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The American Legion Preamble to the Constitution

“For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes; To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a 100 percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.”

Post 77 August Meetings

August 8th: General Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm

August 10th: Sons of the American Legion Squadron 77 Meeting

August 22nd: American Legion Riders Chapter 77 Meeting @ 7:00pm

August 24th: Marine Corps League Meeting

2025 ELECTED AND APPOINTED POST OFFICERS

American Legion Post 77 held a ceremony for the installment of the elected and appointed 2025 officers on July 11th, 2024. The following members were installed into office:

Commander: Terry Banks

First Vice Commander: Ashton Cody

Second Vice Commander: Walt Lunsford

Third Vice Commander: Bob Buchanan

Parliamentarian: Shuford Edmisten

Finance Officer: George Miller

Chaplain: Larry Crowe

Sergeant at Arms: Joe Stancar

Service Officer: Bob Scruggs

Historian: Open Office



Commander Terry Banks



Past Commander Morris Dale and Terry Banks



First Vice Commander Ashton Cody



Second Vice Commander Walt Lunsford



Service Officer Bob Scruggs



Chaplain Larry Crowe



Finance Officer George Miller



Parliamentarian Shuford Edmisten and Terry Banks



Commander's Corner

Terry Banks was installed as Post 77 Commander on July 11th, 2024.

Commander Banks is "Grateful to all who volunteered to assist with the Golf Tournament."

Service Officer Announcement

Service Officer Bob Scruggs informs the Post that Post Service Officers must adhere to pertinent federal laws and VA regulations, without infringing on regulations applicable to VA-Accredited Representatives. A Post Service Officer is to assist veterans or families in obtaining VA benefits and forward their information to Department Service Officers or County Veteran Service Officers representing the American Legion. Service Officers, unless licensed and accredited by the VA, cannot do actual claims paperwork. Henderson County has two Service Officers at the new Hedrick Rhodes Service Center, open five days a week. Two Service Officers are located on 4 South at the Charles George VAMC in Asheville from Tuesday through Thursday, 8:00am-1:30pm on a first come, first serve operation.





Canteen Manager Amanda Cooper

POST 77 CANTEEN EVENTS

August 9th: Karaoke with Elite Entertainment

August 10th: Republican Buffet Upstairs Hall @ 9:00am

August 10th: Shaggers Upstairs Hall

August 14th: Bingo Upstairs Hall

August 15th: Free Veterans Breakfast

August 16th: Karaoke with Wanda Werks

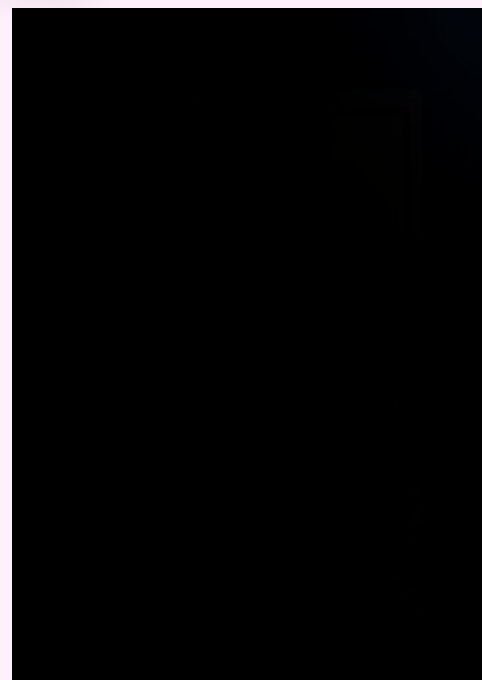
August 21st: Bingo Upstairs Hall

August 23rd: Karaoke with Elite Entertainment

August 28th: Bingo Upstairs Hall

August 30th: Karaoke with Wanda Werks

August 31st: Barn Yard Bingo in Canteen

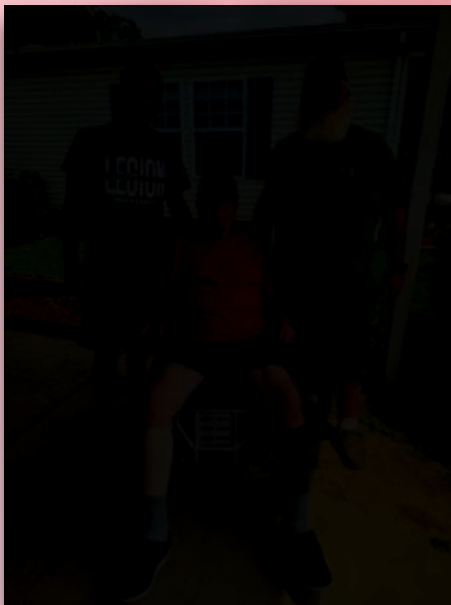




Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of the American Legion

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of all wars, associate ourselves together as "Sons of The American Legion" for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order, to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism; to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy, to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which the



Sons of the American Legion Squadron 77 Commander, Brian White, and First Vice Commander, Larry Barnwell, present a wheelchair donation to U.S. Air Force Veteran Charles Angel.



Brian White (far left) was installed as Detachment Commander at the American Legion Department Convention in June. Larry Barnwell was appointed as Detachment Adjutant.

Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the the memories and incidents of our association in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion; to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



President Willa White



Vice President Wendy Edmisten



Treasurer Martha Whitaker



Unit 77 Auxiliary gather at Legion College in August. (From Left) Martha Whitaker, Beth Whitaker, Christa Mason, Willa White, Alexia Kinsey, Tina McManus, and Terry Jacobs.



Sergeant at Arms Jane Phillips



Historian Kathy Stancar



Auxiliary Unit 77 leaders and members unite for their Memorial Day Luminaries Ceremony.

Explanation of AI Technology and Its Significance

AI Assisted Article

What is AI Technology?

- **Definition:** AI (Artificial Intelligence) refers to the simulation of human intelligence in machines that are programmed to think and learn like humans.
- **Types of AI:**
 - **Narrow AI:** Specialized in one task (e.g., virtual assistants like Siri).
 - **General AI:** Possesses the ability to perform any intellectual task that a human can (still theoretical).
 - **Super-intelligent AI:** Surpasses human intelligence (future concept).
- **Core Components:**
 - **Machine Learning (ML):** Algorithms that allow machines to learn from data.
 - **Natural Language Processing (NLP):** Enables machines to understand and respond to human language.
 - **Computer Vision:** Allows machines to interpret and understand visual information from the world.

Canteen Weekly Lunch Specials:

Monday: **Meatloaf**

Tuesday: **Tacos and Such**

Wednesday: **Beef Tips w/ Rice**

8x Wings \$10- all day

Thursday: **Asian Ribs**

Friday: **Catfish Plate**

2x piece Chicken Plate

Follow our new Facebook Page for
Dinner Specials!



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ignificance of AI

- **Economic Impact:**
 - **Increased Efficiency:** Automating tasks to improve productivity.
 - **Cost Reduction:** Reducing operational costs in various industries.
 - **Innovation:** Driving new products and services.
- **Enhancing Human Capabilities:**
 - **Decision Support:** Providing insights and analytics for better decision-making.
 - **Healthcare Improvements:** Advancing diagnostics, treatment, and patient care.
 - **Education Enhancement:** Personalizing learning experiences.
- **Global Competitiveness:**
 - **Strategic Advantage:** Maintaining a competitive edge in the global market.
 - **National Security:** Strengthening defense and cybersecurity measures.
- **Societal Benefits:**
 - **Improved Quality of Life:** Enhancing daily life through smart technologies.
 - **Accessibility:** Providing solutions for people with disabilities.
 - **Sustainability:** Aiding in environmental monitoring and resource management.

Artificial Intelligence

(AI) is increasingly becoming a cornerstone of the U.S. military's strategy, revolutionizing how the armed forces operate and enhancing national security.



American Legion Riders Preamble to the Constitution

For God and Country, we associate ourselves as members of the American Legion Family, constituting the American Legion Riders for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a 100 percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to participate in parades and other ceremonies which are in keeping with the aims and purposes of The American Legion; to promote motorcycle safety education programs and to provide a social atmosphere for the American Legion Family members with the same motorcycle interest; to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



Director Larry Barnwell and Road Captain Ricky Phillips travel to Robbinsville, NC to assist in a flag retirement

The American Legion Riders Chapter 77 2025 Officer Lineup

Director: Larry Barnwell

Assistant Director: Ashton Cody

Treasurer: Pam Hogan

Membership: Amanda Cooper

Sergeant at Arms: Herbie Cooper

Road Captain: Ricky Phillips

Are you interested in joining the American Legion Riders Chapter 77? Contact Larry Barnwell:

lbarnwell190@gmail.com

Legion College Raleigh NC 2024

About Department NC Legion College

The American Legion Department College enhances knowledge and appreciation of The American Legion, and teaches the core values and contributions of the organization, its Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and many subordinate programs. Legion College is designed for new members, as well as, those with decades of experiences! Seminars, forums, fellowship, and fun.

History Made

Women's Veteran Forum historic for NC Legion College. Speakers presented data and needs of the fastest growing population of VA enrollment (Women Veterans).

Safety Tips:

*From our friends over at the
Fire House*

- Keep your grill clean to prevent grease fires.
- Use long-handled utensils to keep your hands away from the heat.
- Make sure the grill is in a safe and stable location, away from buildings, trees, and other flammable objects.
- Keep a fire extinguisher or a bucket of sand nearby in case of emergency.
- Never leave a lit grill unattended.
- Use the correct fuel for your grill (e.g. propane for a gas grill, charcoal for a charcoal grill).
- Wear protective gear such as grilling gloves and aprons.
- Use a meat thermometer to ensure that meat is cooked to a safe internal temperature.
- Allow grill to cool completely before covering or storing.

Personal Testimonies from audience members naturally consumed the forum agenda: stories of pain, difficulty from military service and past negative Legion experiences, turned to many powerful and motivating testimonies to a diverse crowded room. The forum ending with positive focus on unity as legion family and increasing district and division women Veteran events.

Noteworthy Seminars from Legion College 24'

Legislative: Speaker presented slide-show and gave testimony attending Veterans on Capitol Hill and NC General Assembly, Legislative goals, and members from audience offered input and questions.

Service Officer: Dept Service Officer spoke on the American Legion Accredited service Officers, changes for Post helping Veterans, and answered generalized benefits questions from audience.

1st Time: Adjutant, Commander, Sergeant of Arms

Legion College Banquet Dinner: Sold Out Event

With live DJ Music, it's no surprise for the sold out event. A great night of food, fun, and Legion fellowship! @Hilton North Hills

Legion World Series: Aug 15-20th

Watch Party @Canteen

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Post 77
Canteen
Hendersonville, NC

Open Daily!



Henderson County Honor Guard 2025 Officers:

Commander:

Vice Commander:

Secretary: Ashton Cody

Treasurer: Teresa Davis

Funeral Coordinator: Glenn Richardson

Communications Officer: Daniel Greene

Quartermaster: Jann Drake

Armorer: Rich Baker

Historian: Barbara Terc

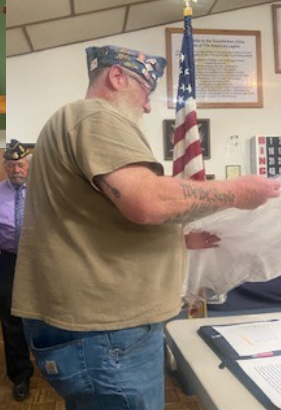
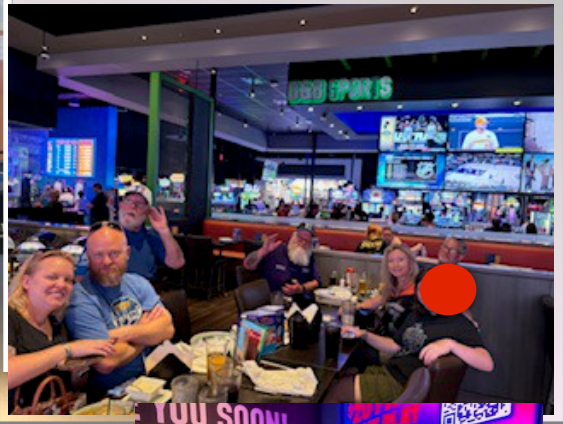
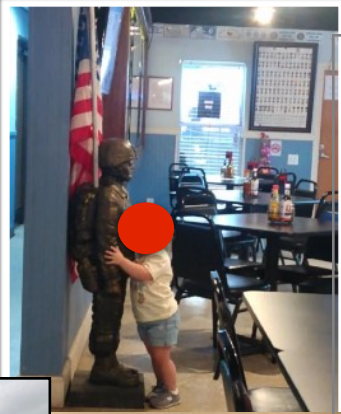


Members of the Henderson County Honor Guard lead the Fourth of July parade on Main Street in Hendersonville, North Carolina.



(From Left) John Goheen, Ashton Cody, Joe Stancar, John Mihalik, Daniel Greene, and Clay Haskins gather at the new VFW building for a presentation of colors at their opening ceremony.

Are you interested in joining the Henderson County Honor Guard? Contact Glenn Richardson at ncgrandpa@bellsouth.net or any other Officer of the Honor Guard.



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