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# AMERICAN LEGION NEWSLETTER



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## JANUARY 2026

Happy January Post 979 Family!

As we begin the new year, I extend my sincere appreciation to each of you for your continued dedication to our Post, our veterans, and our community. Your service and commitment are the foundation of our success. The start of 2026 provides an opportunity to renew our focus, strengthen our fellowship, and continue advancing the mission of The American Legion. I strongly encourage all members to attend our meetings and remain actively involved. Your presence, ideas, and participation are vital to maintaining a strong and effective Post. In support of this effort, all volunteers are respectfully requested to attend a volunteer meeting on Sunday, January 18, at 5:00 PM. This meeting will allow us to review current operations, discuss upcoming activities, and ensure we begin the year aligned and prepared for continued success. Your time and service are greatly valued, and your participation is important. Together, through unity, professionalism, and service, we can make 2026 a positive and productive year for American Legion Post 979. I look forward to working alongside each of you and to seeing you at our meetings.

**Hind Salah-Elgin - Commander Limestone Post 979** Email address: [bhelgin1109@gmail.com](mailto:bhelgin1109@gmail.com)  
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This month's events for the Department of Illinois American Legion is the Membership Caravan. For our 16th DISTRICT it will be held in Wyoming Ill. the 16th of January at 8:38 AM. This is a very important event for the American Legion. A guest speaker from National will be there. Also our regular meeting in January is the 13th at 7:00 PM. Come and be informed. Ask questions!!! GET READY FOR A NEW YEAR!!!

**For God and Country**  
**Adjutant: Bob Zimbelman**

## LOUNGE 979 NEWS

Hi Everyone! Happy New Year!! I hope you all enjoyed your holiday. It was so good to see the full house on Christmas Eve for the Tom & Jerry party. Big thanks to the volunteers who served them. I couldn't have done it without ya. We are still opening the kitchen for dinner when we are able, which right now is the 2nd and last Friday and the 3rd Thursday. We appreciate those of you who have come out to help support us. If you haven't been in for our fried chicken night you should stop by. It's delicious. Of course we still have our Tuesday lunches, Wednesday night jackpot raffle and lunch's the first three Saturdays. I'd like to thank all of you who support these things. You are the reason we keep doing it. We are always looking for volunteers to help so if that's something you're interested in please let me know. Also the membership meeting is usually just an empty room. Please come to your meeting. That is where you can address your concerns and express your ideas. We can't hear your voice if you're not there. C-ya guys soon.

**Sarah Johnson - Bar Manager, Limestone Post 979**

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## Women's Auxiliary

Ladies please pay your dues \$50/yr or \$150/5 years. The member's only Children Christmas party was cancelled for Dec 15 due to lack of participation. Have to sign them up for it. Lunch for January will be chili and grilled cheese. January 10th Please check the Calander for upcoming events. We donated \$100 each to St John's Food Pantry and Bartonville Christian Church food pantry.

**Janice Gruber**  
**President, Auxiliary Post 979**

## Post 979 A. L. Riders

Riders,

It's hard to believe we are starting a new year already. 2025 came and went in a flash, it seems. With the new year, we bring in our new dues, as we start our year on the flip of the new calendar. We will have our next meeting on the 9th of January at 6pm, so please come in and see what we have going on in our initial planning for the upcoming year, and gather with some of the coolest folks I know. I hope everybody had a safe and healthy Holiday season, and hope to see you all soon.

**Adam "Ace" Smith**  
**Director, Post 979 ALR**

**HOURS:**  
Sundays 11am - 9pm  
Mon Tues Wed Thurs 11am-9pm  
Fridays 11am - 9pm  
Saturday 11am - 9pm  
Last fridays of the month 11am-11pm

Last call is **ALWAYS** 15 minutes prior to closing. Drink chips will not be accepted after closing. Closing time is set for a reason, and it is important to respect the bartender who is just trying to do what is expected of them.

**Sundays during FOOTBALL we will stay open for the late game if we have 4 or more guests**

Thank you for your understanding!

# JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <b>OPEN JUKEBOX 7-9</b>	3 Lunch 1130-1 <b>Fish, Fries, O-Rings</b>
4 <b>NO BINGO</b>	5 Free Shuffleboard All Day & Evening Executive Board Meeting 7pm	6 LUNCH 1130 - 1 VEGETABLE OR TOMATO SOUP AND GRILLED CHEESE <b>SAL Meeting 7PM</b>	7 JACKPOT RAFFLE <b>NO FOOD NOT ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS</b>	8 <b>A.L. RIDERS MTG 6 PM</b>	9 <b>OPEN JUKEBOX 7-9 KITCHEN 5 - 7</b>	10 Lunch 1130-1 <b>Chili and Grilled Cheese</b>
11 <b>BINGO 2 - 4 PM</b>	12 Free Shuffleboard All Day & Evening	13 LUNCH 11:30-1 BISCUITS & GRAVY SCRAMBLED EGGS AND HASHBROWNS <b>MEMBERSHIP Meeting 7PM</b>	14 JACKPOT RAFFLE <b>FOOD 5-7PM BY RIDERS</b>	15 <b>FRIED CHICKEN 5 - 7</b>	16 <b>OPEN JUKEBOX 7 - 9</b>	20 LUNCH 11:30-1 <b>ITALIAN BEEF, CHIPS AND POTATO SALAD</b>
18 <b>BINGO 2 - 4 PM</b>	19 Free Shuffleboard All Day & Evening	20 LUNCH 1130 - 1  COUNTRY FRIED STEAK, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY AND VEGETABLE	21 <b>JACKPOT RAFFLE FOOD 5-7PM BY RIDERS</b>	22	23 <b>OPEN JUKEBOX 7-9</b>	24 <b>NO LUNCH</b>
25 EUCHRE <b>BINGO 2 - 4 PM</b>	26 Free Shuffleboard All Day & Evening	27 LUNCH 1130 - 1 <b>CHEESE BURGER &amp; FRIES</b>	28 JACKPOT RAFFLE <b>FOOD 5-7PM BY RIDERS</b>	29	30 <b>BILLY WASHBURN 7-10 KITCHEN 5-7</b>	31 <b>NO LUNCH</b>