

Carmel American Legion Post 155

852 West Main St
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Commander's Corner



Hello all at The Carmel American Legion Post 155!. What an amazing couple of months it has been. We have had some pretty amazing events at the post recently: (Fish Fry, Charlies Chicken, SAL Steak Dinner, Eclipse Party, Bar Bingo and Thursday Night Texas Hold 'Em). We also getting ready to close our membership books. Our 2024 goal was 459 members our current number is 451 members for a 98% of goal. We have a few more days so hopefully we can get 8 more members.

All these events have helped our Post get back on our feet again from an attendance & financial standpoint. We are by no means out of the woods. Financially we are better off than six or so months ago. We have gone from wondering how we were going to pay bills, to having positive cash flow and some money in the bank. However, must not, let our guard down. We need to continue supporting the Post as a whole, whether it be through your patronage or stepping up and volunteering at events. All events would not have been successful without the support of the many volunteers. Thank you to the many people who stepped up and helped with these events. Please keep an eye out in your email, NextDoor, Facebook and the Post website for future upcoming events.

I am pleased to announce that beginning on Saturday, May 4th, we will begin serving breakfast at the Post. It will be served EVERY Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. I would like to personally invite all of you to attend.

As always, I would like to give another shout out to the Carmel Rugby Club, White River Rugby Club and the Dead Fish Society for their continued support and volunteerism of our Post. When you see a member of one of these entities in our Post, please take a moment to let them know how much they do is greatly appreciated. These "clubs" do an awful lot of things that may not always be noticed. Their time and efforts need to be appreciated by all of us.

As far as the potential sale of some of our property and the building of a brand-new state of the art Post is concerned, we are forever inching closer to finding a potential buyer and suitor. Negotiations are on-going and as we get closer to choosing a potential buyer, there will most certainly be more updates to follow. With that said, because of your support and patronage over the last several months and the fact that financially we are in a little better shape, we no longer need to rush. We can now take our time and choose the best buyer and suitor with the capability of choosing who our neighbors will be.

As you all should be aware of, the first round of nominations for all Post elected positions starts in April. This includes Legionnaires, the SAL and the Auxiliary. The second and final round of nominations will be held during the meetings in May. If you wish to nominate someone for any position, it must be done at your group's monthly meeting. All post elections will be held on Saturday May 18th, with installation of officers on Thursday June 6th.

And finally.... I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for giving me the opportunity to serve you all during my two-year tenure. As many of you know, I will not be seeking re-election. Although it has been very challenging, it has also been extremely rewarding. My tenure as your Commander has afforded many challenges and accomplishments as well as the many friendships that have been forged. I certainly hope that whoever my ultimate replacement is will be given the same respect and chance that all of you afforded me.

Thank you to all of you!

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Adjutant Corner



If you haven't already noticed our Post has been very busy since the first of the year. Many thanks to Greg Watson for managing a very successful Fish Fry. Not only did we surpass last year's figures we were able to track the thousands of views we received on NextDoor. More of our community is starting to see what we bring to Carmel and Hamilton County.

Not only does April showers bring May flowers, it also ushers in the beginning of the SAL Steak Night and Charlies Chicken. The proceeds of these events help our Post fund veteran sponsored activities like Boys and Girl State. Keep an eye open on the the calendar for these events. We are seeing an increase in the number of high school students applying for Boys and Girl State. Due to the number of applicates we received, Bill Curry who coordinates this event for the 6th District had to locate other Posts to help sponsor these candidates. Bruce just confirmed every boy has been sponsored.

We have also begun the process of identifying who will be our next set of Legion officers for this coming year. The second round of nominations will conclude on May 2 during our Thursday Legion meeting. Please keep an eye open for additional information on voting. In the coming month you will be hearing about a new program Post 155 will be sponsoring. We will be establishing a Post 155 Endowment fund. Once the fund is established and funded, we will be able to financially support various Veteran programs in Hamilton County without pulling funds from our operating budget.

If you have not attended our monthly Legion meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm, please mark your calendar and plan to attend. You will find how our Post addresses various topics each month, from funding new projects, addressing unplanned expenses, volunteer opportunities and problems the Post is facing. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, consider volunteering for our Post's Honor Guard. If you would like more information on the Honor Guard please let me know and I will hook you up.

Sincerely,

David Leonard,

Adjutant (dleonard@post155.org)

JOIN US FOR TREASURE HUNT FRIDAYS!

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

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Auxillary

Welcome to spring!

The auxiliary will have final officer nominations and election of officers at our May meeting on Monday, May 13th, at 6:30 pm. We encourage all to come and vote. Please remember you will need to show your current membership card to vote.

On Thursday, June 6th, at 7pm all of the legion entities will have installation of officers. In addition to installation of officers, we will have two memorial services. The first will honor members that we have lost in the past year. The second honors fallen soldiers with the Chapel of the Four Chaplains ceremony.

The poppy letters have recently been sent. We use the money received from this fundraiser to help veterans with their needs. If you know of a veteran who could use some extra support please let us know.

This year the auxiliary is helping to send 25 girls to Girls State. We could not be doing this without the generous donations from all of you. This is a great opportunity for these girls to learn about our government and each year we receive many comments on the great experience.

The summer brings many outdoor activities. The SAL will again have their steak dinners on the first Saturday of the month with the exception of July. The Riders will begin their cookouts on the 4th Thursday of the month. These are great opportunities to meet other members associated with the legion.

Some volunteer opportunities that the auxiliary has are selling tickets for Treasure Hunt on Friday nights (must be on license), donating or selling desserts at the SAL steak dinners, or donating snacks for euchre on the 2nd Friday of the month.

Please remember to pay your dues if you have not done so. They were due January 1st and are \$30. Next year unfortunately we will have to raise them to \$40

Please remember everyone who has or is serving in our military. Please pray that they will be kept safe.

Karen Todd

President

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HVAF

(Helping Veterans and Families)

and

VETERANS IN NEED

Clothing is not in great need at this time. Non-perishable food, personal hygiene items, and new underwear are in great need. As always, they need new ,socks, socks, socks! If you can't shop and drop items at the Post HVAF has an Amazon Wish List. Just copy the link below and paste it in your favorite browser:

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, send it to my attention and send it to the Post (Carmel American Legion Post 155, 852 West Main, Carmel, 46032).

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 American Legion Post #155

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Just a reminder, the Auxiliary sponsors Partners Euchre the second Friday of the month. We start playing at 7:30. I want to say a huge thank you to all the players that brought "treats" for our holiday pitch in. There were many tasty treats! Also, thank you to Lorelee Jernas who doesn't play, but has donated snacks the last two months. They have been very well received!!!

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Post Manager

Spring is all about new beginnings and transformations; it's a season that symbolizes starting fresh and starting over. After months of cold temperatures that often result in many of us feeling the winter blues, spring reawakens us and our surrounding environment, bringing everything back to life. If you have been at the Post recently, you've seen the same excitement and engagement of members at the Solar Eclipse, SAL Steak Dinner, Bar Bingo, and other activities.

In short, the energy and love of the Post is alive and evident! I've witnessed many of you greet new guests during our public events, which has resulted in an increase in the membership of our Post family! I invite all of you to continue to support the Post with this enthusiasm!

The Kitchen is Open again for dinner on Tuesday nights! Starting, May 4th, we are expanding our Post hours and kitchen services to offer Breakfast 8am to noon, every Saturday and Sunday mornings. Please reference the calendars for all of the Post activities and events.

New Post & Bar Hours

Monday & Tuesday: 3pm to 10pm
Wednesday & Thursday: 10am to 10pm
Friday: 10am to 11pm
Saturday: 8am to 11pm
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

I am excited to announce our new Post staff. Join me in welcoming Adrian to the kitchen team, Robin & Carrie as new bartenders! I'm also very proud and grateful for the work of our current staff, bartenders Miriah, Emily, Cindy, Linda, Darlene and in the kitchen, Evelyn & Lyn!!

In closing, all these activities are only possible with your support, including volunteering. Every little bit helps us to succeed. Currently accepting donations for Bar Bingo prizes and help with serving food when the kitchen gets busy, typically on Thursday & Friday nights.

Linda Amstutz

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Sons of the American Legion

To my fellow SAL and American Legion members,

First off, I want to thank everyone who came out to the April Steak Dinner. I wish to say thank you for coming out and supporting our amazing post community! Also, to my fellow SAL members who came out to help with this effort. I was told that it was a good night, and a couple rounds of 50/50 drawings!! I also would like to thank Maddie Lawson for coming and singing her heart out and Rick Kilburn's nephews for manning the grill as well as Emily and Darlene for running the bar. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!! I hope May's dinner has the same out come if not a better one!!

There are some events coming up that will hopefully entice you to come out and lend some support. So keep an eye out on the post's Facebook page.

This year's parade float will be a bit different, many people have come up with some different ideas. It's just a matter of making it all work out. Also, this might be the first time we've had people wanting to help sponsor us with the project! I will keep you posted on the outcome. However, we still need volunteers to help out with getting supplies (candy, water, and etc.) and participation with the parade. I also wish to encourage people to come and join us for the fun and camaraderie that comes along with a fun filled celebration! We will need volunteers to help pass out candy, and some members to help keep others hydrated during the event.

They say it takes a village to raise a child.. and if that's the case, then.. it must take a battalion to pull off one of the best Independence Day celebrations!! So stay tuned for more information on that front.

Thanks!!,

Charles (Chuck) Krise

SAL CommanderSAL Commander

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If you haven't noticed the Post is looking pretty spiffy! We asked for help for the Post Grounds' Spring clean up/spruce up. Our Master Gardner Nancy Mason along with Joe and Linda Hunter-Lattak and I worked diligently digging, pulling weeds, trimming, mulching, and planting to give it a fresh clean look. Next clean up call will, most probably, be on the weekend. Us OG's need to train and pass this work on to the younger members. If you see Joe, Linda or Nancy I'm sure they would appreciate a thank you.

Sincerely,

Judy Holmes

New Members to Post 155

New Members - 2024	Transfer Members - 2024
Bradly Frantz John Venable	Joseph Maiolo John Faulkinbury Gary Jones David Mann Stephen Moriarty Jonathan Palmer James Spille Athanasios Genos Greg Hiatt

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May 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 11am -1pm Bible Study 7pm Weekly Drawing	2 12n-12mid Texas Hold'em 7pm Legion Meeting 7pm Postal Meeting	3 7pm Treasure Hunt	4 8-12 Breakfast 2:30pm Kentucky Derby Festivities Race @ 6:57pm 6-8pm SAL Steak Dinner Live Music
5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i> 8-12 Breakfast	6	7 7pm Euchre	8 11am-1pm Bible Study 7pm Weekly Drawing 7pm ALR Meeting	9 12n-12mid Texas Hold'em 7:15pm Bar Bingo	10 7pm Treasure Hunt	11 8-12 Breakfast
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8-12 Breakfast Mother's Day Special 3pm Monthly Drawing	13 6:30pm Auxiliary Meeting Final officer nominations & voting of officers. *Bring Membership Card	14 7pm Euchre	15 11am-1pm Bible Study 7pm Weekly Drawing	16 12n-12mid Texas Hold'em	17 7pm Treasure Hunt 7:30pm Partner's Euchre	18 <i>Armed Forces Day</i> 8-12 Breakfast
19 8-12 Breakfast	20 7pm SAL Meeting	21 7pm Euchre	22 11am-1pm Bible Study 7pm Weekly Drawing	23 12n-12mid Texas Hold'em 6-7:30 pm ALR Cookout	24 7pm Treasure Hunt	25 8-12 Breakfast
26 8-12 Breakfast 12 Indy 500 Party	27 <i>Memorial Day</i>	28 7pm Euchre	29 11am-1pm Bible Study 7pm Weekly Drawing	30 12n-12mid Texas Hold'em 7:15pm Bar Bingo	31 7pm Treasure Hunt	

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Hamburgers and Pulled Pork

Sponsored and Prepared by Legion Riders

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*****EVERYONE WELCOME*****

Come join us.....On the Patio

Thursday, May 23, 2024

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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Hamburger

or

Pulled Pork Sandwich

And

2 Sides

