American Legion Post 47

November
December
2025

601 Reed Road
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46815

Commander Sharon Keech

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer because it sure is cold outside today. I would like to let everyone know that our NewYear's Eve Party will feature Sunglasses at Night and serving an amazing array of appetizers for the evening. Tickets will go on sale on November 1st for the members and then to the public. If you would like to help with the Entertainment committee they meet before the Auxiliary meeting in the canteen on the 2nd Monday of the month.. We are also updating the look of the canteen with new paint behind the bar.

Have a great holiday season.

You can also see the newsletter on mylegion.org.

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

HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY - THURSDAY
10AM-10PM

FRIDAY - SATURDAY
10AM-11PM

SUNDAY
11AM-8PM

All closings will depend on weather, bands and events.

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

MARKET PLACE

Sweatshirts hooded	$45.00
Sweatshirts	$40.00
Zippered sweatshirt	$45.00
T-Shirts	$20.00
Am Legion Ball Cap	$20.00
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

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:
Peg @ (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
Dec 31st Sunglasses at night

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

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.

FOR SALE

We have 2 random cemetery plots, that we are asking $1000.00 a piece. If you are interested please call Peg at (260) 999-7345

Our appreciation goes out to our volunteers and staff

Fall Fling

I want to thank everyone that volunteered and made it a very special day. The hog roast went over very nicely. Thanks to the donation from Chad a member here..

Sunglasses at night

Good food, good music , and a great night We had a very large crowd and the staff and volunteers made it work out for everyone..

All Events

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

All Committee's

I want to thank you for your time and ideas, I hope to have everyone back again next year. We have more exciting events to plan.

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

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

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS: Joe Diedrich

Hello everyone,
Riding season for most is quickly coming to and end, but it has been fantastic to have such great weather lately. On September 24, Culvers, sponsored a night to support the Honor Flight and many of the Post 47 Riders got together to go there, enjoy dinner, and help support the cause.

Several Post 47 Riders attended the annual Fourth District Fallen Riders ceremony on October 11, 2025. This is where we honor and remember those who are no longer with us. It is a somber occasion but a joyous one also.

Our lunches are going well. We average an attendance between 12 and 15 members and at our meetings between 17 and 25 members show up.
Lutheran Life Villages has asked the Riders to visit their facility to display their motorcycles for the Veterans housed there to look at. At the time of this writing we are planning on October 22, to be there.

Post 47 has been approached by Tractor Supply Company to assist with hosting a “Shop with a Vet” day. It will be held on November 01, 2025, from 11 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Five volunteers from Post 47 have stepped forward to help with this event. That is all I have for now.
Enjoy the upcoming Holiday season and as always, be careful and stay safe.

CANTEEN MANAGER: Peg Diedrich

Hello,

I want to Thank everyone for your patience while we upgrade to our Point of Sale system. It has been a learning curve, but staff handled it like the Pros they are! As many you know, we have taken on the project to eliminate products that are not moving. We have really great specials to help move them o. Please feel free to come and help us move this project along! We will be giving the bar wall a face lift, to help brighten up the area.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: Don Brecht

Hello Everyone,
Here is just a small look at events The Entertainment Committee is working on. Keep your eyes open for Thursday night bands as well as all the upcoming bands. We are also working on holiday events. We are planning a great New Years Eve Party with Sunglasses at Night. Hope to see you at the Post to help bring the New Year in right. As well as supporting the Post.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION: John Clendenen

SAL NEWS,

Congratulations to Dan Leininger for winning our latest gun raffle, stay tuned for our next raffle coming soon. The Colts trip sold out (if you still have a balance due please pay as soon as possible there is a waiting list). Are new Face Book page is up and running “American Legion Post 47” Please like and follow. We also have a new web site “americanlegionpost47fortwayne.org” . Our Sunday Brunch is starting to pick up, the November brunch is on the 16th and the December brunch is on the 21st. Please bring out your family and friends. Still not to early to renew your membership for 2026.

BUILDING COMMITTEE Mike Inman

The Building Committee has contracted several concrete repairs. We'll be replacing the back stairs, repairing the stoop to the office, and pouring a pad for our new flag incinerator.
We would like to thank the Auxiliary for their donation of $5,000 to the Building Fund so these concrete repairs could be completed.
A new flag incinerator is in the process of being fabricated, so we'll no longer need to borrow one for our flag burning ceremonies.
We are in the process of procuring and re-finishing a drop box for retired flags.
We'd like to thank John Martin and Anne Wiseman for installing a new screen door in the kitchen.
We continually complete minor repairs and maintenance related items.
We'll be meeting in the future to discuss future projects.
We sincerely appreciate all of our volunteers!
There are too many to list, but John Clendenen, Billy Keech, John Martin, and Don Brecht always seem to be doing something to improve our Post.

HONOR GUARD Lonnie Harper

Nothing to report at this time

LEGAL COMMITTEE Dave Zurbrugg

Nothing to report at this time

GAMING CHAIRMAN Mark Schroeder

Nothing to report at this time

AUXILIARY: Peg Diedrich

Hello Everyone,

Once again, the Ladies have had a Steller year, and they are not done.
The Halloween Party was a HUGE success! Thank you, everyone who came out!
We still have our Lasagna dinner on 11/8, with Wingman as entertainment.
Bake Sale on 11/11 from 12-5 pm. Come on out and buy, help sell, donate or just hang out with us.
It is always a good time. The Honor Guard will be performing a ceremony on the am day, which is always amazing to watch. Give me goosebumps, just thinking of it.
Finally, we will end the year with a Christmas party for the kids on December 14th.
I am extremely blessed to lead this group.
Remember to do your buddy check, not all of us are mobile as we used to be.
God Bless

MEMBERSHIP: Brenda Melanson

New	8
Paid up for Life	66
Renewals	367
HQ Transfers	2
Total	443

Percentage of goal	61.79%
Percentage of Retention	60.31%

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

THINGS TO KNOW COMING UP

As of January 1st, 2026 we will no longer be accepting these tokens for drinks. Please turn them in for a drink or you will lose out.

We are voting on the By-laws on the 13th of November. Please attend so you are up-to-date on the clubs activities.

POST 47 UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT

10– EARLY BIRD DINNER 5-7 PM

12– CHRIS WORTH 8-11 PM

20– WINGMEN 8-11 PM

21- SAL BRUNCH 9 AM - 12 PM

25– OK BOOMER BAND 6-8 PM

27– SUNGLASSES AT NIGHT 8–11 PM

OCT

3– TY CAUSEY 8-11 PM

5– FALL FLING & HOG ROAST

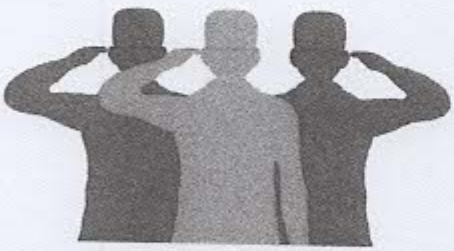
19 ~~20~~- SAL BRUNCH 9 AM - 12 PM

23– GRAY MATTER 6-8 PM

25– SUNGLASSES AT NIGHT &
HALLOWEEN DANCE 8-11 PM

NOV

8– AUXILIARY LASAGNA DINNER 5-8 PM
WINGMEN 8-11 PM



11– VETERANS DAY
AUXILIARY BAKE SALE 12-5 PM

20- SAL BRUNCH 9 AM - 12 PM

26– OK BOOMER BAND 8-11 PM

DEC

14– KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY 1-4 PM

15- SAL BRUNCH 9 AM - 12 PM

20– JOEL YOUNG 8-11 PM

31– NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH
SUNGLASSES AT NIGHT