



# American Legion Post 137

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Commander

# The Four Pillars of the American Legion

- Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
- National Security
- Americanism
- Children & Youth

# Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

- Free assistance for veterans & families applying for VA benefits.
- Relentless advocacy for strong VA health care.
- Free representation for veterans appealing claims decision.
- Support and assistance for homeless veterans

# National Security

- Cash grants for military families who have temporary financial needs.
- Comfort items for hospitalized military personnel.
- Advocacy for fair military retirement benefits.
- Representation in Washington to support proper DoD funding.

# Americanism

- National leadership in U.S. flag protection and respect.
- Support public expression of the Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem.
- Honor and remembrance of those who served and sacrificed.

# Children and Youth

- Scholarships
- Boys/ Girls State and Boys NS Girls Nation
- Oratorical competitions
- American Legion Baseball
- Junior ROTC
- Legion School Awards for graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys & Girls

# Post 137

- Established in 1919
- Named for Private Fisher first O'fallon resident killed in WWI and Seaman Sollis first O'Fallon resident killed in WWII.
- Current membership 245
- American Legion Riders
- American Legion Auxiliary
- Son's of American Legion

# Post 137 Activities

- Visit Veterans in Nursing Homes at holidays
- Present Legion School Awards (8)
- Poppy distribution
- Host children's events at Post
- Provide support for The Haven, veterans facility near Carbondale.
- Support veterans.