

Carmel American Legion Post 155

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Commander's Corner



Hey Everyone!

Hey All!!

If you haven't heard, we had our vote to sale or not to sale on 10/19. The final count of our 57 legionnaires who came out was 35 N and 22 Y. Not to sale won. Moving forward we will need to fund our maintenance program so we will be more prepared to keep our Legion up and running properly! Our Karaoke Halloween Party was a great success, many thanks to all who worked hard and came out to support us!! We have a lot going on in the months of November and December, stay tuned! Also, already have a few events for next year on the calendar. I love seeing us all working together as a team!!

Serving You is my honor

Commander Kim

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Adjutant Corner



We are coming close to the end of year. As a Post we are doing a good job at bringing in new members and transfers. However, our renewal rate is starting to fall short from where we were last year. I understand the \$50 membership fee was a bit of surprise. But if you look at the various events, programs and community veteran programs we are involved with your \$50 is going a long way. Just this last weekend, I could not find a parking space on Saturday morning. We had Card show and morning breakfast that made for busy morning. FYI, one card vendor had a Dick the Bruiser Signed Card for sale. That show was very fascinating. Don't forget Nov 2 is the Early Bird breakfast special for Legionnaires that have paid their 2025 dues.

I would like to extend many thanks to the Auxiliary members for helping with the preparations of last month's vote on the sale of post real estate. If you ever had to stuff, stamp, seal over 500 envelopes that is the team you want on your side. Once again thank you.

As I briefly mentioned in the last newsletter, we would like to start collecting stories from our veterans on the time they spent in the service. Along with a few meaningful pictures. Be expecting an email from me on this topic. As we are finding out the WW2 veterans passing, we are missing out on a golden opportunity to get your message out on what military service meant to you. During the next newsletter I hope to have additional information to share on this topic.

I won't reiterate what Commander Kim mentioned above, but our Post will be needing some continuing maintenance and remodeling to ensure we can maximize our Post in serving our local community. Stay tuned for more on that.

David Leonard
Adjutant (Americanlegionpost155@gmail.com)

JOIN US FOR TREASURE HUNT FRIDAYS!

Get your chance at the jackpot before 6:30p (Drawing at 7pm)!

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Auxiliary

The holiday season is upon us! Our next meeting is at 6:30pm on Monday, November 4th at 6:30 pm. We will have a special guest: the Director of Saving our Sisters, Inc. Come and hear about their program! We will continue reviewing our Standing Rules and hope to get them voted on to finalize. This will be our last meeting of 2024 so come and hear recaps of committees and what things are planned in our future! Mark your calendars. 6:30pm on the 2nd Monday in January, February, March, April, May, June, August, September, October, and November. If you attend at least 4 of these meetings, you will save \$10 on your 2026 membership dues. You must submit your payment to the post rather than online to receive this discount. (This is quite the bargain since we added 2 meetings after passing this incentive!)

Speaking of the holiday season: on Saturday, November 30, the Auxiliary will be decorating areas of the post for Christmas after enjoying a pitch in lunch. Bring a dish to share, roll up your sleeves, and get your jolly on! We understand some may be traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday, but if you are in town, come on over at 12:00 noon! Paper products will be provided for the pitch in.

I am sure you all have heard the devastating news of the HVAF apartments being destroyed in a fire causing many veterans to literally become homeless again. The good news is the Auxiliary is in the process of mailing their annual HVAF donation letters! Watch your mailbox for the letters with information on how you can help our most vulnerable veterans. We always appreciate your generous donations and this year they are needed more than ever to help the many veterans who have lost everything. Also see the HVAF article in this newsletter for more information and other ways to help.

Our auxiliary sponsored 20 wreaths which will be laid at the Indiana Veterans Cemetery in West Lafayette for Wreaths Across America 2024. On Saturday, December 14th, more than 2 million volunteers and supporters across the nation will gather to Remember, Honor and Teach as part of this worthy program. We are proud to be a part of it!

For those who do not know, we do have a Junior Auxiliary Program. This is for any current member who has little ones who you would like to get involved with or just become a member of the post. It only costs \$5 a year for them to join! You can sign them up with a new Auxiliary application located in the dining room or in the bar of the post. Let's get those young ones into the post and teach them about the American Legion and all of the good the Legion does for veterans and the community. All of the high school students interested in government would be good members to get signed up as well! Any age can join, girls or boys, if they are related to a veteran. Their membership dues are \$5 until the rate increases by the state or they turn 18. Once they turn 18, they will become regular members at the regular member price.

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Auxiliary - continued

2025 Membership Dues can be paid now. Please pay \$40 to Carmel American Legion Auxiliary or ALA #155. You may mail your check to the post, drop a check in the Auxiliary box at the post, leave cash with your name and contact information in the box at the post, or pay online at www.ALAforVeterans.org. If you want your membership card left at the bar rather than mailed to you, please add a note on your renewal slip and we will gladly leave it at the bar for you. In order to be in the gaming book, please be sure you pay before 12/31/24.

As mentioned at our last several meetings, we have a few open committees in need of a chairperson. They are: Americanism, Legislative, National Security and Resolutions. If one of these

sounds interesting to you or you would like more details, please let me know and we will get the details to you. These are not anything like what they are named, check them out! Much easier to do than you might expect.

Regardless of your talent or time commitment, we have something for everyone to participate in: donating and selling desserts for the SAL dinners, selling tickets for 50/50 (must be on gaming license), donating snacks for euchre, and stuffing envelopes as needed, just to name a few. Other activities will arise and emails will be sent out for needed volunteers--so please keep an eye out for those requests. I am still compiling a list of our members and their areas of interests/specialties (baking, cooking, decorating, setting up for events, etc.) We can use many different types of talents and gifts, and we would love to use yours to help support our veterans! If you have any questions about volunteer opportunities, please email Ann Stock at abdstock@sbcglobal.net or come to our next meeting and find out how you can help!

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season with family and friends as we wrap up 2024 and look to a great 2025!

Respectfully,

Ann Stock
President
Carmel American Legion Auxiliary

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HVAF (Helping Veterans and Families) and Veterans in Need

(Nov-Dec 2024)

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Thank you for your support and understanding. Any questions about HVAF and this situation, please contact me.

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HVAF Committee Chairman

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Post Manager -

As we approach the end of the year and winter approaching the Smoke Patio windows have been installed. The bartender has a key to the patio heater. Please let the bartender know when the last person has left the patio so they can ensure the heater is turned off for the night. Cooler nights are also perfect for those who enjoy the fire pit outside. Please ensure BOTH side doors are closed to prevent smoke from entering the Post for our members with asthma and other respiratory conditions.

Thanks to all who attended the Halloween Party Friday night! It was a HUGE success, and fun was had by ALL. So many great costumes!!

We are discounting the few remaining T-Shirts for sale in navy and black for \$15 each. Ask the bartender to purchase. Sizes remaining S - M - L - XL

Please welcome Evelyn Brock and Lori Wiles as new bartenders! They are currently training to job share our Tuesday evening shift and fill in as needed.

WINTER SOUP SPECIALS are back: Cup \$4.00 and Bowl \$6.00

Chili will be available everyday plus a second Soup of the Day (Monday thru Saturday)

Mid-November we will start with our revised menu keeping all your favorites and adding a few more selections. Weekly Specials on Wednesday and Friday nights will be a home cooked meal, with Thursday's featuring Adrian's wings, tacos and other similar items. Plus, don't forget the kitchen is open on Saturdays from 1-8pm with a limited menu and Saturday burger specials.

We are OPEN to the PUBLIC for the following:

- During lunch, dinner
- Charity Gaming Days: Thursday – Friday – Saturday

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Post Manager - continued

The back bar has been relocated to improve the flow of the kitchen and provide bar service for guest events. Please use the inside doorway entrance to the bar to access the back rooms.

Several people at the Commander All Post Meeting asked to have the Maintenance items completed shared with all members in the newsletter. Below is the list of items completed this year.

- Sprinkler System repaired and operational throughout the building
- Roof leak in the bar area repaired
- Riding lawnmower repair completed and paid by Rugby
- Pothole repairs completed by a volunteer
- New Kitchen Commercial Refrigerator and Prep station purchased paid by Auxiliary

As you can see there is a lot of activity happening at the Post. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to assist with events, decorations, etc.

Linda Amstutz

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Sons of the American Legion

From the desk of the SAL commander

I want to start off by saying a huge thank to everyone that is supporting the SAL. We could but do any of this without you.

Steak Dinner Recap:

Our first steak dinner of the year was in April and we sold 68 dinners that evening. With the support of volunteers, the post and the public we increased the amount of dinners sold each month. Our last steak dinner of the year was in October and we sold 177 dinners. Absolutely incredible! We are looking forward to our next steak dinner April 5, 2025.

Save the Date:

November 9, 2024

It is our honor to join the Auxiliary in hosting a veteran's day spaghetti dinner for our Post 155 legionaires.

November 16, 2024

The SAL is hosting a chili cook off this day. Details are being finalized and will be available later this week.

November 18, 2024

Last SAL meeting of the year at 7pm. Meetings will resume 2-17-25.

It is the SAL's honor to serve the American Legion Post 155.

Squadron Commander

Rick Kilburn

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Post 155 New Legion Members

New Member	Transfer
Van Renier	Joel Arnold
James Keller	Dennis Baltimore
Ed Reed	

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Community Resource Sheet

Law Enforcement Agency & Fire Departments	Phone Number
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office	317-773-1872
Arcadia Police Department	317-984-5662
Carmel Police Department	317-571-2580
Carmel Fire Department	317-571-2600
Cicero Police Department	317-984-3648
Cicero Fire Department	317-984-4775
Fishers Police Department	317-595-3300
Fishers Fire Department	317-595-3200
Noblesville Police Department	317-776-6340
Noblesville Fire Department	317-776-6336
NobleACT Program	317-770-1420
Sheridan Police Department	317-758-2500
Sheridan Fire Department	317-7584561
Westfield Police Department	317-804-3200
Westfield Fire Department	317-804-3304
EPIC Program (Engaging People In Crisis)	317-379-5459

Emergency Departments	Address	Phone number
Riverview Hospital	395 Westfield Rd	317-773-0760
Riverview Hospital Westfield	17600 Shamrock Blvd	317-214-5555
Community North Hospital	7150 Clearvista Parkway Dr. Indianapolis	317-621-5700
Eskenazi Health	720 Eskenazi Ave. Indianapolis	317-880-0000
St. Vincent (Indianapolis)	8401 Harcourt Rd. Indianapolis	317-872-2210
IU Health North Hospital	11700 N Meridian St	317-688-2000
St. Vincent (Carmel)	13500 N. Meridian St. Carmel	317-582-7000
Riley Children's Hospital	705 Riley Hospital Dr. Indianapolis	317-944-5000
Roudebush VA Center	1481 W 10 th St. Indianapolis	317-554-0000

Crisis Intervention Services	Phone Number
National Crisis Line	988
Aspire Crisis Line	317-574-1252
Community Hospitals Crisis Line	317-621-5700
Suicide Text Line	741741
Veteran Crisis Line	988; then option 1

Community Mental Health Centers & Free Clinics	Phone Number
Aspire Indiana	317-574-1252
Sandra Eskenazi	317-880-8491
Gallahue (Community Hospitals)	317-621-5700
Trinity Free Clinic	317-819-0772
Hope Free Clinic	317-984-3444
Hamilton Co. Health Department	317-776-8500
Hamilton County Express (Public Transportation)	317-773-2688
Shepard Center of Hamilton County (age 55+)	317-674-8777

Domestic Violence	Address	Phone Number
Julian Center	2011 N Meridian St. Indianapolis	317-920-9320
Salvation Army	540 N Alabama St. Indianapolis	317-637-5551
Prevail	1100 S 9 th St. Noblesville	317-776-3472
Alternatives		866-593-9999
Cheris Center (Juv.)	15570 Stony Creek Way, Noblesville	317-773-3275

Homeless/Shelters	Address	Phone Number
Wheeler Mission	520 E market St. Indianapolis	317-687-6795
Good News Mission	2716 E Washington St. Indianapolis	317-638-2862
Queen of Peace (women)	2424 E 10 th St. Indianapolis	317-916-6753
Third Phase	15755 Allisonville Rd. Noblesville	317-773-5100
Family Promise of Hamilton Co.	1051 N 10 th St. Noblesville	317-774-5196
Christian Center	625 Main St. Anderson	765-649-4264
Good Samaritan Network	12933 Parkside Dr. Fishers	317-842-2603
Noblesville Trustee's Office	836 Division St. Noblesville	317-773-0249

In-Patient Detox Centers	Address	Phone Number
Fairbanks	8102 Clearvista Parkway, Indianapolis	317-849-8222
Community North Hospital	7165 Clearvista Way, Indianapolis	317-621-5700 (option 2)
St. Vincent Stress Center	8401 Harcourt Rd. Indianapolis	317-338-4800
Options Behavioral Health	5602 Caito Dr. Indianapolis	317-942-3102
Valle Vista	898 E Main St. Greenwood	1-800-447-1348

Psychiatric In-patient	Address	Phone Number
Community North Behavioral Health Pavilion	7165 Clearvista Way Indianapolis	317-621-5100
St. Vincent Stress Center	8401 Harcourt Rd. Indianapolis	317-338-4600
Eskenazi	720 Eskenazi Ave. Indianapolis	317-880-8485
Roudebush VA Center	1481 W 10 th St. Indianapolis	317-988-2770
Options Behavioral Health Hospital	5602 Caito Dr. Indianapolis	317-891-4051
Sycamore Springs	833 Park East Blvd. Lafayette	765-347-9796

State Agencies	Phone Number
Indiana Legal Services	www.indianalegalservices.org
Department of Child Services (DCS)	800-800-5556
Indiana 211	211
Indiana Dept. Mental Health & Addiction	1-800-662-4357
Indiana Housing Authority	317-621-7200



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November 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 4p Memorial Reception Banquet Rm 7pm Treasure Hunt and 50/50	2 8-12 Breakfast 8-12 Early Bird Breakfast 12-12 Texas Hold'em
3 8-12 Breakfast NO Colts Pitch In	4 6:30pm Auxiliary Meeting	5	6 11am Bible Study 7pm Weekly & 50/50	7 12-12 Texas Hold'em 7pm Euchre 7pm Postal Mtg/Dinner 7pm Legion Meeting	8 7pm Treasure Hunt and 50/50	9 8-12 Breakfast 12-12 Texas Hold'em 5pm Veteran's Dinner
10 8-12 Breakfast 1pm Colts Pitch In 3pm Monthly Drawing	11	12 6pm Coast Guard Mtg	13 11am Bible Study 7pm Weekly & 50/50 6:30 ALR Meeting 7:30 TRIVA	14 12-12 Texas Hold'em 6:30 ALR Mtg 7pm Euchre 7:15pm Booze-Giving Bar Bingo	15 7pm Treasure Hunt and 50/50	16 8-12 Breakfast ROA Meeting upstairs 9-12 HCVOG Mtg & Breakfast 12-12 Texas Hold'em 3-5 pm Chili Cook-Off
17 8-12 Breakfast NO Colts Pitch In	18 7pm SAL Meeting	19	20 11am Bible Study 7pm Weekly & 50/50	21 12-12 Texas Hold'em 7pm Euchre 7:15 Bar Bingo	22 7pm Treasure Hunt and 50/50	23 8-12 Breakfast 7-3 Private Event 12-12 Texas Hold'em 4-9 Private Event
24 8-12 Breakfast 1pm Colts Pitch In 5pm Private Event	25	26	27 11am Bible Study 7pm Weekly & 50/50	28 CLOSED Thanksgiving Day	29 7pm Treasure Hunt and 50/50	30 8-12 Breakfast 12-12 Texas Hold'em 4-6pm Friends-giving Pitch-In 6pm Roast for JR Gooch

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December 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<p>1</p> <p>8-12 Breakfast</p> <p>1pm Colts Pitch In</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30 – 7:30 Woodland Christmas Club</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11am Bible Study</p> <p>7pm Weekly & 50/50</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12-12 Texas Hold'em</p> <p>7pm Euchre</p> <p>7pm Postal Group Mtg/Dinner</p> <p>7pm Legion Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7pm Treasure Hunt and 50/50</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8-12 Breakfast</p> <p>12-12 Texas Hold'em</p> <p>1-5pm Private Event</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8-12 Breakfast</p> <p>3pm Monthly Drawing</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6pm Coast Guard Mtg</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11am Bible Study</p> <p>7pm Weekly & 50/50</p> <p>7:30 Trivia</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12-12 Texas Hold'em</p> <p>7pm Euchre</p> <p>7:15 Holiday Boozy Spirit Bar Bingo</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7pm Treasure Hunt and 50/50</p> <p>7:30 Partner's Euchre</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8-12 Breakfast</p> <p>7am-3pm Woodland Christmas Club</p> <p>12-12 Texas Hold'em</p> <p>8-11pm Heartland Crossing Band</p>
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<p>22</p> <p>8-12 Breakfast</p> <p>1pm Colts Pitch In</p> <p>3-7pm Private Event</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p>Christmas Day</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12-12 Texas Hold'em</p> <p>7pm Euchre</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7pm Treasure Hunt and 50/50</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8-12 Breakfast</p> <p>12-12 Texas Hold'em</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8-12 Breakfast</p> <p>TBD Colts Pitch In</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 NYE Party 8-12:30pm</p> <p>Live Music</p>				

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FROM HVAF:

On [October 26](#), at around 9:30 P.M., there was a significant fire at HVAF of Indiana's Manchester Apartments — located at 960 Pennsylvania Street in downtown Indianapolis.

This facility serves as a transitional housing property for 48 homeless veterans. The damage was catastrophic, and we are unsure of the cause at this time. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD) are currently investigating the fire, please direct all fire-related questions to them.

We are thankful for IFD promptly arriving on the scene to work to put out the fire and for IndyGo for providing busses for providing transportation for displaced veterans.

All veterans have been relocated to local hotel rooms and we are coordinating with partners to provide appropriate support.

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If you would like to support HVAF during this time, please make a tax-deductible donation here:

[DONATE](#)

You can also purchase items on our Amazon Wish List that we will provide to the displaced veterans, which can be accessed here:

[AMAZON WISH LIST](#)

For veterans struggling to return to self-sufficiency, the loss [last night](#) is unimaginable. We appreciate the support of our community as we work to rebuild and recover.

THANK YOU for supporting HVAF and our Hoosier Heroes during this difficult time.