

Seeley B Parish 457



## Post 457 In Action



Congratulations to Tom Baker on becoming the 2024 Seeley B Parish Post 457 Family Member of the Year.





## Commander's Message



Happy New Year everyone!

As we start the new year, I would like to thank all of you for a great finish to 2024. We had a great year with membership and attendance at meetings. Let's keep that going!

I can't wait to see you all at the first meeting of 2025. Please remember to sign up for a dinner for our meetings if you would like to bring a dinner. Sign up sheet is on the board at the post near the bar.

We had lots of donations to Toys for Tots. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We love to see that! This post continues to amaze me with the donations and volunteering from all the members.

Your Commander  
Matthew Heilmann



Veterans Day



## Auxiliary Message



Happy New Year, I hope everyone had a safe and merry Christmas. Please look at your membership card, make sure that it is a 2025 card. Your 2024 membership card is no longer valid.

Our first year back for the Craft & Bake Sale was a huge success. I want to thank everyone who helped support our Auxiliary.

In December we had an auction, thank you for your generous donations. Celia, Judy, and Sammy Bishop helped with the gifts and Jane Westcott and Georean Davis collected the money. Thank you for helping! Our lottery raffle jug, was won by Dave Naukam. I have not heard if he won on the tickets yet, but I did hear that he was doing a lot of scratching. Thank you, Kim VanCamp, for chairing this project for the Department President Project, Homeward Bound.

Department President Kimberly Quick is "taking action to help our Veterans". She will be visiting us on January 27<sup>th</sup> along with the Department Commander Keith Koster and Sal Commander Gaither Espey. We will have lunch at the Geneva Post and dinner at our Post 457. Our Unit will pay half of the cost of the dinner, the cost is \$35, choice is Roast Beef or Roasted Chicken. Please see Dawn Lawson if you would like to go.

Mid-Winter is January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. If anyone wants to go, we need to let the membership know at our January meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

I want to thank you, for all you do as members to help make our Post, Unit, Squadron and Riders a great American Legion Family. Please come to our next meeting to hear all the things that the Auxiliary is doing, hope to see you there.

For God and Country,

Barb Kesel





## SAL Message



Fellow Sons of the American Legion,

2024 has been a successful year for the American Legion Family here at Post 457. With record donations to our Veterans and community, the Family members have proven their dedication to the betterment of lives in our community and to the lives of the numerous Veterans in our area. We have made numerous donations to the VA, House of John, local food cupboards and other community action programs. We were able to provide Thanksgiving dinner to 95 people, and even made a family donation to Southeastern guide dogs. This donation allowed us to name the dog "Seeley", and the dog has begun it's training to be a service dog for a Veteran in need.

Our membership for the 2025 year is going strong, but we need your help. Please, if you haven't done so already, get your dues paid. We have a great start for a successful membership year and need everyone to do their part to ensure we have another record year. Dues notices for your 2025 card have been sent out, please take the time and mail in your dues to our membership chairman or drop them off at the Post in the SAL Membership box in the front entrance hallway. Remember your Post privileges will run out on December 31<sup>st</sup> if your dues are not paid.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Veterans Day ceremony and the lunch that followed at our Post home. It was well attended and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Dave Dorman did a great job leading the ceremony.

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, the Sons will be hosting a movie day for everyone in our community. We will be cooking and serving pizza and juice starting at 1:00 pm with the movie starting at 2:00pm. Please bring your children and grandchildren in to give them a great experience at the legion. The kids of today will become the members of tomorrow.

As a reminder, our Queen of hearts drawing is going strong, with the jackpot being over \$29,000. So stop in on Tuesday nights, have a hot meal and take a chance at finding the Queen.

Thank you for your support.

Our next meeting will be on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. If you have the opportunity, please try to attend to hear all that is going on within the organization.

Yours for the Sons,

Scott Hubbard, Commander



Just a quick historical note this month on our Post’s namesake. It appears Seeley B. Parish played baseball in his early years for PHS (Phelps High School?). He is pictured in the back row second from the left. This info is posted in the back hallway of the Post home. This picture was taken in 1907.



Front row: Harald Hutchins , 2nd row: Geo Mulchay, Roger Sabin, 3rd row: Willis Kregloh, Harold Van-Du□sin, Bill Minning, back row: Henry White, Seeley Parish , Theo Warner. The two women in the back-ground are Mrs. Amdrose VanDusin and Alice VanDusin.

### Queen of Hearts

Currently raffle 15 is in week 26th with wagers totaling \$29,981 and \$839 in weekly prizes giving us a jackpot of \$29,302 and if the Queen of Hearts is drawn the winner will receive \$17,581.20.

Weekly winners were Mary Clyde \$30, Jeff Wegman \$12, Karen McNicholas \$6, Dawn Lawson \$40, Bob Springer \$12



### Queen’s Café Menu

Serving from 5-7 PM or until **sold out**

- Jan 7th- SAL Steak Night **SOLD OUT**
- Jan 14th- Post Pizza Night
- Jan 21st -AUX Veteran Taco Tuesday
- Jan 28th– Grilled Chicken & Tater Tots**



**SUPER BOWL**  
*Sunday Party*

**Sun, February 9, 2025**

Party Starts at 4pm



# Rider's Message



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Welcome Post 457 American Legion Riders Officers:

- Director Steve VanCamp
- Asst. Director Tim Kesel
- Treasurer David Naukam
- Secretary Lori Naukam
- Sgt-At-Arms Trevor Arnold
- Road Captain Rodger Backus
- Historian Kathy Spencer



## Upcoming Event's

### January

- 1/2- Aux. Soup & Sandwich 5pm
- 1/4-Aux. Breakfast 10am
- 1/4, 11, 18, 25 Shuffle Board Every Saturday 1pm
- 1/6,13,20, 27- Euchre Every Monday 6:30pm
- 1/7- SAL Queen's Café 5pm
- 1/9- Board Mtg 7pm
- 1/14- Post Queen's Café 5pm
- 1/14- Auxiliary Mtg 7:30pm
- 1/15- SAL Mtg 7:30pm
- 1/15, 22,29 Dominos 9:30am
- 1/16- Post Mtg 7pm
- 1/17,18- Mid-Winter Albany
- 1/18-Aux. Breakfast 10am
- 1/21- Auxiliary Queen's Café 5pm
- 1/27- SAL Cty Mtg Cdga 7pm

### February

- 2/1- Auxiliary Breakfast -10am
- 2-3- Riders Mtg- 7pm
- 2/3- Euchre- 6:30pm
- 2/4- SAL Queens Café -5pm
- 2/5- Dominos- 9:30am
- 2/6- Aux. Soup & Sandwich- 5pm
- 2/9- Super Bowl Party- 4pm
- 2/10- Euchre- 6:30
- 2/11- Post Café- 5pm
- 2/11- Auxiliary Mtg- 7:30pm
- 2/12 Dominos- 9:30am
- 2/13- Board Mtg-7pm
- 2/15- Auxiliary Breakfast- 10am
- 2/17- Euchre- 6:30pm
- 2/18- Auxiliary Café- 5pm
- 2/19- Dominos- 9:30am
- 2/19- SAL Mtg- 7:30pm
- 2/20- Post Mtg 7:00pm
- 2/22- Frozen Fingers Horseshoe & Chili Cookoff- 12pm
- 2/24- Euchre- 6:30pm
- 2/25- Legion Riders Café- 5pm
- 2/26- Dominos- 9:30am

# Post 457 Family Membership

**Post Membership:** Dues are \$45 email Tom Baker at [Seeleymember@gmail.com](mailto:Seeleymember@gmail.com) for membership info.

**Auxiliary Membership** dues are \$35. Please notify Cindy Atkinson (315) 759-9570 or [cindylatk@gmail.com](mailto:cindylatk@gmail.com) of any updates to your personal information.

**SAL Membership:** dues are \$25 Please contact Jonathan Ruthven at (585) 474-2529 or [ddruthven91@gmail.com](mailto:ddruthven91@gmail.com) for more information.

**Rider Membership** dues are \$20. Please contact Steve VanCamp at (315) 462-5271 for membership info.



Post 457 membership as of 12/26/2024 is 258 paid out of our goal of 301 for a percentage paid of 85.71%. Thank you to those who have paid their dues before the end of 2024. You made the Post look really good! We are in a great position to make 100% this year. If you have not paid your 2025 dues, you are ineligible to play the quarter book or the 500 Club until your dues are paid. The fastest way to pay your dues is to go online at [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) You will get immediate credit for paying. You may still mail or drop off your payment at the Post 457 Membership mailbox before you enter the bar area.

Tom Baker

## SAL Membership Report

Paid Members – 257

Membership Goal – 336

% Of Goal – 76%

New Members – 12

Transfers – 4

Non-Paid Members – 91

# Prayers for our Post 457 Family



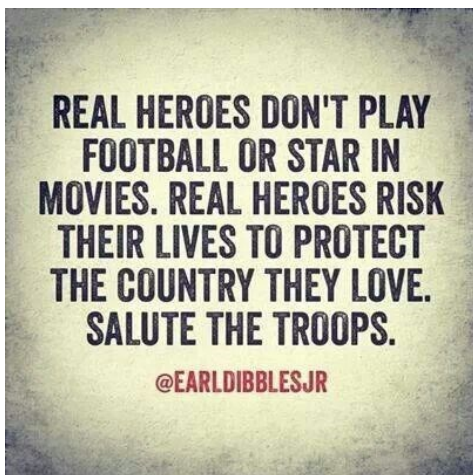
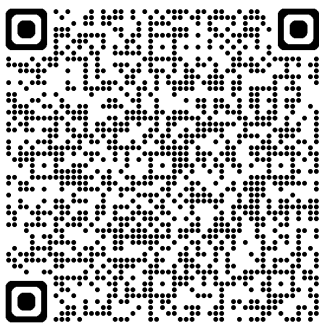
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