

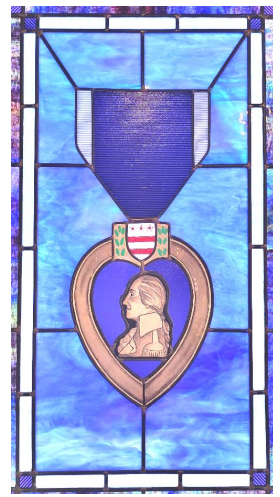
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COMMANDER'S REMARKS

May will be a busy time at Post 147. Elections of Post Officers, the Memorial Day Ceremony, music and dinner offerings – we need your support.

May is election time for Post 147. A list of positions and a nominating form for Post officers will be available in the canteen. Legionnaires in good standing are invited to put his/her name in nomination for a particular office. The listing and nominating forms will be available from May 1st until the election on Thursday, May 14th at 1900 (7PM) in the Front Hall. To vote: one must present their 2026 Legion Membership Card and enter the Front Hall NLT 1900 (7PM). The doors will be closed promptly at the beginning of the meeting.

The month of May also is election time for the South Carolina Department of the American Legion and Posts throughout our state. Our Post will send a delegation to the SC Department Convention to cast votes for SC Department Officers. I will provide our membership with profiles of Legionnaires nominated for Departmental Offices.

On Monday, May 25th, at 11A.M. in the front parking lot and adjacent grass area we will hold our Memorial Day Ceremony. This has been a well-attended Post event in the past and we ask that you arrive as early as possible to enable us to accommodate everyone who needs to be seated. Over the Memorial Day Weekend, I am asking for volunteers to assist the V.F.W. with placing flags on the graves of veterans at ten cemeteries on James and Johns Islands. Please call the Post and let us know if you can help.


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. I look forward to seeing you during May at the Post for breakfast and dinner and urge you to become more involved in the Post by attending the Elections for Post Officers. 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

I hope everyone has enjoyed this beautiful weather we have been having so far this spring. As we head into our final month, please consider joining our team as volunteer for one of our committees as we strive to provide our Veterans lives and our community with more opportunities for them. We will have elections during our meeting on Tuesday, May 19th starting at 6:30pm in the front hall. If anyone is interested, please come to the meeting. We have lost some of our volunteers in our E-Board and we need some volunteers for our team to continue our mission. Please consider joining us.

Thank you for your support and reporting the year end reports. They are on their way out to the proper communities.

We have sent in our new dues to State, and they will now be \$50.00 per year. Renewals will begin June 1. Also remember that we will not have a meeting nor will we have a dinner in June. This is the time for the Audit, and we will be working on a budget for 2026-2027 year.

The Auxiliary will be serving fried Pork Chops, rice and gravy, vegetable and dessert for dinner on May 9th starting at 6pm until 8pm or we run out. Please remember to sign up and prepay with your bartenders before that Saturday morning.

Hope to see you at our meeting on the third Tuesday of the month starting at 6:30 in the front hall.

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. April 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 so far this year 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.

The monthly SAL meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, in the front hall at 6:30 p.m. Please all members feel welcome, and please attend. 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 for the SAL will be held on Tuesday May 12th, 2026, at 6:30pm.

SAL breakfast will be in full force Sunday, May 17th, 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 May 23rd, 2026. The band for that night will be Wildflower Station. Please come out and support your veterans and your post.

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 of 134 members and were recognized by State for doing so. If anyone needs assistance feel free to 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 Charlestone1@yahoo.com. Dave will be happy to assist you. Also, you can contact the Post personally, or by phone.

I am very proud to announce that this year we now have met state goals of 160 by a total of 161 members and growing. There is plenty of time in the year and we wish to continue to strengthen membership numbers.

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!!!

The Sons of American Legion are raffling off a Golf Cart with the drawing being May 31, 2026! Wait!! Did you say a golf cart?! YES, a golf cart!! Raffle tickets are \$20 a piece or \$100 for 6 tickets. You can purchase your tickets from the bartenders or from Al Simmons and Chris Nisoff.

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

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)

May 2026

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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				MARCH 30 LUNCH MEATLOAF	1  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	2 AL RIDERS CHICKEN CORDON BLEU \$20.00 DOGHOUSE ROAD BAND KENTUCKY DERBY
3  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AUXILIARY CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	4  DAV MEETING 7:00 P.M.	5	6 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	7 LUNCH: COUNTRY FRIED STEAK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  7:00 P.M. TRIVIA 6:30 P.M.	8  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	9 AUXILIARY FRIED PORK CHOPS & SIDES \$20.00 OCEAN DRIVE BAND
10  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM HONOR GUARD CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	11	12  SAL MEETING 6:30 PM	13 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	14 LUNCH: BLT/CLUB  LEGION MEETING E-BOARD 6:00 P.M. GENERAL 7:00 P.M.	15  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	16 WINGS BAND: TBD PREAKNESS
17  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM SAL CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	18  AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 6:30 P.M.	19  AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30 PM	20 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN HONOR GUARD 7 JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	21 LUNCH: SALISBURY STEAK  KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7:00 P.M.	22  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	23 SAL STEAK NIGHT \$25.00 6:00—8:00 PM WILD FLOWER STATION BAND
24  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AL RIDERS CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	25	26  40 & 8 7:00 PM	27 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN HONOR GUARD 7 JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	28 LUNCH FRIED PORK CHOPS	29  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	30 LEGION DINNER PORK LOIN NIGHT SHIFT BAND
31  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM 40 & 8 CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	WEDNESDAYS LUNCH FROM 11:30—1:00 P.M. DINNER FROM 5:00—6:30 P.M. (Last Call 6:15 P.M.)					

POST SERVICE OFFICER

Greetings from your Post Service Officer,

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

David L. Bradbury, USMC
RHJ American Legion Post 147

HONOR GUARD – MAY UPDATE

The Honor Guard stayed busy in April, conducting **two military funeral honors services**. As always, we are proud to stand and render honors for those who served our country.

Thank you to everyone who continues to step up—your time, presence, and professionalism to make this mission possible.

We also want to give a **big thank you** to everyone who helped with and came out to support our **monthly breakfast**. Your participation directly supports the Honor Guard and helps us continue what we do.

As we head into May, please mark your calendars:

Memorial Day Service Monday, May 25th

We encourage all members to attend as we come together to honor and remember those who gave their lives in service to our nation.

We are actively looking for additional Honor Guard volunteers. If you've ever considered getting involved, now is the time. No prior experience is required, just a willingness to show up and serve. This is one of the most meaningful ways you can give back to your fellow veterans and your community.

Please also keep an eye out for **Post Everlasting** notifications as we honor and remember our fellow Legionnaires who have passed. Your support and presence during these times means a great deal to their families and to our Post.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Honor Guard.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Springtime is here, welcome to May Riders. This month we will talk about scheduling some rides, fundraiser events like, Riders bike night cook out or Bike and car show. I also want us all to remember elections coming up this month (5-18-26), so come out and support American Legion Riders chapter 147. All officer positions are open, so come out and vote. I am happy to report that a veteran that the Riders introduced to the Tri-county Veterans Network, is getting the chance to start a new life. This is why we do what we do, to see these men and women get that chance they deserve. So, I ask you Riders, BE THE ONE. Be the one to help support our veterans. Be the one to help support our chapter which will entitle us to support programs to support our veterans. I pray for our men and women in uniform around the world.

On May 2nd, our dinner will be Chicken Cordon Bleu with mashed potatoes, green beans and roll for \$20.00. The band will be Doghouse Road Band.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
Thank you.
Acting DIRECTOR, BRUCE ROURK.

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ALL PURCHASE MADE BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS
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CORNHOLE NEWS

Don't forget we play Cornhole every Sunday starting at 1:00pm. Teams are chosen randomly by picking cards and it costs \$2 per person to enter. It is always a great time with amazing people! You owe it to yourself to come be a part of the Corn hole festivities!! You will be glad you did!!



Al Simmons, Jr.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Elections are coming up soon!
Come out and vote for your new officers of
Post 147
You can make a difference by getting involved,
every group is always looking for more
participation, to keep things running smoothly.

Make this your year to be more active in your Post.

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