

AMERICAN LEGION POST #97  
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SAL – Jim Bolling – 260-267-0502

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*IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS OF POST 97*

### Post 97 Honor Guard Preforms 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

**December 2024**

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P <b>ALR Mtg. 12:30</b> Canteen Open 2:00 PM	2 <b>Aux. Mtg. 6:00PM</b>	3 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P	4 <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P</b> <b>Serving Meal 5-7P</b>	5 <b>Legion Dist. Mtg. 7:00PM</b> <b>Bill &amp; the Boys 6P</b>	6 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	7
8 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P Canteen Open 2:00 PM	9 <b>Legion Exec Mtg. 5:30 PM</b> <b>Reg. Legion Mtg. 7:00 PM</b>	10 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P	11 <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P</b> <b>Serving Meal 5-7P</b>  <b>SAL Dist. Mtg. 7:00 PM</b> <b>Aux. Dist. Mtg. 7:00 PM</b>	12 <b>Bill &amp; the Boys 6P</b>	13 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	14 <b>Wreaths Across America 9:30 AM</b>
15 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P Canteen Open 2:00 PM	16 <b>SAL Mtg. 7:00 PM</b>	17 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P	18 <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P</b> <b>Serving Meal 5-7P</b>	19 <b>Bill &amp; the Boys 6P</b>	20 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	21 <b>Cornhole 2:30PM</b>
22 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P Canteen Open 2:00 PM	23	24 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P	25 <b>Merry Christmas</b> <b>Post Closed</b> 	26 <b>Bill &amp; the Boys 6P</b>	27 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	28 <b>Monthly Drawing</b>
29 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P	30	31 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P				

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Officers Corner

**From Your Commander:**

Season Greetings,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and allowed time to spend with family and friends. This is also a great opportunity to reach out to Veterans that you haven't been in touch with for some time. They just might need someone to talk to.

**We will be open on Christmas Eve.** Open at regular hours and closing hours might vary.

December 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be heading down to Marion National Cemetery for Wreath's across America. Bus will be leaving at 9:30am. If you are interested in joining us, please sign up at the Post. The sign up sheet is located at the bar. The ceremony will start at 12:00pm. The bus should be back in town around 3:00pm.

Your membership is very important to us. Please renew your membership so that we can continue to be a Stable Pillar in the community. Your membership will allow us to help other Veterans, provide to Children and Youth programs, Americanism programs, and National security programs.

On January 1<sup>st</sup> your 2024 benefits will expire. This is why it's critical to have your membership up to date on January 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be checking.

Wednesday night we would love to see you at the Post. Besides having the best food in town, we have the Treasure hunt board game. The jackpot is growing each week. There are multiple tip board games throughout the night, along with the cell phone game. Come on out and join us. Who knows you just might have a great time. Oh, did I mention that we also have a 50/50 drawing. See you there.

December 7<sup>th</sup>, is National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

I hope you all will have a Safe and wonderful Holiday season. If you're travelling, please be safe on your journey.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

For God and Country

Bill Towle

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**

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**From Your SAL Commander:**

Dear Sons of the American Legion Members,

As we wrap up the year, I want to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for all your hard work and dedication. December is a time for reflection, but also for action. We have accomplished

much this year, and our continued efforts will ensure that we carry on the proud legacy of the American Legion. Let's finish the year strong and enter 2025 with renewed energy and commitment. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events and meetings. Stay safe, and as always, thank you for your service to our country and community.

Yours in Service,

Jim Bolling, Commander

Sons of the American Legion

### **December Events**

SAL Monthly Meeting

Date: December 16, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

Join us for the monthly meeting where we discuss upcoming events, community service projects, and ways to support our veterans and active-duty military members. All members are encouraged to attend!

### **Veterans Day Recap**

A special thank you to all who participated in our Veterans Day events. It was an honor to pay tribute to the men and women who have served our country. We look forward to next year's celebrations. Membership renewals are now due! If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so. You can renew online or at our post.

### **Commander's Challenge**

This month, I challenge each member to reach out to at least one fellow son of a veteran or service member to encourage them to join the Sons of the American Legion. Strength in numbers means greater impact, and every new member brings us closer to achieving our goals. Let's make December the month we grow our ranks!

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### **From Your Auxiliary President:**

Thank you for renewing your membership and welcome to our new members for 2025. With your donations we can help our veterans, families and communities.

This year we have donated to Shop-with-a-Cop, Sunny Medows, Indiana Veterans Home, Dekalb Schools and Charities. If you know of any group or person needing help let us know and we can see if we can help.

December Happenings:

Unit Meeting, December 6<sup>2nd</sup> at 6:00

Merry Christmas to all.

God Bless All,

Kim Heiser, Unit President

Visit our Post website at [www.auburnpost97.org](http://www.auburnpost97.org)

**See a Veteran, Thank a Veteran**

**Membership:**

***119 members have paid their 2025 dues, for 61%. Thank you for your support of veterans and their families.***

***I will have the membership cards with me at the Post if you would like to renew or join. Remember your dues is \$30.00 and must be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> to continue to enjoy the Post benefits and activities.***

***If you have questions concerning your membership you can either text me or call me at 260-413-2490***

***Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year***

***Pam Shook  
Membership Chairman***

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**From ALR Director:**

Greetings ALR family,  
Hope all had a good Thanksgiving, and that God was good to you this year.

I would like to thank everyone that made the Veteran's parade. It was a good day.

The riding season is over for some, weather permitting. We can do our "Ride & Grab" by car till April 1<sup>st</sup>. It's fun and a good way to meet people. See the different posts.

We are still in the process of nominations and election, which will be in our December 1st meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Mid-winter conference dates are January 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. The ALR meeting will be held on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>. The time is to be announced. I think we should attend for our maximum vote count. We need at least our delegates to attend.

Our try at Coney dogs wasn't what we had hoped for. A decision to stick with tenderloins, smoked pork chops and chicken N' noodles. We will have Chicken and Noodles in December and rotate out the other 2 options, unless someone has a better suggestion. Let an ALR member know and have them bring it to the meeting.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. There are better days ahead.

God Bless America.

Mike Harper

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### **From: The Kitchen**

Regular Wednesday night meals:  
Come join us for some great food and fellowship

### **December Menu**

4th – LEGION – Ribs

11th – AUX – Turkey Manhattan, vegetable, roll and butter

18th – ALR – Chicken & Noodle dinner

25th – Post Closed **Merry Christmas enjoy your meal with your family and friends. Remember your veterans who are alone. Be The One**

**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.

### **Military Holidays to Celebrate in December**

**1<sup>st</sup> Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday**

**7<sup>th</sup> National Pearl Harbor Rememberance Day**

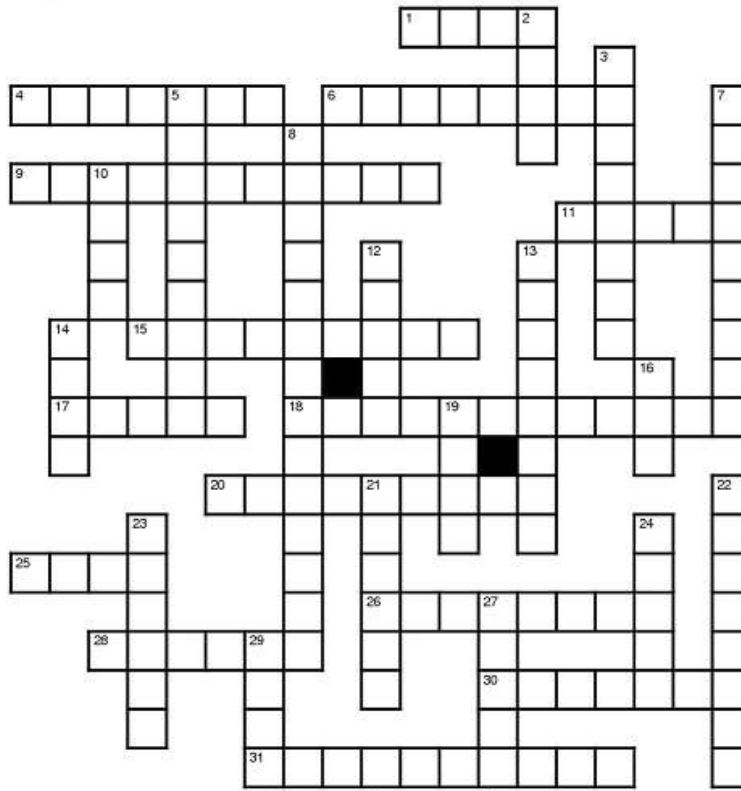
**13<sup>th</sup> US National Guard Birthday**

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For Your Enjoyment



# Christmas Crossword



Merry Christmas!

### Across

- 1. Another word for present.
- 4. Santa's door?
- 6. Animals that pull Santa's sleigh.
- 9. What people put on their Christmas tree.
- 11. Something on Santa's face.
- 15. The day after Christmas.
- 17. Santa's helpers.
- 18. The day before Christmas.
- 20. A piece of snow.
- 25. What Santa gives to bad girls and boys.
- 26. A sock that hangs by the chimney.
- 28. People put these bright things on there house.
- 30. A reindeer with a red nose.
- 31. A jolly man in a red suit with a beard.

### Down

- 2. Something people decorate.
- 3. What people give each other.
- 5. Where Santa's workshop is located.
- 7. A striped Christmas treat.
- 8. Drink and food left for Santa.
- 10. Something people send to each other to say 'Merry Christmas'.
- 12. The presents are usually \_\_\_\_\_ the tree.
- 13. The month of Christmas.
- 14. Look at a present before you should.
- 16. The color of Santa's suit.
- 19. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
- 21. A famous snowman.
- 22. The place where Santa makes toys.
- 23. Santa's car?
- 24. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
- 27. A Christmas song.
- 29. What Santa gives to good girls and boys.

