



**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Alexander Bonnyman, Jr. Post 12135**  
**P.O. Box 153**  
**Loudon, TN 37774-0153**

**Meeting Minutes for 17 May 2023**

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The meeting was held at the Tellico Village Yacht Club.

**Guest Speaker:** None

**Special Awards / Presentation:** None

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**Opening Ceremonies:** The Sergeant at Arms, closed the doors and the meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by Post CDR Tallant with the Acting Chaplain, Randy Leyshon giving the opening prayer. Post CDR Tallant led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call of Officers:** In the Post Adjutant's absence, the Post Quartermaster/Jeff Corthell moved that the Roll Call be waived as all officers were present or accounted for. Randy Leyshon seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **Motion was approved unanimously.**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>Status</b>
Commander	Shawn Tallant	P
Senior Vice Commander	Richard Vinnece	P
Junior Vice Commander	Wayne Schroeder	P
Quartermaster	Jeff Corthell	P
Chaplin	Clyde Griffin	E
Judge Advocate (Appointed)	Coleman Lee	E
Surgeon (Appointed)	Rob Reinbold	P
1-Year Trustee	Larry Schaefer	P
2-Year Trustee	Larry Dill	P
3-Year Trustee	Dave Nichols	E
Service Officer (Appointed)	Dan Hall	E
Adjutant (Appointed)	Jay Carroll	E
Sergeant at Arms (Appointed)	Jimmy Johnson	P

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Total</b>
Officers	8	5	0	13
Members	30	5	96	123
Total	38	10	88	136

Overall member attendance rate was 28%.

### **Attendees from District, Department and other guests**

There was one guest at the Post meeting:

- Jim Nold, a Veteran attending meeting to get a sense of the Post

### **Membership Applications:**

The following qualified Veterans were presented as new applicants or transferees to VFW Post 12135:

1. Nick Bontrop – USN Vet and now a new VFW Life member

### **Report of the Investigating Committee**

Post CDR/Tallant, speaking as the Post Membership Chair, reported that an investigation/ad hoc meeting was convened and the above-mentioned Veteran were found eligible to be a member of the VFW and Post 12135.

### **Ballot On Applications**

Post Quartermaster/Jeff Corthell made a motion to accept the veterans as new members of the VFW and Post 12135. Ed Frandle seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously without discussion and the applicant was inducted into VFW Post 12135.

### **Commander's Report - Comments**

- Commander Tallant presented the Commander's Report
- We will spend time this evening focusing on the status of Post events and updates on upcoming Post key events. With all of that Post business to discuss, let's not lose focus on the singular critical event for May, and that is Memorial Day and honoring those who never made it home!
- Well done to all Members of VFW Post 12135 – for the second year in a row our Post has been awarded the District 2 Community Service Award. I've often stated that our Post is one of the leading volunteer organizations within the Village – and we are!!
- "Well done" (again) to our Post's Relief committee – Led by Tony Newton. He has been in discussion with a sponsor who is offering to offset 50% of what we spend directly on veterans in Need. Tony Newton provided more details on that during the meeting.

- We will induct the 2023-2024 Post Officers at the June Post meeting. Many thanks to the following who have volunteered to keep your VFW Post moving forward into VFW Program Year 2023-2024:
  - Post Commander                      Rick Creange
  - Senior Vice Commander              Richard Vinnece
  - Junior Vice Commander              Shawn Tallant
  - Quartermaster                          Jeff Corthell
  - 1st Year Trustee                         Ed Frandle
  - 2nd Year Trustee                         Larry Shaefer
  - 3rd Year Trustee                         Larry Dill
  
- Well done and thanks to Rich John Lacko for driving the Post's Spring Clothing Drive. He will be providing a final report but has indicated over 170 hefty bags filled with clothing was collected and distributed to 5-6 homeless and needy organizations.
  
- Well done and thanks to Rich Vinnece for driving the Post's VFW "Day of Service". The VFW Post Members approved a motion to support a "Day of Service" with the "Good Samaritan (Lenior City) and Letter Carriers Annual Can Food Drive" on May 13th. Rich will provide us with a final report later on!
  
- For the information of members – The Veterans Park at "Our Place" has been completed and includes a plaque honoring VFW Post 12135 as the park's sponsor. Final cost was \$4315, well under the original \$6500 estimated and approved by Post Membership. There will be a formal dedication ceremony on the 5th of July!
  
- For the information of members – VFW District 2 has a new District Commander, Richard Moon. One of his initial actions was to accelerate the schedule of the District Post's annual inspections. VFW Post 12135 is first up with an inspection scheduled for 15 July (no issue – we are prepared!).
  
- As always - we will review the Post calendar during the Post meeting, focusing on the next 3-4 months key events.
  - **20 May – Annual picnic & Membership drive – Shawn Tallant**
  - **Memorial Weekend/Day Events:**
  - **26-28 May – Buddy Poppy – Wayne Schroeder**
  - **26 May - 2 Jun - Memorial Day Cemetery Flag Placement – Tony Newton**
  - **29 May – Memorial Day Celebration with TV Library - Shawn Tallant**
  - **14 Jun – Flag Retirement Ceremony – Matt Peery**
  - **15 Jul - BoatRides 4 Vets – Mutt Manifold**
  - **5 Aug – VFW Golf Turney – Rick Creange**

### **Adjutant's Report - Reading of the Minutes**

In the Post Adjutant's absence, the Post Quartermaster/Jeff Corthell moved that the reading of the meetings be waived as the minutes were distributed to all members and that the minutes be approved as written. Tony Newton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion was approved unanimously.

### **Adjutant's Report – Correspondence**

- In the Post Adjutant's absence, Post Commander Tallant read a "Thank you" note from Clyde and Patty Griffin for the Post's "meal wagon" support while they were in rehab.

### **Quartermaster's Report:** Jeff Corthell

Post Quartermaster, Jeff Corthell, provided the report for the period ending 30 April 2023. The VFW Post remains in a strong financial position. Members in good standing wishing additional information are encouraged to contact the Post Quartermaster.

### **Service Officers Report**

- NTR

### **Report on Comrades or Families of Comrades in Distress**

- Let's keep our prayers going strong for Jim Seidel as he continues his brave battle with ALS!
- Our fellow Charter Post Member, Al Descourourez, has been battling a bit – and – spent a time over recent weeks in the hospital or rehab. We've been informed that Al's family is in town and they are taking him directly to a rehab and then to an assisted living facility in Florida, near his family. We wish him all the best, too..
- There were no other reports of families or members in distress.

### **Report Of All Committees**

#### **Relief Committee** – Tony Newton, Chairman

- See PPPR for Emergency Funding actions this past month, and a new motion for support under new business.

#### **Post Community Service Effort & Report**

- The April 2023 report was completed and uploaded to VFW HQ
- Thanks to everyone that continues to provide input and highlight the incredible support our post members provide to the local community. For the second year in a row, our VFW Post received the District 2 Community Service Award!

#### **Membership Committee** -- Shawn Tallant, Acting Committee Chairman

- The detailed report is available via the committee's monthly PPPR status report.
- Post Membership stands at 112%, #29 in Division 8
- Annual Picnic & Membership drive all set for 20 May – Shawn Tallant & MC

- As of 5/13 we have ~110 attendees!

**Core Projects** – Richard Laverdure, Chairman

- 2022 Core Programs are complete and the Program is stood down – no reports required at this time

**Publicity – Post Promotion** – Mike Timmer, Chairman

- Working flyers and promotions for:
  - 15 July - Boat Rides 4 Vets – Mutt Manifold
  - 05 August – VFW Golf Turney – Rick Creange

**Buddy Poppy** – Wayne Schroeder, Chairman

- See PPPR
- Next Buddy Poppy event will be in conjunction with the Memorial holiday weekend
- Wayne reports all volunteer slots are filled

**Fundraising** – Rich Vinnece

- Next Chick-fil-A event is scheduled for 23 June - Al Porell
  - Please contact Al if you'd like to support
- 5 Aug Golf Tourney - Rich Vinnece

**Adopt A Military Unit** -- Jim Halligan, Project Leader

- See PPPR
- 253rd MP Unit is very appreciative of our support for their summer family picnics (\$800)
- 253rd MP Unit CO will attend our 5/20 picnic

**Scout BSA Program** – Otto Stutz Project Leader

- NTR

**Post's Vets in Classroom Program** – Vacant

- NTR

**Ongoing /Unfinished Business**

**Post Calendar Completed Events**

- 4/05 – VFW Fundraiser @ Ladies Luncheon – Mike Timmer
- 4/10-22 – Spring Veterans Clothing Drive – John Lacko
- 1 May – Loyalty Day Commemoration – Jon Showers
- 13 May – VFW Post “Day in Service – Rich Vinnece

**Post Calendar On-Going Events**

- 20 May – Annual picnic & Membership drive – Shawn Tallant & MC
- Memorial Weekend/Day Events:
  - 5/26-28 – Buddy Poppy – Wayne Schroeder

- 5/26-6/2 - Memorial Day Cemetery Flag Placement – Tony Newton
- 5/29 – Memorial Day Celebration @ TV Library – Shawn Tallant
- 13 June – Flag folding Demo @ HOA Social – Shawn & Ed
- 14 June – Flag Retirement Ceremony – Matt Peery
  - Great new location off of Rte 72
- 23 June – VFW fund raiser at Chick-fil-A - Al Porell
- Looking ahead – Planning in motion
  - 15 July - BoatRides 4 Vets – Mutt Manifold
  - 05 August – VFW Golf Turney – Rick Creange

### New Business

#### Relief Committee - Veteran Support Motions (Tony Newton)

- One emergency action funding request motion was brought forward by Tony during this past month.
- Discussion: VASH client has requested \$500 (with 24 hour turnaround) for new apartment deposit. Honorably discharged veteran moved out of prior Section 8 apartment as the result of new owners raising rent to \$1050/month from \$306, an amount he cannot afford. Veteran's income is \$906 from SSD and \$165 VA disability totaling \$1,071. He cannot work due to disability. He lived in his prior apartment for 9 years, never missing a rent payment. Once in the apartment, he will have necessary funds to pay rent, utilities and food. The EXCOM Emergency Action Team responded with approval to provide \$500 to RHP Properties within 24 hours.
- **Motion; That, in support of the veteran in need, Tellico Village VFW Post 12135 approves the EXCOMs emergency action to provide funds of \$500 to assist with the emergent rent requirements.**
- **EXCOM members had concurred with bringing forward this recommendation**
- The motion was brought forward by Tony Newton, seconded by Chett Winchell. **The motion was passed unanimously without further discussion or dissent.**

#### VFW Post 12135 support of for the 2023 BoatRide4Vets - (Mutt Manifold)

- Discussion: Saturday, July 15 from 9:00AM – 3:00PM, VFW Post 12135 will host the 9th Annual Boat Rides for Vets at the Wind River Marina. This event is sponsored by VFW Post 12135 (based out of Tellico Village Yacht Club). Active Military and Veterans, along with their families are invited to enjoy a free day cruising, tubing and fishing on Tellico and Ft. Loudon Lakes. Wind River Marina will be (again) the boarding and departure point for all boats.
- Last year (2022) BR4V had \$1050 set aside in a restricted fund, of which \$900 was expended for BoatRide4Vets administrative, media, safety and operational costs, leaving ~\$150 in the BR4V restricted fund for 2023.
- **Motion; That Tellico Village VFW Post 12135 approves a budget NTE \$1000 for the 2023 BR4V event, and approves funds in the amount of \$850 to be used in addition to the \$150 BR4V restricted fund to collectively support all BoatRide4Vets administrative, media, safety and operational costs.**

- The motion was brought forward by the Post Commander on behalf of Matt Manifold, and seconded by Ed Frandle. **After a general discussion, the motion was passed unanimously without further discussion or dissent.**

**VFW Post 12135 proposed support of Local Youth Program/ SeaCadets – (Shawn Tallant)**

- Discussion brought forward by the proposed Sea Cadet Program Lead (Acting)
- Comments – see PPR - As part of the VFW Post 12135 Community Outreach/Youth Programs, I'm proposing our Post supports & sponsors the only eastern TN Sea Cadet Unit, the Smokey MT Anchor Division located in Farragut. The Smokey MT Anchor Division is located in Farragut, but draws cadets from three local counties – 30-40% of their cadets live in Loudon County. Within that concept there are two motions being brought forward:
  - **Motion 1 – Discussion:** The United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps (Sea Cadets) are formally sponsored by the U.S. Navy & USCG with original organizational support legislation up through the U.S. Congress. They are specifically the Navy's youth development program. The mission of the Sea Cadets is to build leaders of character. The Cadets come together to learn military heritage, pride, professionalism and patriotism (Note: a mission that directly parallels the VFW Mission to for us support community, youth and to promote patriotism throughout our community).
  - **Motion (1) ; In parallel with our current Youth Program Outreach with the BSA – recommend VFW Post 12135 additionally supports the local Sea Cadet Unit, the Smokey MT Anchor Division located in Farragut. Proposed VFW Post12135 sponsor role to include:**
    - **Provide Military Subject Matter Experts (SME's) in the U.S. military to the Sea Cadets during their monthly training weekend. Though the emphasis will be on USN & USCG SME's, all military service/expertise can be offered.**
    - **Support the Sea Cadet Unit in identifying "Community Service" opportunities where the Sea Cadets can be visible actively supporting veterans and their community.**
    - **Provide periodic "as needed "financial support to the Sea Cadet Unit to offset training opportunities, provide uniforms, etc. A primary emphasis for the financial support would be to offset Sea Cadet membership costs for Cadets joining the unit from underprivileged households.**
  - **EXCOM members had concurred with bringing forward this recommendation**
  - The motion (1) was brought forward by the Post Commander as the "acting" Sea Cadet Program Lead, and seconded by Chett Winchell. **After a general discussion, the motion was passed unanimously without further discussion or dissent.**
- **Motion 2 – Discussion:** The Smokie MT Sea Cadet Unit has provided us with insight to their annual budget and support requirements. They are short over \$3000 which they are reaching out to sponsors and parents to assist. Two areas VFW Post 12135 could provide immediate assistance is to assist with cadets and families that are financially challenged. Specifically:
  - Cadet enrollment fee – An amount of \$550 (\$275/cadet) is needed for two cadets to enroll and be issued their uniforms. Families have one small income and multiple siblings.

- Summer Training - In preparation for their annual training trip (this year to Pensacola FL), the Unit has requested financial support for 2 underprivileged cadets in the amount of \$500 (\$250 per cadet) to help these two cadets attend the required recruit summer training.
- **Motion (2) ; That, in support of the Smokie MT Sea Cadet Unit, Tellico Village VFW Post 12135 approves the funds NTE \$1100 to assist with the units “needs based” requirements .**
- **EXCOM members concurred with bringing forward financial requests on an “as needed basis”.**
- The motion was brought forward by Ed Frandle and seconded by Larry Schaefer. After a general discussion, the members concurred with assisting cadets/families who are financially challenged and requested to amend the amount funded to \$1600 in case the two cadets we were assisting with SeaCadet Membership also needed summer training trip assistance. **The amended motion was passed unanimously without further discussion or dissent.**

**VFW Post 12135 – Infinite Warrior/Suicide Prevention Ride** - (Mike Timmer/Ed Frandle)

- Discussion: at the April Post meeting we heard of the proposal for our VFW Post to support of the “Infinite Warrior/Suicide Prevention Ride” planned for 16 Sept 2023
- Mike Timmer & Ed Frandle are continuing to gather details and any Post resource request.
- EXCOM has concurred with initial concept/awaiting details
- No motion at this time. More details will be provided at the June Post Meeting

**Good Of The Order**

- **Breakfast with Veterans** is the second Saturday of each month, 0830-1000 at Little Italy. No agenda – just comradery with other Veterans and telling stories over eggs!! The next Breakfast with Vets is on 10 June.
- **Our next Post Social Event** will be our 3rd Annual Armed Forces Day Picnic on 20 May.
- **New Post 12135 Website:** <https://www.tvvfw.org>

**Closing Ceremony**

- The Acting Chaplain, Randy Leyshon, gave the closing prayer, then Post Commander Tallant led post members in a salute of the American Flag.
- Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, 21 June, 2023 at the Tellico Village Yacht Club
- Meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay A. Carroll, Adjutant



REMINDER: THE NEW MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS NUMBER IS  
**988**  
FOR ANYONE IN NEED OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

**Tellico Village VFW Post 12135  
EXCOM Meeting – 11 May, 2023  
Membership Committee Report – PPR**

**Membership Chair Comments** – The Membership Committee met again in May and is proactively working for the Post and obtaining strong results!

1. Post Membership remains strong – our Post Membership is at 112%.
2. We inducted 5 new members in April, plus we have 1-2 new inductees for May! And – we continue to work several strong new member leads!
  - a. Let's push ahead on the April - May renewals.
3. Plus – we are now within 3 weeks of our annual Post picnic and Membership drive. As of 5/4 we already have 3 potential new members RSVP'ed to attend!

**PROGRESS:**

1. **Membership Recruitment Actions/progress - Status since last Post EXCOM.**
  - a. **MC Chairman's note** – MC has conducted 8 Membership Drives to date – manning a VFW table at the 7 POA/HOA/NV Indoctrinations. Plus, a table at a New Villager social. We have inducted 24 new post members, and have 2 new members ready for April.
  - b. **Results**
    - i. 24 new members inducted at Post meetings since July
    - ii. 2 potential new members for May induction
    - iii. Following up on another 2-3 more high potential new members
    - iv. Plus – we have invited 10 leads/potential members to the annual Picnic (3 have RSVP'ed to attend)
2. **Membership Retention Actions/progress - Status since last Post EXCOM.**
  - a. **MC Chairman's note** – Refocused retention effort. All July – April renewals signed except 2 who moved out of the area. We are working May-June renewals at this time.
  - b. **Results**
    - i. 98% retention since new program year!

**PLANS:** Membership Committee's plans are focused on strategy, tactics and actions aligned to "Retention" and "Recruitment"

1. **Retention Concepts, Plans and Actions**
  - a. Renewals Status – As reported above – MC focusing on May-June renewals
  - b. Birthday greeting as retention tool - Birthday calls ongoing with positive feedback
  - c. Messaging to Post Members highlighting key VFW dates as retention tool – ongoing –May key dates;
    - i. 1 May – Loyalty Day – Planned VFW Post event
    - ii. 20 May – Armed Forces Day – Planned VFW Post event
    - iii. 29 May – Memorial Day – Planned VFW Post event
  - d. Featured VFW Post "Veteran of the Month" ongoing as retention/recruitment tool;
    1. Post VoM for April is published – Gary Kimball
    2. Post VoM for May just published/released – Peter Kraslawsky

3. Post VoM for June is nominated
- e. Upcoming VFW Post Social Events
  - i. May 20<sup>th</sup> – annual Armed Forces Day/Post picnic & membership drive
    1. Toqua Pavilion is locked in
    2. Food contract is locked in – tax exempt letter provided
    3. Members approved funds NTE \$1500
    4. Event flyer and invite sent!!
    5. 110 RSVP's as of 5/4
2. **Recruitment Concepts, Plans and Actions:**
  - a. POA/HOA/NV Orientation - MC recruitment strategy leveraging the new combined orientation event, manning a VFW table. **Next event is 6 June.**
  - b. New Villagers Forum – MC recruitment strategy leveraging NV socials is in motion and continuing into 2023-2024. MC tagged New Post Members to be our inside eyes (Post CDR has aged out of NV). Will continue to periodically man a “VFW table” at the NV monthly social.
  - c. Tellico Lake American Legion – have established cooperative rapport with the Legion Post CDR & have brought several Legion Members who are also lifetime VFW Members over into Post 12135.
  - d. Tellico Village outreach – MC is leveraging internal Village forums
    - i. Leveraging NextDoor via a “Welcome & Recruitment” message – this strategy continues into 2022-2023.
  - e. Community outreach – MC continues to leverage and benefit from the Post’s Community Outreach Programs.
    - i. MC Member (Larry) & SVC continue to attend Loudon Chamber of Commerce events and interact with potential sponsors.
    - ii. VFW Post is continuing their community youth programs
      1. Support to our three BSA Troops
      2. Completed 2022 youth scholarship programs (PP, VoD, ToY)
      3. Need to restart our school Veteran in a Classroom programs
    - iii. MCC bringing forward a motion to support a local Sea Cadet program under our Youth Programs umbrella
    - iv. Post will continue multiple community outreach events such as food bank and VSO support and the Post’s spring/fall clothing drives.
  - f. Upcoming ADHOC Recruiting opportunities
    - i. May 20<sup>th</sup> – annual Armed Forces Day/Post picnic & membership drive

**PROBLEMS:** (Impacting Membership)

1. None

**RECOMMENDATIONS/REQUESTS to EXCOM;**

1. None

Shawn Tallant  
 Tellico Village VFW Post 12135  
 Post CDR/Membership Acting Committee Chair

Meeting/Event	Date/Time	Recurring	Location	POC	Standing/Mandated	Status	Comments	Effective Date
EXCOM	Thu/Month - 7PM	Y	YC	Post CDR	Y	ongoing	Every month (except December) - EXCOM Meeting on 2nd Thursday, 1900 @ YC	05/01/23
Post Business Mtg	3rd Wed/Month - 7PM	Y	YC	Post CDR	Y	ongoing	Every month: Post Business Meeting on 3rd Wednesday, 7PM at location to be at YC. Post Social Hour to precede at 6PM No Meeting in December	
2022-2023 Program Year								
4th of July Holiday Concert with TV Singers	1-2 July	?	Tellico Village Community Church	Shawn Tallant	N	Complete	TV Singers 4th of July concert (7/1-2) at the Community Church - in partnership with TV VFW Post with all proceeds going to a Veterans Organization for needy vets (have identified the Special Operations Warriors Foundation). TV Singers to do all the work/sales/publicity) - request is for 12 VFW Members for each show to take tickets at door (5), usher/hand out programs (6). These 12 would get 2 free concert tickets for themselves and a significant other.	
Post's Annual BoatRides4Vets	17-Jul	Y	WindRiver Community marina, Lenoir City	Matt "Mutt" Mainford	N	Complete	8th Annual BoatRides4Vets, 17 July, 9 to 5, at WindRiver Community Marina, Lenoir City. Wx B/u is 7/24	w/Ed Frandle, Otto Stutz & Dave Crowden
Post Golf Tournament Fund Raiser	6-Aug	Y	Tellico Toqua Golf Course	Ed Frandle	N	Complete	Golf tour is August, 6th at Toqua Golf course. With a Rain Date of August, 13th. Registration with start on June, 20th at Toqua.	
Veteran Suicide Awareness Campaign	1-30 Sep	Y	YC	Ed Frandle	Y	Complete	September - Month long Veteran Suicide Awareness Campaign at Yacht Club.	
Congressman Burchett Luncheon	12-Sep	N	Yacht Club	Rich Comisso	N	Complete	RMC, VFW & Legion (256) are joining forces to bring a luncheon with Congressman Burchett	
Veteran Suicide Awareness Program	xx-Sep	Y	YC	Ed Frandle	N	CNX	Specific program in partnership with the Knox VA Outreach, Loudon VSO, TV First Responders, Legion Post 256	
Loudon County Veterans Job Fair	16-Sep	Y	The War Memorial Building 103 N B Street, Lenoir City, TN 37771	John Lacko	N	Complete	John Lacko is putting initial plans & communications in play for a 2022 Veerans Job Fair, duplicating past years success.	
Fund Raiser Chik-Fil-A	23-Sep	Y	Lenoir City	Al Porell	N	Complete	Chik-Fil-A Fund Raiser - 1 PJ Lead - 5 support workers	
TPVBC Tournament w/VFW Post 12135	29 Sep-1 Oct	N	Tellico Village	Rich Vinnee	N	Complete	Post 12135 is identified as the charity recipient for the TPVBC Championship & Fundraiser	
Fall Veterans Clothing Drive	10-22 Oct	Y	Tellico Village	John Lacko	N	Complete	Collection Boxes to be placed at the Tellico Village Welcome Center for the program duration	
Buddy Poppy Campaign	4-6 Nov	Y	see notes	Wayne Schroede	N	Complete	November - Veteran's Day Weekend - Three Day Buddy Poppy Campaign at Sloan's, Marathon and Ingles	
Veteran's Day Commemoration	11-Nov	Y	YC	Shawn Tallant	Y	Complete	November 11th - Veteran's Day Commemoration Event 4 to 7PM at Yacht Club	
Graveside Ceremony Alexander Bonnyman	19-Nov	Y	Highland Memorial Cemetery	Shawn Tallant	N	Complete	Annual graveside ceremony for 1st Lt Alexander Bonnyman Jr., orchestrated by the Knoxville US Marine League	
Post Holiday Open House	21-Dec	N	Post CDR's House	Shawn Tallant	N	Complete	At Oct Post Meeting have the members approve a motion to move the Dec Post meeting to the Post Commanders home to be held as a Holiday Open House	
2023								
Happy New Year								
Post 12135 Winter Social	13-Feb	Y	YC	Post CDR	N	Complete	Details forthcoming for Valentines dinner/dance - Rich Lavender = POC	
Fund Raiser Chik-Fil-A	24-Mar	Y	Lenoir City	Fund Raising Committee Lead	N	Complete	Chik-Fil-A Fund Raiser - 1 PJ Lead - 5 support workers	
Spring Veterans Clothing Drive	10-22 April	Y	Tellico Village	John Lacko	N	Complete	Collection Boxes to be placed at the Tellico Village Welcome Center for the program duration	
Loyalty Day Commemoration	1 May - time 1130	Y	Toqua Pavilion	Jon Showers	Y	Complete	May 1st - Loyalty Day Commemoration at Toqua Pavilion - luncheon	
VFW Day of Service	13-May-23	N	Tellico Village	Rich Vinnee	N	planning ongoing	The VFW Post Members approved a motion to support a "Day of Service" with the "Good Samaritan (Lenoir City) and Letter Carriers Annual Can Food Drive" Planned for May 13th. Please contact Rich if you'd like to assist (richardvinnee@gmail.com)	
Armed Forces Day Post Picnic	20-May	Y	Toqua Pavilion	Membership Committee	N	planning ongoing	Annual Post Spring picnic and Membership Drive Plan for 20 May, 1000-1900 @ Toqua Pavilion	
Buddy Poppy Campaign	26-28 May Memorial Day Weekend	Y	see notes	Wayne Schroede	N	planning ongoing	Memorial Day Weekend - Three day Buddy Poppy Campaign at Sloan's Home Center, Marathon gas station and Lenoir City Ingles Market.	
Memorial Day Flag Placement	5/26-5/27 +/-	Y	Local Cemetery	Tony Newton	N	planning ongoing	Place flags on veteran's graves in 5-6 cemetery's. Flags go in 3-4 days before Memorial Day and come out 3-4 days after	
Memorial Day Celebration	Memorial Day	Y	Tellico Village Library Courtyard	Shawn Tallant	N	planning ongoing	TV VFW & the Friends of the Tellico Library Foundation joining a Memorial Day celebration & patriotic sing along	
Flag Day Commemoration	14-Jun	Y	9808 Steekee School Rd, Loudon, TN 37774	Matt Peery	Y	planning ongoing	June 14 - Flag Day Commemoration and Flag retirement at new location - 9808 Steekee School Rd, Loudon, TN 37774	
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2023-2024 Program Year (calendar start)								
Our Place Vet Park Dedication ceremony	4-Jul	N	Our Place	Tallant	N	planning ongoing	VFW Post is funding a small veterans park in front of the elderly assistance facility - Our Place. Cost = \$5000. Targeting a dedication ceremony over the 4th of July weekend	
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Effective Date 05/01/23								

2022-2023 District 2 meetings	Attended
July 10, 2022 - Post 5154 Maryville	Yes
August & September - NO MEETING	
District 2 Mtg & Flying Squadron October 9, 2022-Post 6598 Harriman	Yes
November & December - NO MEETING	
January 8, 2023- Post 6598 Harriman	Yes
February - PDW WDW/MID-WINTER CONFERENCE	no
March 19, 2023- Post 12051 Oak Ridge	Yes
April 16th, 2023- Post 5150 Loudon	Yes
May 7, 2023- Post 6598 Harriman	

SVC attended  
Amvets Post 190 Adams Ln. Oak Ridge, TN 37830 DR & SVC attended

Meeting/Event	Date/Time	Recurring	Location	POC	Standing/Mandated	Status	Comments
Core Projects info provided to Schools.	8/1/22	Y		Richard Laverdure	Y	complete	After the National Commander provides guidance, Teacher of the year, Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy themes, forms and information are provided to the schools.
Annual Inspection Preparation Meeting	8/15/22		TBD	Post CDR		complete	Post CDR, Quartermaster, Adjutant meet in preparation for annual inspection
Post 12135 Annual Inspection	9/21/22	Y	YC	Post CDR	Y	complete	District 2 Leaders annual inspection of Tellico Village VFW Post 12135
Calendar Year Administrative Request for Budgets	10/15/22	Y		Post Quartermaster		complete	Post Quartermaster sends notice to Post Leaders, Committee Chairs to submit CY budget NLT 11/30
Core Projects Entries Due from Schools.	10/31/22	Y		Richard Laverdure	Y	Fail - PP Complete - TOY & VoD	Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year are due at the post today.
Core Projects Entries Due at District.	11/15/22	Y		Richard Laverdure	Y	Fail - PP Complete - TOY & VoD	Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year Judging finished and delivered to District chairmen for each project.
Scout of the Year Nominations	11/15/22	Y	YC	Otto Stutz	N	complete	Scout of the year nominations – provided to Scout Troops
Calendar Year Administrative Budget inputs received	11/30/22	Y		Post Quartermaster		complete	Post Leaders, Committee Chairs submit budget requests to Post Quartermaster
Calendar Year Administrative Budgets Approved	Jan Post Meeting	Y		Post Quartermaster	Y	complete	Post Quartermaster presents annual administrative budget to Post Members with a motion to approve
Next Year Officer Committee Identified	1/15/23	Y	YC	Post CDR	N	complete	Committee formed to identify volunteers for next years officers and appointments
Annual Post Donations to Veteran Organizations	Feb EXCOM	Y	YC	Quartermaster	N	complete	Quartermaster to pull together a committee to bring forward a recommendation of organizations and amounts for an annual Post donation
Scout of the Year Nominations	3/1/23	Y	YC	Otto Stutz	N	complete no nominations	Scout of the year nominations – due to Post 1 March
Next Year Officer Slate - nominations to Members	March Post Mtg	Y	YC	Officer Slate Committee Chair	Y	complete	Next Year's Officer Slate presented to Members 30 days in advance of vote
Annual Post Donations to Veteran Organizations	March Post Mtg	Y	YC	Quartermaster	N	complete	Quartermaster / EXCOM recommendations of organizations and amounts for an annual Post donation to be presented to Members for discussion
Scout of the Year Nominations	4/1/23	Y	YC	Otto Stutz	N	N/A	Scout of the year nominations – due to District/Dept - 1 April No nominations submitted
Next Year Officer Slate for Member Vote	April Post Mtg	Y	YC	Officer Slate Committee Chair	Y	complete	Next Year's Officer Slate presented to Members for Vote
Annual Post Donations to Veteran Organizations	April Post Mtg	Y	YC	Quartermaster	N	complete	Quartermaster / EXCOM recommendations of organizations and amounts for an annual Post donation to be presented to Members for approval
	5/15/23	Y	n/a	Post CDR	Y	in-work	Post CDR submit VFW Post 12135 EOY Report to TNVFW
Next Year Officer Installation	June Post Meeting	Y	YC	Post CDR	Y		Installation of Next Year's Officer's and Key Appointments (EXCOM)
Next Year Officer Installation	7/1/23	Y	YC	New Post CDR	Y		Promulgation of Next Year's Committee and Program Appointments
* Locations may depend on Covid19 restrictions in place.						Effective Date 05/01/23	

**Tellico Village VFW Post 12135**  
**EXCOM Meeting – 11 May, 2023**  
**Youth Programs – PPPR**  
**SeaCadet Program Support Recommendation**

**Sea Cadet Program Lead (Acting) Comments** – As part of the VFW Post 12135 Community Outreach/Youth Programs, I'm proposing our Post supports & sponsors the only eastern TN Sea Cadet Unit, the Smokey MT Anchor Division located in Farragut. The Smokey MT Anchor Division is located in Farragut, but draws cadets from three local counties – 30-40% of their cadets live in Loudon County.

**Discussion:** The United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps (Sea Cadets) are formally sponsored by the U.S. Navy with original organizational support legislation up through the U.S. Congress. They are specifically the Navy's youth development program. The mission of the Sea Cadets is to build leaders of character. The Cadets come together to learn military heritage, pride, professionalism and patriotism (Note: a mission that directly parallels the VFW Mission to for us support community, youth and to promote patriotism throughout our community).

Sea Cadets are young men and women aged 10 to 18. They are supported by the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard, and the Cadets with access to train on naval bases and other military installations (no financial assistance is provided). This summer the Farragut Unit is traveling to NAS Pensacola FL for their 2-week summer training. Sea Cadet leaders provide young these young Americans with skills, knowledge, and confidence through an amazing variety of training opportunities. Sea Cadets wear uniforms, work as teams in a disciplined environment, and adhere to our core values of honor, respect, commitment, and service.

**Recommendation:** In parallel with our current Youth Program Outreach with the BSA – recommend VFW Post 12135 additionally supports the local Sea Cadet Unit, the Smokey MT Anchor Division located in Farragut.

1) Proposed VFW Post12135 sponsor role to include:

- Provide Military Subject Matter Experts (SME's) in the U.S. military to the Sea Cadets during their monthly training weekend. Though the emphasis will be on USN & USCG SME's, all military service/expertise can be offered.

- Support the Sea Cadet Unit in identifying "Community Service" opportunities where the Sea Cadets can be visible actively supporting veterans and their community.

- Provide periodic (or annual?) financial support to the Sea Cadet Unit to offset training opportunities, provide uniforms, etc. A primary emphasis for the financial support would be to offset Sea Cadet membership costs for Cadets joining the unit from underprivileged households.

- - Recommendation for a Post 2023 support donation would be \$500 - \$1000 (ie., \$1000 would equate to support of \$40 per cadet)

2) VFW Post volunteer for the Sea Cadet program – Shawn Tallant

Shawn Tallant  
Tellico Village VFW Post 12135

## Relief Committee PPPR

Tellico Village VFW Post 12135

May 2023

1. Committee Project:
  - a. Relief committee received a call from George Walker of the Howell Foundation. Mr. Walker said the Howell Foundation wants to donate funds to our post for the purpose of helping area veterans. Jeff Corthell and Tony Newton met Mr. Walker at the Yacht Club for lunch to allow us to fully understand their offer. Their intent is to deposit \$5,000 (not yet received) in the post account and we would use that money to pay half of each allocation we make to a veteran in need. We would send them a brief description of the veteran's situation each time we use their money. We owe the VA a debt of thanks as they directed Mr. Walker to us.
2. Committee Plans: NTR
3. Committee Problems: NTR
4. Resource Requirement:
  - a. URGENT REQUEST: VASH client has requested \$500 for new apartment deposit. Honorably discharged veteran moved out of prior Section 8 apartment as the result of new owners raising rent to \$1050/month from \$306, an amount he cannot afford. Veteran's income is \$906 from SSD and \$165 VA disability totaling \$1,071. He cannot work due to disability. He lived in his prior apartment for 9 years, never missing a rent payment. Once in the apartment, he will have necessary funds to pay rent, utilities and food. Spoke with rental agency. They allowed us to mail the check since the EXCOM approved this urgent request.
  - b. Relief Committee motion is that the post support the EXCOM vote to give this veteran \$500.