

Newsletter

December 2022

Recent Activities at Alamo Post 2, The American Legion



Commander's Corner

"Service to God and Country" – it's an American Legion program, yes, but the saying describes just as well our members' attitude and way of life. Nondenominational and nonsectarian, the Legion's support for religion in the public square is basic Americanism. Rather than acting independently of religious groups, the Legion desires to cooperate with and join them in reminding the American people with one voice that God is the author and architect of our beloved "land of the free." Without God, there is no Americanism

Together, we make a difference

The American Legion provides life-changing assistance and guidance for veterans, military personnel, their families and communities in thousands of ways every day around the world. Help comes in the form of personal assistance, cash grants, donated goods, disaster relief, labor, networking, volunteerism and advocacy. Our post has over six hundred members. Only less than thirty are actively volunteering. We have the opportunity to be the best post in the Legion. What would occur if only half our members would volunteer for only a few hours a week? I am asking every member to tell me what it would take for them to come to the post and participate. Every Friday we need help with the fundraiser. Have you done the basic training course at Legion.org? This tells you what the Legion is all about and maybe you will find something that you can help with. Mutual helpfulness is what it is all about. Find out what the four pillars are and where you can best

www.AmericanLegionAlamoPost2.org



help. Our veterans, their families, our children, and our community need you.

Howard Gravely, US Navy, Retired
Commander, Alamo Post 2

First Vice Commander

Don't let the Grinch steal your membership — renew for 2023 today!

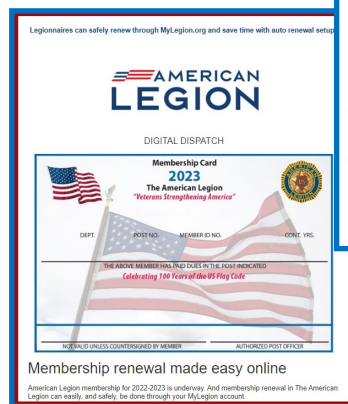
As of our December General Membership Meeting on December 7th, we reached 82.41% of our membership goal for 2023, which is 631 members.



There are three ways to renew:

- 1) Cash or check paid at the post
- 2) Check mailed to the post
- 3) Renew online with a credit card at

www.legion.org/renew



www.facebook.com/LegionAlamoPost2

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Recent Activities, *continued...*

Adjutant's Corner

As we close the year 2022 and start the new of 2023, we are over 85% percent of our goal of 631 and we have around 5 months to go to the end of the membership year. If you are one of the 150 members of Alamo Post 2 that have yet to renew your membership, please consider to renew today because you may forget and then your membership expires and you run the risk of losing the consecutive years that you have earned with your membership. You can renew in three ways: you can renew online; you can send a money order or check to the Post or you can hand-deliver on Fridays during the Fish Fry/Country fried steak dinner while waiting for your order. No matter how you renew, please consider getting it done sooner than later. We do not want to lose any of you as members of our great Post!

A member becomes undeliverable when mail from the Legion is returned at least twice from the post office. There are three possible reasons for this: (1) the member is deceased, (2) the member moves and does not process the mail forwarding documentation or (3) a glitch that occurs at the American Legion HQ where the system "reads" the address is wrong when it is actually correct. How can this be corrected? If you recently moved and have not received the Legion magazine, you can call or send a note to us and we will look into it. We have a report for undeliverable but most of the time, an undeliverable has no phone number or email in their member profile.

SCOUTS: Since December, we have a Cub Scout Pack 2 consisting of 10 cubs and 5 adults from Wilson Elementary School near the Post. They participated in a Veterans Day ceremony held at the Post and on 14 December, they had their first awards ceremony where the scouts advanced to the rank of Bobcat. In January we are looking at having a couple of weekend workshops helping them build pinewood derby cars. We may be getting a track from a cub scout pack that dissolved and are looking to host other packs for a pine-wood derby. We are looking for volunteers to help them to build these cars. If interested, please contact the Post Adjutant, Allen Iott.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL): We are looking at having a meet-and-greet in January to bring together past members and new members to re-start the Alamo Squadron two which will benefit the Post and members. Stay tuned for future news.

PUFL: What is Paid Up for Life (PUFL)?

Current members may now enroll in the Paid Up For Life (PUFL) program online Pay in full or choose 12 monthly payments. For more information, go to <https://www.legion.org/PUFL>

Benefits:

- No more renewal notices. No more paying annual dues.
- No more worrying, "Did I renew my membership or not?"
- Join the other 184,000 PUFL Legionnaires in saying, "I believe in The American Legion and what it's doing. I am in this for the long haul."
- Avoid future dues increases. No matter what inflation does, you never have to pay another penny in dues.
- Lifetime subscription to the American Legion Magazine!

Each Paid Up For Life member receives a permanent plastic card, as well as an annual paper card to verify continuing membership in The American Legion. The annual card is mailed in July of each year.

The rates effective 1 June 2016 are:

Age FEE Pricing for members whose Post dues are more than \$48.00 are to be calculated from the previous rate chart:

Age 18-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70-79 80-89 90+

FEE \$ 1,535; \$1,399; \$1,229; \$ 1,025; \$815; \$599; \$429; \$329

Upcoming Events!

Friday, December 16th will be the last Friday night Fundraiser Fish Fry and Chicken Fried Steak night of 2022.

December 31, 2022: New Year's Eve Dance—get your tickets now!

A vertical poster for a New Year's Eve Dance. The background is dark with a golden bokeh effect of light spots and streaks. At the top, the text 'Alamo Post 2 Ballroom Presents' is in a white serif font. Below that, 'NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE' is in large, bold, white serif capital letters. The year '2023' is in large, bold, golden 3D-style numbers, with '2022' faintly visible underneath. To the left of the year, 'DECEMBER 31ST' is in golden outlined letters, followed by 'Saturday' in a golden script font, and '7:30pm-12am (Doors Open 6:30pm)' in white. To the right of the year, 'FEATURING' is in golden outlined letters, followed by 'Jesse "Chuy" Gonzalez & Band' in white, and 'Tickets \$25 Per Person' in white. Below the ticket price, smaller white text says 'Limited Tickets Available', 'So Get Yours Early at Post 2 Bar or Call:', and 'Lisa (210) 336-9175'. At the bottom, white text lists 'Party Favors, Door Prizes, Raffles, FREE Menudo', 'Yes, Snacks & Foods are Permitted - No Outside Alcohol Bottles Allowed', and the address 'American Legion Alamo Post 2 - 3518 Fredericksburg Rd - San Antonio, TX'.

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Post Information

General Membership Meeting

The monthly General Membership Meeting occurs on the **first Wednesday each month at 6:30pm**. Post members and Veterans who are interested in attending are welcome and encouraged to attend. Meeting minutes are now available on our website.

Update your contact information

To verify or update all your contact information, including your **email address**, mailing address, and phone numbers, go to **www.mylegion.org** and login. If you prefer to speak to a Post Officer to update your information, please contact the **Post Adjutant, Allen Iott**, 210-425-5562 or aIott@outlook.com

Hall Rental

Rental Hall Manager, Commander Howard Gravely at 508-254-7303.

Friday night dinner — Fish Fry & Ultimate Chicken Fried Steak (4pm-8pm)

Every Friday the hardworking volunteers of Alamo Post 2 host a weekly dinner with 100% of the proceeds benefiting the Post. Come on down for the camaraderie, great food, good music, and support the cause!

Calling all volunteers!

Would you like to help out around at the Post? We need volunteers for many activities! To help with the Fish Fry, skilled labor, or other activities at the post, contact **Commander, Howard Gravely** at 508-254-7303. Prefer to help from home?

Volunteer from home

The Phone Tree needs support in calling members. **Contact 1st Vice Commander, Suzzie Thomas** at 805-535-9839 to learn more!

988—

New Number for Veterans Crisis Line

Dial **988** then **Press 1**—helps make it easier to remember and share the number to access help in times of need.

Signed into law in 2020, the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act authorized 988 as the new three-digit number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The 800-273-8255 remains available as well.

Add 988 to your contacts.



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Let's change the narrative. Instead of talking about the staggering number of daily suicides, **BE THE ONE** to save **ONE** veteran. We can end the stigma surrounding mental health with your help!



BE THE ONE

TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.

TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.

TO **REACH** OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.



Are you a veteran in crisis or concerned about one?

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