



# The Legionnaire

AMERICAN LEGION POST 117

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE POST COMMANDER

The month of December could have been the best of times or the worst of times. I would like to give a Heartfelt thanks to every Post member who reached out to fellow veterans, families, and friends of our Post. The holidays can hit some very hard. So now more than ever, let's Be The One. For those doing buddy checks, I applaud you, keep up the great work. Maybe ask yourself, "Who else could use a call?" For those of you that are not doing buddy checks, ask yourself, "Who could use a call?" It is one simple way that we as the American Legion Family show we truly care about our family members. Thank you to everyone that played a role in the VA Hospital Tour, Joining Santa to deliver the gifts to the Butler CLC, the children's Christmas Party, Donating toys for tots, ETC.

As we usher in 2026, we reflect on a busy and successful year, filled with community engagements, veteran recognition, and countless moments of camaraderie. Looking back on 2025, Post 117 had a truly remarkable year, from placing all new veteran tribute banners on main street of Butler, hosting several County Council meetings, Several District Meetings, supporting our local Boy Scout Troop 39 on their outdoor adventure to Canada, and many many more.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited for the upcoming Oratorical Contest, Essay contest, Keystone Boys and Girls State, PA State Police youth camp, American Legion Baseball, school awards programs. Stay involved, continue your support for our programs, and let's make this another great year of service, community, and celebration.

Our National Commander Dan K. Wiley from Kansas will be visiting Pennsylvania in March and will be in Baden, PA for dinner on March 18, 2026. If you would like to attend this dinner please let us know. We will have information on tickets and dinner menu at the upcoming Post meetings.

With warmest regards,

*David E. McLaughlin*  
Post Commander

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# January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	3
4	5 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	6 DJ BINGO 7PM	7 AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30PM	8	9 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	10
11	12 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	13 SAL MEETING 7PM DJ BINGO 7PM	14 LEGION MEETING 7PM	15	16 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	17
18	19 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	20 DJ BINGO 7PM	21 RIDERS MEETING 6:30PM	22	23 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	24
25	26 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	27 DJ BINGO 7PM	28 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM	29	30	31 EARLY BIRD DINNER 3-7PM FABULOUS GUNSLINGERS 8-12



# February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	3 <b>FOUR CHAPLAINS CEREMONY 6PM</b> DJ BINGO 7PM	4  AUXILARY MEETING 6:30PM	5	6 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	7 CENTER STAGE 8-12
8	9 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	10  SAL MEETING 7PM DJ BINGO 7PM	11  LEGION MEETING 7PM	12	13 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	14
15	16 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	17 DJ BINGO 7PM	18  RIDERS MEETING 6:30PM	19	20 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	21 THE SHINERS 8-12
22	23 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	24 DJ BINGO 7PM	25 HOUSE COMMITTEE 6PM	26	27 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	28



# March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	3 DJ BINGO 7PM	4 AUXILARY MEETING 6:30PM	5	6 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	7 THE JENTZ 8-11:30PM
8	9 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	10 SAL MEETING 7PM DJ BINGO 7PM	11 LEGION MEETING 7PM	12	13 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	14 107 <sup>th</sup> Legion Birthday Party 3-7PM
15	16 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	17 DJ BINGO 7PM	18 RIDERS MEETING 6:30PM	19	20 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	21 ST. PATRICKS DAY PARTY WASHBOARD TONY 8-12
22	23 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	24 DJ BINGO 7PM	25 HOUSE COMMITTEE 6PM	26	27 BINGO 7PM KARAOKE 9PM	28 Vietnam Veterans Day Luncheon 11am-3pm
29	30 DJ TRIVIA 7PM	31 DJ BINGO 7PM				



## **FROM THE DESK OF THE POST ADJUTANT**

Our membership for 2026 has achieved our goals so far this year, we just achieved our 85% goal. We only need about 85 Veteran Members to renew for 2026 to make our 100%. I know that we can work together and achieve our 100% membership for 2026. So if you have not renewed for 2026, I ask that you please do that Today! If you need assistants please reach out to me, we may be able to assist you.

We will be hosting our early Bird Dinner on January 31, 2026 for all members that renewed their membership by November 11<sup>th</sup>. You should have received an early bird stamp on your membership card, this will get you a **FREE** Dinner. You must sign up in the canteen. Guests are welcome to attend at a charge at \$10.00 per person.

We are the second largest Post in the District and County, I would like to ask each member to recruit 1 new Veteran member into our Post this year. If each member signed up one new Veteran member we would double our membership and become the largest Post in the District and County. We can work together and accomplish this goal! For each person that recruits a new Veteran member and puts their name on the new members application they will receive a **FREE** **Drink** once I receive the application and verify the Veteran is eligible for membership and they are approved at the next meeting.

Sponsor a Veteran, if you would like to sponsor a Veterans Membership please see an Officer or one of our friendly Canteen Staff and they can assist you. The Cost is \$40.00 per Member, give the gift of Membership to a Veteran.

*Dean Noechel*  
Post Adjutant

## **House Committee News**

We are in the process of painting the bathrooms, the lower entryway and hallway and installing new flooring in the area where the ice machine is located. We have been doing some routine maintenance around the Post. We will be getting ready for a Spring clean up project to freshen up the outside of the Post and get ready for Summer and Memorial Day Weekend.

We have our entertainment schedule set for the Winter Months, check out the Calendar. Please come out and participate with our BINGO, Saturday Bands and the Parties that we have planned and don't forget about our Sunday Football Games! If you bring a side dish to the Sunday 1pm Steeler Games you will get a **FREE 50/50 Ticket**.

If you have suggestions for the House Committee please come to our meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6pm. We welcome any member to our meeting to bring fresh ideas to make our Post the best that it can be. Again thank you for your support and dedication to American Legion Post 117.

*Dean Noechel*  
House Chairman

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE COMMANDER**

First and foremost, I would like to thank Adjutant Dean Noechel and Commander David McLaughlin for their vote of confidence and for nominating me for this position. I would also like to sincerely thank the members for placing their trust in me by voting me into office.

I consider it an honor to serve as your 2nd Vice Commander, and I will continue to work alongside our Officers and Executive Board to do what is in the best interest of our Post and its members. After all, we work for you—the members. With that in mind, I encourage everyone to consider attending the Post Veteran meetings. Meetings are for the members and provide the opportunity to make motions, voice concerns, and vote on matters that affect our Post. Please remember: if an issue or criticism is important enough to discuss at the bar, it is important enough to bring to a meeting.

If anyone has questions, concerns, or ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any officer of the Post. I can be reached at (724) 596-0538, and we are always willing to listen and help.

Please note that January 31<sup>st</sup> is the Post Early Bird Dinner. Members with an Early Bird stamp on their membership card must sign up at the canteen for the dinner. Dinner is FREE for stamped members, and you may bring a guest for \$10. I hope to see everyone with an Early Bird stamp in attendance.

Join us for The American Legion 107<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm. We will be Celebrating The American Legion at our Post. I will be there, will you join me?

For God & Country

*David Glabb*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander**

## **CHAPLAINS CORNER**

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we are reminded that time does not merely pass—it invites us forward. Each year carries with it both reflection and renewal, and as Legionnaires, we understand the value of both. We reflect on the sacrifices made by those who came before us, on the comrades we have lost, and on the bonds forged through shared service. Their legacy is not only written in history but lived out through our continued commitment to one another, to our communities, and to our nation. The coming year also calls us to renewal. Renewal of purpose. Renewal of compassion. Renewal of our promise that no veteran stands alone. In a world that often feels divided or uncertain, the American Legion remains a steady presence—built on honor, service, and mutual respect. May this year strengthen our resolve to look out for one another, to listen more deeply, and to serve with humility and courage. May we find the strength to carry our burdens together, the wisdom to ask for help when needed, and the grace to extend kindness freely. As your Chaplain, I encourage each of you to enter this new year with hope—not blind optimism, but the kind of hope forged through perseverance and shared experience. We have faced adversity before, and we have endured—together.

May the year ahead bring peace where there has been struggle, healing where there has been loss, and unity where there has been distance.

Thank you for your service, your fellowship, and your continued dedication to the values we hold dear.

For God & Country

*Ricardo Martin*

**Post Chaplain**

FREE TO PLAY - WIN PRIZES - ITS DJ MUSIC BINGO!



POST #117



WEEKLY  
PROGRESSIVE  
POT

STARTING AT:

\$50  
WIN CASH!

SING - DANCE - PLAY - WIN

TUESDAYS  
7:00 PM

STARTING JAN. 6TH

413 S MAIN ST, BUTLER, PA 16001

DJ BINGO

is coming to Post 117

# EARLY BIRD DINNER

JANUARY  
31ST  
3-7PM

**EB - FREE  
GUESTS - \$10**



**MUST SIGN UP  
AT THE CANTEEN  
OR CALL  
724-283-9014**

**MUST SHOW 2026 MEMBERSHIP CARD  
WITH EARLY BIRD STAMP**

# FOUR CHAPLAINS CEREMONY

FEBRUARY 3, 2026 • 6PM

AMERICAN LEGION POST 117



S.S. DORCHESTER

LT. A. D. GOODE

LT. G. L. FOX

LT. C. V. POLING

LT. J. P. WASHINGTON

## HONORING THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME HONOR THESE  
4 COURAGEOUS MEN FROM WORLD WAR II

AMERICAN LEGION POST 117

413 S. MAIN ST., BUTLER, PA 16001

724-283-9014

*Ceremony to remember and pay tribute to the heroic Four Chaplains who gave their lives to save others when the SS Dorchester was sunk during WWII.*

American Legion Post 117 presents

# *The* Jentz







# SPONSOR A VETERAN'S MEMBERSHIP

AMERICAN LEGION POST 117

*Give back to those who served our country.*

You can help a local Veteran become part of our **Legion family**  
by sponsoring their **annual membership**.

★ Cost: \$40.00 ★

Your sponsorship helps provide:

-  Fellowship & camaraderie
-  Veteran support & outreach
-  Community and belonging



*A small gift can make a BIG impact.*

✉ Message us or stop by the Post  
to sponsor a Veteran today!



*Because no Veteran should be left behind.*

