

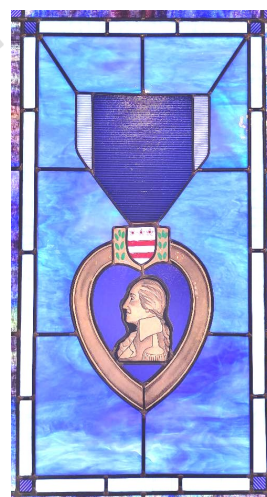
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COMMANDER'S REMARKS

In 1972, the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, authorized the Navy to celebrate its birthday on 13 October to honor the establishment of the Continental Navy in 1775. Navy personnel are dedicated pioneers who safeguard our freedoms around the world. As we acknowledge the many members of our Legion who have served with distinction in the Navy, we are privileged to extend our sincere congratulations to the Navy on its 251st Anniversary.

The coolness in the air marks the transition between seasons. Early in the month, we commemorate Oktoberfest, with Halloween taking place at its conclusion. Of particular note, the Fall Conference will once again be held in Columbia Oct 30th-Nov. 1st. This event is of considerable importance to all Commanders throughout our distinguished state, as it serves a vital function in supporting every Legion. I intend to participate in this conference to further develop my capabilities as a Legionnaire and to provide a visible and active representation of our organization at the state level again.

Last month, I received direct feedback for the first time regarding the locking of the Legion doors. This concern was raised in connection with a complaint submitted to Columbia via email. The issue has been addressed with measures in place to protect the complainant's anonymity. While I understand the inconvenience this may cause, these actions are necessary to ensure the security of our PLC.

Several members have inquired about the possibility of parking vehicles marked "For Sale" on Legion property. As a point of consideration, one might reflect on whether it would be appropriate to request parking privileges for such purposes at a church. It is important that we maintain the aesthetic integrity of our building and honor the legacy of former members who dedicated significant effort to establishing this Post. These measures are implemented with the intention of preserving our heritage while planning for a responsible future all for the good of the Legion.

The rich culture and integrity of our Post remain central to my vision for the future. My primary objective is to ensure that this esteemed institution is preserved for generations to come. By working collaboratively, we strive to create an American Legion that welcomes all Veterans and their families. The changes implemented are designed not to diminish the significance of our Post, but rather to further strengthen the culture we value.

With our updated roadmap now in place, I recognize the importance of input from every member as we move forward. Please feel free to contact me directly or leave a message with any member of our staff. Additionally, a message book has been available by the cash register since July, where you may share your thoughts with me.

May God Bless and Watch Over Our Nation.
Our Troops and American Legion Post 147
Thaddeus J Sikorski Commander



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AUXILIARY NEWS

Thank you to everyone that came out and supported our spaghetti dinners for our girls state fundraiser. It was a huge success. Please remember to get your dues in before the end of October so you can be into the early bird drawing at our November meeting.

Our meeting will be on Tuesday, October 21 starting at 6:30 in the front room. And don't forget about the trunk or treat event on Halloween night, Friday, October 31 at 6:00 p.m.

Our dinner will be Country Fried Steak, Mashed potatoes and Italian green beans for \$15.00.

Thank you for your support hope to see you soon!



Keeping our troops in our prayers
Melody Easterby Lowe
President unit 147

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 excited to invite everyone to our 19th annual Pro/Am BBQ Cookoff, raising money for our local veterans. Event festivities begin Friday, Oct. 24th and continue through Saturday Oct 25th. Friday's activities include a live band, and "Anything BBQ" tastings beginning at 7:00p.m. Submit your ticket stub to your favorite teams table for judging. Saturday festivities begin at 11:00a.m, and will include live music, competition BBQ tastings, raffles and drawings. Kids under 10 are free! We are all excited to offer more prizes, two bands, and a new Pro-am approach giving all teams a chance to take home a win. Come and have a great time!!! I would like to offer a special thanks to all of this year's teams for competing and to our sponsors for without them this event would not be possible!

The SAL breakfast will be in full force Sunday, October 19th, 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 October Saturday the 25th, 2025, as the BBQ Cook off will be in full swing and by evening winding down. The Legion will be open for normal hours but I am sure our group will be exhausted. Please attend and support this event, it is always a fun event.

I would also 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!
J. Peter Rugheimer, III
S.C. SAL Squadron 147 Commander



CORNHOLE NEWS

Everyone is invited to come out and play, you don't have to have a partner, we blind draw for players. 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

Please follow us on
Facebook for updates,
corrections and news.
American Legion Post 147,
James Island

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)



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 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN HONOR GUARD 7 JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	2 LUNCH: CHEF SALAD  KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7:00 P.M.	3  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$11, \$14, \$17	4 OKTOBERFEST 3:00—5:00 P.M. ALR OKTOBERFEST 6:00—8:00 P.M. BAND: NIGHT SHIFT
5  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AUXILIARY CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	6  DAV MEETING 7:00 P.M.	7	8 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	9 LUNCH: SOUP & GRILLED CHEESE  LEGION MEETING E-BOARD 6:00 P.M. GENERAL 7:00 P.M.	10  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$11, \$14, \$17	11 AUXILIARY COUNTRY FRIED STEAK BAND: NU ATTITUDE
12  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM HONOR GUARD CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	13	14  SAL MEETING 6:30 PM	15 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN HONOR GUARD 7 JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	16 LUNCH: BEEF STEW  KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7:00 P.M.	17  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$11, \$14, \$17	18 BAND: BOBBI STORM
19  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM SAL CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	20  AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 6:30 P.M.	21  AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30 PM	22 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN HONOR GUARD 7 JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	23 LUNCH: CHILI	24 SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$11, \$14, \$17 BBQ COOKOFF BEGINS	25 BBQ COOKOFF BAND: ENVY BAND
26  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AL RIDERS CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	27	28  40 & 8 MEETING 7:00 P.M.	29 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN HONOR GUARD 7 JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	30 LUNCH: CHICKEN POT PIE	31  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$11, \$14, \$17 TRUNK OR TREAT 6:00 P.M.	
						

HONOR GUARD

Hey Legion Family,

Your Honor Guard here — keeping the flags straight, the pancakes fluffy, and the Legion spirit strong!

First things first: *Americanism and Legionnaire participation aren't just big fancy words we throw around — they're what make this place feel like home. Every handshake, every salute, every time someone shows up to lend a hand, we're living out what the American Legion is all about.*

September kept us busy! We hosted our Honor Guard Breakfast (because who doesn't love eggs with a side of fellowship?). We were also honored to take part in two Color Guard events — including one on September 11th. Standing tall with the colors on such a meaningful day is something we'll never take lightly.

October is bringing even more opportunities to connect. First up: join us on **Friday, October 10th at 9:30 AM** as we proudly participate in the *Yorktown Reunion Memorial*. *We'd love to see a strong Legion showing, so please come out and join us for this important event.*

Then don't miss our October Breakfast, where we're debuting *pumpkin pancakes* (yes, they're basic, but they're delicious), and maybe even a *pumpkin spice latte*. *Perfect fuel for good conversation and a little laughter — just make sure you check the calendar and Facebook for the details.*

Now, about that Honor Guard Dinner in September... we had to call a last-minute audible and swap proteins to make sure we got the best turnout. Thank you for rolling with us and showing up anyway — your support makes all the difference (and we promise the food was still worth it).

Looking forward, our *Destination Dinners* are charting a course all the way into 2026. *Think of it like culinary travel — no TSA lines, just bring your appetite.*

And while you're at breakfast, dinner, or out at an event, *come chat with us about recruitment. Whether you're interested in carrying colors, flipping pancakes, or just being part of the fun, we'd love to have you on board. The more hands we have, the stronger (and lighter) the load.*

Thanks for your support, your laughter, and your dedication. Together we'll keep serving, smiling, and maybe even sipping pumpkin spice.

With respect (and a side of bacon),
Post 147 Honor Guard

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

ALR STRONG: We are pleased to announce that on the 4th of October, we will be celebrating Oktoberfest with a menu featuring Bratwurst, purple cabbage, and mashed potatoes. For dessert, Navy's Birthday cake will be served.

The Riders will be participating in several events throughout the month, with some scheduled to stop at American Legion Post 147. The Combat Veterans Motorcycle group is expected to visit on the 18th, followed by the Scooters for Hooters event on the 19th, which supports breast cancer awareness. These occasions present valuable opportunities to promote membership in both the Legion and the American Legion Riders.

We will be participating once again in the Fall Conference held in Columbia. Attending these events enables us to secure additional Legion-sponsored activities for our Post. Our contributions have already been recognized by both State and National Leadership, and we remain committed to further expanding our group.

We have been actively fundraising for Wreaths Across America since July. **All tips and proceeds from our 50/50 raffles are being donated to this organization.** In December, wreaths will be placed at the gravesites in national cemeteries. We invite you to support our cause when you join us for breakfast or dinner and help us surpass last year's donation total. Please join us on the 4th and 24th of October to help support the Wreaths Across America campaign. You never know what the Specials may be on the Menu and you can *Fall* in Love with our Breakfast!

Thank you all for your continued support
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Edward B Rourk
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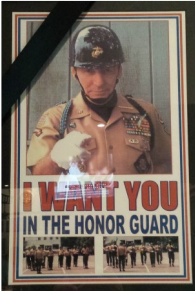
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