



## February 2026 Newsletter



Legionnaires, welcome to February: a month of Recognition and Celebrations, most notably is Americanism month in The American Legion, a tradition established in 1960 to promote patriotism, loyalty to American institutions, and respect for the U.S. flag. Our great nation will celebrate 250 years of Independence in July 2026. During this annual observance, we should all reflect upon what it means to be an American. God bless the USA and the Veterans that defend her!

For being the year's shortest month, February comes chock-full of other major events. Between Valentine's Day, President's Day, Groundhog Day, Black History Month, the Super Bowl, and sometimes Lunar New Year and Ramadan, there's plenty to celebrate.

I want to again, extend my appreciation to all of you that choose to "Be the One". Today, the No. 1 issue facing the veteran community is suicide. The mission of The American Legion's Be the One initiative is to reduce the number of veterans and servicemembers lost to suicide. We're leading the effort to reduce the stigma associated with mental health treatment, providing free suicide prevention training and empowering everyone to take appropriate action when a veteran or service member may be at risk – one life at a time. Our efforts on behalf of veterans and families, our military and the most vulnerable within our community truly can make an impactful difference. On March 5<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 the Post Executive Committee members will conduct telephone Buddy Checks at the Post.

Last month I reported that our 18-year-old HVAC system quit, causing us to have to shut off the water and move our meetings to Rouses Restaurant. We are a vital hub for veterans in Snow Hill, NC, and we need a new unit to fully reopen our doors.

We need to raise \$23,000 for a replacement, and we've already secured \$7,200 thanks to early supporters! We are so close, but we can't cross the finish line without you. Every



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104 North Harper Street, Snow Hill NC 28580



donation makes a tangible difference. A #25 gift can cover a portion of the materials needed for the install or a \$100 gift can help pay for an hour of a technician's time.

Help us bring warmth back to our Post and continue serving our community! Your support ensures we can host our critical veteran Buddy Checks and general meetings right here at home. If you are not comfortable using the GoFundMe link, you can make your check to American Legion Post 94 and mail it to 104 North Harper Street, Snow Hill, NC 28580. Go to: <https://gofund.me/63238cca0> to make a donation to the Post.

Post Adjutant Glenn reported the Legion Riders held a meeting on January 13th and decided to ride to Sam Jones Barbecue in Winterville on January 22nd. A stop for ice cream on the way home was agreed upon. The February ride will be to the Skylight Inn restaurant in Ayden. This trip will also include an ice cream stop on the way home.

No Legion member was reported on the Sick Call list.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL): We currently have 11 members out of 33.

#### Post Projects

- Wiring improvements are almost complete
- Kitchen flooring is about 95% complete.
- The kitchen sink project is almost complete.
- The water is off due to HVAC issue.
- Improvements to the front of the building are still on hold.
- Certificates for businesses displaying the American Flag is ongoing.
- The range hood project is almost complete.
- Work on the pool table is progressing.

#### Upcoming Events

- General membership meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month. Dinner 6 pm/meeting 7 pm at Rouse's Restaurant, Snow Hill, NC
- Post Executive Committee meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month at 6 pm.
- District 7 Meeting February 7<sup>th</sup>, 10AM, Post 219, Kinston
- Mid-winter Conference is February 13-14 at the North Raleigh Hilton
- New member recruitment
- Pancake Supper Fundraiser March 7<sup>th</sup> and cost is \$12 all you can eat.
- **Renew membership today at [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org)**

Yours in Legion Service,

Commander Larry Schultz