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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

May 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 Legion Dist. 7:00 PM Post 47 Post Everlasting Bill & the Boys 6P	2 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	3
4 Bingo Doors open Mo3P Games Start 5P ALR Mtg. 2:00P	5 Aux. Mtg. 6:00 PM	6 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P	7 Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P Ribs	8 Bill & the Boys 6P	9 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	10
11 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P Mother's Day	12 Legion Exec Mtg. 5:00 PM Reg. Mtg. 7:00 PM	13 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P	14 Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P Pork SAL Dist. Mtg. 7:00 PM	15 Bill & the Boys 6P	16 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	17
18 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P	19 SAL Mtg. 7:00 PM	20 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P	21 Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P Aux. Dist. Mtg. 7:00 PM	22 Bill & the Boys 6P	23 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	24
25 Bingo Doors open 3P Games Start 5P	26 Memorial Day Celebration 11:00 AM Courthouse	27 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P	28 Treasure Hunt 8:00P Serving Meal 5-7P Kitchen Menu	29 Bill & the Boys 6P	30 Bingo Doors open 4:30P Games Start 6P Weekly Drawing 8P	31 Monthly Drawing

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Officers Corner

From Your Commander:

Within the past month we have had some major improvements to the Post. The flooring has been replaced in four different phases. It sure looks good. This type of improvement can only happen with a lot of volunteers. I would like to thank each and every one of you.

This month's e-board meeting will be on the 12th of this month at 5:00pm and the membership meeting will be on the same day at 7:00pm. At this time, we will be doing the 3rd round of nominations for the Post Officers.

Last month we had the National Commander in the area. He was very impressed with the 4th district and with the 4th District Legion Riders. Thank you to all who were involved with the escorts to the Memorial Shrine and Museum, and to Post 160 in Roanoke.

Started in April we had the DeKalb High School Art Students and members of the Art League paint a mural on the east side of the Post. Working with these talented students, we are interested in finding what the flag means to them and what this mural also means to them as well. You need to stop by and check this mural out. **IT IS A WORK OF ART.**

May 26th we will be celebrating Memorial Day. The celebration will be at the southwest corner of the Courthouse and will start at 11:00am. The Public is welcome to this celebration. Afterwards please come back to the Post for the Flag Burning Celebration and for a good meal.

Dates to Remember:

- **May 8th, Victory in Europe day** - The unconditional surrender of Germany in World War II came on May 8th, 1945.
- **May 17th, Armed Forces Day** - honors Americans serving in the military. It was originally designed to replace the days celebrating each individual service, but those days are still observed.
- **Memorial Day** - It began after the Civil War to remember the soldiers who fell on both sides during the war but grew to commemorate all Americans who died serving in the military. But also let us remember those family members and friends that we have lost over the past years.

Thank you once again 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

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From You Chaplain:

Memorial Day became a federal holiday in 1971. In all American expression, there is no more endearing word than "buddy." It represents friendship, brother/sisterhood, and common purpose. This month we want to pay tribute to those, our "buddies," who poured out their full measure of devotion upon the altar of freedom. Most of you could tell dramatic stories of heroism which you have seen acted out by your buddies on the grim stage of war's theater. The sacred memory of their

selflessness and the freedom they died to obtain will live forever. When President Eisenhower toured the Battlefield at Valley Forge, he stated "This is where they got it for us." He was reflecting on those who served, and thousands of others in all the wars that America has fought, purchased by their blood the freedoms that we enjoy today in "the land of the free, and the home of the brave." We all can agree these battlefields of the world today are hallowed and holy to every American, and we pause to give them our highest honors, humbly realizing the sacred trust that these, our war dead, have handed to us.

Almighty God, in Your hands are the living and the dead. We give you thanks for all those, our comrades, who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. May they rest in peace and may light perpetually shine upon them. May the good work of seeking justice for the oppressed and peace for all people be rewarded with success, so that their sacrifices shall not have been in vain. And may we never fail to remember the awesome cost of the freedom that we enjoy. All of this we ask in Your holy name, "for God and Country". Amen

Blessings & Kind Regards,

From Your Chaplain Tamara Goodman

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From Your SAL Commander:

Sons of the American Legion,

Honoring Service, Inspiring Patriotism

As we step into May, a month of remembrance and reflection, the Sons of The American Legion proudly continue our mission of honoring our veterans, supporting our communities, and instilling patriotism in future generations.

Memorial Day – A Time to Reflect and Serve

Memorial Day, observed on May 26 this year, holds deep significance for our organization. Across the nation, SAL squadrons will participate in ceremonies, parades, and memorial services to honor those who gave their lives in service to our country. We encourage all members to wear their SAL caps with pride and represent the values of our organization as we pay tribute to our fallen heroes.

Membership Matters

We continue to encourage all members to reach out to potential new members. If you know someone eligible for the SAL, invite them to a meeting or community event. A strong membership means a stronger impact in our communities.

Final Thoughts

May is not just a month to remember the past—it's a time to reaffirm our commitment to service and the ideals upon which The American Legion Family stands. Let's continue to honor our duty, support each other, and make a difference—one squadron, one community at a time.

For God and Country,
Jim Bolling
SAL Squadron Commander

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From ALR Director:

Greetings Riders,

As the weather is highly unpredictable this time of the year, check your forecast and be prepared for the days adventure.

Our run for the vets is our biggest event of our riding season, July 26th. It depends on our membership for it to be a success. Whether you donate something or stop at a local business and get

a donation, it all helps with prizes and auction items. Let's all do our part and make this the best year. Volunteers are always needed. We are accepting donations from anyone, thank you in advance.

We had a good time escorting the National Commander on the 18th of April. They had a nice program at the Shrine. If you have not been there, you should go see what a fabulous job they have done in the past few years. They have a few more memorials planned for this year.

Upcoming events:

Decatur Post 43 Blessing of the Bikes, May 3rd.

469 Cycle shop Blessing of the bikes May 10th at 10:00 am.

There will also be the Blessing & Ride Saturday May 17th at 11:30 am, KSU immediately following the blessing. Free hot breakfast served at 10:00 am and door prizes.

June 21st is the Avilla parade, they're having the ALR lead and post flags again. Be there by 2:00 p.m., the parade starts at 3:00 p.m.

Our 3rd Wednesday meal is to be announced.

Don't forget our meeting time has been changed to 2:00 p.m. the first Sunday of the month. For those interested we will be doing a ride & grab after the meeting or ice cream or both.

Don't forget check out our post for upcoming events. The fishing for vet's flier is still up. God Bless the USA and our Post.

Respectfully, Mike Harper Director Chapter 97

From: The Kitchen

Regular Wednesday night meals:

Come join us for some great food and fellowship

May Menu

7th– LEGION – Ribs

14th – AUX – Pulled Pork, Cheesy Potatoe Casserole, Salad, Dessert

21st – ALR – TBA

28th – 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 May

Military Caregiver Month
National Military Appreciation Month

1st Silver Star Service Banner Day

1st Loyalty Day

1st National Day of Prayer

8th VE Day

8th Military Spouse Appreciation Day

13th Children of Fallen Patriots Day

17th Peace Officers Memorial Day

17th Armed Forces Day

22nd Maritime Day

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