American Legion Post 1









September 2026 Newsletter

Commander's Comments,

As you can see from the photos on this page, the Post is doing great things. Members have been stepping up and helping maintain our yard and the facilities in general. The front exterior has been freshly painted and brick entranceway is freshly cleaned and looking great. As always there are a few that care and I thank each and every one of you for your participation and dedication to this post.

-Roger

Roger Pete, Commander
Keith McKinley, 1st Vice Commander
Jean Dimas, 2nd Vice Commander
Jim Jackson, 3rd Vice Commander
David Phillips, Adjutant
David Sellars, Master at Arms/Chaplin
Ron Williams, Color Bearer
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Kelly Miseles, E-Board Member
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Dennis Lantz, E-Board Member/Finance Officer
Russel Godwin, E-Board Member
Gabe Soileau, E-Board Member
Niluha Fort-Hargrow – Secretary



What is the Post doing?

On October 17th the post will host and sponsor (along with Post 551) a breakfast for veterans active-duty military and First Responders. We expect to serve about 200 plates. The menu will include Eggs, Sausage, Hash Browns, Biscuits, and gravy. Coffee, juice and dounuts will also be provided.

The front area of the post is getting a facelift. Thanks to David Phillips, David Sellars, and Danny LeBlanc, the entry way into the post from 9th St. has been cleaned and repainted. If you have not seen the new, clean look, stop by and check it out.

Special thanks to the members who help with the yard work at the post to keep our outside appearance presentable, including our commander Roger Pete who does a tremendous job on the lawnmower.

Once was Inc. sponsored a lunch at our post for POW/MIA remembrance day 9/18/2026.

We had a rental on September 30th that went extremely well. We would like to thank Crystal Carter from Louisiana Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors Association (PHCC) for trusting us to provide the facilities for her class. Hopefully she will consider us for her future conference needs.

Put it on your CALENDAR

Every Friday (5 pm): Cards, bring a covered dish

Every first Wednesday of the month E-Board meeting

Every second Wednesday General Membership meeting

Second Thursday of the month Bingo at Jennings Veterans home

10/12/2026 Once Was Inc meal of remembrance

Lake Charles Fire Dept. # 7 4210 Kirkman St. 11AM

10/17/2026 Veterans and First Responder Breakfast

10/31/2026 Veteran Fest Lake Charles Event Center



November 11 Veterans Day





The American Legion Family

THE AMERICAN LEGION

W.B. WILLIAMSON POST 1

And SWLA Veterans Association

VETERANS, MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDER BREAKFAST

A Formal Gathering in Honor of Service to Community and Nation

Saturday, October 17, 2026

7:00 AM – 10:30 AM

American Legion Post 1

1530 9th Street Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601

FIRST RESPONDERS & MILITARY APPRECIATION

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Saluting Those Who Serve.

Purpose of the Event

This breakfast is held in recognition of the men and women who have served, and who continue to serve, in defense of our nation and in protection of our communities. The American Legion remains steadfast in its commitment to honor Veterans, Active-Duty Military, National Guard, Reserves, Law Enforcement, Fire Services, EMS, Coast Guard, and all First Responders.

Program Highlights

- Hot, complimentary breakfast (no kids or family please)
- Formal welcome and acknowledgment of service
- Fellowship among veterans, military personnel, and first responders
- Community unity and appreciation

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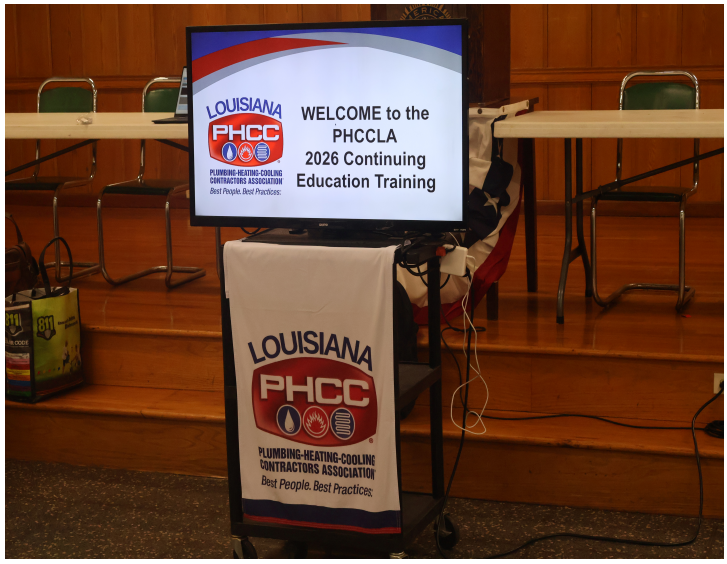
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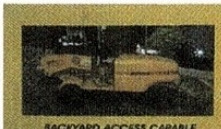
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