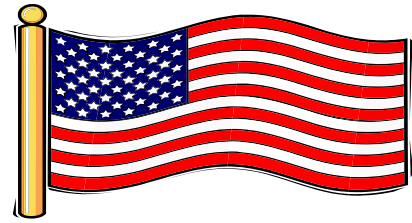


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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

Happy New Year!

There was a big crowd New Year's Day again. I would like to Thank all who helped to make it a success.

The Pork Sausage Dinner is coming up in March. Paul Hustedde agreed to chair this project along with Co Chairman Bob Ottensmeier. The membership agreed to stay with the same dinner format as last October - carry out with limited dine in available. They also agreed to stay with the same menu.

The workers list for the dinner will have many changes made to it to accommodate those that are unable to work due to health reasons. There will be new members added to this list. It will be included with next month's Lamp. Please check the times you are scheduled to work. This dinner is only two times a year; we ask for everyone's help.

The Auxiliary Rummage Sale will be held from February 23rd to the 25th. We will be setting stands up on February 16th at 2PM.

The membership agreed to purchase two SAL Monthly Raffle tickets; drawings are on the second Tuesday of the month.

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. The pot is approximately \$4,500.00. Come on out on Wednesday and take a chance. Bring a friend. If you can't make it Wednesday, you can always buy tickets in advance at the Heroes Pub during regular business hours.

Next month's meeting will be held at the Legion on Monday, February 20th at 7:00.

Commander Dale Rakers

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Mondt-Lampe Auxiliary meeting was called to order by Pres Mary Peek on Tues Jan 17.

The Legion family Christmas party was a big success. Food, drinks, games, and a lot of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who made it possible.

The Auxiliary Annual Scholarship Program deadline is Apr 1, 2023. Pick up your application at MD, Central, or the Legion, and very soon it will be on-line.

Funeral Masses for fallen Auxiliary members requires 6 members to stand guard. Please volunteer to attend these services.

Feb 11 is Citizens for Aviston night at the Legion. There will be a Euchre Tournament in the dining room after dinner. Come on down! It's fun!!

The Clinton County Snack Pack program is asking for donations for the children from Aviston who qualify for this program. Membership voted to donate \$2,000.

Our Rummage Sale will be held from Thurs, Feb 23 thru Sat, Feb 25. Donations can be brought in:

Fri, Feb 17 – 4 pm to 7 pm

Sat, Feb 18– 9 am till noon

Sun, Feb 19 - Noon till 4 pm

Mon, Feb 20- Noon till 6 pm

Please no mattresses or TVs. No donations will be taken on Tues, Feb 21. We will finish pricing and cleaning beginning at 9:30am on the 21st.

There will be a bake sale on Thurs, Feb 23 and Fri, Feb 24. So we are asking all of our good cooks in Aviston to support our bake sale as you have always done in the past. Wed, Feb 22 – A day off....to bake our goodies! All help setting up is so appreciated!!!

PS & B Dinner is Sun, Mar 19. If you wish to make any change to what you did in the past, please contact Pres Mary. She will be revising the work schedule. If your name is on the schedule, please work your shift....if we all do our part, the dinner runs smoothly...AND it feels good to do your part!!

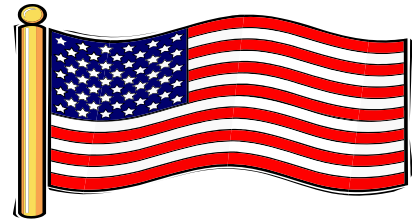
What falls from great heights but doesn't get hurt?
Snow!

Next mtg. Tues, Feb 21, 7pm.

Barb Haselhorst, Aux Reporter

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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 01/10/23 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 38 members present.

Lynn Hall and members of her family were welcomed as guests and they provided a very informative slideshow presentation of the recent Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois that she and her father (Don Boeser) took to Washington D.C. Veteran and Guardian Applications are available at the Legion if you are interested in taking this trip.

Many thanks to all members who helped on 1) New Year's Day and 2) also to those who donated and/or attended the 17th Annual Black-Tie Event & Talent Show at @Hidden Lake Winery on January 14th. Our event chairs did great jobs, as both were very well attended.

Greg Riechman will be in touch with Kevin Rakers, President of "Sleep in Heavenly Peace – Salem, regarding discussion and planning to have a Clinton County Bed Build at the Legion in 2023.

Dennis "Rocky" Rakers shared that construction should start soon regarding the improvements to Kopff Field.

A second concealed carry class will likely be held in March/April if enough interest is shown.

Sick Call: Wishing a quick recovery and prayers to Rachel Toennies and Barb Haselhorst.

Hash's cash: Jerry Strubhart picked the eight of Spades. The pot is \$3705, with seven cards remaining.

Fish Fry: **Steve Schrage's** Crew on Friday, February 17th. Steve's Crew – Steve, Hammer, Cleo, Chuck & Cole Schrage, Adam Davinroy, Art Braundmeier, Randy Haselhorst, Roger Koerkenmeier, Brad Richter, and Dave Weis.

Next Meeting: February 14th @7:30 PM at the Legion.

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fish Fry – AUX

Gun Club Meeting

Fish Fry – Legion

Citizen's for Aviston

SAL Meeting – 7:30

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Rummage Sale Set up

Fish Fry – SAL

Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry – Legion

K of C Meeting

Fri Feb 3

Tues Feb 7

Fri Feb 10

Sat Feb 11

Tues Feb 14

Thurs Feb 16

Thurs – Tues Feb 16 - 21

Fri Feb 17

Mon Feb 20

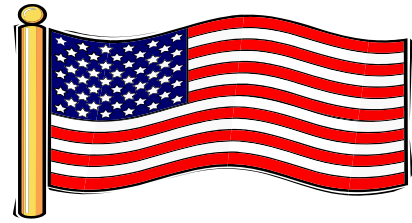
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Wed Feb 22

Thurs Feb 23

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HEROES PUB Hours

Tues – Thurs
Fri – Sat

6:00 pm - 12:00 am
4:00 pm – 1:00 am

Can't make the Queen of Hearts drawing on Wednesdays? Tickets are available all week at the Heroes Pub!

Have you tried one of their Draffhaus pizzas? They are delicious!
