



# NEWSLETTER

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**Welcome to New Members:** especially those who have transferred in from out of state. Spouses and family members are welcomed to attend our meetings and events. Welcome to all!

**Vietnam Veterans Day:** as you can see in the header, this annual event will be held on Friday, **29 March** at the JC/WC Veterans Memorial Park, 703 West Main St. & Veterans Way, ceremony starts at 1 pm.

**Update on “Raise The Flag” Project:** If you haven’t been watching WJHL, WCYB or reading the Johnson City Press you may not be aware the Post has taken on the effort to place a 100’ flag pole, with a 30’ x 50’ American flag, on top Tannery Knobs in Johnson City. This pole and flag will dominate the skyline and will be visible from I-26, Main Street, parts of ETSU, the TVA Credit Union ball field where Science Hill and The Doughboys play, the back door of the Community Center and of course City Hall.

A committee was formed in September 2023. Permission to use space on Tannery Knobs has been granted by The City of Johnson City on 19 January. Tommy Burleson (Burleson Con-

struction) a Veteran & member has agreed to head up the installation of the flag pole. The 100' flag pole will be purchased from Pierce Metals, Bristol, TN and built by the HAPCO Flag Pole Company, Abingdon, VA. On 13 March Post Commander Ed DePolo and members of the flag pole committee will tour the HAPCO fabrication facility and see first hand how the poles are built. The contract will be signed that day and construction of the flag will begin shortly thereafter.

Fund raising began in February to raise the \$30K needed to complete the project. The price for the flag pole alone is \$22,000.00. As of this date we have donations of \$12,300.00 in the bank. State Senator Rusty Crow and State Representative Rebecca Alexander have obtained the 30' x 50' garrison flag for the project. Other building materials have been pledged by local vendors.



We have not received many donations from our Post members. Please consider a donation to the Post to ensure this project is completed and is something we will be proud of as the years go by. Checks can be made to: King's Mountain Post 24, 409 East Market Street, Johnson City, TN 37601.

## **Veteran Events - March into April:**

6 March 9 am - Western TN Coffee House Meeting at Farmer's Daughter, 7700 Hwy 107, Chuckey

7 March .. 9:30 am - Veterans Meeting, Jonesborough Senior Center

11 March Post monthly meeting, lite dinner is served between 5-5:45; the meeting begins at 6 pm.

19 March 8 am - TC-MAC Meeting at US Army Reserve Center, 253 Don May Road, Gray

23 March 10 am - "Joggin' for the Noggin" 5k and pancake breakfast at Crumley House, 300 Urbana Rd., Limestone; this is a non-profit, 501-c-3 event, for more info and registration go to [crumleyhouse.com](http://crumleyhouse.com)

25 March National Medal of Honor Day, 3,493+ have been so honored!

26 March - 10 - 4 pm Appalachian Veteran Fair of East Tennessee in the South Building, 151 Speedway Blvd, Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol

29 March - Vietnam Veterans Day, see information above.

29 March - 6 pm: JC VFW Post 2108, will host a Vietnam War Veterans Day banquet, business casual attire, dinner and dancing at their hall (2518 Jim Funkhouser Road). Tickets are \$20 each and must be picked up at their building. There may be a handful of tickets available the day of the event, but don't wait.

**ID CARD OFFICE OPEN AGAIN:** The Mt. Carmel Reserve Center ID office is open again. Call 423-256-7717 for an appointment.

**PACT ACT:** No doubt most of you have received at least one letter and perhaps several emails from the VA about the Burn Pit legislation. Suggest you make an appointment with our Washington County Veteran's Service Officer (Jerry or Dawn, 423-753-1628, 3d Floor, Old Court House, downtown, Jonesborough) to discuss further and to apply.

**Beware of fraud from telephone callers and computer criminals. NEVER provide your SSN or bank account information over the phone or internet.**

**"Buddy Checks"** as you probably remember from your military experiences, the purpose of a buddy was to look out for one another. Today buddies are as important as ever. I have a couple buddies I call from time to time, one is a WWII Veteran, many live out of state, one is on active duty at Ft Bragg. We have over 305 members in our Post. Many are somewhat shut in or have limited mo-

bility. A phone call now and then, from a buddy is important. How about the Veteran living down the street from you? You know, the guy who flies the American Flag every day. Do you know his name?

**RENEWAL:** for those 52 members who have not paid their 2024 dues, it's NOT too late. A grace period has been extended to 7 April. After that date those memberships will be delinquent and dropped from the rolls.

The dues for 2025 will go up by \$10 to \$50 a year. This increase is primarily due to the increase in dues the post must pay to National (\$5.00) and Department of Tennessee (\$2.00). Dues have not been raised in over 10 years. Considering inflation, the price of gas and a happy meal, this \$10 increase amounts to less than a dollar a month.

For a very limited time you can pay your '26, or '27 and/or '28 dues, in advance, on line, with a credit card, at the \$40 a year rate. Could save yourself as much as \$30 if you are able and willing. Go to: [legion.org](http://legion.org) look for RENEWAL ; enter your name and membership number and follow the instructions.

**PLEASE - Visit our WEB SITE: [ALpost24tn.org](http://ALpost24tn.org)**  
**we need to more hits and likes to ensure we are at the top of the search category for the Legion and Veteran. Do it check it out today!!!!**