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

I hope I am finding everyone warm with all this cold weather. I just want to let everyone know some of the progress the Legion has made in the past couple of months. We have finalized the land purchase, which we acquired 1.58 acres which surrounds the post for $7,400.00.
It is that time again when we do nominations for Officers and vote. Here are the dates for which you can nominate an individual for a position on the board.
March 12th, April 9th and May 14th will be holding nominations and May 14th will be the official election. I encourage all members to participate, so that your voice can be heard. The board needs some fresh ideas. I hope to see everyone come out and vote.
We have been doing a little rearranging in the Canteen for better flow when walking around. We have also removed a table so that we could put the POW/MIA table in a more prominent place. Behind the bar you will see a monitor with 5 or 6 slides which tells you everything that is going on and who won the weekly drawing and the All American.
Thank you all for making the last two years very memorable for me and I can't wait to see what the future holds for us in Post 47.

Sharon Keech, Commander

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

Know a Legionnaire we should highlight here? Please submit your suggestions to: post47newsletter@gmail.com

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 Schroeder
Sgt-at-Arms -
Judge Advocate - Scott Bell
Executive Board
Dave Zurbrugg
Larry Fisher
Dale Wilkinson

TAPS

John Kane
Earl Folks

SICK BAY

Rosa May Clark
Henry Lawson
Cathy Sizemore
Kevin Cornish

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

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 every day
Soup and Salad Bar every day

message from JOHN CLENDENEN
SAL COMMANDER

Hello March!
Looking forward to a great month, March is when we really get into planning for his years events and programs. We are putting together a bus trip to Cincinnati for a Cubs vs Reds game on July 12, ticket info and sign up will be available soon.
The March Brunch is on the 15th, bring your family and friends for a great meal that helps us support legion projects and programs
Membership is at 75 percent of our goal for the year, if you haven't already, please renew now. Our next meeting is March 4 at 6:00 and will be the first nomination of officers for 2026/27.
We are raffling 2 guns, the first is a Henry 44 mag Big Boy Riffle. The second is a Henry 357 mag Big Boy revolver. Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20. Drawings are on April 26 during the Spring Fling.
John

Sunday Brunch
March 15

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

Know an SAL member we shoud highlight here?
Please submit your suggestions to:
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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!

NEW MEMBERS

Legion

Ken Kaufman
Kevin Howell
Randy Bunt
Alvin Moll

SAL

Sam Dull
James Savage
Marc Rumpf

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
Plastic case for cover $2.00
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

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

Hello Everyone,

Another busy month for the ladies.

There is our yearly St. Patrick's Day bake sale is March 17th from 12-5 pm.

The kids Easter party is March 22nd from 1-4 pm. Sign up ends 3/15 so get here soon. Come out and support the ladies; we have fun for all ages. We look forward to seeing you here!

Remember to do your buddy checks; we all need each other.

Meetings are the second Monday of the month at 6:30pm.

We love to see new faces and hear great ideas! Have a great week.

Peg Diedrich,
Auxiliary President

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 - MARCH 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 **6:00 PM** SAL MEETING	5	6	7
8 	9 **6:30 PM** AUXILIARY MEETING	10	11	12 **7:00 PM** LEGIONNAIRES MEETING	13	14 **8-11 PM** SUNGLASSES AT NIGHT
15 **9AM-12PM** SAL BRUNCH	16	17 **12-5 PM** AUXILIARY BAKE SALE	18	19 **6:30 PM** ALR MEETING	20	21 STATE BOWLERS
22 **12-4 PM** KIDS EASTER PARTY	23	24	25	26 **6-9 PM** HUBIE ASHCRAFT	27	28 **8-11 PM** DEEBEES
29	30	31				

message from JOE DIEDRICH
ALR DIRECTOR

Hello To Everyone

Our Post 47 ride is coming up on July 11, 2026. We are already working on gathering raffle prizes for the event. We have had a good turnout in the last couple of years and hope to make this year's ride even better with the possibility of adding a Bike Show afterwards.

Indiana State ALR has reached out to Post 47 ALR, and requested we be one of the starting points for the Indiana In-State Legacy ride. This event will take place on July 18, 2026. This ride often brings in riders from all over the area to participate in this fundraising event. This event helps to support the American Legion Foundation which covers Veteran disability assistance, Homeless veteran assistance, Veteran suicide prevention and Patriotic youth programs to name a few. We hope that you will help support us in this cause.

That's all I have for now. As always, be careful and stay safe,

Joe "Professor" Diedrich
Director, Post 47 ALR

Member Spotlight

Know a Rider we should highlight here? Please submit your suggestions to: post47newsletter@gmail.com

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

MARCH 14TH

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

AUCTION

COMING SOON

FOOD

MONEY RAISING EVENT OF THE SEASON!

SPRING FLING

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

STAY CONNECTED WITH POST 47

Check out our **Website!**

Find us on **Facebook!**