

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

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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

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

## January 2024

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <b>Happy New Year</b>  <b>No Aux. Meeting</b>	2 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P  <b>Euchre 6PM</b> <b>Darts 7 PM</b>	3 <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P</b> <b>Serving Meal 5-7P</b>  <b>Darts 6 PM</b>	4 <b>Legion Dist. Mtg.</b>  <b>Bill &amp; the Boys 6P</b>	5 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	6  <b>Cornhole 2:30 PM</b>
7  Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P  <b>ALR Mtg. 12:30</b>	8 <b>Legion Exe. Mtg.</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b>	9 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P  <b>Euchre 6PM</b> <b>Darts 7 PM</b>	10 <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P</b> <b>Serving Meal 5-7P</b>  <b>Darts 6 PM</b>	11 <b>Bill &amp; the Boys 6P</b>	12 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	13
14  Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P	15 <b>SAL Mtg. 7:00 PM</b>	16 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P  <b>Euchre 6PM</b> <b>Darts 7 PM</b>	17 <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P</b> <b>Serving Meal 5-7P</b> <b>SAL &amp; Aux. Dist. Mtg. 7:00 PM</b> <b>Darts 6 PM</b>	18 <b>Bill &amp; the Boys 6P</b>	19 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	20  <b>Cornhole 2:30 PM</b>
21  Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P	22 <b>Reg. Legion Mtg. 7:00 PM</b>	23 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P  <b>Euchre 6PM</b> <b>Darts 7 PM</b>	24 <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P</b> <b>Serving Meal 5-7P</b>  <b>Darts 6 PM</b>	25 <b>Bill &amp; the Boys 6P</b>	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  <b>Euchre 6PM</b> <b>Darts 7 PM</b>	31 <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P</b> <b>Serving Meal 5-7P</b>  <b>Darts 6 PM</b>			

Bingo Sunday, Tuesday, Friday

## Officers Corner

### **From Your Commander:**

Hello Legion Family,

Happy New Year, Legionnaires, AUX, SAL and ALR! As we embark on a fresh chapter, let's reinforce our commitment to the American Legion's shared values. I want to remind everyone that if you haven't paid your 2024 dues, now is the perfect time to do so. Your support is not just wanted; it's needed for the continued success of our Post. In the spirit of growth and inclusivity, we're expanding our range of activities to make the Post more family-friendly. This initiative aims to provide engaging experiences not only for younger members, but also for your grandchildren and the children of our younger members. Together, let's ensure that the American Legion remains a vibrant and welcoming community for all generations.

Fellow Legionnaires, AUX, SAL and ALR, as your Post Commander, I urge each member to embrace a culture of mutual respect within our esteemed organization. Our strength lies not only in our shared commitment to service but also in our ability to honor and respect one another. Let us remember our employees and the elected officers, chosen by the membership, dedicate their time and efforts to lead us toward our common goals. By showing respect for their roles and decisions, we reinforce the unity that defines the American Legion. Together, let us foster an atmosphere of camaraderie and understanding, ensuring that our Post continues to thrive as a beacon of service, support, and solidarity.

### **\*\*January Post Meetings\*\***

We encourage all members to actively participate in our upcoming meetings. Your insights and contributions are crucial in strengthening our community and supporting our fellow veterans. The General meeting will be Monday, January, 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. Your presence and input are integral to the success of our mission to serve veterans and their families. Let us uphold the values of camaraderie and support that define our Post.

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, neighbors, 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.

Nightly Dart Leagues Forming now. Inquire at the Post Canteen to sign up.

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

Kerry "Ox" Bergman  
Post Commander

**Suicide Hot Lines [1-800-273-8255](tel:1-800-273-8255) [988](tel:988) then press 1 OR Text [741741](tel:741741)**

**From Your Chaplains:**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!**

There are so many joyous things about celebrating Christmas and then bringing in the New Year. We trust that you all had an amazing Holiday season with family and friends that has set the pace for 2024. Now that we have sang “auld lang syne”, saying goodbye to days gone by, let’s look forward to this new year as an opportunity to stand firm together as we face the challenges that lie ahead on the battlefields of life. Most of us will make a New Year’s resolution and commit to project a different image or to reform a particular habit, often a lifestyle change that is generally interpreted as advantageous. The tradition of a New Year’s Day resolution dates back to the early Babylonians. They believed that what a person does on the first day of the new year will affect what they do throughout the year. Irrespective of one's spiritual or religious persuasion, let’s set the pace and make a resolution for a spiritual approach like never before. Let’s keep our military personnel in our prayers, until they are all safe at home again. Let’s stay committed to support what they need as they find their footing readjusting back home. Let’s also continue to support each other. May we have the courage, truth, and faith to meet the challenges without flinching and without thoughts of self. And let’s stay mindful of the American Legions mission for “Service to God and Country”, then we can be assured that throughout 2024.....The Best Is Yet to Come!

Blessings & Happy New Year

From Your Co-Chaplains,

Bob Prinzing & Tamara Goodman

Bingo Sunday, Tuesday, Friday

**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.

We are in the final stretch in achieving 100% in membership, and we are doing very well. Please take a few minutes and check your membership card, if it doesn't say 2024, please consider renewing now, as your membership has expired.

Our next meeting will be on January 15, 2023, at 7 pm please plan on attending.

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**

Bingo Sunday, Tuesday, Friday

**From Your Auxiliary President:**

Hello Everyone,

Happy 2024!! May this year bring health and happiness to all.

I would like to thank everyone that came and signed Christmas cards for our IVH residents. They do look forward to gifts and cards every Christmas time.

A big Thank You to those who bought a card for the handmade goodie basket. Our winner was Denny Meshburger. Congratulation!!

January Happenings:

No Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January

January 10<sup>th</sup> is Auxiliary "Grinder Night" from 5-7. Which includes, a delicious grinder sandwich, chips, pickle and a desert for only \$9.00. Please come and support the Auxiliary and their projects for our veterans and their families.

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 83% 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 dues card to participate in the Post activities.**

**From ALR Director:**

Hello,

Happy New Year

\* Wednesday evenings – Treasure Hunt night! Come out, visit & enjoy a meal! We will be providing, preparing and selling the meal 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 Jan. 7, 2024 at 12:30**

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

God Bless America!!  
Kathy Bolling, Director

Bingo Sunday, Tuesday, Friday

**From: The Kitchen**

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

**January Menu**

3rd – LEGION - Menu  
10th – AUX. – Grinders  
17th – ALR –Chicken  
24th – LEGION – Menu  
31st – 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.