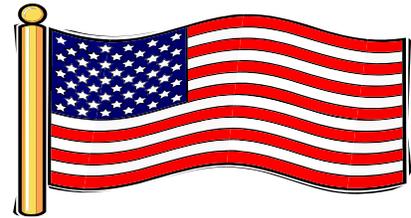


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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

I would like to welcome two new members that signed up this last month, Jeffrey McCray and Robert (Trey) Wiegmann. Welcome aboard gentlemen.

I would like to thank all who worked their shift at the Pork Sausage Dinner. It was a very good turnout of help this March. Only around 25 missing their shift. I would also like to thank all SAL who helped with the placing the mats under the solar panels, not an easy job.

Pork Sausage Dinner served 1155 customers. Everything went really smooth this year with all the workers making their shifts. Thanks to all who help sell raffle tickets at all the Fish Fry nights, it helped with sales big time.

As many know the Legion Post is now the new polling place from now on. Go Vote.

Easter Egg Hunt will be at the city park starting at 1:30 PM Easter Sunday.

Congratulations to Howard Rakers and Dennis Markus for 50 years of continuous membership.

Don Hegger was given the lawn cutting contract again this year. Don has done a great job for many years now.

The solar panels are working great, a big drop on the cost of electric.

Memorial Day is coming soon. We will need a guest speaker for this event. Anyone that knows of someone please call.

May 19th Car Show to Benefit ALS Flyers and ticket for this event will be at the Legion. Drawing consist of 10 draws for \$550.00 each. Tickets are \$25.00 each or 5 for \$100.00. You do not need to be present to win. All food and raffle proceeds will go the ALS Research. There will be a yard golf course set up along with music and great food.

Just a reminder the 550 raffle is going on every Wednesday.

Commander Dale Rakers

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Mondt-Lampe Auxiliary meeting was called to order by Pres Mary Peek on Tues, Mar 19.

New member Michelle Kuhl joined our group. Welcome Michelle, nice to have you here.

If you've ever helped with the Rummage Sale, you know what a job it is to untangle a couple thousand wire hangers!! Well, our "he can do anything" Comdr Dale took care of that. He made two hanger racks with multiple rows and on wheels. Game changer!! Thanks so much Dale. Big improvement.

The \$1,000 Aux Scholarship deadline is Mar 31. Please make sure you follow the requirements listed, and don't forget to sign it. Every step is worth points toward receiving one of these scholarships. Applications are available at the Legion. Good luck!

Our two \$75 Scratch-off Board tickets are still for sale. \$5 ea or 3/\$10. Poppy chairman April P will be selling them at the fish frys. The drawing will be at the June meeting. You could be a huge winner. Profits are for the Poppy fund which supports our veterans.

The Rummage Sale quilt raffle winner was Mark Varel, Beckemeyer

Chairman Patti D, selected the nicer dresses and jewelry suitable for prom night from our rummage sale, and it was all donated to the Murray Center for their Prom night. Patti said they were all delighted with the pampering for their very own prom night.

All the "leftovers" from our RS were donated to 11 different charities. Marcy M coordinates this process. She also sent thank you notes to the various businesses/organizations that help us with our set up, including the Scouts and CYM for their help. Like we say, "It takes a Village". AND, what a village we have.

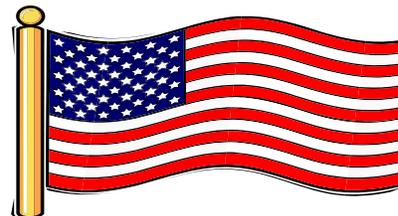
The Pork and Beef quilt winner was Beverly Steele, Belleville. Red & Lynn Detmer won the baby quilt. Thanks to all who purchased tickets. Pres Mary gave a special shout out to Aux workers at the P & B dinner. There were only 3 no-shows.

Debi: "My check engine light has been on for months." Mechanic: "Do you want me to check your engine?" Debi: "No, I want you to take out the bulb."

Next mtg: Tues Apr 16, 7pm. Barb H. Aux Rptr

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SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION (SAL) SQUADRON 1239 NOTES AND HAPPENINGS

The regular meeting of the Aviston S.A.L Squadron 1239 was called to order at 7:30 PM on 03/12/24 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 39 members present.

We welcomed Trey Wiegmann and David Smith (both from Aviston) as new members.

Three guests from the Kopff Field Playground Committee attended our meeting to discuss their upcoming plans and desired funding. In support of this effort, the SAL will be hosting a "Yolf" Golf Tourney in September to help raise funds.

The recent Lee Greenwood concert at the Lincoln Theatre in Belleville was a great show and enjoyed by those that attended. Thanks again to Dale Peek for organizing.

Many thanks to those who worked their shift for the Annual Spring Pork Sausage & Roast Beef Dinner! Once again, our Legion family all came together as a well-oiled machine!

Please mark your calendars, as SAL assistance will be needed for the following upcoming events:

- "All Ladies" Juggling Tournament @Hidden Lake Winery (Friday, May 10th [4-8 PM])
- Car Show & Three-Hole "Yolf" Golf to Benefit ALS @Legion (Sunday, May 19th [Noon-5 PM]).

Sick Call: Continued well wishes to Mark Hilmes!

Hash's cash: Whitey Kues picked the seven of spades.

Next Fish Fry: **Rick Wellen's** Crew on April 19th.

Next Meeting: April 9th @7:30 PM at the Legion.

Finally, please get your dues payments to Steve Schrage soon!

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Gun Club Meeting

Fish Fry – AUX

Baby Shower

SAL Meeting – 7:30

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Republican Party Meeting

Fish Fry – Legion

Kreke/Kampwerth Wedding

Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM

Wedding Rehearsal

Fish Fry – SAL

Brooke/Peltes Wedding

K of C Meeting

Fish Fry – K of C

Tues Apr 2

Fri Apr 5

Sat Apr 6

Tues Apr 9

Thurs Apr 11

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Fri Apr 12

Sat Apr 13

Mon Apr 15

Tues Apr 16

Thurs Apr 18

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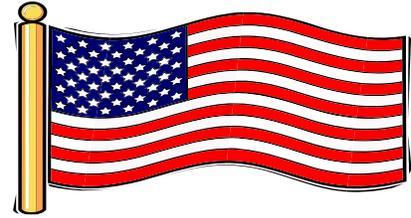
Sat Apr 20

Thurs Apr 25

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HEROES PUB HOURS

Tues – Thurs	6:00 pm - 12:00 am
Fri – Sat	4:00 pm – 1:00 am
Sunday	2:00 pm - ???

April days to fly the US Flag:

April 5 – Gold Star Spouses Day

April 9 – National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day

April 22 – Earth Day
