

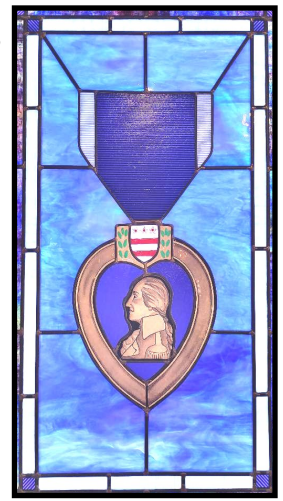
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COMMANDER'S REMARKS

In our Post we have members that have stepped up from their comfort zone to aid and support our Veterans. There are those who volunteer to plan and support our “fun” and “fund raising” events and perform valued community services as our Honor Guard frequently does without fanfare or any Thanks. I am Thankful for all of them. Think for moment about the total number of members of our Post. Then, try to picture the faces of the thirty (30) or so individuals that do all the work so you can have all that fun. If you come to our General Meetings, you will learn who they are. Unfortunately, most are not Legionnaires but are with our SAL or Auxiliary organizations. Why is that?

Please support the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, Honor Guard, and AL Riders efforts and this can be accomplished by being part of our administrative process undertaken at our general meetings. A quick fact: with the exception of the Executive Board, about eight people attend a general meeting!

The “fun stuff” costs money and the Post is struggling to maintain our Veteran support efforts and be a fun place to go while under the weight of a costly liquor liability insurance policy and general operating costs. I know you enjoy coming to the Post to have a good time. You come to our breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. You show up to hear the good bands we have, to play pool and cornhole, enjoy the trivia games, and a lot of you attend our special events for which I Thank You. However, you do not come to our general meetings where critical decisions are made that directly affect you and the good standing of our Post.

I look forward to seeing you during August at our General Meeting and urge you to please make an effort to attend. Your voice can make our Post stronger and, as always, please let me or a member of the Post Executive Committee know what you think, how you feel, and what we may do to improve the Post for the benefit of all.

Charlie Bowers, Commander



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You are welcome to come to the Post to pick up a hard copy.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

With August already here and summer just about over, the new school year is approaching quickly. Soon, the kids will be heading back to school. Our children and youth committee is excited to announce that we will be adding a new charity to our outreach efforts. LouAnn and Debbie have identified a new center that assembles care packages for children in foster care.

Sometimes, the outreach center only receives a 24-hour notice when a child needs to be ready for foster care placement. Because of this, it's crucial for the center to have these items prepared in advance. The care packages are often assembled at a moment's notice, with staff sometimes covering the cost of essentials like socks and underwear out of their own pockets. To support this important work, we invite donations of new socks and underwear, and school supplies, which will benefit our foster children.

2027 membership cards are now available. Tina is ready to send out your new card with your renewal. Please remember that this year's renewal fee is \$50. Due to underpayments in renewals this year, we have had to spend more of our portion of the dues that go to the state. We kindly ask everyone to make sure your payment is \$50 this year and going forward.

The Auxiliary will be serving our annual shrimp dinner on Saturday, August 8, starting at 6:00 PM and continuing until 8:00 PM. The dinner includes 12 shrimp, red rice, coleslaw, hush puppies, and devil's food cake, all for just \$20 per plate. Please remember to sign up and pay in advance with your bartenders. We encourage everyone to join us for an evening of delicious food, good music, and great companionship.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18, beginning at 6:30 PM in the front hall. Everyone is welcome to attend, and we are looking forward to hearing your new ideas for the coming year.

Let us continue to keep our troops in our prayers.

Melody Easterby Lowe
President, Unit 147

SAL NEWS

Greeting SAL members,

Hello to all readers, members, officers, and volunteers. July was another great month for SAL. Our breakfast and dinner were both a great success. **We are always interested in new volunteers' participation.** Please feel free to contact me at any time, the post can provide my number.

The monthly SAL meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11th, 2026, in the front hall at 6:30 p.m. **All SAL members are welcome, to attend.** Thank you to all SAL officers and volunteers for your involvement, you guys are the best.

SAL breakfast will be in full force Sunday, August 16th, 2026, from 9:00 A.M. till 11:30A.M. Please do not miss the best eggs and full menu breakfast in town.

Saturday August 22nd, 2026, the SAL dinner will serve a top-quality steak dinner for \$25.00. The band for that night will be The Doghouse Road Band. Dinner begins at 6:00pm and the entertainment at 7:00pm. Come out and support your veterans and your post.

I will remind you to renew your dues early this summer. We set a record for our largest number of SAL members last year at Post 147 of 167 members and were recognized by State for doing so. Let's begin early with a strong start. If anyone needs assistance feel free to contact our SAL membership officer Dave Bradbury by email, Dave is very diligent in his commitments and will handle any questions or concerns. His email address is Charlestandude1@yahoo.com. Dave will be happy to assist you. Also, you can contact the Post personally, or by phone.

As a reminder: Don't forget this year's upcoming BBQ event this October 23rd and 24th. It was such fun last year and everyone tasting each team's competition BBQ was greatly received by all attendees. We are now actively seeking sponsors and competitors at this time. All sponsors with questions please contact Al Simmons at Alsimmomskw@gmail.com. All competitors please contact Chris Nisoff at email SALJIPOST147@gmail.com.

I would like to reach out to any willing and able member to **volunteer to support your post.** There are many ways in which you can help. Thank you all for your support!!!

May God continue to bless America!
J. Peter Rugheimer, III
S.C. SAL Squadron 147 Commander

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

No report this month.

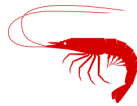
For God and Country,
Director Bruce Rourk

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Bartenders Call
Monday & Tuesday
10:00 - Bartenders Call
Wednesday & Thursday
10:00 - 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
10:00—MIDNIGHT
*(BARTENDERS CALL)

August 2026

LUNCH: WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
SEAFOOD FRIDAYS: 11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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2  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AUXILIARY CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	3  DAV MEETING 7:00 P.M.	4 SCV 7:00 P.M. NO MEETING THIS MONTH	5 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN <u>HONOR GUARD 7</u> JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	6 LUNCH COUNTRY FRIED STEAK  KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7:00 P.M. TRIVIA 6:30 P.M.	7  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	8 AUXILIARY DINNER 12 FRIED SHRIMP COLE SLAW, RED RICE & HUSHPUPPIES PLUS DESSERT \$20.00 BRADFORD STATION
9  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM HONOR GUARD CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	10	11  SAL MEETING 6:30 PM	12 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN FINANCE MTG 6:00 CANTEEN MTG 6:30 JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	13 LUNCH: FRIED BOLOGNA SANDWICH  LEGION MEETING E-BOARD 6:00 P.M. GENERAL 7:00 P.M.	14  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	15 DAV CRAB CRACK 1:00—4:00 P.M.
16  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM SAL CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	17  AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 6:30 P.M.	18  AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30 PM	19 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN <u>HONOR GUARD 7</u> JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	20 LUNCH: MEATLOAF  KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7:00 P.M.	21  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	22 SAL STEAK NIGHT \$25.00 6:00—8:00 PM DOG HOUSE ROAD BAND
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30  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM 40 & 8 CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	31	WEDNESDAYS LUNCH FROM 11:30—1:00 P.M. <u>NO DINNER</u> <u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>EVENINGS</u>		THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 6:30 PM 		

DAV CRAB CRACK



Saturday, August 15
1:00—5:00 p.m.
\$30.00

BEER—SODA—HOT DOGS

CORNHOLE NEWS

Don't forget we play Cornhole every Sunday starting at 1:00pm. Teams are chosen randomly by picking cards and it costs \$2 per person to enter. It is always a great time with amazing people! You owe it to yourself to come be a part of the Corn hole festivities!! You will be glad you did!!

Al Simmons, Jr.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Post has some jobs that we need your help with.

We will post a list in the Canteen. Thank you in advance for your help.

BIRTHDAY



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**COMING IN
SEPTEMBER
Our 75th
Birthday
Event**

POST SERVICE OFFICER

Greetings from your Post Service Officer, Please reach out to me if you any concerns or questions about Veterans Healthcare, Entitlements or Cemetery benefits to my post email servoff147@gmail.com or I can be contact at (843) 312-7113.

I had the opportunity to attend a legislative seminar from June 8 to June 12 in Washington, DC of which I sat down with many members of Congress and discussed veterans benefits and programs. Funding was provided by our post and greatly appreciated as I truly believe the visits made a difference. I discussed many programs that would not only support our veterans but their family members.

Please keep in mind that I am not an accredited Service Officer and CANNOT submit claims on your behalf. I promise to help where possible.

VA provides several tools to assist in electronic submission. To learn more about how to submit documents and claims electronically, visit www.va.gov/disability/upload-supporting-evidence.

You can also go directly to access.va.gov to digitally upload and correspondence using Quicks submit.

If you have filed a claim, you may check the status by visiting www.va.gov

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David L. Bradbury, USMC
RHJ American Legion Post 147

HONOR GUARD – AUGUST UPDATE

As another memorable month comes to a close, we want to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who joined us for our **4th of July Lunch**. It was wonderful to see so many members, families, and friends come together to celebrate our nation's independence and the **250th Birthday of America**. A great time was had by all!

A special shout-out goes to our own **Tina**, who truly outdid herself decorating the Post. Her hard work and creativity transformed the hall into the perfect setting for such a historic celebration. Thank you, Tina, for helping make the day so special.

We would also like to thank everyone who joined us for our **Post Everlasting Ceremony**. While it is one of the hardest ceremonies the Honor Guard performs, it is also one of the most meaningful. It gives us the opportunity to honor and remember our departed comrades who helped make Post 147 what it is today. Your presence reminds us that they will never be forgotten, and we are grateful to everyone who stood with us in their memory.

Finally, this month marks the retirement of one of our own, **Charlie Hall Jr.**, after **eight years of dedicated service** with the Post 147 Honor Guard.

Charlie embodies everything the Honor Guard strives to be. He has been a true inspiration through his unwavering dedication, dependable service, and selfless commitment. Whether it was a funeral detail, community event, patriotic ceremony, or simply lending a helping hand, Charlie was always there with a smile on his face, kind words to encourage others, and a willingness to serve. His dedication to his country, his community, and, most importantly, **Post 147**, has left a lasting impact on all of us.

Charlie, thank you for eight incredible years of service. Your legacy will continue to inspire future Honor Guard members, and you will always be a valued part of the Post 147 family.



“Ladies and Gentlemen..... Charlie Hall “

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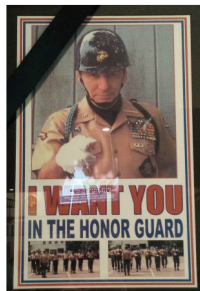
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