



American Legion Post 1

1530 9th St. Lake Charles, La

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August 2026 Newsletter

Commander's Comments,

Greetings Post 1 members!

As summer begins to wind down and fall is beginning to show up, I just wanted to take a minute to highlight some of the Post's goings on. We participated in this year's Patriots Ball sponsored by the MAFC at the end of June. The improvements at the Post continue with a big help from LIUNA local 692 Pipeline Construction Workers taking care of some much needed maintenance and repair work. Special thanks to David Norman, Josh Ash, Michael Odom, and Byron Lewis for taking the time out of their very busy schedule to assist American Legion Post 1. Your help is greatly appreciated. Our Veterans/First Responders breakfast is being planned for October. We also have an abundance of flags that need to be retired. We are planning to have a flag retirement ceremony sometime this fall when the weather cools off some. We continue to host dollar bingo at the SWLA veterans home in Jennings. Socially, we will gauge interest in meeting in the lounge for several televised LSU football games this season, and hope to pack the room with Tigers fans this Fall. We will need help with all of these programs and events, so please reach out and support wherever you can. We also still meet every Friday in the lounge for a potluck social. So mark your calendars and come on out and join your Post 1 family and friends!

Yours in service - Roger Pete

What is the Post doing?

W.B. Williamson has several events coming up in the next few months. Please try to support these events as they are how we connect with the community and build our membership.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1 installed their new officers for this year at the June Post 1 regular membership meeting. Shirlet Pete remains as President. The remaining officers are as follows:

1st Vice President	Mary Rothermel
2nd Vice President	Jo Ann Richard
Secretary & Treasurer	Lauryn Martin
Chaplin	Judy Dugas
Sergeant -at-Arms	Lydie Saltzman

Thanks to Mary Henry and Sue Hudson from the District for their assistance with bringing these folks aboard. Congratulations Ladies!

Congratulations to Commander Roger Pete and his wife Shirlet on their 57th anniversary. May you be blessed with many more wonderful years together.



Save The Date

Once Was Inc. - Meals of Remembrance POW/MIA Day
Sept. 18, 2026 at American Legion Post 1 1530 9th St. Lake Charles, La. 70601

USAF established September 18, 1947 (79 year Anniversary)

Once Was Inc. - meals of Remembrance National Fire Prevention Week
October 12, 2026
Fire Station #7 4210 Kirkman St. Lake Charles, La.

Veterans , Military & First Responder Breakfast
October 17, 2026
W.B. Williamson American Legion Post 1
1530 9th St. Lake Charles, La. 706011

We have had a couple of post 1 members recognized as hometown heroes by KPLC T.V here in Lake Charles.

Hometown Hero - Kelly Miseles

Operation Iraqi Freedom



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Bud Harless: A life of commitment and service from WWII and beyond.



Local 692



Auxiliary Officer Installation



Bingo at Veterans home

