

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

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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 – Mike Harper – 260-740-6100

Auxiliary – Kim Heiser – 260-908-0540

SAL – Jim Bolling – 260-267-0502

ALR – Jim Bolling – 260-267-0502

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

*IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS OF POST 97*

*AND ALL 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

## February 2026

**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. 2:00 PM</b>	2  <b>Aux. Mtg. 6:00 PM</b>	3 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P  <b>Euchre</b>	4  <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P Ribs 5-7P</b>	5  <b>Bill &amp; the Boys Open house Kitchen open 6P</b>	6 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P <b>Dominoes</b>	7  <b>Cornhole 2:30 PM</b>
8 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P <b>Souper Bowl 5 PM Open house</b>	9  <b>Legion Exec Mtg. 7:00 PM</b>	10 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P  <b>Euchre</b>	11  <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P Chicken Alfredo, Mixed Salad, Dessert 5-7P</b>	12  <b>Bill &amp; the Boys Open house Kitchen open 6P</b>	13 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	14  <b>Vallentine's Day Music Open house</b>
15 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P	16  <b>SAL Mtg. 7:00 PM</b>	17 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P  <b>Euchre</b>	18  <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P Beef &amp; Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Roll 5-7P</b>	19  <b>Bill &amp; the Boys Open house Kitchen open 6P</b>	20 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P  <b>Fish Fry</b>	21  <b>Cornhole 2:30 PM</b>
22 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P	23  <b>Legion Reg. Mtg. 7:00 PM</b>	24 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P  <b>Euchre</b>	25  <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P Chicken &amp; Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Cookie 5-7P</b>	26  <b>Bill &amp; the Boys Open house Kitchen open 6P</b>	27 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P  <b>Fish Fry Open house</b>	28  <b>Monthly Drawing</b>

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### **Greetings and welcome to your Chaplain's Corner,**

As your Chaplain, I can't help but remember the significance that four chaplains of different faiths, who, in sacrificing their lives, created a unique legacy of brotherhood. On February 3, 1943, the United States Army Transport Dorchester tragically sunk while crossing the North Atlantic. A German U-boat fired a torpedo that struck the Dorchester, killing 672 of 902 officers and enlisted men, merchant seamen and civilian workers aboard. Many of those survivors owe their lives to the courage and leadership exhibited by these four chaplains of different faiths. As soldiers rushed to lifeboats, Reverend George Fox (Methodist), Jewish Rabbi Alexander Goode, Reverend Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed) and Father John Washington (Roman Catholic) comforted the wounded and directed others to safety. One survivor watched the chaplains distribute life jackets, and when they ran out, they removed theirs and gave them to four young men. As the Dorchester sank, the chaplains were seen linked arm in arm, praying.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> we also reflect on history, in 1945, when the Battle at Iwo Jima occurred. There was so much bravery and sacrifice made with all the warfighters, and many had just fought their way through Europe's toxic Battle of the Bulge. The American Legion's pledge to "*preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars*" is so important for us to remember. Let's continue to teach the next generations about these sacrifices, and how they shaped the *land of the free and the home of the brave*...

Lord, as we reflect on these significant times in history during the month of February, let us remember these are examples of how many times men and women have sacrificed themselves for others. Let this be a reminder that all people are created equal and capable of showing such courage and such compassion. Forgive us for those times in which we participate in the freedoms of our land yet fail to honor the rights of all Americans. Help us to learn how to show justice in our lives, to love mercy in our relationship with others, and to always walk humbly with You. Thank You, for watching over us. May we feel Your presence in the joy of celebrating Your love, as it shines through the human spirit of those who have sacrificed so much. May we all gain wisdom and compassion as we move forward into the fullness of what you have for us. O Lord, we pray in Your name, For God and Country, Amen.

**Blessings, from your Chaplain, Tamara Goodman**

## **American Legion Post 97 Family Events**

**Month of February – Regular Wednesday night meals provided from 5 to 7 PM,  
by the Legion Family, menus listed on calendar**

**Post Meetings listed on calendar**

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## Other Meetings/Events

**February 6 – District Legion Mtg. Ft. Wayne Post 296 – 7:30 PM**

**February 11 – District Auxiliary Mtg. Garrett Unit #178 – 7:00 PM**

**February 11 – District SAL Mtg. Churubusco Post 157 - 7:00 PM**

**February 15 – District ALR Mtg. Garrett Post 178 – 1:00 PM**

**February 21 – District Auxiliary Parliamentary training 10:00 AM  
Kendallville, Post 86**

**Come to the Post on any given day, you just might find a group playing cards, and they would welcome you to join them.**

**Dart players: We now have two dart boards for your playing pleasure. Come and enjoy an evening of darts. League play is scheduled for doubles on Thursdays, and singles on Fridays. The league's start date and times will be announced later. If you would like to learn to play darts, come to the Post on the cornhole scheduled Saturdays at 4:00 PM. There will be someone to assist you and guarantees you will be hooked. There are practice darts for your use, and there is also a line of darts and accessories for purchase.**

### **Military Holidays to Celebrate in February**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> National Freedom Day**

Commemorates the signing of the 13th Amendment

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Four Chaplains Day**

Honors four chaplains who gave their lives during WWII

#### **4<sup>th</sup> USO Birthday**

Anniversary of the United Service Organizations

#### **9<sup>th</sup> National Salute to Veteran Patients**

Week-long salute to veterans in VA medical centers

#### **19<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard Reserve Birthday**

Anniversary of the Coast Guard Reserve establishment

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## **We Are Proud Post 97 Family**

We support veterans and their families. We also support active military personnel. We do this through the programs of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion Riders. We support our community through donations and volunteering. We support the Principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

## **We Are Proud American Legion Post 97 Family Members**

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