

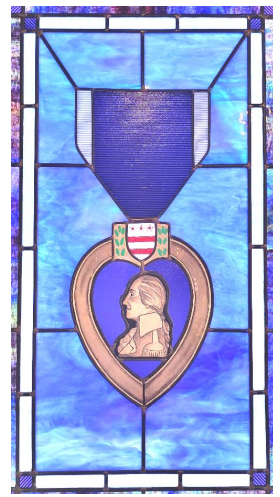
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COMMANDER'S REMARKS

Spring has sprung and the Post Calendar is blossoming with activities for you to support our mission by participating. Post Everlasting and our Memorial Day observance are in the planning phases as we speak. Post 147 supports Boys and Girls State Delegates from James Island area schools and we ask that you help our fund-raising activities for the young people selected for this program. These are significant events in the yearly Post Calendar.

Please support the Auxiliary, Sal, Honor Guard, and AL Riders breakfast and dinner events. These groups do much to enhance the reputation of Post 147 by the work they do within our community and often they are the "Face of The Post". Let's show them how much we appreciate who they are, what they do, and how they do it.

The Post Executive Committee is nearing completion of a re-drafting of the Post Constitution and By-Laws and will soon present the final for your review and comments,


I look forward to seeing you during April at the post for breakfast and dinner and urge you to become more involved in the Post by attending our General Meetings. Elections for Post Officers are scheduled in May and this is your opportunity to show support for current programs or help to affect change where you feel the need. You can make our Post stronger, and as always please let me or a member of the Post Executive Committee know what you think, how you feel, and what we may do to improve the Post.

Charlie Bowers
Commander



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AUXILIARY NEWS

Well, March went out like a lion, I hope April comes in like a lamb. This is also the time we finish our work and get ready to send our yearly reporting to State Committee Chairman. If you have hours to report, please do so at this month's meeting. Our dues will be going up to \$50 a year starting with the 2026- 2027 year. This is due to national raising our Unit dues. Your new membership cards will be ready in June.

Lynda and her team made a wonderful St. Patrick's Day dinner. Thank you to everyone that came out to support us. This month the Auxiliary will be serving our Country fried steak dinner which includes, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, and a dessert for \$20.00 a plate. Band: Vinyl Daze. We will start serving at 6pm until 8 pm on Saturday, April 11th. Please be sure to sign up and pre-pay with your friendly bartenders.

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, April 21 starting at 6:30 PM in the front hall. Stay safe and hope to see everyone there.



Keeping our troops in our prayers,
Melody Easterby Lowe
President unit 147

SAL NEWS

Greetings SAL members,

Hello to all readers, members, officers, and volunteers. March was another great month for SAL. Breakfast and dinner were both a great success. We are always interested in new volunteers' participation. Please feel free to contact me at any time, the post can provide my number.

I would like to announce that SAL was able to contribute a considerable amount of money to a number of different programs that support veterans and will continue to do so with members help. This is not possible without the support of our members and patrons who participate in activities such as dinners, etc. Thank you all for your support. Remember helping a veteran is easy as buying breakfast or dinner. Please encourage other family and friends to consider joining our fine organization. We currently have 149 members including 18 new members. We are 93% of our state goals, so there is time to exceed state goals. Let's lead the way to show what we really are capable of and impress the whole state.

SAL breakfast will be in full force Sunday, April 19th, 2026, from 9:00 A.M. till 11:30A.M. Please do not miss the best eggs in town.

SAL dinner in April will be a top quality Ribeye steak dinner with baked potato and salad for \$25.00 served April 28th, 2026. The band for that night will be Low Hanging Fruit. Please come out and support your veterans and your post.

The monthly SAL meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, in the front hall at 6:30 p.m. Please all members feel welcome, and please attend.

Please, if you have not already renewed your dues please try to do so. We set a record for our largest number of SAL members last year at Post 147 and were recognized by State for doing so. If anyone needs assistance feel free to contact the Post personally, or by phone. Or, contact our SAL membership officer Dave Bradbury by email, Dave is very diligent in his commitments and will handle any questions or concerns. His email address is Charlestdudel@yahoo.com. Dave will be happy to assist you.

Attention to all members of the American Legion and all affiliated chartered groups... Elections are almost here and it is imperative that we all turn out to vote in our new officers for the upcoming year. This post is only as good as the people willing to fill these spots. If anyone wants to run for an office place your name on the ballot cards available prior to elections. (Available at the post.) Elections will be held on May 14th, 2026, for the Legionnaires. SAL on May12th, 2026.

I would like to reach out to any willing and able member to volunteer to support your post. There are many ways in which you can help. Thank you all for your support!!!



May God continue to bless America!
J. Peter Rugheimer, III
S.C. SAL Squadron 147 Commander

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American Legion Post 147,
James Island

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday & Tuesday

10:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday

10:00 - 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

10:00—MIDNIGHT


*(BARTENDERS CALL)

April 2026

LUNCH: WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

SEAFOOD FRIDAYS: 11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



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|  | | | 1 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00 | 2 LUNCH: FISH SANDWICH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7:00 P.M.  TRIVIA 6:30 P.M. | 3  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18 | 4 AL RIDERS SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS \$15.00 BAND: NIGHT SHIFT |
| 5  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AUXILIARY  | 6  DAV MEETING 7:00 P.M. | 7 | 8 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN FINANCE MTG 6:00 CANTEEN MTG 6:30 HONOR GUARD 7 JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00 | 9 LUNCH: BLT/CLUB  LEGION MEETING E-BOARD 6:00 P.M. GENERAL 7:00 P.M. | 10  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18 | 11 AUXILIARY COUNTRY FRIED STEAK & SIDES \$20.00 BAND: VINYL DAZE |
| 12  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM HONOR GUARD CORNHOLE 1:00 PM | 13 | 14  SAL MEETING 6:30 PM | 15 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00 | 16 LUNCH: BBQ  KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7:00 P.M. | 17  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18 | 18 SHRIMP BASKET COLE SLAW & HUSH PUPPIES SHRIMP CITY SLIM |
| 19  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM SAL CORNHOLE 1:00 PM | 20  AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 6:30 P.M. | 21  AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30 PM | 22 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN HONOR GUARD 7 JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00 | 23 LUNCH SPAGHETTI | 24  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18 | 25 SAL STEAK NIGHT \$25.00 6:00—8:00 PM BAND LOW HANGING FRUIT |
| 26  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AL RIDERS CORNHOLE | 27 | 28  40 & 8 7:00 PM | 29 | 30 | | |
| <p>WEDNESDAYS LUNCH FROM 11:30—1:00 P.M. DINNER FROM 5:00—6:30 P.M. (Last Call 6:15 P.M.)</p> | | | | | | |

FROM THE ADJUTANT

I hope everyone survived the Holidays and Winter. As we approach Spring, it is once again time to elect Officers for the coming Legion Year. Post 147 elections will take place at the General meeting on May 14th at 7pm. All Post 147 2026 Legionnaires are eligible to vote in this election. All Legionnaires running in this election should understand that there is work and time involved by each Post Officer. Attending meetings is one important factor, but there are other duties that require time if this Post is to thrive. Encouraging attendance at monthly meetings, building Committees that spread the workload, and welcoming new and transferring members are the building blocks of a strong Post. Below are some items that are valuable information for membership and prospective candidates:

1. The meeting will be closed to non-Legionnaires.
2. The Sergeants-at-Arms will check Membership Cards at the door. Members whose 2026 dues are paid by 01 May 2026 are eligible to vote. No one without a 2026 Card will be allowed entry.
3. It is strongly encouraged that candidate sign up for MyLegion.org. It is further recommended that each prospective candidate take the one hour online Basic Training Course. That course gives an in-depth understanding of who we are and where we came from.
4. There are resources on My Legion.org that go into detail concerning the duties of Post Officers. Each prospective candidate is highly encouraged to review this material prior to signing up to be a candidate.

I will not be standing for re-election to the post of Adjutant. It has been my honor to have served. I stand ready to assist the incoming Adjutant, whoever that may be.



Paul Harrington
Ralph H. Johnson
American Legion Post 147
Adjutant

POST SERVICE OFFICER

Greetings from your Post Service Officer,

Please reach out to me if your any concerns or questions about Veterans Healthcare, Entitlements or Cemetery benefits to my post email servoff147@gmail.com or I can be contact at (843) 312-7113.

David L. Bradbury, USMC
RHJ American Legion Post 147

HONOR GUARD

Post elections are coming up, and we strongly encourage everyone to show up and show out. This is your opportunity to get involved and help shape the future of Post 147. If you've ever had an idea about how things could run better, this is the time to step up and make it happen.

Also, a reminder that 2026 memberships must be renewed by May 1st in order to be processed in time for the May 14th election. If your membership isn't renewed, your vote might be sitting on the sidelines—and nobody likes sitting on the bench during game time.

And while we're talking about getting involved, let's address the elephant in the room... or perhaps the average age statistic.

The average age of an Honor Guard member is about 70 (and that number only drops thanks to the occasional appearance of a Youngblood). These members have carried this tradition for decades, but if we want to keep honoring veterans the way they deserve, we need the next generation to step up.

Now before anyone panics—we're not saying you have to jump straight onto the E-Board or sign up to run the whole operation. If that feels like a lot, start smaller. Talk to one of the Honor Guard members and see how you can help. Whether it's assisting with events, helping during dinners, or learning the ropes of the Honor Guard itself, every extra set of hands makes a difference.

Because at the end of the day, traditions like this don't continue on their own—they continue because people care enough to keep them going.

So come out, renew those memberships, show up for elections, and if you're feeling ambitious, come see what the Honor Guard is all about.

Who knows—you might just help bring that average age down a few years.

And as always, thank you for supporting the Honor Guard and the mission of Post 147.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Welcome to April American Legion Riders. This month we will be featuring a spaghetti dinner with meatballs and Italian sausage, Garlic bread and salad on the first Saturday. Band: Night Shift. Thanks to everyone who participated in breakfast and the grilled chicken dinner this past month, (many great reviews), it was definitely a success. We will be asking for volunteers at the upcoming meeting for these two events.

It's that time of the year again, we have elections coming up in May, so everyone come out and vote. Anyone interested in a position as an officer in the American Legion riders, can be discussed at the upcoming meetings.

With the good weather coming back around, we should be able to schedule some rides for the group, some fundraisers, for our veterans, post and community. All ideas are welcome.

The dedication and commitment of our riders, we were able to donate to several veteran organizations. I would like to thank all of our riders for making this happen.

In closing, I would like to pray for our wounded and lost soldiers.

And also to keep all of our men and women in uniform safe from harm's way
A-men.



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Acting Director,
Bruce Rourk

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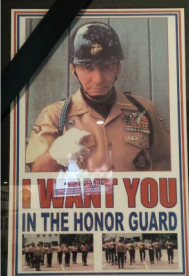
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