



May - June 2025

American Legion Post 423, 6215 N State Road 327, Orland, IN 46776

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Commander's Adlibs

The next couple of months at Post 423 are going to be full of excitement and change!

First and foremost, we'll be holding officer elections. As I prepare to retire, a new commander will take the helm

and officially be installed in June.

We'll also be celebrating our Legion's birthday on April 12, a special occasion made even more meaningful as we honor two members for their incredible milestone—50 years of continuous membership!

Many of you have likely heard the news that Vermont Days in Orland has been cancelled. In response, we've decided to step up and carry the tradition forward with a brand-new Legion block party! The date has been shifted away from our usual July 4th festivities, and more details will be shared soon. Each group has been assigned their tasks, and we'll be calling on volunteers to help make this a truly special event. To end the night on a high note, fireworks will light up the sky! Once the date is finalized, we'll send out all the details.

New menus are out, and I'm sure there's something for everyone to enjoy. A quick note on hours—starting April 13, the Post will be closed on Sundays, but the bar and kitchen will be open on Mondays instead. Be sure to mark your calendars for the updated schedule.

Lastly, I encourage all of you to attend the next three-monthly meetings—your input is invaluable as we head into elections.

Wishing you all a fantastic Spring!

Claude Hale, Commander

Auxiliary News

What a winter! Snow and ice! Now it is wet and rainy! Hope we get some nice weather soon!

We've had several events since our last newsletter. New Year's Eve was fun, and on February 8th, we had a great rummage sale. That same afternoon, Galentine's Paint and Sip went very well, and everyone had a great time.

Our Valentine's Day Steak Dinner was fabulous. The steaks melted in your mouth. The next day was the Daytona 500. They started early this year, but that did not help. The rain came anyway, and the race did not finish until late that evening. However, the food was great along with the decorations. On March 22nd, we had our St. Patrick's Day Dinner and karaoke with Sea Jay. That is always fun! We are having another karaoke night with Sea Jay on April 18th at our weekly fish fry.

Upcoming Events



Wed: 6:00 PM – Doors open 4:00 PM Fri: 6:30 PM – Doors open 4:00 PM Sat: 5:30 PM – Doors open 3:30 PM Weekly, unless otherwise noted below.

May

Sun, 05/11, 11:00 AM: ALR Meeting: Thu, 05/08, 6:30 PM: Post, Auxiliary & SAL Membership Meetings: (Election of Legion & SAL Officers)

Sat, 05/10, 11:00 AM: Flag Retirement Ceremony: Sat, 05/17, Flag Day 11:00 Laying of Flags on Veteran's Graves

Tue, 05/20, 3:00 PM: First Cruise In Mon, 05/26: Memorial Day Post Closed 11:00 AM: Honor Guard Laying

<u>June</u>

of Wreath @ City Park

Sun, 06/08, 11:00 AM: ALR Meeting: Thu, 06/12, 6:30 PM: Post, Auxiliary & SAL Membership Meetings: (Installation of Legion & SAL Offices)

Tue, 06/17, 3:00 PM: First Cruise In



Election time is coming. New officers will be elected in June. Samantha Yoder will be handling the slate. She is also taking over membership as Kelli Shough is stepping down. Both the Secretary's and Treasurer's positions are open.

Auxiliary shirts are for sale at the bar if you are interested. They are \$30 each.

April 12th is the Legion's Birthday Dinner. Please join us!

On April 13th, the Legion is having an Easter Egg Hunt for children in the area. That is the last Sunday the legion will be open until fall.

As of April 21st, the Legion will be open on Mondays.

On May 17th, we will be placing flags at several cemeteries. Come and help if you can. June 14th is Flag Day.

This year, Orland is not having Vermont Settlement Days, and discussions are ongoing to see what the legion can do. Something is in the works for late July.

Please try to help when called for food for the funeral dinners. We would greatly appreciate it. We still continue with our monthly gift cards. Next meetings will be: May 8th, June 12th, and July 10th. Please join us!

Gwen Long-Lucas

Sons of the American Legion News



Greetings from the Sons of the American Legion! We're excited to announce our second round of nominations and elections will take place at our meeting on May 8th. If you're interested in running for an office, be sure to attend!

This year, we've had tremendous success in membership, surpassing 106%—thank you all for your support! Looking ahead, 2026 membership cards will be available in July, so we encourage you to renew early. Dues will remain \$30 for regular members and \$15 for junior and dual members.

Stop by, enjoy a cold beverage and a delicious meal, and continue supporting our American Legion. Your participation helps strengthen our community and mission!

Doc Pfeiffer, Adjutant 260-316-1125



American Legion Riders News

I have accepted the position as director of Chapter 423 of the American Legion Riders (ALR). I look forward to continuing our legacy of being an active chapter of the ALR.

As our new officers take on their roles for 2025, our dedication to the community and our Veterans remains as strong as ever. With spring upon us, we look forward to a season filled with exciting opportunities and meaningful activities.

We are especially excited for our 18th annual Benefit Ride on **Saturday**, **June 21st**, **2025**. Additionally, we'll be serving up **burgers and hot dogs** at the car show this year, and we'd love your support. If you're available, we could use **extra hands for setting up burger night**. Please join us at **3:00 PM** to help make it a success!

Rolland Minnick, ALR Director 260-668-2219



Post Members Serving Our Country



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Thu: 5:00 to 8:00 PM	Chef's Choice/Open Menu			
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Sat: 3:30 to 7:30 PM	Limited Menu			

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