Mission Statement **September 30, 2025**

- The American Legion Riders Department of Tennessee is hosting an unprecedented gathering of Legion Family on May 15th thru 17th, 2026
Location: Putnam County Convention Center, 6000 Tennessee Ave., Cookeville TN.

We are promoting the National vision of addressing and preventing the suicide of our Nation's veterans, and our American Legion Department of Tennessee Commander's **"Be The One"** Commission, addressing Veteran and Youth suicide in our home state of Tennessee and the nation.

This event will include **all** The American Legion posts, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion throughout Tennessee and surrounding mid-south states' ALR programs from Kentucky, Mississippi, and Alabama and other surrounding states.

We are raising funds for our Department Commander, Todd McKinley, to incorporate his "Be the One" Commission to create a "**National Veteran/Youth Suicide Prevention Awareness Day**" throughout the United States. These efforts will make a historic step towards our American servicemen/women and youth with ongoing mental health issues.

We are inviting the whole Legion Family to include: TAL/ALA/SAL/ALR.

WE ARE IN NEED OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN/MANAGERS

AND SPONSORS TO HELP COMPLETE THIS MISSION!

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Tennessee's BE THE ONE Commission to End Veteran Suicide
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About Be The One https://www.legion.org/advocacy/be-the-one/about-be-the-one

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