American Legion Post 47

September-October 2025

601 Reed Road
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46815

Commander Sharon Keech

Hello Everyone,
It is official we have our gaming license back and we can play cards (with a few stipulations). I still need someone to help with our new web page and facebook as soon as it is up and running again. The SAL paid to have the web site created. Thank you to the SAL for their generous donation. We will be revamping behind the bar after we get all trained on the new POS system. We have a new popcorn machine, come in and have some.

Thank you 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	open
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	Mandy Clendenen
	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

August 23rd, 2025 Drunken Grownups
August 28th, 2025 Joe Justice

LEGION NEWS

We have suspended all card playing until further notice. Per the recommendation of the Indiana Gaming Commission.

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

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

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.

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

We are also looking for a 3rd Vice and a Sgt.-at-Arms for the Legion board.

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

Nothing to report at this time

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Lonnie Harper

Nothing to report at this time.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS: Joe Diedrich

Nothing to report at this time

AUXILIARY: Peg Diedrich

Hello All,

Fall is here! I hope everyone had a great summer and were able to relax and enjoy the warm weather. The Auxiliary is back in action! We will be starting with our Annual Halloween party on October 25th with Sunglasses at night! It will be a great time, so find a costume and bring your friends! More will be coming as we end the year, so please watch for our flyer!

Remember your buddy check.

Have a blessed day.
Peg Diedrich
Auxiliary President

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	6
Paid up for Life	65
Renewals	290
HQ Transfers	1
Total	362

Percentage of goal	50.49%
Percentage of Retention	49.65%

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

We are raffling off a Verona over/under .410 gauge shotgun. Drawing will be on September 30, 2025. Tickets are $5.00 each or 5 for $20.00. See Any SAL Officer or bartender for tickets.
The bus trip to the November Colts vs Texans is filling up fast. Tickets are $125.00 each, please see the bartender for tickets and availability.
Our next brunch is September 21, 2025 , menu can't be beat! Bring the whole family for breakfast and stick around to watch your favorite NFL team after.
It's not to early to renew your membership dues are $35.00' the dues money helps us support The American Legion and its programs.

John

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: Don Brecht

Nothing to report at this time.

Our appreciation goes out to our volunteers and staff

Maintenance

To the hard working volunteers (John Clendenen, Harry Hurt, Billy Keech, and Don Brecht to name a few that keep this place running, cool when needed, and hot to keep us warm in the winter.

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

Our membership leaders

50 yr member	60 yr member	75 yr member
Rex Lepper	Michael Mangan	Walter Butler
Ralph Moser		
Daniel Purvis, Jr.		
Wayne Rigsby		
Robert Sutton		

CANTEEN MANAGER: Peg Diedrich

Hey you guys!

As you know Gaming is Back! We are able to do everything we did before. The only adjustment is card playing during the week, but we are making it work!

Come in and see what we have! FYI! We are on the list to get Electronic gaming machines. These are the electronic versions of our current games, without all the paper tickets. We are waiting on Indiana legislation to sign the paperwork. Once that is complete we will be getting 7 machines. We also have the Arrow Rewards kiosk. This will allow you to sign up for monthly prizes with NO obligations or bothersome emails. Take a look and see what you think!

Peg