American Legion Post 47

January - February 2026

601 Reed Road
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46815

Commander Sharon Keech

I am so glad that we got thru the holidays with little to no problems. New Year's Eve went very well. Great turn out , good music, and as always good food. I hope this is the start of a very good new year. We are looking for a member who would be willing to create the newsletter monthly. We are also looking for some new volunteers that would like to get involved. Our recently formed House Committee will be monitoring all the situations that occur in the canteen and they will determine the outcome and take it to the Executive Board.

Sharon

You can also see the newsletter on mylegion.org.

HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY - THURSDAY
10AM-10PM

FRIDAY - SATURDAY
10AM-11PM

SUNDAY
11AM-8PM

All closings will depend on weather, bands and events.

Post Meetings....Post Meetings....Post Meetings

Family of Four, 2nd Thursday, 5:30 pm
Legion Executive Meeting, 2nd Thursday, 6:00 pm
Legion Meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm
SAL Meeting, 1st Wednesday 6:00 pm
Auxiliary Meeting, 2nd Monday, 6:30 pm
Legion Riders Meeting, 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm
Honor Guard Meeting, TBD
Building Committee, TBD
Entertainment Committee, 2nd Monday, 5:00 pm

American Legion Officers

Commander	Sharon Keech
Adjutant	Brenda Melanson
Finance Officer	Don Brecht
Chaplain	Larry Fisher
1st Vice	Mike Inman
2nd Vice	Lonnie Harper
3rd Vice	Mark Schroder
Sgt-at-Arms	Garlen Funnell
Executive Board	Dave Zurbrugg
	Larry Fisher
	Dale Wilkinson

Auxiliary Officers

President	Peg Diedrich
1st Vice President	Cathy Sizemore
Treasurer	Maggie Horacek
Secretary	Pam Maples
Chaplain	Dottie Zimmerman
Historian	Chris Pezley
Sgt-at-Arms	Lori Brecht
Executive Board	Lea Inman
	Deborah Zimmerman
	Sylvia Cunningham

American Legion Riders Officers

Director	Joe Diedrich
Asst. Director	Charlie Racette
Com/Sect	Peg Diedrich
Membership	Charlie Racette
Treasurer	Steve Bodecker
Chaplain	Mark Mckee
Sgt-at-Arms	Frank Hanke
Road Captain	Alan Smith

Sons of the American Legion Officers

Commander	John Clendenen
Adjutant	Harry Hurt
Finance Officer	John Martin
Chaplain	Mark Mckee
1st Vice	Joe Diedrich
2nd Vice	Tony Wells
3rd Vice	Greg Weikant
Sgt-at-Arms	Frank Hanke
Communications	Bob Zimmerman

Honor Guard

Steve Austin
James Beethham
Don Brecht
Kevin Cornish
Joe Diedrich
Bob Earl
Larry Fisher
Lonnie Harper
Bob Matvya
Mark McKee
Bob Sinacola
Dave Smith
Dale Wilkinson
Bob Zimmerman
Dave Zurbrugg

Hall Rental

If you need a bartender: $15.00 an hour
4 hour minimum

Catering please call Von @ (260) 241-2132
A charge of $50.00 for carrying in your own food.

Non-Members		$500.00
Deposit		$250.00
Total	$	750.00

No outside drinks or alcohol allowed.

Members	$350.00
Deposit	$150.00
Total	$500.00

An additional fee of $125.00 for night before hall set-up and decorating.

Gazebo Rental	
Non-Members	$250.00
Members	$125.00

If you have any questions about the hall. or gazebo rental, please contact:
Peggy @ (260) 999-7345

Deposits will be returned if the hall is clean, trash is taken out and the tables and chairs are back in their original location.

UPCOMING BANDS

Nov 8th Wingman
Nov 26th OK Boomer
Dec 20th Joel Young

CANTEEN UPDATES

No food is to be brought into the Canteen Monday through Friday after 11 am, Saturday after 3 pm and Sunday all food is welcome
WHY: Because the Canteen and Kitchen would like to promote within.

TAPS

SICK BAY

Denny Cunningham

If you know of any member who needs a card, a visit, a phone call or just a hug, please let us know so we are aware.

New Bucket, Drink and Shot Specials Weekly, watch the board for all the updates.

REMINDERS / NOTICES

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When playing horseshoes do not leave chairs on grass, when done please put them back on the patio.

MARKET PLACE

Sweatshirts hooded	$45.00
Sweatshirts	$40.00
Zippered sweatshirt	$45.00
T-Shirts	$20.00
Am Legion Ball Cap	$30.00
License Plate	$5.00
Plastic case for cover	$2.00
Eagles for atop flags	$5.00
Koozie with logo	$1.00

If you have an image that you want on a shirt, let us know an we can get it and put it on your shirt. Cost of the image and

$5 for processing

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Mike Inman

Nothing to report at this time

CANTEEN MANAGER: Peg Diedrich

The new electronic gaming machines are in and the public is welcome to play (18 and older). There are a few rules : as of Monday January 12th we will no longer be giving out change, if you to hold your change until you have a $1.00, you need to get it quick the vouchers will expire in one day. Also, please be considerate of all players.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Lonnie Harper

Nothing to report at this time.

AUXILIARY: Peg Diedrich

Hello All,
What a great end to 2025. With the help of the Riders, we were able to help 5 Legion families for Christmas, what a great feeling! The kids Christmas party went off without a hitch, thanks to the great work of the ladies! They have this down to an art.
Then to end the year the All American was hit, so not the ladies can pass the game back to the Legion and enjoy themselves.
We will be planning this year's lineup at our first meeting in 2026, second Monday of every month at 6:30 pm. As always please remember your buddy check and let us know if there is a soldier in need.
Happy New Year
Peg Diedrich

Remember we have a suggestion box located in the back hall. Please be respectful of your comments and/or suggestions. Thank you

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MEMBERSHIP: Brenda Melanson

New	10
Paid up for Life	66
Renewals	508
HQ Transfers	2
Total	586
Goal	717
Percentage of goal	81.73
Percentage of Retention	79.28

If you have not paid your dues for this year, you are not eligible to participate in drawings or canteen privileges.

Support our Sponsors.

CANTEEN DAILY MENU

MONDAY — CONEY'S & SLIDERS
TUESDAY — MEXICAN AND BASKETS
WEDNESDAY— SAUSAGE ROLL AND WINGS
THURSDAY — SUBS AND WINGS
FRI/SAT — STEAK AND SEAFOOD

FISH EVERY DAY
SOUP AND SALAD BAR EVERY DAY

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION: John Clendenen

SAL NEWS

Welcome to 2026! All in all, we had a pretty successful 2025. We reached our membership goal, our brunches., while could be attended by more were a money maker. Our gun raffle was very successful, we ran two bus trips, one to the Cubs game and one to the Colts game. We supported the Child Welfare Fund, The 122nd Airwing Families, and helped fund various projects for our Legion Post. Our membership as it stands is just over 50 percent. Please if you have not already renew as soon as possible. The monies from your dues help support the programs at our Post. Brunch in January is on the 19th and in February on the 15th. We have started 2 new gun raffles. The first is a Henry 44 mag Big Boy riffle. The other is a Henry 357 mag Big Boy revolver. Tickets or any SAL Officer for tickets. Drawing is April 26, 2026.

John

Our appreciation goes out to our volunteers and staff

New Year's Eve

I want to thank everyone that volunteered and made it a very special day. It was a wonderful time and I hope everyone enjoyed the band and the food.

Sun Glasses at Night

As always they did not disappoint. They are a very good band with a lot of different music.

All Events

To everyone that has taken part in this Post run smoothly.

To anyone I missed thank you for all that you do to make Post 47 the BEST Legion in the 4th District.

THINGS TO KNOW

As of January 1st, 2026 we will no longer be accepting these tokens for drinks.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS: Joe Diedrich

Hello everyone,
The Holidays are over and I hope everyone had a great time celebrating with their friends and families.
The ALR elected their officers for 2026 at our November meeting.
Installation of officers will occur at our regular meeting in January. Our new Roster will appear on the information board shortly after.
I would like to thank our ALR membership for so much support throughout the year and helping to make 2025 so successful. We were able to make donations to our Post, Honor Flight, the Honor Flight breakfasts, Breast Cancer, Wreaths across America and several school classrooms in the Fort Wayne area. Of course, all of this wouldn't be possible without the support of the membership at our Post, so a huge "Thank You" goes out to all who supported us!
We are looking forward to a great year ahead with more rides, afternoon lunches, grub runs and comradery.
As always, be careful and stay safe.

Joe "Professor" Diedrich
Director, Post 47 American Legion Riders

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POST 47
UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

18- SAL BRUNCH 9AM-12 PM

24 - TY CAUSEY 8-11 PM

FEBRUARY

8- SUPER BOWL CARRY-IN
50/50, SUPER BOWL BOARDS, DOOR PRIZES

14- JACK ROCKS -VALENTINE'S DANCE

22- SAL BRUNCH 9AM-12

26 - GRAY MATTER 6-8PM

28 - WINGMEN 8-11PM

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