

AMERICAN LEGION POST #97
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Need to get in touch with someone from the post? You can call the following people:

Legion – Kerry Bergman – 260-312-6050

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SAL – Joe Schultis – 260-249-5503

ALR – Kathy Bolling – 260-375-9708

www.auburnpost97.org your post website

If you would like to receive this cauldron by email, send your email address to pamshook@yahoo.com.

This newsletter is every member's, what would you like to see printed? Send your suggestions to pamshook@yahoo.com.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED VETERANS

Post 97 Honor Guard Performs Services for
Members & Non-Members

Contact Jerry West: 260-927-5262

We have a large room for rent that will hold Wedding Receptions, Birthday Parties, Anniversaries, Company Parties, Meetings, Class Reunions, etc.

Call for information;
Post 97 (260) 925-3297

The Hall is available for you to look at during regular

Business Hours

Monday – Friday 3P to 10P

Saturday – 2P to 10P

Bingo Sunday, Tuesday, Friday

April 2024

Canteen hours Monday through Friday 3 to 10, Saturday 2 to 10

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7	1 Aux. Mtg. 6:00PM	2 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	3 Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P	4 Legion Dist. Mtg. 7P Bill & the Boys 6P	5 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P Joint Spring Conference Indianapolis	6 Cornhole Joint Spring Conference Indianapolis
7 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P ALR Mtg. 12:30 Joint Spring Conference Indianapolis	8 Solar Eclipse Legion Exe. Mtg. 7:00 PM	9 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	10 Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P Aux. Dist. Mtg. 7:00 PM SAL Dist. Mtg. 7:00 PM	11 Bill & the Boys 6P	12 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	13
14 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P	15 SAL Mtg. 7:00 PM	16 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	17 Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P	18 Bill & the Boys 6P	19 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	20 Cornhole
21 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P	22 Reg. Legion Mtg. 7:00 PM	23 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	24 Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P	25 Bill & the Boys 6P	26 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	27
28 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P	29	30 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P				

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Officers Corner

From Your Commander:

Hello Legion Family,

Spring is finally upon us. As we start our spring cleaning and reorganization, please remember we have many veterans in our community that may not be able to do everything themselves. Please reach out to one another or even your family at the post if you need a helping hand. Even if a fellow veteran may not need help, reaching out can brighten their day.

We need your help! If you know of anyone or if you would like to help out in our kitchen, or work in our kitchen, please contact us immediately.

BE THE ONE! Be the one who saves another veteran's life. Reach out and do a buddy check, call, and let them know you are here for them, also, that we are here for them here at the post. There is a National Veteran Suicide Hotline number, it is **988**

National is increasing our dues by \$5 for 2025 and the Department of Indiana is increasing dues by \$5 as well. 2025 annual dues will be \$50. With that being said, you can lock in your dues of \$35 a year for the next decade by signing up for the 10 Year Renewal. The 10 Year renewal is currently \$350, and if you sign up for it online, you have the option to spread your payment out over several months. The 10 Year renewal will be increasing to \$400 for the 2024-2025 year.

We need you so Post 97 can grow and continue to be a pillar of our community. Your membership matters! Your voice matters! Your opinions matter! YOU MATTER! I encourage everyone to attend their respective meetings and be part of our growth. Come to the post, participate, volunteer, play cards, throw darts, and we can build together. If you have any ideas of activities to bring into the post, let us know. We are always looking for ways to improve and expand our services.

Check our website at www.AuburnPost97.org and check the calendar. Currently every Thursday and most Saturdays we are open to the public. Bring your friends, family or even coworkers and have a drink, watch a game, play euchre, throw some darts and enjoy what we have built together.

Wednesday night we have our game night, special dinners and drawing for Door Prizes, Treasure Hunt, Pull-Tabs, Tip-Boards, 50/50, and cell phone. The jackpot is rising. Come out and play and enjoy some awesome food with some amazing friends.

God Bless the United States of America,

Kerry "Ox" Bergman
Post Commander

American Legion Family from National to Post Level support

Be The One

Suicide Hot Lines 1-800-273-8255 988 then press 1 OR Text 741741

Bingo Sunday, Tuesday, Friday

From Your Legion Chaplain:

Greetings American Legion Family!

In **March** it was great to celebrate such an amazing organization. On the 15th day of March in 1919, the American Legion was born. Let us all remember to emphasize what the American Legion and our Post represents, to us personally, to our Veterans, and to our community. This year for Legion Family Day on **April 29**, posts are encouraged to open their doors to members of their community for the day to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Legionnaires, Sons of The American Legion members, Legion Riders, and American Legion Auxiliary, and to bring awareness to the organization's "Be the One" initiative to reduce the rate of veteran suicide. As Post 97 Chaplains, we pray God be with us as we come together with chords that cannot be broken. We rejoice that we are a source of support to Veterans, our community, and to our country. We pray for the strength and ability to do the tasks set before us. And above all, we pray Gods blessings upon each of our members and the entire American Legion family. All of this we pray "for God and Country".

Blessings & Kind Regards,

From Your Co-Chaplains,

Bob Prinzing & Tamara Goodman

From Your SAL Commander:



Hello Legion Family,

As our membership grows, we will continue to get stronger. We are in our 1st round of nominations, so that means in April we will have our 2nd round. If you would have a little time to attend our meetings, we have a couple offices that only need to attend the meeting. Please consider getting involved with YOUR squadron, we do a lot of great things within our squadron.

Like our scholarships that we have been doing now for right at 40 years (that's very impressive), every year we donate to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, and many more.

We have received this year's scholarship applications from DeKalb Central. We know this scholarship will be very useful in their next level of education.

Please stop down at our meeting on April 15, 2024, at 7 pm so that we can discuss any ideas and/or direction you would like to see your squadron focus on the rest of this membership year, and the upcoming membership year.

For God & Country
Squadron 97 Commander
Joe Schultis



Bingo Sunday, Tuesday, Friday

From Your Auxiliary President:

Hello Everyone,

Congratulate to our Unit for reaching over 100% membership!! Thank you to Pam Shook for being our membership chairmen and our awesome members who are new to our unit, renewed their membership or transferred to our post. The membership fee will help with our programs for the veterans and families. Thank you Unit 97!!

We are holding nominations and elections at our April meeting and encourage any member to come to the meeting with your thoughts and ideas.

April Happenings:

April 1st, is our Unit Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

April 8th, there will be a Solar Eclipse in the central & southern part of Indiana. Don't forget your solar eclipse glasses!!

April 10th, Auxiliary Dinner from 5-7. ALA District Meeting at Avilla Post 240 at 7:00 & SAL District Meeting at our post starting at 7:00

May 2nd, District Legion, Auxiliary & SAL Post Everlasting will be held at our post. This will be the time that we will honor and remember our deceased members. Program will start at 6:00 pm, no one will be allowed in after it starts, so don't be late!

May 6th, is Your Unit Meeting at 6:00 pm.

For God and Country,

Kim Heiser, Unit President/PS

Visit our Post website at: www.auburnpost97.org

Membership:

We at Unit 97 appreciate our Auxiliary members.

We have 177 paid members for 101.7% this year. Thank you for supporting our Veterans and their families.

From ALR Director:

Hello,

Great March meeting!

We are making plans for the year!!

State Legacy Ride will be July 20th and we are a starting point again! Our Run for the Vets Event is July 27th & will be a blast! Having Music, Food, several games, ie. Slow roll contest; having Dunk Doug again this year too! Also, in April we are having a Safety refresher training for any Rider!

*Ride & Grab: As always, our goal is to have all the 4th district plaques!! We can travel in cars Oct – April! This continues to be a lot of fun!

* Wednesday evenings – Treasure Hunt night! Come out, visit & enjoy a meal! As always, we provide, prepare and sell the meal (Hot Dogs and Burgers) in April on the 3rd Wednesday each month! Thank you to those that are coming to help with this! We do need help! You ALL are greatly appreciated!

*2024 Cards are in! If you haven't yet, Renew now, if you haven't already! We are at 78% of renewals compared to last year!

***Monthly Meeting: Sunday April 7th, 2024 at 12:30**

Thank you for all you do for Legion Post 97 and ALR Chapter 97!

God Bless America!!
Kathy Bolling, Director

From: The Kitchen

Regular Wednesday night meals:

Come join us for some great food and fellowship

April Menu

3rd – LEGION – Ribs with cold slaw, baked beans, roll and butter

10th – AUX. – Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, with dessert.

17th – ALR – Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

24th – LEGION – Menu

Remember Our Kitchen is open with regular menu items on Thursdays for you to enjoy while listening to Bill & The Boys

Thanks for all your support.