

AMERICAN LEGION POST #97  
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## AUBURN POST #97 CAULDRON

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
US POSTAGE PAID  
AUBURN IN 46706  
PERMIT #13

Need to get in touch with someone from the post? You can call the following people:

Legion – Kerry Bergman – 260-312-6050

Auxiliary – Kim Heiser – 260-908-0540

SAL – Joe Schultis – 260-249-5503

ALR – Kathy Bolling – 260-375-9708

[www.auburnpost97.org](http://www.auburnpost97.org) your post website

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### *IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS OF POST 97*

LEGION MEMBERS

AUXILIARY MEMBERS

SAL MEMBERS

VETERAN (Non-members)

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

#### ATTENTION

We need help doing military funerals. If you can help call Tom Emerick 260-927-7155

We also assist other posts with funeral detail.

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

## December 2023

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

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

Bingo Sunday, Tuesday, Friday

## Officers Corner

### **From Your Commander:**

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Through these holidays, please reach out to other veterans and check on them, see how they are doing and be there for one another.

National has decided they need to increase our dues by \$5 next year and Department of Indiana is having a special convention in January to decide if our dues will be going up as well. With that being said, you can lock in your dues \$35 a year for the next decade by signing up for the 10 Year Renewal. The 10 Year renewal is \$350, and if you sign up for it online, you have the option to spread your payment out over several months.

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.

Please check our website [www.AuburnPost97.org](http://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.

If I do not have the opportunity to see you, I pray you have a safe and joyous Christmas!

**God Bless the United States of America,**

Kerry "Ox" Bergman  
Post Commander

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

## **From Your Chaplains:**

Christmas Greetings from your Chaplain's Corner

December is a month that gives us a great opportunity to share the joy we have reaped over this past year and to show our gratitude for one another. This is the perfect opportunity for each of us to stand firm on our gratitude so that we can encourage others, promote forgiveness, and reap the benefits to become more helpful and compassionate to one another. As your Co-Chaplains, we are very thankful for our comrades and for your service to our great nation. We are also appreciative for the American Legion Riders, the Sons of the American Legion, as well as the Auxiliary. Thank you for continuing to support Auburn Post 97 and for supporting our mission.

O God of Hosts, grant us the courage to live with the family of nations around the world this Christmas season, that the end of strife will be the beginning of enduring peace. Touch the souls in every land with the enduring light of wisdom so that they may form a unity of peoples that will strive to further the arts of peace under laws and ethics united for common purpose blessed by your love. Grant us now Your continued blessing upon unity and strength that makes victories possible in war, that they may win greater victories of peace. For God & Country, we pray, Amen.

Together, we are making a huge difference in Veterans lives, and within our community. Together, united, we will continue to move forward further into the fullness of what God has for us. We trust in the promise that the Best Is Yet to Come!

Blessings & Merry Christmas

From Your Co-Chaplains,

Bob Prinzing & Tamara Goodman

**From Your SAL Commander:**

Hello Legion Family,

Your squadron is still in the process of a Gun raffle. The winner will be drawn at our January meeting. The money from this raffle will again go towards our donations.

Our membership is doing very good. We are getting close to 73% of our members that have already renewed their membership. Please take a few minutes and check your membership card, if it doesn't say 2024, please consider renewing soon. Also please think about why you are a member, then see if you can bring someone else to become a member with you. Our organization is only as good as our members want it to be.

We have decided not to have a December meeting this year so, our next meeting will be on January 15, 2023, at 7 pm.

For God & Country  
Squadron 97 Commander  
Joe Schultis



**RENEW  
ONLINE  
TODAY**



**Auburn Sons of The American Legion Post 97**

1729 Sprott Street Auburn, IN 46725

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**THE II AMENDMENT**  
FIREARMS - AMMO - HUNTING & FISHING - FIREWORKS

832 N Lima Rd. Kendallville, IN 46755



**Mossberg 500 Combo Turkey / Deer  
12 Ga. 3"**

**Drawing will be held when all 400 tickets are sold, tickets are \$10 each.**

**Tickets available at The II Amendment, American Legion Post 97 Auburn, Squadron 97 officers and other members**

**Winner must pass all requirements for transfer of ownership or gift certificate for the firearm will be defaulted back to squadron. License #148890**

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

Hello Everyone,

The ALA Holiday Bazaar was a great success. A BIG thank you to all of our volunteers and a special thank you to Kathy West who was the master mind of this event from the beginning to the end.

An awesome vender has donated a beautiful handmade bag plus we added extra items with the bag also to raffle off before Christmas. We will be selling tickets this week.

Please send out prayers to Sharon Bury as she is recovering from knee surgery. And Pam Shook will be having surgery this week.

December Happenings:

Auxiliary Unit Meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. We will be signing Christmas cards and adding candy canes for the Indiana Veterans Home residents. At this time there is over a hundred living there. We would like to see any member come in and help out with this project.

Grinders will be served on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Please come and support the Auxiliary and their projects for our veterans and families.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours. May there be Peace on Earth

For God and Country,  
Kim Heiser, Unit President

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

### **Membership:**

***Thank you to those that have paid their 2024 membership. We have 75% of our 174 goal. We appreciate your continued support to the American Legion Auxiliary.***

***Your dues helps support the programs of our organization. We donate to the local schools to help support the needs of the classrooms. We also donate to the local food banks. We support our veterans with the purchase of wreaths for "Wreaths across America". We support the local organizations so the money stays in the community.***

**You must have your 2024 membership paid before December 31<sup>st</sup> to be eligible to participate in the activities of the Post. The bartenders will be checking cards; have your 2024 card ready to show. This protects the post from fines that would be imposed if we were audited.**

**From ALR Director:**

Hello,

Great October meeting! As usual, I wish more Members would show up!!

We had our first round of Nominations for 2024 Officers with a great outcome! Looks like a great year is coming!

\*Ride & Grab: As always, our goal is to have all the 4<sup>th</sup> district plaques!! They are in the front window! This continues to be a lot of fun! We can drive cars from Oct. – April!

\* Wednesday evenings – Treasure Hunt night! Come out, visit & enjoy a meal! We will be providing, preparing and selling the meal (Broasted Chicken, Corn, Baked Potato & a roll) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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! Renew now for 2024!

**\*Monthly Meeting: Sunday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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

**December Menu**

6th – LEGION - Menu

13th – AUX. – Grinders

20th – ALR – Broasted Chicken

27th – LEGION – Menu

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

Thanks for all your support.

**Remember December's Military Holidays:**

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

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

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

**14<sup>th</sup> Wreaths Across America Day**