



The American Legion  
Burton Woolery Post 18  
1800 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Bloomington, IN 47404



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#### Message from the Commander

Well summer is almost here and we will be opening the deck soon, weather permitting. We will be cooking on the grill and might even have some entertainment

Elections are approaching and on April 19, 2025, we will be accepting nominations for every position in the post: Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Service Officer, Sgt-at-Arms, Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Historian. Four Executive Board members and three Trustees. The voting will be May 16, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A great time was had by all who attended the American Legion's 106<sup>th</sup> birthday dinner. If you have not heard our 2025 Legionnaire of the Year is our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Jason Endris.

The participation in the Post from our members has slacked off. I would like to hear from you as members on what you might like to see at the Post. You can email me at [amleg18@comcast.net](mailto:amleg18@comcast.net) or you could stop by the Post, have lunch, and talk to people about their thoughts for improvements. Some suggestions have been made to add an electronic golf game or bowling game or pool table. Outside suggestions have been horseshoe matches or cornhole tournaments, or a car show. If anyone has the knowledge to operate this kind of game and events and can provide some assistance on how and what to do it would be highly appreciated. The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) are having a Golf Scramble in June, so if you like to be involved they welcome you to sign up to play.

Our kitchen is struggling for various reasons and ways to improve the situation are being looked at. An inventory has been completed on the kitchen and a cost analysis of the food cost is being reviewed. Our menu might change a little but be patient as we review the recommendations.

As always please be patient with our wait staff and bartenders.

Thank you,  
*Raymond Krebbs, Commander*

## **Board of Trustees Report**

Welcome Spring!!!

The Trustees, the Commander and Office Manager have been in contact with Gina Owens, District 7 Adjutants Department (Rehabilitation Commission Chair), Larry Dent (Financial Adviser), and Brett Owens to discuss ways for our bar and food service to be more sustainable.

After reviewing our books and with several discussions with our Office Manager, Gina provided several suggestions that could help with our financial woes. Some changes that were suggested are being addressed immediately and there may be something that can be seen on the surface, while other suggestions may take time to absorb and implement and could be more "behind the scenes." However, we welcomed all of their suggestions and are addressing them.

The trustees want to thank everyone who turned out for our March Steak Night and listened to some good music from the Danny Todd Band (albeit minus Danny Todd).

We are reaching out to our membership for volunteers where and when needed (dishwashers, table bussers, and yes, even people with cooking experience to assist with the fryers and griddle). We are now down to one paid cook (other than Joe) which should save us some payroll costs.

Finally, Tuesday night dinners are back on, and we would like to invite the members of all our families to come by for dinner Tuesday through Friday. The deck will be opening in April.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, feel free to ask any trustee.

Thank you,  
Bill Dunbar, Co-Chair

### **2024-25 Post 18 Officers**

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Commander          | Raymond Krebs  |
| 1st Vice Commander | Jason Endris   |
| 2nd Vice Commander | Ron English    |
| Finance Officer    | Victor Wampler |
| Historian          | Vacant         |
| Sgt-At-Arms        | Curtis Wampler |
| Chaplain           | Richard Wilson |
| Service Officer    | Larry McCammon |
| Judge Advocate     | Vacant         |
| Adjutant           | Michael Farris |

### **Executive Board**

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Mike Pate    | Jim Brothers    |
| Buddy Newlin | Gary Cunningham |

### **Board of Trustees**

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Bill Dunbar, Co-Chair | Raymond Krebs |
| Jim May               | Chuck Trotter |
| Terry Quigley         | Vacant        |
|                       | Vacant        |

## **Chaplain's Message**

April 20, 2025, the world celebrates the resurrection of the "Word" or "Logos" in Greek. His work is summarized in John 1:1-4 as "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness apprehended it not." Have you accepted the Word as Lord and Savior?

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Please contact me with any information on members who are sick, in the hospital or have passed away. My phone number is 502-939-8149.

*God Bless,  
Richard Wilson, Chaplain*

## **Dates to Remember**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| Apr 4  | 6 p.m.—9 p.m. Old n' Gold Band   |
| Apr 5  | Bar Opens 11 a.m.  |
| Apr 7  | 6:30 p.m. Auxiliary Unit Meeting   |
| Apr 8  | 6:00 p.m. Board of Trustee Mtg   |
| Apr 12 | Bar Opens 11 a.m.<br>District 7 Meeting at Bloomington Post 18   |
| Apr 15 | 6:00 p.m. Legion Riders Meeting  |
| Apr 19 | Bar Opens 11 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m. S.A.L. Meeting<br>11 a.m. Legion Meeting<br>Bar Opens 4:00 p.m.<br>5:00—7:00 p.m. Steak Night<br>5:00—8:00 p.m. Stone Canyon Band |
| Apr 26 | 8—11 a.m. SAL Fundraiser Breakfast<br>Bar Opens 11 a.m.  |
| May 2  | 6 p.m.—9 p.m. Band TBD   |
| May 3  | Bar Opens 11 a.m.  |
| May 5  | 6:30 p.m. Auxiliary Unit Meeting   |
| May 10 | Bar Opens 11 a.m.  |
| May 13 | 6:00 p.m. Board of Trustee Mtg   |
| May 17 | Bar Opens 11 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m. S.A.L. Meeting<br>11 a.m. Legion Meeting<br>Bar Opens 4:00 p.m.<br>5:00—7:00 p.m. Steak Night<br>5:00—8:00 p.m. Band TBD          |
| May 20 | 6:00 p.m. Legion Riders Meeting  |
| May 24 | Bar Opens 11 a.m.  |
| May 31 | 8—11 a.m. SAL Fundraiser Breakfast<br>Bar Opens 11 a.m.<br>Auxiliary Paddle Palooza Auction 12 noon—5 p.m.   |

### S.A.L. News

It's time to open the windows and begin your spring cleaning. We are weeks away for the deck opening at the Post and you can begin having a cold beverage and socialize with other members on the deck.

The band Dynamics will be performing at the Post on June 14<sup>th</sup> with tickets going on sale for \$15.00 and can be purchased from the bartender or a SAL officer. Don't wait too long as this band is in demand and tickets will go fast.

Membership is still struggling with just a few renewals coming in. We are at this time 77 members from reaching our goal of 442. Another renewal notice will be going out to those members who have not paid.

The golf outing is moving forward and registration and hole sponsorship forms are available at the Post in the bar area. The cost per team this year is \$250 and includes lunch and prizes. The fun begins on June 8<sup>th</sup> with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start and breakfast sandwiches beginning at 7:00 a.m. provided by Buck Nasty Barbecue. Come on out and enjoy.

*See you at the Post!*  
*Gary Black, S.A.L. Commander*

### Auxiliary News

Happy Spring! Sending out a big thank you to everyone that helped put together another fantastic Post 18 Legion Birthday Celebration.

The next District 7 meeting will be held at our Post 18 on Saturday, April 12, 2025. The meal is served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The District Auxiliary meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. in the dining room. Please join us and help us welcome our out of town guests.

Do you know any high school juniors who would be interested in attending the 2025 Session of Hoosier Girls State? If so, have them reach out to me and we will get them an application.

Unit 18 has three educational grants available. This grant is open to graduating high school seniors per these guidelines. Eligible applicants are self, children or grandchildren of Burton Woolery Post 18 American Legion Veterans, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion members with current membership. If applicant is self, there is a requirement of membership of two years in either the Auxiliary or the Sons of the American Legion. If so, please use this web link to apply: <https://forms.gle/4LPqphPKkCggk62q6>.

We are still planning to hold a Paddle Auction on Saturday, May 31, 2025. Watch for more information in the May newsletter.

It is that time of year when we will be taking nominations for select offices for the 2025-2026 auxiliary year. Let one of the current officers know if you are interested in serving.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Legion. We would love you to join us.

*With service to our Veterans,*  
*Lisa Liford, Unit 18 President*

### Legion Riders News

Thank you for all the hard work supporting the Legion and our Riders. We continue to show our support of the Post and our Veterans along with our fellow riders.

Let's keep up this momentum as our riding season is upon us. The State Legacy forms are out as some of us are doing the South West location out of Rockport if you want to join us.

Thank you,  
Samuel Miller, Director

### Post Everlasting

Phillip Blake      Robert Houpt      Steve Mosca      Roy Wade

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# April 2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|--------|--------|---|--|---|--|---|
|        |        | 1<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Country Fried Steak</b>  | 2<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Fried Chicken</b>                         | 3<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Strom</b>                      | 4<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8:30 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Beef Manhattan</b><br>6-9 pm Old n' Gold<br>Band | 5<br>Bar Opens 11 am  |
| 6      | 7      | 8<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Country Fried Steak</b><br>Or <b>Fried Chicken</b><br>6:00 p.m. Board<br>of Trustees Mtg | 9<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Biscuit &amp; Gravy</b><br>with hashbrown | 10<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Meatloaf</b>                  | 11<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8:30 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Prime Rib</b>                                   | 12<br>Bar Open 11 am<br><b>District 7 Meeting</b>   |
| 13     | 14     | 15<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Fried Chicken</b><br>or <b>Country Fried Steak</b><br>6 pm <b>Riders Meeting</b>        | 16<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Philly Steak Sandwich</b>                | 17<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>5 - 8 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Taco Salad/ Nachos</b>                 | 18<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8:30 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Ribs</b>  | 19<br>Bar Opens 11 am<br>9:30 am S.A.L. Mtg<br>11 am Legion Mtg<br>Bar Opens 4 pm<br>5-7 pm <b>Steak Night</b><br>5-8 pm <b>Stone Canyon Band</b> |
| 20     | 21     | 22<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Chicken Quesadilla</b>  | 23<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Fried Chicken</b>                        | 24<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Spaghetti &amp; Meatballs</b> | 25<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8:30 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Chicken Parmesan</b>                            | 26<br>8- 11:00 am <b>SAL Benefit Breakfast</b><br>Bar Opens 11 am   |
| 27     | 28     | 29<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Fried Chicken</b><br>or <b>Chicken Quesadilla</b>                                       | 30<br>11 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch<br>5 - 8 pm<br>Dinner<br><b>Pot Roast</b>                            |   |  |   |
| Bingo  | Closed |   |  |   |  |   |

