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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

Hopefully everyone has had a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

The December meeting had 13 Members in attendance, very low for a Christmas party night. The meeting was a short one due to Christmas Party. I would like to thank all who helped with the Heroes Christmas Night with the Color Guard.

Also, I would like to thank Jerry & Barb Haselhorst, Jim Feldman, and Ivan Markus with their help bringing the Gifts to the Yanks to the Aviston Nursing Home on the 14th of December. Due to the lock down we decided to deliver them and let the staff at the Home hand them out. There were 16 veterans that received a gift.

Aviston Express Senior Legion Baseball Team Banquet will be held on Jan. 7th. Awards will be handed out that night to players from this past season.

The Spring Pork Sausage Dinner is coming up in March. We will need a Chairman for this and we will be working on the worker list in January. Please let your commander or president know if you will be unavailable to work due to health reasons. There will be changes made to accommodate elderly members who are unable to work in certain areas.

Heroes Pub update. We now are able to show all high school sports on the TV for anyone who would like to watch and enjoy a few drinks.

Queen of Hearts is still going, pot is approximately \$3500.00. Come on out on Wednesday and take a chance. Bring a friend.

Next month's meeting will be held at the Legion on Monday, January 16th at 7:00.

Commander Dale Rakers

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Mondt-Lampe Auxiliary meeting was called to order by Pres. Mary Peek on Mon. Dec. 19th.

A By-Law change was presented and carried which removes the extra dollar amount to the membership price. Unit will follow the Per Capita for Senior and Junior members.

Auxiliary Scholarships applications are now available. They are accessible on the legion website; or a hardcopy can be obtained at the legion, MD or Central. Just a reminder: deadline for submission is April 1st.

Members approved the purchase of a SAL drawing ticket.

The program "Hero Christmas" was amazing. Many thanks to the 4th grade religion class students, Michael Shaw USAF (Retired), choir members, the legion, auxiliary and SAL for their support and assistance. Join me in sending a special thanks to the committee chairperson, Peggy Timmerman for an outstanding job. It was a VERY enjoyable evening of Christmas joy. Remember: Don't forget to thank a veteran or service person for their service. The freedom they fight for is our true Christmas gift.

The legion family Christmas party followed our meeting. It was a wonderful time had by all. Thank you to the Auxiliary for the managing the meal, the legion for refreshments and SAL for the entertainment. Appreciation to Deb L. for a wonderful job in putting us in a festive mood and giving enjoyment with her arrangements and hard work.

From our legion family to yours...have a safe and wonderful New Year!

Best wishes to our Auxiliary Reporter...Barb. The Lamp misses you.
..... What do snowmen like to do on New Year's Eve? Chill out.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, Jan 17 2023.

Pres. Mary Peek

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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 12/13/22 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 33 members present. George Evans of Albers was welcomed as a new member.

Following the opening prayer, a moment of silence was held for recently deceased S.A.L. member Kevin Woltering.

Thanks to those who attended (and/or helped with set-up/takedown) A Heroes Christmas on Sunday, December 11th. As usual, the Ladies of the Auxiliary hosted an amazing event and we thank all those who have served.

SAL attendance will be needed, so please mark your calendars for the following:

- New Year's Day @the Legion
 - Please see the updated Worker's List and make sure your shift is covered!
 - The doors will open at 10 AM; Beaucoup Bottom Band will play from 7-11 PM
- Annual Black-Tie & Talent Show @Hidden Lake Winery (January 14th; doors open @4:45 PM)
 - Stage set-up (January 12th).

Hash's cash: Pete Trame picked the two of Clubs. The pot is \$3525, with eight cards remaining.

Fish Fry: **Marvin Ratermann's** Crew on Friday, January 20th. Marvin's Crew – Marvin, Jonathan Albers, Bob Athmer, Kelvin Burton, Mike Dall, Matt & Steve Gorazd, Ron Harem, Paul Huelsmann, Mike Ratermann, Fred Rohling, and Bryan Sudholt.

Next Meeting: January 10th @7:30 PM at the Legion.

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone from all three organizations a very Happy New Year and a healthy and prosperous 2023!

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAL New Year's Day Party

Gun Club Meeting

Fish Fry – AUX

Sr. Legion Baseball Banquet

Ottensmeier Christmas Party

SAL Meeting – 7:30

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Fish Fry – Legion

SAL Black Tie & Talent Show (at Hidden Lake Winery)

Boy Scout Pinewood Derby

Legion Meeting/Christmas Party - 5:30 PM

Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM

Viet Nam Veterans

Sun Jan 1

Tues Jan 3

Fri Jan 6

Sat Jan 7

Sun Jan 8

Tues Jan 10

Thurs Jan 12

Fri Jan 13

Sat Jan 14

Sat & Sun Jan 14 & 15

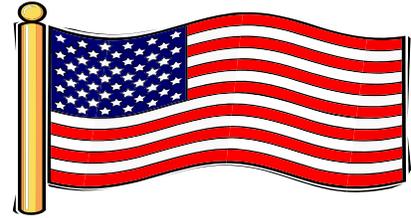
Mon Jan 16

Tues Jan 17

Wed Jan 18

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Blue & Gold Banquet

Fri Jan 20

Thurs Jan 26

Fri Jan 27

Sat Jan 28

HEROES PUB Hours

Tues – Thurs

6:00 pm - 12:00 am

Fri – Sat

4:00 pm – 1:00 am
