

AMERICAN LEGION POST #97
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Legion – Bill Towle – 260-570-6994

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SAL – Jim Bolling – 260-267-0502

ALR – Mike Harper – 260-740-6100

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This newsletter is every member's, what would you like to see printed? Send your suggestions to pamshook@yahoo.com.

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

Being Sunday, Tuesday, Friday

March 2025

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Cornhole 2:30 PM
2 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P ALR Mtg. 12:30	3 Aux. Mtg. 6:00 PM	4 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P	5 Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P Ribs	6 Legion Dist. Mtg. 7:00 PM Bill & the Boys 6P	7 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P Fish Fry	8
9 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P	10 Legion Exec Mtg. 7:00 PM	11 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P	12 Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P SAL Dist. Mtg. 7:00 PM	13 Bill & the Boys 6P	14 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P Fish Fry	15 Cornhole 2:30 PM Legion Birthday Potluck Dinner 4:00 PM
16 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P	17  St. Patrick's SAL Mtg. 7:00 PM	18 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P	19 Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P	20 Bill & the Boys 6P	21 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P Fish Fry	22
23 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P	24 Reg. Legion Mtg. 7:00 PM Officers 1st Nominations	25 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P	26 Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P Menu	27 Bill & the Boys 6P	28 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P Fish Fry	29 Cornhole 2:30 PM Monthly Drawing
30 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P	31					

Bingo Sunday, Tuesday, Friday

Officers Corner

From Your Commander:

Post 97 Family

We will be starting the Friday fish fry for Lent on March 7th and will go through April 11th. We will be needing volunteers for this. Please contact Will Teague if you would like to help in the kitchen.

The American Legion will be celebrating its 106th birthday on March 15th. On that Saturday evening the Post will be having a Potluck dinner starting at 4:00pm. The Post will be providing the meat. We just ask that members bring a dish to share. We will also be having good will donation, and it will be open to the public.

March 24th will be the first round of nominations for the 2023 Officers.

A big shoutout to the City of Auburn for helping us with the replacement of the solar lights that go on top of the flagpoles. It looks amazing. Good job to all who were involved.

The honor guard needs volunteers. They are not getting any younger. Please contact Jerry West if you are interested in becoming a part of the Honor Guard.

Dates to Remember:

- **March 4, Hug a GI day** - This is not a national holiday, but it is still a day set aside to acknowledge and thank those members of the US Armed Forces for their service and sacrifice. While it is unknown when this day began, or what its origins are, it's a nice way to thank active members and veterans for their service to our country.
- **March 15, American Legion Birthday** - The American Legion has served wartime veterans through promoting patriotism, military service, national security, and dedication to current service members and vets alike. The organization celebrates its birthday on March 15, 1919.
- **March 25, Medal of Honor Day** - is a United States federal observance that is celebrated every year on March 25. It was created to honor the "heroism and sacrifice of Medal of Honor recipients for the United States." The holiday has been celebrated since 1991, when George H. W. Bush signed Public Law 101-564 on November 15, 1990.
- **March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day** - to thank and honor our nation's Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice.

Thank you once again Members of Post 97 for making this one of the Best American Legion Post around. I am so proud to be your Commander. **YOU ARE THE BEST!**

God Bless the United States of America,

Bill Towle

Post Commander

Bingo Sunday, Tuesday, Frida

From You Chaplain:

Greetings and welcome to your Chaplain's Corner,

Happy Birthday American Legion! March allows for another opportunity to celebrate such an amazing organization. On the 15th day of March in 1919, this was when the first American Legion caucus held by members of the American Expeditionary Force, convened in Paris. As a result, the American Legion was born. Let us all remember to emphasize what the American Legion and our Post represents, to us personally, to our Veterans, and to our community. As the Post 97 Chaplain, I pray

God be with us as we come together to pay tribute to our American Legion birthday. Let us rejoice that we are a source of support for our country. Let us pray for the strength and ability to do the tasks set before us. And above all, let us pray Gods blessings upon each of our members and the entire American Legion family.

Heavenly Father, let us celebrate the birthday of the American Legion remembering that not only is this what the founding fathers had in mind for our members, but that truly this is what we have been doing these many years , sharing and giving our joys, our talents, ourselves, not only to veterans and their children , but to all races, colors, and creeds. This is our goal, for you our God, and our country. In the American Legions programs, we discover the joy of giving and the joy of sharing. Hear our prayers oh Lord, for we pray in Your name, and for God and Country, Amen.

Blessings, from your Chaplain, Tamara Goodman

Bingo Sunday, Tuesday, Friday

**From Your SAL Commander:
March Forward, Sons of the American Legion!**

As we step into the month of March, let's take a moment to reflect on our mission as members of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL). March is not only a time to honor the arrival of spring but also a period where we focus on continuing our legacy of service to veterans, their families, and our community.

A Legacy of Service

March marks an important time for all of us in the SAL to reflect on the sacrifices made by our veterans. This month let's reaffirm our commitment to supporting veterans and ensuring that their stories and sacrifices

continue to inspire future generations. Our membership is dedicated to giving back to those who have given so much for our freedom, and we continue to uphold the values of courage, honor, and respect.

March of Progress

We have had a great start to the year, and the efforts of our local squadrons have been incredible. Whether it's through supporting local veteran families, assisting with VA hospital visits, or hosting community events, the Sons of the American Legion is truly making an impact. We've seen firsthand how service, leadership, and dedication can create positive change, and we're excited to continue our good work throughout the rest of the year.

Membership Drive & Renewal Reminder

As we enter the second quarter of the year, it's time to focus on our membership goals. If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2025, there's still time to do so! Encourage fellow members to join or renew, ensuring that our organization continues to grow stronger and more effective in its mission. Remember, the more members we have, the more we can do for our veterans and our community.

Upcoming Events:

March 17th - SAL Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm: Join us for our next regular monthly meeting. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow members and make a direct impact on the lives of veterans.

Celebrating Saint Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's Day is just around the corner, and it's a reminder of the vibrant contributions immigrants have made to our great nation. As we celebrate with parades, music, and gatherings, let's also remember the sacrifices made by so many who came before us and helped shape the country we call home.

Looking Ahead

Looking forward, we are gearing up for more initiatives to support our veterans and their families. From donation drives to advocacy efforts, the Sons of the American Legion will remain a steadfast advocate for those who have served. Together, we will continue to strengthen our community and honor the legacy of those who have come before us.

Thank you for your continued service, dedication, and commitment to the Sons of the American Legion.

Stay strong, and let's march forward in March!

Yours in Service,
Jim Bolling, Commander
Sons of the American Legion

Bingo Sunday, Tuesday, Friday

From Your Auxiliary President:

It looks like Spring is right around the corner. The motorcycles will be out soon, so make sure to watch for them. We want them safe.

Our unit is sponsoring delegate Judith Schweitzer from DeKalb High School for Girls State in June this year, we are hoping we can have her to the Post to give us her experience.

Thank you to the 161 members that have paid their dues that makes it possible to make donations supporting our veterans and their families. We also thank those members who donate their time and talents to the Post for the various events. We truly are a family helping one another.

March 3rd at 6:00 PM is our Unit meeting, and we invite all members to attend and participate in the decision making.

God Bless All,

Pam Shook with permission from Kim Heiser, Unit President

Visit our Post website at www.auburnpost97.org

See a Veteran, Thank a Veteran

Membership:

Thank you to the members who have paid their 2025 dues. Your dues helps our unit to support the veterans and their families.

I have the membership cards with me to make it convenient for you to pay your dues and receive your card.

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

***Pam Shook
Membership Chairman***

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From ALR Director:

Greetings Riders,

Let's hope the snow is done with us. Riding season is getting much closer, think Spring.

Last month's meeting was cancelled due to the weather. Which means we have to get more done in less time. Please get in touch with your contacts for donations, for our Ride for the Vets event. We need some new ideas to raise money. All ideas are appreciated and will be discussed.

We should do a ride and grab, it's still fun to do in the winter. It helps to go to other posts and see how they are doing and maybe get some ideas for raising funds as well. We have a plaque MIA, we need to go out there and get it back.

We are always looking for food ideas for the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Our March meal will be chicken & noodles over mashed potatoes, veggies, dinner roll & butter.

Dates to remember;

Free Veterans Charter Fishing Lake Erie June 21st. Signup dates March 1st - May 31st call Rich (419)-786-8438 MaGee East Marina and Campgrounds (419)-607-6089. Fliers at Post.
April 4-6 Spring Conference, Indy.
Memorial Day parade
May 20th - June 1st ALR regional romp Sunrise Beach, MO Post 624
June 19th-22 State rally Jonesboro, IN Chapter 95

Ride safe and God Bless America.

Director, Mike Harper

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From: The Kitchen

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

March Menu

5th– LEGION – Ribs
12th – AUX –Stuffed Peppers
19th – ALR – Chicken & noodles over mashed potatoes, veggies, dinner roll & butter
26th – LEGION – Menu

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 March

1st Seabee Birthday

3rd Navy Reserve Birthday

4th Hug a GI Day

13th K-9 Veterans Day

15th American Legion Birthday

25th Medal of Honor Day

29th National Vietnam War Veteran's Day

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