

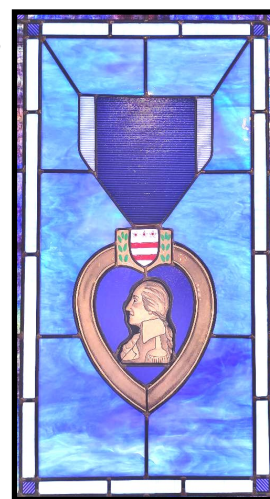
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SEPTEMBER 2026



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COMMANDER'S REMARKS

Hello Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, AL Riders, and DAV members of Post 147. I did not see many of you at our General Meeting on 13 August. I saw a lot of you at breakfast, and lunch, and I noticed that many of you supported our dinner and entertainment evenings. There is always a crowd for "pool night" and cornhole but as usual, seats were empty on meeting night. I wonder why. I guess you think it's magic that the Post is always open for your fun activities. It is not magic and if you came to a meeting you might find out what it takes to keep the lights on, the AC cooling, and the beer cold.

If you had been at the last meeting, you may have also heard a discussion of plans for a Post 75th Anniversary Celebration, a 911 Memorial Observance, and an update on the SAL Barbeque Cook Off. Your comments and suggestions about any of those would have been welcomed. You could have listened to a presentation about the SC Department and Post 147 providing you with a \$2500.00 insurance benefit at no cost to you. I'm sure had you heard the current post finance report you have responded with ideas and suggestions to aid and support those behind-the-scenes individuals working, researching, and scheming to keep the lights on, the AC cooling, the beer cold, and pay our insurance costs. But you didn't show, so you don't know.

You don't know the face of Post 147, our Honor Guard, needs volunteers to continue performing as they do, bringing great credit to our Post and The American Legion. Give them a call. Had you been there on that Thursday evening you would have known this and also heard a report by the Post Service Officer on a trip to our nations capital where he met with members of the US Congress to promote Veteran political agendas and basic needs. You missed it.

Please show support for our Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, Honor Guard, and AL Riders events. These groups support the Post to help maintain our Veteran aid efforts, local community involvement, and provide the "fun stuff". Attending our General Meetings and voicing your ideas is great start. I look forward to seeing you in September. 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.

Charlie Bowers, Commander



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If you have an email on file this is how you will be receiving your newsletter.
You are welcome to come to the Post to pick up a hard copy.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Fall is coming soon and hopefully we will get some cooler weather. We are hoping to get a little fall activities going this year. We will be starting our fall fundraising with our Spaghetti dinner. There will not be a Saturday night dinner for September, instead we will be having dinner on Tuesday September 8th and Tuesday September 22nd from 5:30pm till 7pm. Dinner is \$15.00 a plate. Please remember to sign up and prepay with your bartenders. This dinner and 50/50 fundraisers for Palmetto Girls State.

We will still be collecting new socks and underwear for the foster children as well as school supplies for our local schools during the next few months. We will also be aiding Dr. Smalls with the 100% attendance celebration during the year. We have been doing our supply collection for a while now, but we have added an organization that is dedicated to helping local foster children be prepared for their new home.

Our meeting will be held on Tuesday September 15th starting at 6:30pm in the front hall. Until then please stay safe.

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

SAL NEWS

Greetings SAL members,

Hello to all readers, members, officers, and volunteers. August 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, September 8th, 2026, in the front hall at 6:30 p.m. **Please all members feel welcome, and please 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, September 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, September 26nd, 2026, the SAL dinner will serve a top-quality ribeye steak dinner for \$25.00. The band for that night will be The Night Shift Band. 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 24th. 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.

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

Welcome to September Riders. This month we want to remember 9-11 when the world stood still in awe. There will be the 9-11ride for all riders September 13, hosted by Gary (G-man) Goldman. You can contact me, Bruce, ALR DIRECTOR, for more information on the event. We also have Patriots Day on September 11th at the post. This is the 25th Anniversary of the remembrance to the heroes and to our fallen patriots. The month of September is a very special month to remember how we all came together as a nation. We need to keep this memory in our minds and hearts as we move forward into the future. WE WILL NEVER FORGET. If anyone interested in being an American Legion Rider at post 147, can stop by the post to inquire within or contact me at 843-729-4277 for more information on becoming an American Legion Rider.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
THANKS, BRUCE, ALR DIRECTOR
POST CHAPTER 147

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)

September 2026

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
SEPTEMBER 9TH BEERS WITH THE HONOR GUARD 6:15—7:00 P.M.		1 SCV 7:00 P.M.	2 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	3 LUNCH CHEF SALAD ?  KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7:00 P.M. TRIVIA 6:30 P.M.	4  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18 RALPH H. JOHNSON FAMILY MEET & GREET	5 <i>Enjoy your Labor Day Weekend</i> NO MEAL
6  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM AUXILIARY CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	7 (Empty)	8  SAL MEETING 6:30 PM AUXILIARY SPAGHETTI NIGHT 5:30—7:00 P.M. HAROLD'S BDAY	9 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN FINANCE MTG 6:00 CANTEEN MTG 6:30 HONOR GUARD 7 JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	10 LUNCH: TBD  LEGION MEETING E-BOARD 6:00 P.M. GENERAL 7:00 P.M.	11  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	12 IVAN FANNIN PROMOTION CEREMONY 3:00 P.M. MASON DIXON BAND
13  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM HONOR GUARD NO CORNHOLE	14  DAV MEETING 7:00 P.M.	15  AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30 PM	16 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	17 LUNCH: TBD  KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 7:00 P.M.	18  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	19 75th POST ANNIVERSARY 1:00—5:00 P.M. DJ EDDIE L POST CLOSES AT 8
20  BREAKFAST 9 AM—11:30 AM SAL CORNHOLE 1:00 PM	21  AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 6:30 P.M.	22  40 & 8 7:00 PM AUXILIARY SPAGHETTI NIGHT 5:30—7:00 P.M.	23 LUNCH: BURGERS/ PHILLY/ CHICKEN HONOR GUARD 7 JUKE BOX ON THE HOUSE 6-8 POOL TOURN. 6:00	24 LUNCH: TBD	25  SEAFOOD 11:30—2:00 P.M. \$12, \$15, \$18	26 SAL STEAK NIGHT \$25.00 6:00—8:00 PM NIGHT SHIFT
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		WEDNESDAYS LUNCH FROM 11:30—1:00 P.M. KITCHEN OPENS FOR DINNER 9/16 5:00—6:30 P.M. THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 6:30 PM FUN  TRIVIA				



9-11

25th ANNIVERSARY

Memorial Service

5:30 p.m.
Pot Luck



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IVAN W. FANNIN III**

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WHEN:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
AT 3:00PM



WHERE:

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CHARLESTON, SC



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RSVP TO CHELSEA FANNIN
AT 804-229-4676
BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2026



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Saturday, September 19th

BIRTHDAY

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YEARS



1:00—5:00
p.m.

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Please keep in mind that I am not an accredited Service Officer and CANNOT submits 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.

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

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Berkley County Office of Veterans Affairs
212 Oakley Plantation Drive
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David L. Bradbury, USMC

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!!

HONOR GUARD POST 147 – SEPTEMBER UPDATE

WHO WILL CARRY THE COLORS NEXT?

Post 166's Honor Guard just folded. That means fewer teams left to bury our veterans with the honors they earned — and Post 147 may soon cover multiple counties alone.

Every veteran earned a dignified farewell. Without more volunteers, we won't be able to give it to them.

We need veterans and Legion Family members ready to step up, train, and make sure no one is laid to rest without honor.

Who will carry the colors next?

BEERS WITH THE HONOR GUARD

Curious what it's really like? Come find out.

Wednesday, September 9 | 6:15–7:00 p.m. | Post 147

No pressure, no obligation — just a beer, honest conversation, and a look at what we do. No prior experience needed. We'll teach you everything.

25 YEARS LATER: WE WILL NEVER FORGET

This September marks 25 years since September 11, 2001.

We remember the lives lost, the first responders who ran toward danger, and the service members who answered the call that followed.

9/11 taught us patriotism isn't a flag on a porch — it's showing up for each other. Every time we present the colors or stand beside a grieving family, that's the spirit we carry forward.

We will never forget.

THANK YOU

To everyone who supported our breakfast and Meatloaf Dinner — whether you bought a meal, served food, donated supplies, or just showed up — thank you. You make this mission possible.

For God and Country.

Please follow us on Facebook for updates, corrections and news.
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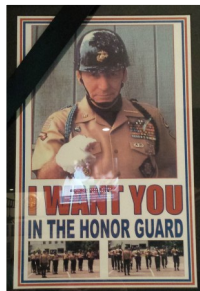
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