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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

NOTE!!! Next month's meeting will be held on **July 18th** due to Clinton County Fair parade being on the same night as the Legion Meeting. I will have my tractor and wagon at the southwest corner of the Fair Grounds. If you want to ride or march you need to be there by 5:15, no later.

I would like to thank all who helped with the Memorial Day Service last month. Thanks to Jerome Rakers for his service with the flags at the cemetery for the past 15 plus years.

Thanks to the SAL for purchasing the new bar stools, they are very nice.

We are still waiting for speakers for dining room from Wellen TV. He stated he would call when they come in.

Legion Baseball is underway. The Express is undefeated and doing well; the Conductors have lost a few games but they are a younger team but doing well. The 23rd district tournament will be in Aviston this year.

Election of officers was held and read as follows = Commander Dale Rakers; Sr Vice Bob Ottensmeier; Jr Vice Dave Lohmann; Finance Officer Stan Rakers; Service Officer Jim Feldmann; Chaplin Ken Haselhorst; Sergeant-at-Arms Wayland Middendorf; Historian Jeremy Bloom; Judge Advocate Paul Hustedde. These members will take over in July.

Dues !!!! Dues letters will be coming out next month, please try and get your dues paid asap. The Department is offering a 5 year card; you might want to take advantage of this. Remember if your dues are not paid you lose all benefits the Legion offers.

Bob Ottensmeier and his committee has come up with a bid for solar panels to be installed to help with our electric bills, As most know, electric rates are going up. It was approved by the membership to go ahead with getting all info and a contract which will be presented in couple of weeks. A special meeting will be called on this approval when we receive all info.

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Commander Dale Rakers

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Mondt-Lampe Auxiliary meeting was called to order by Pres Mary Peek on Tues, June 20.

Legionnaire Ron Obernier briefed us on a "Legion Family Field Trip" to the MO Natl. Vietnam Memorial in Perryville, MO on Oct 14. More to come on this.

The Charter was draped for member Florence Thole. She was an active and loyal member not only in the Aux but also in the church and community.

Marcy Markus continued our Aux history with 1959. Minni Brandt was Pres. Members cut up strips of material to make rugs for a bingo. 7th grader Mike Buscher was the winner of the Americanism award.

Reminder: Dues for members over 80 are paid for by the Aux. The new year starts in Aug. Dues are \$29 and \$3.35 for Jr members.

Thanks to all who donated to the Poppy Fund. Every penny supports the veterans. Thanks April P.

The Americanism Awards were presented at the AGS Graduation. 1st place - \$100 – Logan Haselhorst; 2nd place - \$75 - Katie Johnson; 3rd place - \$50 - Maya Kampwerth. You make us very proud. Good job, kids!

CC Fair Parade is July 17. Dale & Karen will have their wagon at the southwest corner of the fairgrounds. Please be there by 5:15 to hop on. Refreshments will be served!! Hope to see a bunch of you there.

Election of officers was next. Mary Peek was nominated to remain as Pres and she accepted. Other changes were 2nd Vice, Val Huelsmann; Chaplain, Carol Markus. Other officers remained the same.

Aug will be our membership meeting. It will be held at Whispering Pines. Please feel free to join us to see what our Aux is all about. New members, new faces, new ideas are always welcome.

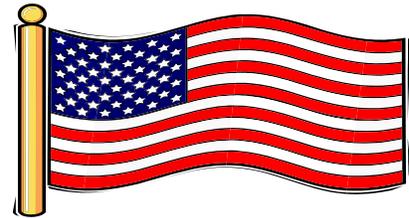
Membership approved giving the Village Christmas Decorating Committee \$750.

The Heroes Pub is now open each Sun at 3:30pm. Played a fun game...the Duck Race. Could be a money maker. **Next meeting will be a Joint Meeting with Legion and SAL on Tues Jul 18, 7pm.** We will be looking for ideas for the Nov Veterans Day festivities which will be held at our Legion this year.

Barb Haselhorst, Aux Rpt

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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 06/13/23 by Commander Greg Riechman with 37 members present.

In partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace (Salem Chapter), 30 beds were built at the Legion on Saturday, June 3rd. Thank you to the 30+ individuals who helped, as well as everyone who donated financially. Special thanks to Maurice Netemeyer of Aviston Lumber for your very generous donation for all of the wood for the beds! Finally, many thanks to Bill Gooch and Pete Trame for preparing a delicious lunch.

In support of the ACIC, thank you to all SAL volunteers that helped cook burgers, brats, etc. at the Party in the Park on June 10th.

Officer elections were held as follows for the 2023-2024 membership year. The Installation of Officers will be held at the July meeting for the following: Commander: Greg Riechman; Sr. Vice Comm: Matt Gorazd; Jr. Vice Comm: Jerry Strubhart; Adjutant: Bill Gooch; Finance Officer: Steve Schrage; Chaplain: Tom Schrage; Historian: Rick Wellen; Sgt. at Arms #1: Ryan Haukap; Sgt. at Arms #2: Dean "Hash" Horstmann.

The SAL will be walking with the Legion and Auxiliary in the Clinton County Fair Parade on Monday, July 17th.

A great deal of SAL assistance will be needed to help cook at the Whispering Pines of Clinton County "Give the Gift of Camp" Benefit at Hondo's Bar & Grill in Bartleso on August 19th. We will be helping with the other Clinton County SAL Squadrons from 4-9 PM, with local Vietnam Veterans serving the food. Our timeslot will be shared at the July meeting.

Planning for the Aviston Smoke Off continues. It will be held at the Legion on Saturday, August 26th. A youth cook-off (6-10 & 11-16 age groups) has been added to the schedule (please see Dan Pickett or Bill Gooch for info).

Sick Call: Continued prayers for Scott Voyles.

Hash's cash: Whitey Kues picked the Jack of Spades. There are two cards remaining.

Fish Fry: **Marvin Ratermann's** Crew on July 21st.

Next Meeting: July 11th @7:30 PM at the Legion.

Finally, I would like to thank all Legion and Auxiliary members who helped with the Bed Build on June 3rd. Additionally, thank you very much for your donation of bottled water, soda, etc. for the event, as this was greatly appreciated!

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fish Fry – AUX

Car Show

K of C Blood Drive

SAL Meeting – 7:30

Gun Club Meeting

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Fri Jul 7

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Mon Jul 10

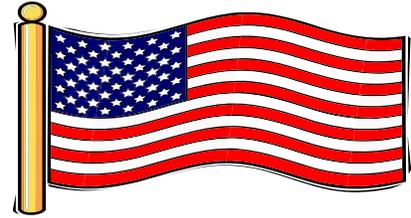
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Clinton County Farm Bureau Lunch

Fri Jul 14
Tues Jul 18
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Fri Jul 21
Thurs Jul 27
Fri Jul 28
Sat Jul 29

Cont. Ron Obenier made a motion for a trip to the Missouri National Vietnam Memorial in Perryville Mo, on Saturday Oct 14th anyone interested in going on this trip will need to contact Ron or Mark Hilmes.

A motion was also made to have food after each Legion Meeting for the next 5 months to see if it will help with more members to come to meetings.

We are looking for more contestants in the Heroes 550 Raffle on Wednesday evenings.

Commander Dale Rakers
