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## JULY 2025

**BE A PROUD VETERAN -  
FLY YOUR FLAG  
JULY 4TH -  
INDEPENDENCE DAY**



*Next We Forget*

Larry L. Riffle  
5/31/2025  
Walter H. Bromagan  
6/8/2025

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

So she took some Red for the blood they shed,  
some White for purity, some Stars so bright  
from the sky overhead, some Blue  
for loyalty and all together,  
sewed them

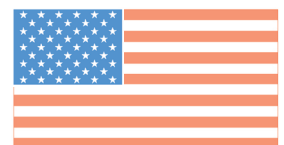
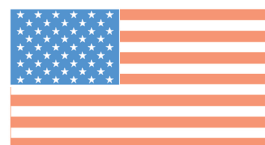
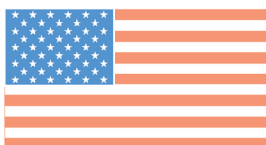
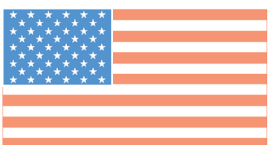


for loyal hearts and true, and hand in hand as one we  
stand for the Red, White and the Blue.

### 4TH OF JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1802 - Opening of West Point
- 1803 - Announcement of the Louisiana Purchase
- 1817 - Construction began on the Erie Canal
- 1823 - Construction began on the B & O Railroad
- 1829 - Construction on the 2nd Philadelphia Mint began
- 1831 - 1st performance of "My Country Tis of Thee"
- 1881 - Opening of the Tuskegee Institute
- 1886 - Presentation of the Statue of Liberty to the U.S.
- 1960 - Debut of the 50-Star U.S. Flag
- 1966 - Signing of the Freedom of Information Act
- 1980 - Landing of the space shuttle Columbia on the STS-4 mission
- 1997 - Landing of the NASA Pathfinder space probe on Mars
- 2004 - Laying of the cornerstone of the Freedom Tower at the site of the World Trade Center
- 2009 - Reopening of the Statue of Liberty after the World Trade Center attacks

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE JULY 4TH**



<b>Commander</b> Ken Wombold	<b>Executive Board</b> Ken Wombold Larry Rammel Will Stacy Richard Grow Lanny Brenner Keith Demman Ted Bruner	<b>Service Officer</b> Jesse Green	<b>Secretary</b> Eddie Grace Young	<b>1st Vice</b> Jim Bradley	<b>Advisor</b> Ken Wombold
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<b>Adjutant</b> Larry Rammel		<b>1st Vice</b> Dana Melling	<b>Executive Board</b> Jami Oda Delores Sleppy	<b>Chaplain</b> Kenny Carter	<b>HOURS:</b> Sun. - Thurs. Noon - 11:00 P.M.
<b>Chaplain</b> Andy Melbo		<b>2nd Vice</b> Delores Sleppy	<b>S.A.L. Commander</b> Kent Lephart	<b>Historian</b>	<b>Friday &amp; Saturday</b> Noon - Midnight
<b>Historian</b> Richard E. Martin		<b>Treasurer</b> Peggy Black		<b>Sgts.-At-Arms</b> Tim Klosterman Brian Proffitt Ken Carter Rick Eldridge Russell Clark	
<b>Sgt.-At-Arms</b> Chuck Fitzgerald Ted Bruner					

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Memorial Day was busy for your Post. The Honor Guard and the Color Guard were both busy with county ceremonies and with the parade in Greenville which always includes a ceremony at the bridge for the Navy and Coast Guard and at the cemetery for the Army, Marines and Air Force. Thank you to all who volunteered and helped us out.

There have been numerous power outages with storms this season, so perhaps it is time to refresh everyone concerning our power outage protocol. If a power outage occurs, our Canteen Manager is to be notified immediately. Outside doors are to be locked, last call is given and all patrons are to be out of the building within forty five minutes if weather and safety permits. All tickets sold must be opened and cashed in immediately, none to be sold while power is out. All money is to be secured in the safe and appliances turned off. If you come to the Post and lights are off, but cars are still in the lot, we are likely following power outage protocol regardless of business hours. Let's keep each other safe.

For GOD and Country

*Ken*

Ken Wombold, Post Commander

## S.A.L. NEWS

Welcome to the middle of Summer.

S.A.L. purchased a new window air conditioner for the Sons room. Temperature is much better in there now.

If you haven't paid your 2025 dues and you want to keep your years of membership, you will owe \$60.00 for 2025 & 2026 dues.

More improvements are expected, so stop by and check them out at the Post.

S.A.L. meetings will start back up again on September 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Fish Frys will start back up again on September 12th at 5:00 p.m.

For God and Country!!!

Joe Shumaker, S.A.L. Adjutant

## ADJUTANT'S NEWS

Dues for 2026 are **\$47.00**. Members will start getting mailings from national for 2026 renewals beginning in July. You can pay by cash or check at the lounge/bar or by mail. You can also pay online using a credit card at the national website [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org). **NOTE:** If you are a **new** member and joining online at the national Post **0888**, please send or bring in your **DD214** to the receiving post you are transferring to.

American Legion Post #140 **PAYS** your yearly membership **Dues** for the following list of Veterans: **Traditional** members with **40 years or more** of continuous Legion membership; **WWII** and **Korean War** Veterans; **Current Active** duty Veterans and **Current** and **Past** Post #140 **Commanders**.

The monthly Post #140 newsletter is also available to view online at the Post's website: [WWW.POST140.ORG](http://WWW.POST140.ORG). We also have a stack of newsletters at the Post's bar/lounge area next to the daily sign-up sheets. You can also get the newsletter mailed to your home address if you sign-up for this option.

God Bless America,

Larry Rammel, Adjutant

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# THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO 2025 MONTHLY 50/50 DRAWING

This drawing is run by the state of OHIO Legion and information on this is available at [www.ohiolegion.com/gaming](http://www.ohiolegion.com/gaming). Any Ohio resident 18 of age or older is eligible. If you enter, our post number when purchasing your tickets Post #140 get 20% of the ticket purchase price refunded to our account. Please enter OH Post 0140 when purchasing tickets.



Delores Beisner, 2nd; Sharon Deeter, 3rd; Beverly Cupp, 4th; Dan Hollinger, 4th; Rodney Saylor, 5th; Tim Klosterman, 7th; Craig Westfall, 10th; Russell Sowry, 11th; Jodi Marker, 12th; Jamie Young, 12th; Gail Dynes, 13th; Dana Melling, 14th; Tonja Plankenhorn, 14th; Mike Flatter, 22nd; Steve Kauffman, 22nd; Everett Garland, 24th; Chris Conner, 25th; Pam Curtner, 26th; Betty Simmons (99 years young), 27th; Ken Price, 30th; Kenny Wombold, 30th; E. J. Byram (95 years young), 31st.

## VIETNAM WAR INFORMATION

Throughout the Vietnam War, 261 U.S. troops received the Medal of Honor.

About 58,220 U.S. service members died in the Vietnam War.

Important Figures and Events of the Vietnam War:

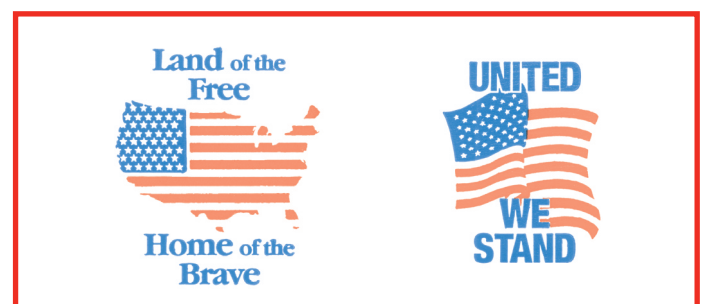
- Vietnam War dates: Nov. 1, 1955, to April 30, 1975.
- Ho Chi Minh: The Communist leader of North Vietnam.
- Ngo Dinh Diem: The U.S.-backed leader of South Vietnam.
- Ho Chi Minh Trail: North Vietnam supply routes that supplied supporters and guerrillas in South Vietnam.
- Operation Ranch Hand (1962-1971): U.S. aircraft spray Agent Orange across South Vietnam in attempts to remove any food or cover for North Vietnamese guerrillas.
- Gulf of Tonkin Incident (Aug. 2, 1964): North Vietnam boats attack the USS Maddox.
- Operation Rolling Thunder (1965-1968): President Lyndon Johnson's campaign of sustained bombing of North Vietnam.
- Operation Starlite: (August 1965): The first U.S. ground offensive, in which Marines engaged with the Viet Cong.
- Battle of Ia Drang (Nov. 14-18, 1965): The U.S. Army inserted troops by helicopter to battle the North Vietnamese Army.
- Battle of Khe Sanh (Jan. 21 to July 9, 1968): A 77-day attack on U.S. Marines at the base in Khe Sanh. Operation Pegasus put an end to the battle.
- Tet Offensive (Jan. 30 to Sept. 23, 1968): North Vietnamese Army and Viet Minh carry out attacks on South Vietnam. This was a turning point in the war and began the withdrawal of U.S. troops.
- Hamburger Hill (May 10-20, 1969): in the battle at Ap Bia Mountain, U.S. troops stopped North Vietnamese forces from moving into Laos.
- Paris Peace Accord (Jan. 27, 1973): Signed by President Richard Nixon, it ended U.S. involvement in Vietnam.
- Fall of Saigon: The North Vietnamese Army took the south capital of Saigon on April 30, 1975, ending the war.



For those celebrating anniversaries, may your special day be as wonderful as the day you were married.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dave & Jean Mogle - July 3rd - 27 Years  
Mark & Hannie Wolfe - July 7th - 18 Years  
Buzz & Pat Papenhausen - July 9th - 59 Years  
Larry & Myrtle Rose - July 18th - 61 Years  
Gerald & Delores Sleppy - July 20th - 41 Years



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## POST 140 CALENDAR FOR JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 HAPPY DAY	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY GREENVILLE FIREWORKS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS AT DUSK	5
6	7 DARKE COUNTY COUNCIL MTG. HOLLANSBURG POST #708 7:00 P.M.	8	9	10 HAPPY DAY	11	12
13	14	15 EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG. 7:00 P.M.	16	17 HAPPY DAY	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 HAPPY DAY DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER INFORMATION	25	26
27 END OF KOREAN WAR 1953	28	29	30	31 HAPPY DAY	Aug. 1	2