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ALR – Kathy Bolling – 260-375-9708

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*IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED VETERANS*

Post 97 Honor Guard Performs Services for  
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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

## July 2024

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7	1 <b>Aux. Mtg. 6:00 PM</b>	2 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	3 <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P</b>	4 <b>Independence Day  Post Closed enjoy family time</b>	5 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	6
7 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P <b>ALR Mtg. 12:30 Canteen Open 2:00 PM Dart Tournament</b>	8 <b>Legion Exec. Mtg. 7:00 PM</b>	9 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	10 <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P  SAL Dist. Mtg. 7:00 PM</b>	11 <b>Bill &amp; the Boys 6P</b>	12 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P  <b>Department Convention Indianapolis</b>	13 <b>Department Convention Indianapolis</b>
14 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P  Canteen Open 2:00 PM <b>Dart Tournament</b>	15 <b>SAL Mtg. 7:00 PM</b>	16 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	17 <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P</b>	18 <b>Bill &amp; the Boys 6P</b>	19 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	20
21 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P Canteen Open 2:00 PM <b>Dart Tournament</b>	22 <b>Legion Reg. Mtg. 7:00 PM</b>	23 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	24 <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P</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 Canteen Open 2:00 PM <b>Dart Tournament</b>	29	30 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	31 <b>Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P</b>			

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## Officers Corner

### **From Your Commander:**

Welcome Post 97 Family,

It's that time of year again with the changing of the Guards. Yes, it's Bill Towle, your new Commander for 2024/2025 year. With an expression of gratitude to the previous Officers and Executive Board Members we thank you for the commitment to the Best Post in the District. We have received many compliments over the past years. Let us keep this trend going, but it takes the entire Legion Family of volunteers and membership to keep it strong.

On behalf of the Officers and myself we have an open-door policy. If you have any concerns, please contact a Post Officer and we will try to address those concerns as quickly as possible. The doors are always open for the families of the American Legion, no matter what Department (State) they are from. We would like to have our Visitors leave with a good feeling about the Post. We want them back as well as telling their friends about how great DeKalb American Legion Post 97 is, so that they too will come and visit.

In August the American Legion, the Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and American Legion Riders officers will have a "Meet and Greet". It will be on a Wednesday night while we have the gaming going on. All are welcome to join us.

If you have not been to the Post recently, we had the parking lot resealed and re-painted. We added two more handicap parking spots for a total of four. It looks great. The Purple Heart emblem will be repainted in its appropriate position.

If you would like to receive the Delegate (4<sup>th</sup> District newsletter) or the Cauldron (Post newsletter) electronically (e-mail) please let us know and we will get you added to the list.

The Post will be **CLOSED** on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July so that we all can celebrate Independence Day with our families and loved ones.

For those of you, who are wondering if the Enchiladas are coming back? The answer is....."YES". The months that will have 5 Wednesdays will be as follows, July, October, January, and April.

For God and Country,

God Bless the United States of America,

Bill Towle

Post 97, Commander

**American Legion Family from National to Post Level support  
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Bingo Sunday, Tuesday, Friday

## From Your Post Chaplains:

The American Legion has a lot to commemorate in July. On July 4th, 1776, the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation by adopting the Declaration of Independence. Today, **Independence Day** is celebrated and honored in many forms. It is an opportunity for Americans to express patriotism and love of country including reflecting on the sacrifices from those in the military. Independence Day will be officially observed on Thursday, July 4, 2024, our nation's 247th birthday. **National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day** is observed each year on July 27th. It is a time to remember approximately 50,000 American troops who died in the conflict, and over 100,000 wounded, and thousands of prisoners of war. July 28th is **National Buffalo Soldiers Day**, the holiday celebrating the contributions of some of the earliest African American troops in the United States military. These troops served on the Western frontier after the Civil War. They served in a variety of ways including security, law enforcement, and other frontier-specific activities. Then on July 29th the **U.S. Army Chaplain Corps** celebrates its birthday, the day it was authorized by the Continental Congress. There are commemorative gatherings across the globe held by Army Chaplains, who commit to helping, mentoring, counseling, teaching and offering spiritual guidance to soldiers in peace and wartime. Please join in to commemorate these significant dates with the American Legion Family.

On another note, I would like to thank our American Legion family for supporting Bob and me over the past two years as we have served as co-chaplains for Post 97. It truly has been an honor for both of us to serve each of you and for God and Country. As we leave our role as chaplain(s), you will be in good hands with the incoming chaplain who will carry on and assist with your needs. May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord hold His countenance upon you and give you His peace from this day forward.

Amen & Blessings,

Bob Prinzing & Tamara Goodman

**From Your SAL Commander:**



Hello Legion Family,

First, I would like to say I am humbled to be elected as your SAL Commander. I look forward to serving you for the next year. As your Dart coordinator, we are currently having tournaments every Sunday, and will be starting League play; doubles on Thursdays and singles on Fridays. We will announce when the Leagues will start at a later date.

Please come out to a meeting (third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm) and see what we are all about.

Please take a moment to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country as we celebrate our nation's independence this July 4<sup>th</sup>.

For God & Country

Jim Bolling

Commander – Squadron 97

## **From Your Auxiliary President:**

Hello Legion Family,

Summer is upon us and school is out, so watch for those children as you drive to your destination. Keep our children safe. Also, motorcycles are on the road, look twice before turning or passing. We love our bikers and want them safe.

At our June meeting we voted to once again have a craft fair. The date is October 12, 2024, and now is a good time to be thinking about participating as a vendor. Myself and Kathy West have applications and would be happy to send one to you. Let us know either by phone or email. Pam Shook 260-413-2490 [pamshook@yahoo.com](mailto:pamshook@yahoo.com), or Kathy West 260-927-5325 [sister\\_1952@icloud.com](mailto:sister_1952@icloud.com). We would like to fill our banquet room with all the wonderful items that are available for sale.

Our unit voted to support our veterans by making donations to the VA Medical Center in Fort Wayne, and to The Compass Rose organization that assists veterans.

We will be hosting the American Legion Auxiliary 4<sup>th</sup> District meeting February 12, 2025. It is an honor to host a district meeting and serve our Auxiliary members a meal and our hospitality. Details for volunteers needed will be secured at a later date.

As you can see we are very active sponsoring events and serving our veterans with donations and volunteering. All unit 97 members are welcome to attend our meetings the first Monday of every month. We start with candy and dessert, while socializing and then get down to business. Many great ideas come from you members.

## **July Calendar**

July 1<sup>st</sup> – Meeting 6:00 PM

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Celebrating our independence. Many events within the area for everyone to enjoy.

July 12 – 14<sup>th</sup> - Department Convention – Indianapolis

For Service, Not Self,

Pam Shook, Unit President

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

## **Membership:**

***The 2025 cards are available. We would like to have 100% membership again this year, and only you can make that happen.***

***Thank you for your membership and remember your Auxiliary dues is \$30.00***

**From ALR Director:**

Hello,

Our Riding Season is truly in full swing! As usual, there are a lot of fun things to do!

JULY:

July 13th, Chapter 47 Reed Rd - Ride/Event

State Legacy Ride will be July 20<sup>th</sup> & we are a starting point again! Our Run for the Vets Event is July 27<sup>th</sup> & will be a blast! Music - Mason Dixon Line! Food & several games, ie. Slow roll contest; having Dunk Doug again this year too!

\*Ride & Grab: As always, our goal is to have all the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (Grilling season!) 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!

We are still growing in Membership! Transfers and New Members! :)

**\*Monthly Meeting: Sunday July 7, 2024 at 12:30**

After meetings, we have been going on a ride, Ride & Grab and sometimes to Scoops... 😊

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

### **July Menu**

3rd – LEGION – Ribs with cold slaw, baked beans, roll and butter  
10th – AUX. – Grinders  
17th – ALR – Grilling  
24th – LEGION – Menu  
31st – Commander's Special

**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.

## **A little history of 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

During the **American Revolution**, the legal separation of the **thirteen colonies** from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the **Second Continental Congress** voted to approve a **resolution of independence** that had been proposed in June by **Richard Henry Lee** of **Virginia** declaring the United States independent from Great Britain's rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the **Declaration of Independence**, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by the **Committee of Five**, which asked **Thomas Jefferson** to author its first draft.

While Jefferson consulted extensively with the other four members of the Committee of Five, he largely wrote the Declaration of Independence in isolation over 17 days between June 11, 1776, and June 28, 1776, from the second floor he was renting in a three-story private home at 700 **Market Street** in **Philadelphia**, now known as the Declaration House, and within walking distance of **Independence Hall**.

Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it two days later on July 4.