

June:

Celebrating **Flag Day** with Pride and Patriotism

On June 14, we proudly celebrate Flag Day, a day dedicated to honoring the Stars and Stripes, a symbol of our nation's freedom, unity, and sacrifice. For American Legion Post 77, Flag Day is not just a commemoration but a vibrant reflection of our commitment to the Americanism pillar, a cornerstone of our organization's mission. This article explores the significance of Flag Day, basic U.S. flag etiquette, the American Legion's storied history in defending the flag, and how our dedication to Americanism shines brightly on this special day.

Honoring D-Day and Its Heroes

D-Day: A Turning Point in History

On June 6, 1944, the Allied forces launched Operation Overlord, the largest amphibious invasion in military history, on the beaches of Normandy, France. Known as D-Day, this pivotal event marked the beginning of the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control during World War II. Over 156,000 American, British, Canadian, and other Allied troops stormed five beaches—Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword—facing intense German resistance. The bravery and sacrifice of these soldiers turned the tide of the war, paving the way for victory in Europe. By the end of August 1944, the Allies had liberated Paris, but the cost was steep: approximately 10,000 Allied casualties on D-Day alone, with over 4,000 confirmed deaths.

PROUD FEMALE VETERAN

HONORING COURAGE AND SERVICE: CELEBRATING WOMEN VETERANS

On June 12th each year, we come together to celebrate Women Veterans Day, a special occasion dedicated to recognizing the invaluable contributions of women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. This day marks the anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, signed into law by President Harry S. Truman on June 12, 1948, which granted women the right to serve as permanent, regular members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force. As we commemorate the 77th anniversary in 2025, we reflect on the courage, resilience, and trailblazing spirit of the nearly two million women veterans across the nation.

ALA Unit 77

Poppies Bracelets \$5



Henderson County, NC AMERICAN LEGION POST 77 HONOR GUARD

Color presentation for Blackledge Honor Flight's return from D.C.

Crowd size reported by WLOS: 350 Welcomed Veterans back at the Asheville Regional Airport
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NEWS SUMMARY

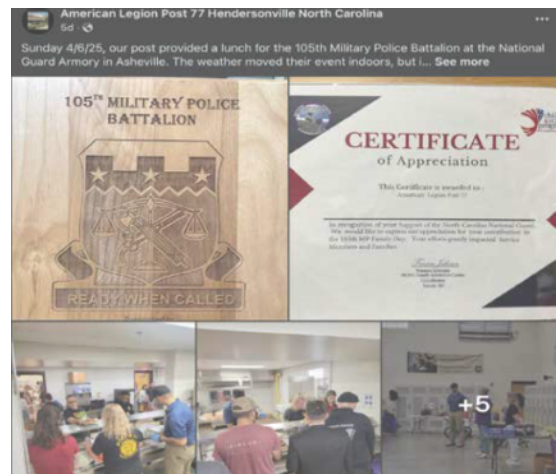


Legion Post 77 Recap of 2024-2025

Mar, Apr, May, Jun

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The Flood of 2024 Resilience of District 24



March:

Rosie The Riveter

Rosie the Riveter: Symbol of Women's Strength and Industrial Might

In the annals of American history, few icons are as enduring or emblematic of a transformative era as Rosie the Riveter. Born from the necessity of World War II, Rosie became not just a figure but a symbol of women's capability, resilience, and the shift in gender roles during a time of global upheaval.

Flag Donations



American Legion Post 77 replaces flags of local schools damaged by the hurricane.

Military Working Dogs

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Military Working Dogs: The Unsung Heroes of the U.S. Armed Forces

In the vast and complex operations of the U.S. Armed Forces, a group of silent but vital warriors often goes unnoticed by the general public: the military working dogs (MWDs). These four-legged heroes have been serving alongside American troops for centuries, with their official recognition dating back to World War II. Today, they are crucial to the success and safety of military missions around the globe.

April:

Resilience and Sacrifice:
Gold Star Spouses Day 2025

As spring approaches, we turn our attention to a day of profound significance for our Legion Family: Gold Star Spouses Day, observed annually on April 5. This day is a solemn tribute to the surviving spouses of our fallen heroes—men and women who stood by their service members with unwavering strength, only to bear the unimaginable loss of their loved ones in service to our nation.

The American Legion: Strengthening
Communities Through Service and the

American Legion Riders

As one of the nation's largest wartime veterans' service organizations, The American Legion has been a pillar of support for veterans, military families, and local communities since its founding in 1919. With a mission rooted in patriotism, advocacy, and service, the Legion continues to make a meaningful impact through a wide array of community programs. Among these, the American Legion Riders (ALR) stand out as a dynamic and growing force, blending a passion for motorcycling with a commitment to charitable work and veterans' causes.

May:



HONORING SACRIFICE AND PATRIOTISM: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SILVER STAR BANNER DAY AND LOYALTY DAY ON MAY 1ST

EVENT: Memorial Day Ceremony
LOCATION: Forest Lawn
Hendersonville, NC
DATE: 26MAY2025
TIME: 11am
WTZO Veteran Interviews: 10-10:45am
Classic Car Parade: Legion 77 - Forest Lawn



Memorial Day

Honoring Heroes: The Heart of Memorial Day in the USA

Memorial Day, observed annually on the last Monday of May, holds a profound place in the American calendar. Far beyond marking the unofficial start of summer, it's a day dedicated to honoring the men and women who gave their lives in service to the nation's armed forces. As we look toward Memorial Day 2025, let's explore its history, significance, and the ways Americans come together to commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Earth Day
22 APRIL 2025

