AMERICAN LEGION POST 47

April 2026 Newsletter

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Thursday 10 am-10 pm
Friday-Saturday 10 am - 11 pm
Sunday 11 am - 8 pm
*Subject to change due to weather and holidays

Kitchen Hours

Mon-Fri Lunch 11-3 pm Dinner 5-8 pm
Saturday Dinner 4-8 p.m.
Closed Sundays

message from SHARON KEECH LEGION COMMANDER

Hello Everyone!

The weather is starting to give us a break! Welcome Spring!

A new month is about to begin. I'd like to thank everyone for coming out for the meeting last month as we had a good turnout, and the nominations for commander are underway. Hope to see everyone next month.

The kids' Easter party was a success. Thank you to everyone who came out to participate in the fun!

Make sure you're checking out the newsletter for important information and dates.

We are looking for volunteers to come in and help around the Legion as we have an entire upstairs that needs cleaned out.

Spring Fling is coming up! It should be a great time as we have auctions, car shows, etc. It should be a great time. Dont' miss it! You can purchase tickets at the bar or online.

We have a lot of fun events coming up. Please join in the fun!

We are wishing you and your family a very Happy Easter Holiday!

Thanks,
Sharon

Here are the membership numbers up to 2/18/26

New Members: 13
Paid up for life: 66
Renewals: 540
HQ Transfers: 2
Total: 621
Goal: 717
Percentage of Goal: 86.61
Retention %: 85.11

Member Spotlight

Mike's been a Legion member for 19 years. I served our country in the U.S. Navy for 4 years on the USS John F. Kennedy 1991-1995. He served as an Interior Communication Electrician

His favorite thing about being a member of our post is how warm and welcoming the members are!

In his free time, he enjoys spending time with friends, family, hanging out at the American Legion with all my friends, and going to sporting events and concerts.

Thank you Mike Inman for your service.
We appreciate you!!

Legion Officers

Commander - Sharon Keech
Adjutant - Open
Finance Officer - Don Brecht
Chaplain - Larry Fisher
1st Vice - Mike Inman
2nd Vice - Lonnie Harper
3rd Vice -Mark Schroeder
Sgt-at-Arms - Ron Knight
Judge Advocate - Scott Bell
Executive Board
Dave Zurbrugg
Larry Fisher
Dale Wilkinson

TAPS

SICK BAY

Harry Hurt
Kevin Cornish
Tammy Dull
Sally Meyer
Terry Lyons
Judy Smith

MEETING time

Schedule of Legion Post 47 Meetings

Family of Four	2nd Thursday	5:30 pm
Legion Executive Board	2nd Thursday	6:00 pm
Legionnaires	2nd Thursday	7:00 pm
SAL	1st Wednesday	6:00 pm
Auxiliary	2nd Monday	6:30 pm
Legion Riders	3rd Thursday	6:30 pm

PARTY PEOPLE

CANTEEN

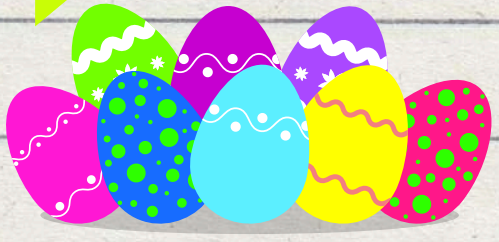
Just a quick reminder to clean up after yourself when you leave. This means returning all tables to their original position and taking all your bar empties to the bar. Thank you so much for keeping our "house" looking nice.

No food is to be brought into the Canteen Monday through Friday after 11 am or Saturday after 4pm. Sunday all food is welcome.

You must be an American Legion Member to play/win the All American.
All other games and machines are welcome to the public(18+).

Please be considerate of all players.

Weekly Specials
Watch the board for updates on new Bucket, Drink, and Shot specials. !!



MENU

Monday: Coneys & Sliders
Tuesday: Mexican and Baskets
Wednesday: Sausage Rolls and Wings
Thursday: Subs and Wings
Fri/Sat: Steak and Seafood

Fish, Soup, and Salad Bar every day

Please call ahead for any party over 8

message from JOHN CLENDENEN
SAL COMMANDER

SAL News

Hello Spring!!
The gun raffles are going well. Get your tickets before they're gone. Drawing will be during the Spring Fling on April 26th .
Brunch attendance is on the rise thanks to the Comm Ops Team for all their help with advertising and event promotions. Next Brunch is April 19th . Bring your friends and families!
Cubs Bus Trip is July 12th , tickets are on sale NOW. They will go fast, so get your's while they last. Limited to 50 tickets. Must have a $50 non-refundable deposit to be added to the list.

John Clendenen
SAL Commander

Sunday Brunch
April 19th

SAL 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 Weikert
Sgt-at-Arms - Frank Hanke
Communications - Bob Zimmerman

Member Spotlight

He's been a member of our Post for 1 ½ years.
He's been very active with SAL by helping out with our monthly brunches.
His favorite thing about this Post is interacting with our Veterans.

Dan Striker

Hall Rental

Non-Members $750 (refundable $250 deposit)
If parameters are met
Members $500 (refundable $150 deposit)
If parameters are met
*An additional fee of $125
for setting up the night before.

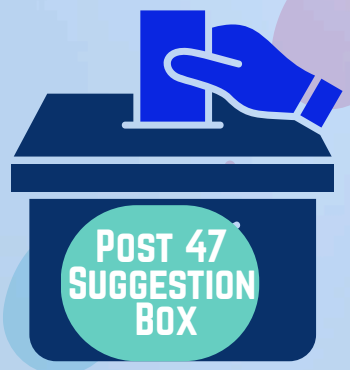
Gazebo Rental

Non-Members $250.00
Member $125.00

To book your date, call or text Peg at 260-999-7345

No outside drinks or alcohol allowed.
There is a $50 charge for outside food.

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



There is a suggestion box located in the back hallway. Please submit constructive ideas, volunteer to help, or submit an email address for the newsletter!

American Legion Post 47 Market

Hooded sweatshirt $50.00
Crewneck sweatshirts $45.00
Zipper sweatshirt $45.00
T-Shirts $20.00
Am Legion Ball Cap $20.00
License Plate $5.00
Eagles for at the top flags $10.00
Koozie with logo $5.00

If you are interested in sponsoring our newsletter, call Peg 260-999-7345 or email: amlepo47@gmail.com

Due to increased costs for postage, we do not mail monthly membership newsletters.

Printed newsletters are available at the post and on our website: americanpost47fortwayne.org
If you'd like, send a self addressed envelope and we will be happy to mail one to you.

message from PEG DIEDRICH AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello all,

It looks like Spring may be here for good this time, What a relief!

That being said, Both the Bake sale and Kids Easter party were a HUGE success. I can't thank the ladies and all the volunteers enough for all their help. It truly takes the entire Post to make these events work! The Bake sale proceeds will be donated to both Concordia and Wayne High Schools ROTC programs, the youth is our future. They need all the Support and Education we can provide for them to succeed.

April is the first month for officer nomination. Nominations are open to everyone; here is your chance to change the world!

May is Poppie month and we are trying something new this year, come to the meeting and find out what it is! Next meeting is April 12, and 6:30pm.

Remember your buddy check and if you know a soldier that is deployed and in need of a "treasure" package please let us know.

Have a truly blessed day!

Peg Diedrich
Post 47 Auxiliary President

Member Spotlight

Know an Auxiliary member you think we should highlight? Please share with us and we will share here
Submit your sugestions to:
post47newsletter@gmail.com

Auxiliary Officers

President - Peg Diedrich
Vice President - Cathy Sizemore
Treasurer - Maggie Horacek
Secretary - Pam Maples
Chaplain - Dottie Zimmerman
Historian - Chris Pezely
Sgt-at-Arms - Lori Birt
Executive Board
Lea Inman
Sylvia Cunningham
Deb Zimmerman

AMERICAN LEGION POST 47 - APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
KITCHEN SPECIALS **MON** CONEYS/SLIDERS **TUE** MEXICAN **WED** SAUSAGE ROLLS **THURS** SUBS/WINGS **FRI/SAT** STEAK/SEAFOOD **SUN** CLOSED			1 **6:00 PM** SAL MEETING	2	3	4
5 Happy Easter	6	7	8	9 **7:00 PM** LEGIONNAIRES MEETING	10	11 **8-11 PM** OK BOOMER BAND
12	13 **6:30 PM** AUXILIARY MEETING	14 Happy Birthday AIR FORCE RESERVE	15	16 **6:30 PM** ALR MEETING	17	18
19 **9AM-12PM** SAL BRUNCH	20	21	22	23 Happy Birthday ARMY RESERVE **6-8 PM** JOE JUSTICE	24	25 **8-11 PM** TY CAUSEY
26 **SPRING FLING**	27	28	29	30		

- FOOD SERVED 1-3PM
- SILENT AUCTION 1-5PM
- CAR SHOW (weather permitting) 1-4, JUDGING 4-5, AWARDS at 5PM
- DRAWINGS , 50/50, GAME BOARDS 2-5PM

message from JOE DIEDRICH
ALR DIRECTOR

Hello everyone,

Spring has sprung and the weather is looking brighter. A little up and down right now but looking brighter.

Our lunches are going well, averaging between 15 and 20 people in attendance.

With the weather breaking, we are beginning to plan some evening dinner runs for everyone to go on. We have a couple of big rides coming up this summer. We'll provide more specific information on those later.

With the weather getting warmer, please be mindful and watchful of the motorcycles on the road so everyone can make it home without incident.

As always, be careful and stay safe.

Joe "Professor" Diedrich
Director, Post 47 ALR

Member Spotlight

Mack Miller:

Mack has been a member of the Riders for a few years now and visits the Post regularly.

Besides enjoying riding motorcycles, Mack also is into the "Hot Rod" and custom restored vehicle scene.

He has a nicely restored Chevy Pick-up that he enters into the car shows in the area. Mack also just celebrated 35 years of continuous service with the Federal government shared between his military service and his position at the VA.

Make sure when you see Mack to tell him 'hello' and thank him for his extensive service to our country.

In January we installed new officers
Here is our new roster:

ALR Officers

Director -Joe Diedrich
Asst. Director - Charlie Racette
Com/Sect - Peg Diedrich
Membership - Mark Miller
Treasurer - Bryan Chamberlain
Chaplain - Mark Mckee
Sgt-at-Arms - Frank Hanke
Road Captain - Denny Richardson

Happy Easter from Your Auxillary

Enter to Win

TWO FIREARM RAFFLES

#1: Henry, Big Boy Rifle, Model H006G, Caliber .44Mag/44spl.

#2: Henry, Big Boy Revolver, Model H017GM, Caliber .357Mag/.38spl.

$5/1 ticket or $20/5 tickets* Drawing: April 26th

See bartender/SAL Member for tickets; need not be present to win.

*Mixing ticket purchases (two of 1, three of 2 to equal/total five) is not allowed.

Julia Wells

Barber & Stylist

Total Family Hair Care

260-363-4195

Over 20 Years Experience

Exp. 03/2026

Honor Guard Officers

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

COMING SOON

ANNUAL CUBS BUS TRIP IN JULY

TIME TO SIGN UP IS NOW

SIGN UP SHEET LOCATED BEHIND THE BAR

NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT REQUIRED TO SIGN UP

STAY CONNECTED WITH POST 47

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