

## Carmel American Legion Post 155

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# Commander's Corner



Hi,

My name is Kim Kilburn, and I am the new Commander at Carmel American Legion Post 155. I am very happy to be a part of this Post, I have met a lot of wonderful people during my time as a member. I am originally from Muncie Indiana, and moved here in 2009. My greatest desire is to help our local veterans and military families in the area. We started breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays from 8-12, we have Texas Hold Em on Thursdays 12pm to 12am. We have Treasure Hunt every Friday night at 7:00 pm. Weekly drawing every Wednesday night at 7:00, monthly drawings are on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 3:00. We presently have a raffle going on for a Cuisinart 3 in 1 pizza oven plus, flat griddle and grilling grate retail value is \$200.00, tickets are \$5.00 each. The winner will be announced at the monthly drawing on July 14th! Our post is presently partnering with Budweiser's Folds of Honor, a military organization rooted in supporting Military Families, stop in for more details.

Hope to see you all soon!

Best Regards,

Commander Kim

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# Adjutant Corner



Well, the 2023/24 membership drive will conclude on July 1, 2024. We will begin a new Legion year trying to retain and recruit new Post members. We have not received our goal yet, but that should be coming within the next few weeks. You might have heard the Legion Dues has increased this year. The 2024/25 Legion Dues will be \$50.

Our goal for the 2023/24 Legion year was to achieve 459 members. I can tell you, our Commander Rick Curtis, and numerous others (Rock, Greg, Linda, Judy) and a host of others were able to recruit new members and convinced many others to transfer into our Post. We will be ending the year with 478 Post 155 members. If you do the math that means for time first time in several years, we overachieved our goal. Our percentage was 104% for the year. Congratulations to our Post.

Speaking of membership, I did a little number crunching to understand the demographics of our Post. Currently, we have (I did not include blanks or other):

- 7 - WWII members,
- 34 - Korean war,
- 253 - Vietnam,
- 132 - Panama, Gulf, War on Terror veterans.

As far as number of years with the Legion we have

- 16 - over 50 years,
- 59 - 1<sup>st</sup> year members,
- 177 - 2-10 year,
- 96 - 11-20 years,
- 124 - 21 - 48 years.

In 2023 we had 54 Legionnaires transfer into our Post. A number we must focus on and reduce is the number of members who did not renew. This year we had 61 members who let their membership expire. If you talk to any past member and find out why they let their membership expire, please ask them why and inform our Commander Kim Kilburn, myself or any of the other officers at our Post.

Sincerely,

David Leonard

**JOIN US FOR TREASURE HUNT FRIDAYS!**

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

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# Auxiliary

Happy Summer! I cannot believe it is 4th of July time already!

In June, the Legion had a great ceremony in which all of the new officers were installed. There were also two beautiful memorial services: one in memory of the members that we have lost in the past year, and the second honored fallen soldiers with the Chapel of the Four Chaplains ceremony. Thank you to all who helped with this beautiful night. Also, I want to say a big thank you to all of the ladies who served in an officer position last year, and especially to outgoing President Karen Todd who served selflessly for the past 7 years. We are so grateful for all of your time and effort in these positions. We also welcome the new officers, and the many new or returning members who attended our June meeting! We were so thankful for such a good turn out and hope to see even more at the next meeting! Please come on out and see how you can be a part of using your time and talents to serve our deserving veterans!

The Auxiliary takes it slow during the summer months with no planned meetings until September. However, there are still lots of activities to help with: donating and selling desserts for the SAL dinners, selling tickets for Treasure Hunt on Friday nights (must be on license) and donating snacks for euchre on the 2nd Friday of the month. Other activities may arise, and emails will be sent out for needed volunteers--so please keep an eye out for those emails. If you have any questions about volunteer opportunities, please email Ann Stock at [abbdstock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:abbdstock@sbcglobal.net)

As you may remember, we helped sponsor 25 local girls to attend Hoosier Girls State this year. This is a great experience for the girls to spend a week learning about how the government works, including their own elections. Stay tuned for future updates for exciting news in regard to honors and positions these girls are earning! Thanks again to all of those who contributed your support that allows our future leaders to gain experience!

I hope you are able to enjoy some slower times this summer, spending treasured time with family and friends (and maybe even some lemonade and ice cream!). As we celebrate our Independence Day this month, I hope we all remember and honor those who have sacrificed much, giving us all the opportunity to celebrate as we choose. "We may not know them all, but we owe them all".

Respectfully,

Ann Stock  
President  
Carmel American Legion Auxiliary

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# HVAF (Helping Veterans and Families)

The Indy GTO Association Car Club had their annual Car Show June 8 and, as always, the participants were very generous with their donations. We had many monetary donations as well as non-perishable food and personal hygiene items. Thank you GTO guys/gals, participants and attendees. Your generosity is so much appreciated.

I ran across an article about donating to the homeless and families in need. I have been donating and doing HVAF for a long time and, sorry to say, I had not thought of some of these things. I thought I might share this info to keep in mind when donating:

- Everyone donates box Kraft Mac and Cheese. This can't be used because it needs milk and butter which they rarely have.
- They rarely get milk but can use powdered milk or non-dairy almond or oat milk.
- When buying canned goods, remember they frequently don't have can openers. Pop tops work best.
- Vegetable oil, flour and sugar are a luxury
- Condiments, salt, pepper and spices are always in short supply and a real treat.
- Tea bags and coffee makes their day.
- Tuna Helper works better than Hamburger Helper since they rarely have beef.
- Pancake mix with "add water" is also a treat.
- Feminine hygiene products are a luxury.
- Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.
- Dishwashing and laundry detergent are always in short supply.

These are just a few of the things that were brought to my attention. Keep in mind they can always use can openers.

*Always in great need* are non-perishable food items (current needs condiments, sugar, coffee, snack crackers, chili, instant potatoes), personal hygiene items (especially denture care, hair brushes, body soap/wash, deodorant), and new underwear. And, *as always*, they need new ,socks, socks, socks! If you can't shop and drop items at the Post, here is the HVAF Amazon Wish List link for direct shipment: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/YRAYRQM7OTYQ?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/YRAYRQM7OTYQ?ref=wl_share) And if you don't have time to shop for the above items, we always take monetary donations. If you write a check, mark it for HVAF, and mail to the Post (852 W. Main, Carmel, 46032) to my attention.

If you know of **any** Veteran or Veteran family that needs assistance, please contact me. As always, we are grateful for all your donations. Our Veterans and the Auxiliary truly appreciate your help and support.

Judy Holmes  
HVAF Committee Chairman

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# Post Manager -

Summer is in full swing, longer days, fun times on the patio, ALR Cookouts, SAL Steak Dinners and other events. Breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays continue to be a hit with steady crowds! If you haven't joined us for breakfast yet, plan a date on your calendar to come in and meet Robin, Susie and Carrie with Adrian in the kitchen making your favorite eggs or biscuits & sausage gravy!

At the June 27th, Legionnaire's Meeting, a .25 cent price increase to all beer and liquor beverages was approved. This will go into effect on Monday, July 15th.

Also, beginning August 3rd, the Post will be adding a second Texas Hold'em on Saturdays from 12noon to Midnight. Along with this addition, we will be extending the post hours and adding food on Saturday afternoon/evening from 1pm to 8pm.

### \*New August 1st New Post & Bar Hours\*

Monday & Tuesday: 3pm to 10pm

Wednesday: 10am to 10pm

Thursday: 10am to 12am

Friday: 10am to 11pm

Saturday: 8am to 12am

Sunday: 8am to 8pm

Restaurant Hours

(Public Welcome)

### Breakfast

Saturday & Sunday: 8am to 12noon

### Lunch

Wednesday thru Friday: 11am to 2pm

### Dinner

Tuesday thru Friday: 5pm to 8pm

\*New Saturday Lunch & Dinner Hours

1pm – 8pm

Lastly, we are partnering with Budweiser in the "Folds of Honor" program. All Budweiser purchases support our veterans. There are posters around the bar with QR codes to learn more information. You'll also notice our new buckets that promote the Folds of Honor.

Linda Amstutz

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# Sons of the American Legion

## News from the SAL

We would first like to say thank you all for all of the support in June! The SAL had a great month with the help from all of you. The steak dinner and the meat raffle were a big success.

Unfortunately there will not be a steak dinner in the month of July due to the holiday weekend. We will resume the SAL steak dinner on August 3rd. The following steak dinners will be on September 7 and October 5.

We will hold another meat raffle the week of July 15 or shortly there after. We are also planning an additional meat raffle targeted for the last week of August. More information to come on those raffles.

It is my honor to serve American Legion Post 155.

Sincerely,  
Rick Kilburn

## SAL Membership News

Now that 2024-2025 Officer Installations are official, The American Legion also begins its 2025 membership drive. Your membership actually expires on Dec. 31 of the paid year on your card. However, each year National starts accepting dues for the upcoming year on July 1. The goal is to have everyone renewed by Jan 1.

Renew your membership by September 30 to get your early bird stamp good for a free breakfast. Watch upcoming newsletter calendars for the Early Bird Breakfast date and time.

Due to an increase in Detachment of Indiana per capita charges 2025 SAL member dues will be increasing to \$35.00.

Your continued membership is critical to help support our Squadron and Carmel American Legion Post 155.

Sincerely,  
Don Merrick  
SAL Adjutant

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# July 2024



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