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COMMANDER'S REMARKS

This month we celebrate Veterans Day. We think of what we did in service to our country, how we did it, and why we did it. We also pause to think of comrades who have left us too early and those who served long before us that paved the path of freedom we enjoy. The Post will be placing flags on the graves of Veterans in our local cemeteries on 7 November. If you can help, please call the Post. We start at 9:00AM from the Post.

The Holiday season begins this month, and the Canteen Committee is planning some events I am sure you will enjoy. Watch the calendar and social media pages for all the news.

Please support the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, Honor Guard, and AL Riders dinners, breakfasts, and other fund-raising events. Help us out, make a suggestion, show some support, join the Honor Guard (our best kept secret), and attend our General Meeting. We should all be thankful for those unrecognized individuals who donate their time to work our events and perform the community services we take for granted. I am Thankful for all of them.

I look forward to seeing you during November at our General Meeting. 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

USE THIS CODE TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

If you have an email on file this is how you will be receiving your newsletter. You are welcome to come to the Post to pick up a hard copy.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

We would like to thank everyone that came out and took part in the Halloween antics at the Legion last month. What a tremendous success it was this event kicked off the holiday seasons for the Auxiliary this month. We are providing a pre-Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday; November 14 plates are going for $10. This is a potluck buffet dinner. Turkey will be the main dish with sides donated by the ladies do not forget to sign up and pre-pay with your bartenders. The buffet will be open from 6 to 8 PM.

The early bird drawing will be during our next meeting, and we will let you know who the recipients of their dues being paid by the auxiliary for next year. I want to thank Kim and Jennifer for taking on co- treasurers. Thank you so much for your dedication to your organization.

As we go into the holiday season, let us remember our elderly and shut in and check on them occasionally to make sure everything's OK and they do not need anything. If you know of anyone in the Legion family that is sick or in the hospital, please let us know so that we can reach out to them or the family.

Our meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17Th starting at 6:30 PM in the front hall. Though I will be writing a newsletter for December, the Auxiliary will not be having a meal in December. It is a busy month for us with the VA Hospital Christmas shop and the children's gifts for Christmas. We haven't decided whether we will have a meeting or not. We will let you know on that one in the newsletter.

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. October was another great month for SAL. Our 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.

The monthly SAL meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10th, 2026, in the front hall at 6:30 p.m. **Please all members feel welcome, and please attend.** Thank you to all SAL officers and volunteers for your involvement, you guys are the best.

SAL breakfast will be in full force Sunday, November 15th, 2026, from 9:00 A.M. till 11:30A.M. Please do not miss the best eggs and full menu breakfast in town.

Saturday, November 24th, 2026, **THERE WILL BE NO SAL DINNER.** Dinners will resume in January. Thank you all for another wonderful year!

I will remind you to please renew your dues early this summer. We set a record for our largest number of SAL members last year at Post 147 of 167 members and were recognized by State for doing so. Let's begin early with a strong start. 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 Charlestondude1@yahoo.com. Dave will be happy to assist you. Also, you can contact the Post personally, or by phone.

This year's BBQ event was a fantastic success. It was such fun this year and all guests tasting each team's competition BBQ was greatly received by all attendees. Thank you to all of our sponsors and competitors who helped to make this great event possible. We soon will report the results of this events success. Last month the SAL donated over $2,500 to veteran's organizations and paid for some much-needed repairs here at our beloved pavilion. More to come soon! Upwards and onwards!

As always, I 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

HONOR GUARD

November is a special month for our Honor Guard. With Veterans Day approaching, we are reminded of why we put on the uniform, why we stand together, and why the traditions we carry forward matter.

Being part of the Honor Guard is about more than showing up for a ceremony. It's about honoring those who served before us, standing beside the families who have lost someone they love, and ensuring that every veteran receives the dignity and respect they have earned.

Every flag folded, every salute rendered, and every final tribute carries meaning. Sometimes we may be the last military honors a family ever witnesses for their loved one. That is a responsibility we should never take lightly.

I want to personally thank each of you for the time and dedication you have given to this team. We all have jobs, families, responsibilities, and commitments outside the Post. Yet you continue to answer the call when someone needs us. That willingness to serve speaks volumes about the character of this Honor Guard.

Veterans Day — November 11

Veterans Day is an opportunity to recognize all who have worn the uniform, whether they served during peacetime or war.

As members of the Honor Guard, we have the privilege of representing not only American Legion Post 147 but also the generations of veterans who came before us.

As we participate in Veterans Day observances this month, remember that our presence matters. To some, we are a familiar sight. To others, we may be a powerful reminder that their service, or the service of someone they love, has not been forgotten.

Our mission is simple: Show up. Stand proud. Honor their service.

If you know someone interested in joining the Honor Guard, encourage them to reach out. We need people who are dependable, respectful, willing to learn, and committed to serving our veteran community.

You don't have to know everything on day one. You just have to be willing to show up and be part of something bigger than yourself.

A Season of Thanksgiving

As Thanksgiving approaches, we'd want to express my gratitude to every member of this post.

Thank you for the early mornings, long afternoons, last-minute calls, and moments when you put someone else's needs ahead of your own.

Thank you to the families who support our members and understand when service calls us away from home.

Most importantly, thank you for helping preserve a tradition that means so much to our veterans and their loved ones.

We may not have served in the same branch, during the same years, or in the same places, but we stand together today for the same reason: to ensure our brothers and sisters in arms are never forgotten.

Happy Veterans Day, and Happy Thanksgiving.

For God and Country,
Sara Wise
Honor Guard Captain

"We honor the fallen by remembering their service, supporting their families, and carrying forward the traditions they entrusted to us."

ATTENTION VETERANS – PLEASE VISIT VETERANS ON DECK.ORG

Thank You!

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SAL MEMBERS
JAKE C., BRUCE R., JIMMY V., and STUART L. FOR YOUR HELP WITH OUR LEAK UNDER THE SLAB BEHIND THE BAR.

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!!

POST SERVICE OFFICER

Greetings from your Post Service Officer, please reach out to me if you 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.

I had the opportunity to attend a legislative seminar from June 8 to June 12 in Washington, DC of which I sat down with many members of Congress and discussed veterans benefits and programs. Funding was provided by our post and greatly appreciated as I truly believe the visits made a difference. I discussed many programs that would not only support our veterans but their family members.

Please keep in mind that I am not an accredited Service Officer and CANNOT submit claims on your behalf. I promise to help where possible.

VA provides several tools to assist in electronic submission. To learn more about how to submit documents and claims electronically, visit www.va.gov/disability/upload-supporting-evidence.

You can also go directly to access.va.gov to digitally upload and correspondence using Quicksubmit.

If you have filed a claim, you may check the status by visiting www.va.gov

You may also directly contact the following depending on your address.

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North Charleston, SC 29405
(843) 974-6360

Berkley County Office of Veterans Affairs
212 Oakley Plantation Drive
Moncks Corner, SC 29461
(843) 719-4023

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hey Riders, welcome to November.

Our October dinner was awesome, breakfast was amazing. Thank you volunteers for your support in helping the Riders to shine once again. This month we will be featuring a car and bike show on the fifteenth of November. THIS SHOULD BE A GREAT TIME, with over three hundred dollars and prizes. Thank you to all the riders who volunteered to help with the hooters for scooters function at the American Legion, it was definitely a great success. We received over a 150 bikes.

And also 10 to 15 trikes. I want to thank Kelly Carroll for including us in the last stop of this ride. With the cool weather here upon us, we will be scheduling a few rides locally for our Riders. I would like to thank you all for your continuing support for our 147 chapter rider group.

For God and Country,
Director Bruce Rourk

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American Legion Post 147, James Island

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Bartenders Call
Monday & Tuesday
10:00 - Bartenders Call
Wednesday & Thursday
10:00 - 10:00 p.m.

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY
10:00—MIDNIGHT
***(BARTENDERS CALL)**

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
1 BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM **AUXILIARY** CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	2 **DAV MEETING** **7:00 P.M.**	3 **SCV** **7:00 P.M.**	4 **LUNCH:** BURGERS/ PHILLY/CHICKEN JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	5 **LUNCH** **SOUP & GRILL CHEESE** **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** **7:00 P.M.** **TRIVIA 6:30 P.M.**	6 SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. $12, $15, $18	7
8 BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM **HONOR GUARD** CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	9	10 **SAL** **MEETING** **6:30 PM**	11 **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	12 **LUNCH** **MEATLOAF** **LEGION MEETING** **E-BOARD 6:00 P.M.** **GENERAL 7:00 P.M.**	13 SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. $12, $15, $18	14 **AUXILIARY DINNER** PRE-THANKSGIVING DINNER $10.00
15 BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM **SAL** CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	16 **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS** **6:30 P.M.**	17 **AUXILIARY** **MEETING** **6:30 PM**	18 **LUNCH:** BURGERS/ PHILLY/CHICKEN JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	19 **LUNCH:** VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP & BLT	20 SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. $12, $15, $18	21 **EARLY BIRD DINNER** **PLEASE SIGN UP IF ATTENDING**
22 BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM **ALR** CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	23	24 **40&8** **7:00 P.M.**	25 **LUNCH:** BURGERS/ PHILLY/CHICKEN JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	26 Happy Thanksgiving **CLOSED**	27 **NO SEAFOOD**	28 **CHILI COOK OFF** **TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED**
29 BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM **40&8** CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	30					

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