



AMERICAN LEGION Post 517

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Auxiliary President: Linda Brechbiel

Home Association President: James "Jim" Robinson

■ **OUR COMMANDER SPEAKS:** With the continued decline in our military strength, our legion posts throughout the country are experiencing declining membership and closures. Our membership is currently at 246, with additional membership in our SAL Squadron of 196. Our Auxiliary Unit has 159 members. If you are currently delinquent in payment of your 2026 membership dues, please remit your payment ASAP. Our legion post owns all facilities, including personal property. Our post reports directly to the Department of PA American Legion with headquarters in Harrisburg. We are a tax-exempt entity under IRS Rule 501c(19). Our primary objectives remain to take care of our veterans and our local communities. Our post is managed by an elected board of officers, to include an executive committee. I urge you and all local area veterans to support our post and its activities. As a member, please BECOME INVOLVED!. **JAMES ROBINSON, Post 517 Commander** ■

■ **SAL SQUADRON 517:** As we head into the end of winter and spring just around the corner, I would like to thank each SAL member that has paid their dues for this year so far. If you have not paid your dues yet, please get them paid as soon as possible! As some members have already done so, you can pay your dues online by just going to mylegion.org. This is extremely easy to do! Your membership is especially important to us! Please try to support this great Post as much as possible. We are getting ready to start the spring season with our chicken BBQ's. Our schedule for these BBQ's is scheduled for May 2nd, June 6th, and September 12th. We start selling at 11:00 until all. Please come out and support our BBQ's as we try to raise money for different programs in the American Legion and try to support the local community as much as possible. The other thing that is coming up is nominations for officers which will be at the May 10th meeting. Elections for officers will be at our June meeting. If you are interested in being an officer and making a difference, come to our meetings and make your intentions known. We would like to see new faces amongst our ranks. As I close, I would like to thank everyone that supported Sons of the American Legion over the last couple of years. We could not do it without you! The Legion family is strong in many ways. Yes, we all have our ups and downs, but we all seem to know how to get together and make things better. Please be careful and remember to come out and support the Post you belong to. Thank you! ! **Robert Stouffer, Squadron Adjutant** ■

AUXILIARY UNIT 517: As we struggle through the cold winter months, keep in mind that Spring is just around the corner. We have recently welcomed some members to our monthly meetings, and it has been wonderful

getting to know them and have them join and participate with us. We are planning a Paint Night fundraiser, open to the public, on Friday March 6, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the post ballroom. Please bring your friends and join us. Price is \$40.00 per person, and that includes all supplies. We guarantee a fun evening. The Auxiliary looks forward to holding a 50-50 drawing at the annual gun drawing on May 9, 2026. Please volunteer to give us an hour or two during the day to help sell tickets. Watch for more upcoming events to be held. Please join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM, for our meetings. We look forward to meeting and getting to know our members. In God we Trust. . **Linda Brechbiel, President, Auxiliary Unit 517** ■

SPRING 2026 GUN DRAWING: Our major fund-raising event of the year is our Spring Gun Drawing. This year our drawing will be held on May 9, 2026, again at The American Legion Post 373's Picnic Grounds of Greencastle, located at 4775 Williamson Rd., Greencastle, PA 17225. To ensure you have the opportunity to participate in this drawing, we are including 2 tickets with the mailing of this newsletter. We ask for your support in the purchase/sale of these tickets by returning the stub with a name and phone number, and the \$20.00 donation for the tickets. Return completed stub with payment to our post commander, Jim Robinson, at **American Legion Post 517, 100 Keefer Dr, Mercersburg, PA 17236**. Your support is appreciated. ■

The Kids' Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 28th at Fox Rd., north of Food Lion. Be in place by 1:50 P.M. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be held in the ballroom of the post facilities.



Happy Easter!

HOME ASSOCIATION (H/A): As a separate and distinct entity, this association has a lease agreement with American Legion Post 517 for the utilization of the facilities and equipment located at 100 Keefer Dr., Mercersburg. The organization is comprised of a Board of Directors who are all military veterans and legion post members of American Legion Post 517. Election of officers are held annually in the month of September. A canteen manager is on staff for the overall management of the operation of a restaurant/lounge, ballroom, and other activities. All Legion Post 517, SAL SQ 517, and AUX Unit 517 members of the age of 21 are automatically permitted access to the canteen facilities. This organization is tax-exempt under IRS Rule 501c(7) (Social Club). Social membership is readily available to all members of the local community who are US citizens of the age of 21. To preclude any discrimination, social dues are \$40.00 annually. Applications for membership

are readily available at the canteen and/or on-line at www.papost517mercersburg.org. ■

MEMORIAL DAY 2026: Thinking ahead, Memorial Day will be on May 25, 2026. We again will be placing an American Flag on the gravesites of all war veterans. On Saturday, May 16th, we will be placing flags at Fairview Cemetery at 9:00 A.M. We need all the help we can muster. Simply mark your calendar and show up! Our Memorial Day Parade will step off promptly from Park St to Fairview Cemetery at 8:30, May 25, 2026. A Day of remembrance, please come out and show your respect for our departed veterans. ■

2026 ELECTIONS

Elections are forthcoming for the legion year of 2026-2027 for Post, SAL, and AUX. Nominating committees are being formed. On the post side, formal nominations will be made/accepted at May 13, 2026, Post meeting followed by elections at the Jun 10, 2026, meetings. Likewise, our SAL and AUX will do their nominations and elections at their May and Jun meetings. Again, become involved and advise the commander, adjutant, and/or any current officer of your organization of your desire to serve.

— Canteen Hours —

Subject to Change

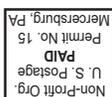
Monday - Thursday

2:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Friday - Sunday

12:01 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

***Nightly drawings held daily at 8:00 P.M.**



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