

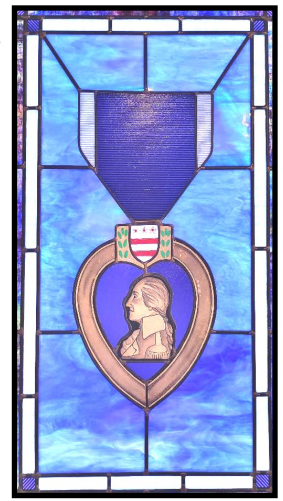
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COMMANDER'S REMARKS

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who contributed their time and energy for the Post 911 Remembrance Ceremony. This was well planned by Sara and Tina, and they deserve all the credit for “thinking out of the box” to get the event from a thought to a wonderful display of Americanism that was well received by the local community.

Don't forget the SAL BBQ Cookoff this month. Bands performing on Friday and Saturday. Good food and drink to be enjoyed with friends and family so please come out and support the SAL, they work hard on this and contribute a lot of their time, energy, and assets to support the Post

There is a rumor floating around with talk of a “one of a kind” Halloween party at the Post. Stay tuned for more details, but a better idea would be to come to the General Meeting where you might get an early idea of what may be cooking in that steaming caldron AKA the Canteen Committee.

We should all be thankful for those unrecognized individuals who donate their time to work on our events and perform the community services we take for granted. I am Thankful for all of them.

I look forward to seeing you in October and 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, and attend our General Meeting.

I look forward to seeing you during October 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



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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

Ladies, September 30th was the cut off date for our early bird drawing. We have not had a lot of renewals coming in yet this year so our percentage for membership is not looking particularly good right now. Let us get those renewals in please. Thank you.

The Auxiliary is going to raffle off Alcoboo baskets for Halloween. A \$5.00 donation will get you a chance to win. The drawing will be during the post Halloween party. Tickets are available now.

The Auxiliary will be helping SAL on Saturday October 24th with the barbecue lunch during their BBQ cook off weekend. Volunteers will be needed for this event. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Caddell.

Auxiliary will be serving you a fried pork chop dinner with the fixings and dessert on Saturday Oct 10th from 6:30pm to 8pm for just \$20 a plate. Remember to sign up and prepay with your bartenders.

Our meeting is on Tuesday October 13th starting at 6:30pm in the front hall. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Keeping our troops forever in our prayers,
Melody Easterby Lowe
President Unit 147

SAL NEWS

Greetings SAL members,

Hello to all readers, members, officers, and volunteers. September 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, October 13th, 2026, in the front hall at 6:30 p.m. **Please all members feel welcome, and please attend.** This will be our last official meeting before the BBQ Cookoff, 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, October 18th, 2026, from 9:00 A.M. till 11:30A.M. Please do not miss the best eggs and full menu breakfast in town.

Saturday, October 24th, 2026, **THERE WILL BE NO SAL DINNER** due to the SAL BBQ event that day. Please come out and support your veterans and your post.

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 Charlestdude1@yahoo.com. Dave will be happy to assist you. Also, you can contact the Post personally, or by phone.

Please attend this year's BBQ competition on Friday, October 23rd starting at 5:00pm and Saturday the 24th starting at 10:00am. It was such fun last year and all guests tasting each team's competition BBQ on Saturday was enjoyed by all attendees. Tickets will be available at the door. Starting on Friday evening, each team will cook anything BBQ, a random selection of their favorite dishes for each ticket holder to enjoy and vote on their favorite dish, and the winning team will receive prize money and net proceeds received will go to local veterans' organizations. The band Dan & the Doughnuts will start at 6:00pm Friday evening. Saturday morning ticket holders will enjoy the Shem Creek Boogie Band and get to taste each team's competition BBQ and receive an additional BBQ plate with all the fixings prepared by one of our great sponsors, Martins BBQ to enjoy here or take home. There will be raffles and prizes and again net proceeds will be used to support local veteran's organizations. Please note this is a kid-friendly event so please bring the whole family. Parking will be available here and for three parking lots adjacent to the Legion. Parking areas will be designated along Folly Rd. with proper signage. Don't miss a great chance to support veterans and have a great time. We are now actively seeking sponsors and competitors at this time. All sponsors with questions please contact Al Simmons at Alsimmonskw@gmail.com. All competitors please contact Chris Nisoff at email SALJIPOST147@gmail.com.



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

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Bartenders Call

Monday & Tuesday

10:00 - Bartenders Call

Wednesday & Thursday

10:00 - 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

10:00—MIDNIGHT

*(BARTENDERS CALL)

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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
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4 POST CLOSED	5 POST CLOSED	6 POST CLOSED	7 POST CLOSED	8 LUNCH: CABBAGE & SAUSAGE  LEGION MEETING E-BOARD 6:00 P.M. GENERAL 7:00 P.M.	9  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	10 AUXILIARY DINNER FRIED PORK CHOPS BAND LOW HANGING FRUIT
11  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM HONOR GUARD	12  DAV MEETING 7:00 P.M.	13  SAL MEETING 6:30 PM	14 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN <u>HONOR GUARD 7</u> JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	15 LUNCH: SALISBURY STEAK MEATBALLS OVER MASHED POTATOES TRIVIA NIGHT 6:30 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  7:00 P.M.	16  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	17 ALR DINNER NIGHT TBD BOBBI STORM QUINTET
18  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM SAL CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	19  AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 6:30 P.M.	20  AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30 PM	21 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	22 LUNCH: SHEPHERD'S PIE	23  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18 SAL COOKOFF BEGINS 5:00 P.M. DAN & THE DONUTS	24 SAL COOKOFF LUNCH SERVED 11:00—3:00 SHEM CREEK BOOGIE BAND
25  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM ALR CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	26	27  40 & 8 7:00 PM	28 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	29 LUNCH CHEF SALAD PUMPKIN CARVING 6:30 P.M. 	30  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	31  TBD
		WEDNESDAYS LUNCH FROM 11:30—1:00 P.M. KITCHEN OPENS FOR DINNER 5:00—6:30 P.M.		TRIVIA MOVED TO THURSDAY OCTOBER 15TH AT 6:30 		

HONOR GUARD POST 147 – OCTOBER UPDATE

As we head into October, the Honor Guard has a whole lot of people to thank.

First and foremost, **THANK YOU to everyone who showed up for our 9/11 Patriot Day Ceremony and supported our 412 Heroes Memorial.** Whether you donated money, materials, time, helped us place flags, shared our posts, attended the ceremony, or simply stopped by to see the display — you helped make this project possible.



Seeing **412 flags, each bearing the name of a first responder who gave their life on September 11, 2001**, standing in front of our Post was something I will never forget. It was truly an honor for me to take on this project, but it belonged to our entire Post and community. The response we received made every hour of work worth it.

And yes — **we are ready to put it back up next year.**

We also want to congratulate **Ivan on his promotion to Commander in the United States Navy!** Thank you for allowing the Honor Guard to be part of such an important day. Being asked to present the Colors for milestones like this is exactly why we do what we do. Congratulations, Commander — well earned!

A huge thank-you also goes out to everyone who came to support our **Honor Guard Breakfast and Meatloaf Dinner.** We appreciate every person who bought a plate, volunteered, helped in the kitchen, or came out to spend some time with us.

And about that Meatloaf Dinner... **we heard you.**

We appreciate the constructive criticism, and next time we will be turning the heat down — **WAY down.** So please, give our dinners one more chance! We promise we're listening, learning, and getting better every time.

We hope to see everyone around the Post in October. And, as always, **the Honor Guard is looking for new members!**

Apparently quite a few of you missed my **"Beers with the Honor Guard"** recruitment attempt, so consider this your second invitation. If you're interested in learning what we do, having a beer with us, and maybe even joining the team, come hang out with us.

We meet the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. No pressure, no fancy recruiting speech — just come have a beer, meet the team, and see what the Honor Guard is all about.

Thank you for continuing to support the Honor Guard. It is truly an honor to represent Post 147, our veterans, and our community.

— Sara Wise
Honor Guard Captain

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Welcome to October American Legion Riders, will be having a dinner on October 17th. We will also be cooking breakfast on the fourth Sunday of the month.

We will also start putting together a bike and car show in November. The hooters for scooters Ride, we'll be October eighteenth and will, end here at Post 147. All riders are welcome.

If you are interested in riding in the hooters for scooters ride, please reach out to ALR DIRECTOR, or contact the post. September was a great month of remembrance for us all. Let's keep all our men and women in uniform and first responders in our prayers as we turn the corner to a new year.



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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

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

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

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

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Berkley County Office of Veterans Affairs
212 Oakley Plantation Drive
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David L. Bradbury, USMC

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!!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

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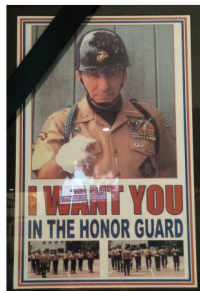
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