there will be no July meeting; the next post meeting will be on 1 September 2026 at 1830 hours.

Commander Dooley closed the meeting, and we adjourned.

September:

Commander Dooley opened the meeting.

Commander Dooley led us in the opening prayer.

Scott Hardin led the Pledge of Allegiance, with all reciting. Commander Dooley read the American Legion Opening Ceremony.

All observed a moment of silence.

Commander Dooley recognized two visitors to Chattanooga. Jim Caton and his wife, Ty, from Jacksonville, Arkansas, Post 71, introduced themselves.

The Adjutant read the minutes of the last meeting held on 4 August 2026.

Without exception, the minutes were approved

The Adjutant also reviewed the August 2026 financial report.

Membership numbers reported: 104 paid for the 2026-2028 period.

Correspondence: None

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Commander Dooley briefed the membership on the post's recent visit to the UTC student veterans. We had excellent conversations with the veterans.

We distributed gift cards to the student veterans to purchase school supplies. Syler also gave the veterans copies of our post newsletter, pointing out that it includes an American Legion membership application.

Commander Dooley discussed the status of the Post 95 loan request. Since Post 95 has been remiss in providing the requested financial data, our post support will not

Commander Dooley discussed the 814 Lindsay Street property. Since the sale will not happen to the interested party in Nashville, RE/MAX Commercial Real Estate will be instructed to put the property on the market.

Commander Dooley indicated that Post 14 has received our tax exemption from the Tennessee Secretary of State. This exemption will allow the post to make purchases tax-free.

Commander Dooley stated the post has liability insurance. He thanked the Adjutant for getting significant savings on the insurance from the previous year.

American Legion National is concerned that several posts nationwide lack liability insurance. They plan to conduct training to ensure posts understand the need for insurance.

Commander discussed the Carl E. Levi Assistance Fund, which supports veterans in need.

He requested anyone aware of a veteran facing financial challenges to inform the Adjutant.

Commander discussed Gallantry Forward and their good work in assisting veterans with PTSD issues. He indicated Post 14 plans to support the group with financial assistance.

The Adjutant stated that the post intends to support its November fishing tournament. Also, we plan to make a donation to them.

Wes Billings indicated that, in recent conversations with Lucas Lewis, he expressed needs for the facility.

Ray Mitchell and Scott Hardin also stated that Lucas had indicated the need for a counselor.

Commander discussed our post's involvement in initiatives such as meal packaging at Hope for the Inner City and the Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build.

He explained the need for both and the need for our community.

Commander discussed the recent purchase and delivery of a new golf cart for the Chattanooga VA Clinic. He thanked Scott Hardin for taking the lead for the purchase. Scott stated that the cart is transporting 50 to 60 veterans per day.

Commander discussed the post's support of the Medal of Honor Heritage Center's gala in October. He stated that Post 14 made a donation to support the teachers who teach five character traits to school-age children. Also, Post 14 will have two tables at the gala. One of them will be for the teachers.

Commander Dooley provided a report on various items discussed at the recent American Legion National Convention:

Drive4Freedom sweepstakes. The prize is a refurbished and updated military HUMVEE. Tickets must be purchased by 19 December.

Legion National recently hired a public relations person.

Legion National recently hired a social media person. Four veterans are producing humorous videos for the sites.

Legion National has also appointed a new Be the One chairman. While attending the convention, Chris discussed adding the VTC to the Be the One initiative with Lanny Culver of the Tennessee Department of NEC. Lanny indicated no interest in supporting a resolution to add the VTC.

He also stated the Legion National magazine will be printed in a smaller format. This will allow the magazine to be mailed, saving money.

Ray Mitchell discussed the post's financial support for the Red Bank High School band trip to participate in Festa Bowl on 30 December. He also stated the post will provide financial support to the Red Bank JROTC.

Commander discussed that the post will be inspected by the 3rd District Commander, William Barker. This inspection is to ensure the post is following the Legion National requirements for post operations.

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Scott Hardin stated the Desert Storm monument procurement is moving forward since a request has been submitted to the Hamilton County Commission for financial support.

Billy Hewitt questioned the status of the 6888 monument to be placed in Fort Oglethorpe. Scott Hardin stated fundraising continues.

Commander Dooley asked if there were any additional items to discuss; there were none.

Commander Dooley read the American Legion Closing Ceremony.

Syler stated that there will be no July meeting; the next post-meeting will be on 6 October 2026 at 1830 hours.

Commander Dooley closed the meeting, and we adjourned.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 14 DONATES GOLF CART

Recently, Post 14 purchased and donated a new golf cart to the Chattanooga VA Clinic.

This will allow those veterans who have difficulty walking to and from the parking lot; the golf cart will ferry them there.

This is a small part of the ways Post 14 serves our fellow veterans, our community, and the youth of our area.



Pictured Post 14 members: Chris Dooley, Commander; Tony Crowder; Scott Hardin, Sgt-at-Arms; Ray Mitchell, Vice Commander; and Alan Syler, Adjutant

POST 14 HOSTS BLOOD DRIVE

On 29 June, Post 14 hosted a Blood Assurance of Chattanooga blood drive.

Blood Assurance set up their van behind the Post Four Squares Office Center. We worked closely with the Blood Assurance personnel to ensure we were available if they required our assistance.

The afternoon got off to a slow start, but later several individuals gave blood.

We were disappointed that only nine individuals donated blood. One was a Legionnaire who recently attended meetings at our post after moving here from California.

We plan to have another blood drive in the future.



How do you play Air Force bingo?
"A-10! B-52! F-16!"

If you lose your rifle, the Army charges you \$85, which is why in the Navy, the captain goes down with the ship.

My high school assignment was to ask a veteran about World War II. Since my father had served in the Philippines during the war, I chose him. After a few basic questions, I very gingerly asked, "Did you ever kill anyone?" Dad got quiet. Then, in a soft voice, he said, "Probably. I was the cook."



RESOURCE GUIDE:

https://www.va.gov/resources/?utm_campaign=VetResources&utm_id=29JUL2026&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

VA account and profile • Signing in to VA.gov • Change your address on file with VA • Direct deposit for your VA payments • How to change direct deposit information for VA benefits • Managing your VA.gov profile • Go to all articles about VA account and profile	CHAMPVA care • How to file a CHAMPVA claim • Meds by Mail for CHAMPVA and other family member programs • Prescription medications covered through Meds by Mail • Getting care for spina bifida and other birth defects • Go to all articles about family and caregiver benefits
Burials and memorials • Can I be buried in Arlington National Cemetery? • Can I plan ahead for my burial in a VA national cemetery? • What does burial in a VA national cemetery include? • Government headstones and markers FAQs • Requesting a replacement government headstone or marker	Health care • How to set up direct deposit for VA travel pay reimbursement • Reimbursed VA travel expenses and mileage rate • Can I get free health care and prescriptions as a Veteran? • Does VA cover nursing home, assisted living, or other long-term care? • How to get help with concerns at a VA health facility • Go to all articles about health care
Decision reviews and appeals	Housing

• What your decision review or appeal status means • How to check your VA claim, appeal, or decision review status online • Choosing a decision review option • Decision reviews FAQs • VA's duty to assist • Go to all articles about decision reviews and appeals	• Homeless help • Disaster help • How to resolve a dispute with your builder • Life insurance • Life insurance if you have preexisting conditions • Life insurance dividend payment options • Deciding how much life insurance to get • How to find out if you should get a higher TSGLI payment • Can I get a loan through my VA life insurance policy?
<i>Disability</i> • Non-compensable disability • Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) • Your intent to file a VA claim • If I return to active duty, will I still get VA disability payments? • VA accredited representative FAQs • Go to all articles about disability	<i>Pension</i> • Evidence to support VA pension, DIC, or accrued benefits claims • Your intent to file a VA claim • How are pension benefits and disability compensation different? • \$90 VA pension rate if you're in a Medicaid-covered nursing facility
<i>Education and training</i> • Compare VA education benefits • How VA education benefit payments affect your taxes • How do I get college credits for my military service? • Can I get a copy of my education decision letter? • GI Bill and other VA education benefit payments FAQs • Go to all articles about education and training • Family and caregiver benefits	<i>Other topics and questions</i> • What your claim status means • Commissary and exchange privileges for Veterans • Veteran Identification Card (VIC) FAQs • Helpful VA phone numbers

VETERANS CAN BOOST HEALTH AND THRIVE IN LATER LIFE

Veterans in later life often carry a proud sense of mission into retirement while facing aging-related health challenges that don't announce themselves until they start to shrink daily options. Stiff joints, creeping weight gain, sleep trouble, hearing changes, chronic pain, and low mood can turn ordinary tasks into negotiations and quietly drain confidence. The hardest part is that service taught endurance, so many veterans push through and delay support until independence starts slipping. Proactive health practices can restore steadier energy, clearer thinking, and meaningful improvements in quality of life.

Make 7 Small Daily Upgrades to Body and Mind

The goal isn't to "go back to who you were." It's to feel steadier, stronger, and more capable in the life you're living now, one small, repeatable upgrade at a time.

1. Run a 10-minute "shipshape" mobility + balance circuit: Set a timer and do 3 moves: chair sit-to-stands (10 reps), heel-to-toe walk down a hallway (1 minute), and wall push-ups (10–15 reps). Repeat the circuit until time is up. This builds leg strength and balance, two big drivers of independence, and it's easy to scale without needing a gym.
2. Add "easy zone" walking on purpose (not just errands): Aim for 20 minutes of brisk-but-talkable walking, 3–5 days this week. If that's too much, do 10 minutes after breakfast and 10 after dinner. Consistency matters more than speed, and a predictable route lowers the friction of getting started.
3. Make one protein-and-produce upgrade per day: Pick one meal and add a palm-sized protein plus one extra serving of color (frozen vegetables count). Examples: eggs + spinach for breakfast, tuna + beans for lunch, or chicken + mixed veg for dinner. This supports steadier energy and muscle maintenance without forcing a full diet overhaul.
4. Use the "two-shelf" kitchen reset to eat better by default: Put your most helpful go-to foods at eye level for the week: nuts, fruit, yogurt, canned fish, whole-grain crackers, and pre-cut veggies. Move sweets and snack chips to a higher shelf or a less convenient cabinet. A community wellness guideline to model healthy eating works at home too: make the healthy choice the easy choice.
5. Do one "mission with people" each week (volunteer or help a neighbor): Choose a role that fits your body and your bandwidth, phone check-ins, museum docent shifts, assisting at a food pantry, mentoring, or helping another vet get to an appointment. The UK government estimated the wellbeing benefits of volunteering in England at a massive scale, and on an individual level, many veterans find purpose and routine are just as important as workouts.
6. Start a "hands-busy, mind-calm" hobby in 15-minute blocks: Pick something that keeps your hands moving and your attention gently anchored, such as woodworking basics, knot-tying, ham radio study, model building, sketching, gardening, or learning a few songs on an instrument. Keep the barrier low: set up a small station (a box or tray) so you can start and stop without losing momentum. Hobbies are a quiet mental health practice: they reduce rumination and give you progress, you can see.
7. Downsize one hotspot per week to reduce strain and fall risk: Choose a single friction point—stairs, cluttered walkways, heavy laundry baskets, a crowded garage— and make one change you can finish in under an hour. Examples: clear a hallway path, add a second laundry hamper, move daily-use items to waist height, or create a "drop zone" by the door for keys/meds/mail. Smaller, safer routines protect the "next watch" priorities: energy, mood, and the ability to stay in your own space.

Use a 10–20 Minute Meditation to Lower Stress Today

Those small daily upgrades get even easier to keep when you have a quick way to steady your nerves. Meditation is a simple, reliable tool for easing stress, especially on days when your mind feels stuck in high gear. Many veterans find that a short, consistent practice can help quiet the mental noise and bring a calmer, more grounded perspective; mindfulness resources can make it feel more approachable. Even 10 to 20 minutes a day can reduce stress and support a more positive outlook.

Weekly Routines That Keep You Strong and Steady

Habits work best when they are simple, trackable, and tied to how you want to feel each week. For Navy veterans and any older adult, a short routine builds confidence, supports long-term health, and makes progress feel doable even when motivation dips.

Morning Mobility Check

- What it is: Do 5 minutes of joint circles, gentle stretches, and slow bodyweight squats.
- How often: Daily
- Why it helps: It loosens stiff areas and lowers injury risk before chores and errands.

Two Strength Anchors

- What it is: Complete a short routine of push-ups, rows, sit-to-stands, and carry.
- How often: Twice weekly
- Why it helps: It protects muscle, balance, and independence as you age.

Social Touchpoint

What it is: Schedule one coffee, call, or group meet-up you will keep.

How often: Weekly

Why it helps: It reduces isolation and keeps mood and motivation steadier.

Habit Pairing Plan

- What it is: Use learning habits by attaching a new habit to an existing one.
- How often: Per new habit
- Why it helps: It makes follow-through easier when willpower runs low.

Sunday Reset Review

- What it is: List three wins, one obstacle, and one tweak for next week.
- How often: Weekly
- Why it helps: It keeps your routine realistic and improves consistency over time.

Common Wellness Questions Veterans Ask

Q: What if my knees, shoulders, or back limit what I can do?

A: Work within a “comfortable range” and choose joint-friendly options like chair sit-to-stands, wall push-ups, and slow step-ups. Use pain as a stop sign, not a challenge, and increase reps before adding load. If swelling, sharp pain, or numbness shows up, check in with a clinician or physical therapist.

Q: How can I exercise when I’m tired of meds or dealing with side effects?

A: Ask your pharmacist or prescriber what timing, food, or hydration changes can reduce dizziness or fatigue. Keep movement light on high symptom days, such as five minutes of easy walking and breathing, so the habit stays alive. Track how you feel before and after to spot patterns worth sharing with your doctor at appointments.

Q: Why does loneliness hit harder after retirement, and what actually helps?

A: Many veterans miss the built-in camaraderie, so schedule a connection like a real mission with a set day and time. Since 41% of veterans need mental health care programs every year, reaching out early is a strength, not a weakness. Try a weekly coffee, volunteer shift, or veterans’ group that meets consistently.

Q: Can I really start strength training in my 60s, 70s, or beyond?

A: Yes, and starting small is often the safest way to begin. Use light resistance and focus on controlled form, steady breathing, and longer rest breaks. Even simple practice supports confidence and a quality of life at any age.

Q: When should I push through discomfort, and when should I stop?

A: Mild muscle effort or next-day soreness is normal, but joint pain that worsens during movement is a cue to modify or stop. Use a 0 to 10 scale and keep effort around 4 to 6 most days. If symptoms change your gait, sleep, or grip, get medical guidance.

Build Better Health in Later Life, One Steady Habit

Aging with miles behind you can bring real friction, aches, fatigue, loneliness, and the nagging thought that change is too late. The way through isn’t chasing perfection; it’s a motivational health mindset built on positive aging strategies and veteran lifestyle changes that fit your body and your day. When you focus on small health improvements and keep adjusting instead of quitting, strength, energy, mood, and confidence tend to rise together over time. Small steps, tracked steadily, build a stronger later life.

POST 14 SUPPORTS LOCAL TEACHERS VISIT GETTYSBURG AS PART OF NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR HERITAGE CENTER TEACHER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center Teacher Fellows from Hamilton County Schools and other school districts across Tennessee and Georgia traveled to the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania as part of a year-long teacher fellowship program. Teacher Fellows spent several days exploring the battlefield and experiencing the park's resources in collaboration with the Gettysburg Foundation.

Officials said, "From July 6–10, the excursion focused on nurturing a deeper understanding of the Battle of Gettysburg, the battle's importance in the Civil War and on American history and identity, and the role of the power of place in educating the next generation.

Fellows reflected on how the actions of Medal of Honor Recipients impacted and were impacted by the battle and the lessons that can be learned and implemented in the classroom.

Officials said, "This trip was made possible by the generosity of the Fields and Bell Families, Osborne Foundation, American Legion Post 14, and the MOHHC's close cooperation with the Gettysburg Foundation, whose support and guidance provided an unrivaled educational experience. The Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center Teacher Fellowship Program has developed lesson plans - which are free, available online, and aligned to Tennessee or Georgia state standards. These lessons, and more information about the Teacher Fellowship Program, can be found at "<https://www.mohhc.org/teacher-fellowship-program>."

The American Legion Membership Application

NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

Format: mm/dd/yyyy - select date by clicking inside box

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STATE

ZIP

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POST NO.

EMAIL

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I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below

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☐ U.S. Army

☐ Gulf War

☐ U.S. Navy

☐ Panama

☐ U.S. Air Force

☐ Lebanon/Grenada

☐ U.S. Marines

☐ Vietnam

☐ U.S. Space Force

☐ Korea

☐ U.S. Coast Guard

☐ WWII

☐ Merchant Marines (WWII only)

☐ Other Conflicts

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