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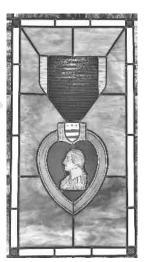
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As we enter into the third month of 2024, I am happy to report that The Post is doing well financially and we're off to a good start. Let's keep the ball rolling!

On Tuesday, 5 March 2024, we will be hosting a Meet & Greet with Daniel J. Seehafer, the American Legion National Commander. The event will begin upon his arrival at 1800 hours (6PM). Light fare will be provided and the Canteen will be open as usual. Let us welcome the National Commander with a great presence of members.

On Saturday 16 March 2024, we will host the 8th Annual pat Clute St. Patrick's Day Party. Traditional Irish food will be served for lunch followed by a live band. Let's have a great turnout for this annual event and keep the tradition going to honor our departed Brother Pat Clute.



NATIONAL COMMANDER

For God and Country Harold Blum, Commander

FROM FIRST VICE COMMANDER

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for their patience and support of my new role as First Vice Commander (October 2023). Members, staff, guests & the community together have gone above and beyond for Post 147. Having a larger online presence with the public Facebook page has allowed our neighbors & members alike remain informed on events. We began Members-Only potlucks on E-Board meeting nights. While we've had a slow start, there was a good handful of membership in February! We closed out 2023 with some new events (special thanks to Tina, the Auxiliary & all volunteers) to include a pumpkin carving contest, adult Halloween costume party, Trunk or Treat in the parking lot, Brunch with Santa & Winter Break Junior Movie Night. I've begun the slow process of encouraging membership, not excluding our junior (under 18) members. I appreciate your efforts to recruit members! Many have asked for more members-only benefits. This is being discussed & my goal is to bring more new events & "games" into Post 147, slowly but surely. Let's take a moment to thank Pete Copleston as his proposal to recover the horror of the barstool seats has been approved. He will painstakingly work on each one and I will help when able. I'm sure Pete wouldn't mind some extra helping hands, so please reach out to him if you can spare some time...and he's saving us thousands of dollars. All who volunteer, thank you. You're the backbone of Post 147 and the American Legion as a whole. Please reach out to the Post for volunteer opportunities. In the meantime, follow the public Facebook page & please help increase our membership! Semper Fidelis.

> 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.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Well, we are going into the last quarter of our year. This means that Palmetto Girls state is getting closer. Ms. Charlotte has already received our packet and the number of slots that we were allotted to fill, which turns out to be five. We have always earmarked 50% of our March dinner for Girls State. This month we will be serving a Spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings on Saturday March 9th from 6pm till 8pm for just \$12.00. a plate. Do not forget to sign up and pre-pay at the bar. We would like to thank everyone that came out for our dinner last month. Shelia did a wonderful job with her homemade Alfredo sauce. Thank you to the ladies that helped make the meal run smoothly.

We are trying to put together an Easter egg hunt for the Children on either the 23rd or the 30th of March since Easter is the last Sunday in March. Anyone wanting to help please contact Elizabeth Baker or myself. This does not give us very much time, but I would like for us to try.

Membership cards for 2024/2025 will be printed soon to be ready for our Spring Convention in Columbia. Please make sure that you are up to date with your membership dues for the year 2023/2024. You can see Tina Baugh or mail your dues to the Post, and they will be brought up to date.

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday March19th starting at 6:30 in the front hall. Everyone stay safe and hope to see you then.

Keeping our troops in our prayers,

Melody Easterby-Lowe

President Unit 147

SAL NEWS

Greetings:

I would like to thank all the dedicated SAL officers and volunteers for their great effort last month. As we know we are sometimes a limited bunch, and all efforts are greatly appreciated.

The monthly meeting will be held on the second Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:30pm. Please come and enjoy the 8th annual Pat Clute Memorial St Paddy's Day Party, Saturday March 16th starting at 1pm. The menu will be corn beef, cabbage and all the Irish fixings for \$10 plate. The band is TBD and will play from 2pm - 5pm. Thank you for all for your participation in our events.

SAL breakfast will be in full force on Sunday, March 17th from 9am – 11:30am. Do not miss the best eggs in town and start your St. Patrick's Day off right!!

The SAL will be serving a steak dinner on Saturday, March 23rd, from 6pm - 8pm. The band Mason Dixon will be performing from 7pm - 10pm. Again, please come and enjoy our family friendly atmosphere and support our veterans.

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.

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

CORNHOLE NEWS

Our first tournament of the year was amazing with 27 players. Please come join us for corn hole, we have an awesome time and it is a great way to meet other members. Sign up starts at 12:30 p.m. an play begins at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$1.00 per person. You may bring a friend along to play, but not guaranteed that you will be partnered up with them. We play blind draw double elimination games. See you all of you there!

Debbie Caddell

Grayson & Jen February 11, 2024

Please follow us on Facebook for updates, corrections and news.

American Legion Post 147, James Island

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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.

March 2024

LUNCH: WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: 11:30 A.M. - <u>1:00</u> P.M. SEAFOOD FRIDAYS: 11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

SEAFOOD FRIDATS. 11.30 A.W 2.00 F.W.						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$11, \$14, \$17	2 KARAOKE RICHARD CLAYTON
BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AUXILIARY CORNHOLE 1:00	DAV MEETING 7:00 P.M.	5 NATIONAL COMMANDER VISIT 6:00	6 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN HONOR GUARD 7 JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	7 LUNCH: BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7:00 P.M.	SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$11, \$14, \$17	9 AUXILIARY SPAGHETTI WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS \$12.00 BAND: SHEM CREEK BOOGIE BAND
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BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM 40/8 CORNHOLE 1:00	25	26 40 & 8 MEETING 7:00 P.M.	27 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN HONOR GUARD 7 JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	28 LUNCH: SHEPHERD'S PIE	SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$11, \$14, \$17	BAND: THE CENTEVILLIANS
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