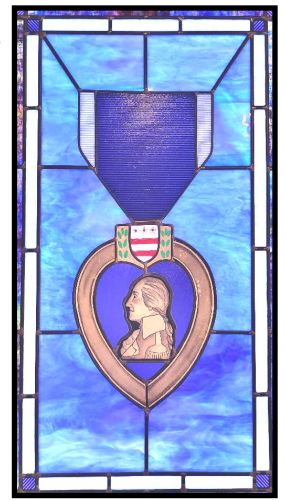


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## COMMANDER'S REMARKS

I would like to all newly elected officers from the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, AL Riders, and DAV, in the Post who now have stepped up to aid and support our Veterans and Community. I am most Thankful for all of you who, participated, supported, and attended the Post Memorial Day Observance. Thank You to the 147 volunteers that assisted the V.F.W. with placing and retrieving flags on the graves of veterans at cemeteries on James and Johns Islands prior to and after Memorial Day.

For those who do not know, Post 147 supported four (4) high school students who attended Palmetto Boys State in late June. I have asked one of the students to attend a General Post Meeting and describe the week spent with his peers from across South Carolina.

This month the Post will observe Post Everlasting, a remembrance ceremony in honor of those whom have gone before us.

Please support the Auxiliary, Sal, Honor Guard, and AL Riders breakfast and dinner events. These groups do much to enhance the reputation of Post 147 by the work they do within our community. I look forward to seeing you during July at the Post for breakfast and dinner and urge you to become more involved in the Post. You 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.



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Charlie Bowers, Commander



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# AUXILIARY NEWS

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Hope you enjoyed your month off. Now is time to get back to work. We have a lot to discuss in our July meeting. Your officers are the same as last year with the exception of Margie Dudley becoming our secretary. Hopefully, we will have a budget to review, and we have projects to start up. School will be starting soon, so donations are appreciated and welcome.

Our meeting will be held on Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 6:30 in the front hall. We will be serving Fried Pork Cops and the fixings on Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8 pm or until we run out. Come out and enjoy great food and good music with us.

Keeping our troops in our prayers  
Melody Easterby Lowe  
President Unit 147

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## SAL NEWS

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Greetings SAL members,

Hello to all readers, members, officers, and volunteers. June 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, July 14th, 2026, in the front hall at 6:30 p.m. Please all members feel welcome, and please attend. Thank you to all SAL officers for your involvement. You guys are the best. The swearing in ceremony held on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, went well and congratulations to all new and repeat officers from all of our individual organizations for your time and hard work.

SAL breakfast will be in full force Sunday, July 19th, 2026, from 9:00 A.M. till 11:30A.M. Please do not miss the best eggs and full menu breakfast in town.

Saturday July 25th, 2026, the SAL dinner will serve a top-quality Ribeye steak dinner with baked potato and salad for \$25.00. The band for that night has yet to be determined. Dinner begins at 6:00pm and the entertainment at 7:00pm. Please come out and support your veterans and your post.

I will remind you to please 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 Charlestdude1@yahoo.com. Dave will be happy to assist you. Also, you can contact the Post personally, or by phone.

Please don't forget this year's upcoming BBQ event this October 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup>. It was such fun last year and all guests 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 Alsimmonskw@gmail.com. All competitors please contact Chris Nisoff at email SALJIPOST147@gmail.com.

Thank you to Robert, Al, and Pete C. for coming out and supporting the Take A Kid Fishing. We supplied drinks, hot dogs and chips for this event, a good time was had by all.

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

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## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

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Good day, to all the riders for the month of July. The month of July starts with a thought of our riders having the Christmas in July ride for our veterans. This is something that we have been doing for many years. Where we send gifts to all the veterans at the VA hospital who need essential things like magazines toothbrushes socks. As we ride to the VA downtown Charleston, we are able to go visit those veterans who do not have anybody. We are able to go and spend time talking, pray and laugh with those who are in need of companionship and love. Please keep this in mind as we go through the month of July. In remembering, those who are not as lucky as we are. Thank you for your continuing support of our post and veterans and community.

Thank you, American Legion Riders.




















For God and Country,  
Director Bruce Rourk

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 Monday & Tuesday  
 10:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday & Thursday  
 10:00 - 10:00 p.m.

# July 2026


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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN  JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8  POOL TOURN. 6:00	2 LUNCH SHEPPERD'S PIE  KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  7:00 P.M.  TRIVIA 6:30 P.M.	3   SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	4  <b>4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION</b> SPONSORED BY YOUR HONOR GUARD 11:30—2:00 P.M.  DJ 2:00—5:00 P.M.
5  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AUXILIARY  CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	6   DAV MEETING 7:00 P.M.	7	8 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN FINANCE MTG 6:00 CANTEEN MTG 6:30 <b>HONOR GUARD 7</b> JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	9 LUNCH: SPAGHETTI    LEGION MEETING E-BOARD 6:00 P.M. GENERAL 7:00 P.M.	10   SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	11  AUXILIARY DINNER FRIED PORK CHOPS & FIXINGS \$15.00  VINYL DAZE
12  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM HONOR GUARD CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	13	14   SAL MEETING 6:30 PM	15 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN  JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	16 LUNCH: CHEF SALAD    KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7:00 P.M.	17   SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	18  SHEM CREEK BOOGIE BAND
19  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM SAL  CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	20   AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 6:30 P.M.	21   AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30 PM	22 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN  <b>HONOR GUARD 7</b> JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	23  LUNCH: FRIED PORK CHOPS	24   SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	25  SAL STEAK NIGHT \$25.00 6:00—8:00 PM NIGHT SHIFT
26  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AL RIDERS  CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	27	28   40 & 8 7:00 PM	29 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN  JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8  POOL TOURN. 6:00	30  LUNCH: HOT DOGS	31   SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	

**WEDNESDAYS  
 LUNCH FROM 11:30—1:00 P.M.**  
**NO DINNER WEDNESDAY  
 EVENINGS**

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 THE MONTH  
 6:30 PM**

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**Saturday  
4th of July  
Cook-out**

Sponsored by our Post 147  
Honor Guard  
11:30—2:00 p.m.

DJ starts at 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.  
Post Closes at 7:00 p.m.

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**Saturday, August 15**

1:00—5:00 p.m.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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SEPTEMBER  
Our 75th  
Birthday  
Event**

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## POST SERVICE OFFICER

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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](mailto:servoff147@gmail.com) or I can be contact at (843) 312-7113.

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You may also directly contact the following depending on your address.

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North Charleston, SC 29405  
(843) 974-6360

Berkley County Office of Veterans Affairs  
212 Oakley Plantation Drive  
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(843) 719-4023



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## HONOR GUARD – JUNE UPDATE

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### American Legion Post 147 Honor Guard – June Update

As we move into summer, the Honor Guard would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who attended and supported our recent **Post Everlasting Ceremony**. Taking the time to honor our departed comrades and remember their service is one of the most meaningful traditions of the American Legion, and your presence helped make the ceremony a fitting tribute.

We would also like to thank everyone who continues to support our **Sunday Breakfasts**. Whether you're cooking, serving, cleaning up, or simply showing up hungry, your participation helps strengthen our Post and provides valuable support for our programs and community outreach efforts.

Most importantly, we want to highlight the importance of **volunteerism**. Organizations like the American Legion do not run on good intentions alone—they run because members step forward and donate their time and talents. From Honor Guard details and building maintenance to event planning and community service, every helping hand makes a difference.

If you've ever thought about getting more involved, now is the perfect time. Whether you can give a few hours a month or a few hours a week, your contribution matters. Together, we can continue to honor our veterans, serve our community, and keep Post 147 strong for future generations.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Honor Guard and American Legion Post 147.

**“Don't just talk about it... BE ABOUT IT!”**

For God and Country,  
Post 147 Honor Guard

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## CORNHOLE NEWS

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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!!

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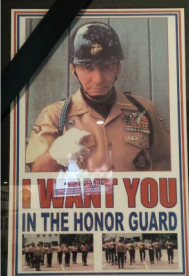
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