

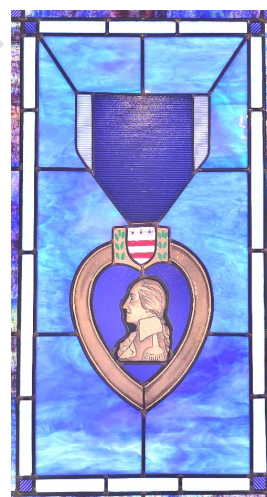
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COMMANDER'S REMARKS

Recently, at the request of the Post 147 Executive Committee, I was entrusted with the position of Commander of your Post. I am honored to have been asked to assume this role and will strive to serve The American Legion and Post members to the best of my abilities and strengths. Service on the Post Executive Committee is about leadership and I am proud to be a member of this group of individuals who best display those principles. I would like to offer my personal Thank You and a post wide "shout-out" to the Officers and members of The Auxiliary, The SAL, The Legion Riders, The Honor Guard, and The Canteen Staff for their support and all they do for all of us. Without them we may just be four walls with a number on the door.

The Holiday Season is fast approaching, and the Post Calendar is expanding daily with opportunities for all to join at the Post helping to accomplish our mission of service to Veterans and the community at large. Please do not forget Veterans Day on Tuesday, November 11th at the VFW at 11:00 A.M. Prior to that event our assistance is needed to place about 1,400 flags on veterans' graves in twelve cemeteries on James and Johns Islands, and we will need volunteers to accomplish this task. If you can be available on November 8th from 9 - 11:30 A.M. you are most welcome and appreciated. Call the Post, leave your number, and I will contact you with the details.

On Monday, November 10th, we will celebrate the 250th Marine Corps Birthday at 1900 in the canteen. The formal observance is brief and features the Commandant of the Marine Corps Message, General Lejeune's Message, and the cutting of the cake ceremony by the oldest and youngest Marines present. All are welcome, and it is hoped everyone will join The Marines in the singing of the Marine Corps Hymn. I'll have the lyrics available.

The Early Bird Dinner, for those who renewed their Legion membership before October 31st, will be held on Saturday, November 22nd. The meal is free of charge to all holding an "Early Bird" stamped membership card and will be available to others for a nominal charge. If you plan to attend, please contact the Post to help ensure we have ample food on hand. The Bradford Station Band will be performing.

The Post will be closed on Thanksgiving Day to enable our staff to be with their families and there will be no seafood lunch on the following Friday.

I look forward to seeing you over the next month and urge you to become more involved in the Post by attending our General Meetings and continuing to volunteer for events as your personal schedule allows. We always have needs for assistance at our lunches, dinners, and various activities that promote the Four Pillars of the American Legion: Veterans Affairs/Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. Your participation makes our Post stronger. 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.



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YOUR INFORMATION

Charlie Bowers, Commander

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

It is time to welcome in cooler weather and start preparing for the Holidays. Halloween is the start of the winter holiday season. Since our Halloween Trunk or Treat event has not taken place as of this writing and since the Fall Conference will keep Marilyn and I from taking part I would like to thank everyone in advance for your participation in this event, and hopefully making it happen. I would also like to remind everyone that at the end of the holiday season, December 31st, anyone that has not renewed their membership will lose their canteen privileges. Remember that Auxiliary renewals are \$45.00.

We will have the early bird drawing at our November meeting on November 18th starting at 6:30 pm in the front hall. Lynda Murray will be doing the VA Christmas Shoppe again this year. This event usually takes place on the first or second week in December. If you are interested in joining Lynda and helping her out with the project, please contact Lynda or leave a message at the bar. The date in December is yet to be decided due to scheduling. But she usually gets started early on this project because of the shopping she must do.

Our October dinner was successful due to your support thank you for coming out in that weather. Our November dinner night is on Saturday November 8th from 6pm until 8pm. Come join us for a fried chicken and waffle dinner. There will also be a fruit cup with syrup and hot honey on the side for just \$15.00. Do not forget to sign up and pay with your bartender. I would like to give everyone a heads up about the Auxiliary's dinner night next month on Saturday December 13th. We would like for everyone to bring their favorite Christmas covered dish. The Honor Guard and the Auxiliary will be donating the main course of Hams and Turkeys, and we would love for everyone to bring the sides that you would serve for Christmas. We would love for this to be Post 147's Covered Dish Christmas Party for all members.

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Keeping our troops in our prayers.
Melody Easterby-Lowe
Unit 147 President

SAL NEWS

Greetings SAL members,

Hello to all readers, members, and volunteers. I would like to thank all the dedicated SAL officers and volunteers for their great effort last month as always. We are a committed bunch, and all efforts are welcomed. Please feel free to contact me at any time, the post can provide my number.

I am hopeful to say the 19th annual Pro/Am BBQ Cookoff, raising money for our local veterans, was a great event. (Though I do not yet have results to announce). Thanks to all of those in attendance, I trust all had a great time!!! I would like to offer a special thanks to all sixteen of this year's teams for competing, and to our sponsors. We had more donations and more teams than in many past years. Thank you all. Without them this event would not be possible! Let me also take a moment to thank all SAL volunteers, the SAL BBQ Committee that put in a great amount of time to prepare for this event, and a special thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for assisting us as always! Thank you, Austin Jordon and former commander Steve Driscoll, for the wonderful breakfast prepared for all competitors. No other competition I know of offers this to the teams competing and I know they enjoyed that good start to a day of hard work. Proceeds from this event will be meaningful to the veteran's service groups we are able to reach out to.

The SAL breakfast will be in full force Sunday, November 16th, 2025, from 9:00 A.M. till 11:30A.M. Please do not miss the best eggs in town.

Sons of the American Legion will not serve a dinner this month of November, Saturday the 22nd, 2025, as the Early bird dinner will be in full swing for those who renewed their dues early this year.

That leads me to the next topic. 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. The third largest group Statewide. I am so proud of that! If anyone needs assistance feel free to contact the Post directly personally or by phone, or our membership officer Dave Bradberry by email. His email address is Charlestondude1@yahoo.com. Dave will be happy to assist you.

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

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)

November 2025

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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2  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AUXILIARY CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	3  DAY MEETING 7:00 P.M.	4	5 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN HONOR GUARD 7 JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	6 LUNCH: HOT DOGS  KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7:00 P.M.	7  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$11, \$14, \$17	8 AUXILIARY FRIED CHICKEN & WAFFLE DINNER \$15.00 6:00—8:00 PM CENTERVILLIANS
9  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM HONOR GUARD CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	10 250TH MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY 	11 VETERANS DAY AT VFW 11:00 A.M. SAL MEETING 6:30 PM 	12 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	13 LUNCH: BLT & CLUBS  LEGION MEETING E-BOARD 6:00 P.M. GENERAL 7:00 P.M.	14  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$11, \$14, \$17	15 DINNER TBD SHEM CREEK BOOGIE BAND
16  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM SAL CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	17  AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 6:30 P.M.	18  AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30 PM	19 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN HONOR GUARD 7 JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	20 LUNCH: COUNTRY FRIED STEAK  KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7:00 P.M.	21  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$11, \$14, \$17	22 EARLY BIRD DINNER 6:00—8:00 P.M. MUST SIGN UP BRADFORD STATION
23  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AL RIDERS CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	24	25 40 & 8 NO MEETING	26 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN HONOR GUARD 7 JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	27 CLOSED 	28 NO SEAFOOD 	29 CAROLINA VS CLEMSON GAME 
30		WEDNESDAYS LUNCH FROM 11:30—1:00 P.M. DINNER FROM 5:00—6:30 P.M.				

HONOR GUARD

Spotlight on Post 147's Honor Guard: Dedication, Tradition, and the Call for New Recruits

Recently, The Honor Guard had the honor of attending the Yorktown Reunion on October 10, 2025, a significant event that commemorates the historic legacy of the USS Yorktown and all who served aboard her. The Yorktown holds a special place in the hearts of many, symbolizing bravery, sacrifice, and our naval heritage.

In addition to our ceremonial roles, The Honor Guard is a close-knit team that brings camaraderie and a sense of purpose to all they do. They're currently gearing up for our upcoming Honor Guard Dinner on October 18th, and we invite everyone to come out, enjoy a delicious Jaeger Schnitzel dinner, and show your support. It's a perfect opportunity to thank the Honor Guard for everything they do and be part of a memorable evening.

Equally important is the ongoing need for new members to join their ranks. The Honor Guard thrives on fresh recruits who are eager to uphold these traditions and bring new energy to the team. If you've ever considered being part of a group that stands for honor, service, and community, now is a wonderful time to get involved. We welcome you to reach out, learn more, and possibly join the Honor Guard family.

Thank you to our Honor Guard for being such a cornerstone of Post 147. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 18th and to welcoming new recruits into the fold!

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

November has arrived, bringing a well-deserved opportunity to unwind. The Riders will be pausing their dinner events throughout November and December to spend quality time with family. Despite this break, we have several activities lined up in the weeks ahead. Our first event is the Veterans Day ride in downtown Charleston, following our conference attendance in Columbia on November 1st.

As the season of giving approaches, we'll soon announce where we've chosen to donate the funds raised through our efforts. We look forward to taking part once again in the Toys for Tots run and the Wreaths Across America event. Additionally, we are committed to using the resources entrusted to us to support deserving Veterans Organizations.

The entire Riders team has dedicated significant effort to raising the flagpole, though we've encountered an obstacle. If anyone can assist with its installation, your help would be greatly appreciated. While we hope our original contact will come through, we're actively considering alternative solutions.

We wish everyone a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!

For God and Country,
Thaddeus J. Sikorski
Director American Legion Riders
Chapter 147

CORNHOLE NEWS

It is about that time of year again that we start planning for our Year End Tournament. You must have played 10 games in the 2025 year, to play in this tournament. Which is usually the second Sunday of December. Will update as soon as everything is ironed out.

It cost \$2.00 to play, 12:30 is sign in for Tournament, play starts at 1:00 p.m. You are welcomed to bring a friend. You are always welcome to come out and practice on your own during the week if you would like.

Debbie Caddell

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