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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

Merry Christmas to all! Hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Party. The food was great and the games were fun. But I did not win again.

A short meeting was held so we could get back to the Christmas Party. We had several members present for the short meeting. We received a check from the department for having our due paid up in full by the end of October. Thanks to all for getting their dues paid asap.

The solar panels are installed and hooked up. I would like to thank Bob and his crew for a job well done so far. Thanks to the SAL and Legion Members who helped with the guard rail installation. It was kind of a bad day with the rain and cold but everyone worked through this and got it done. Thanks to all who helped! Next up is getting the rubber matt down and rock over the matt and then the fence around the panels. I want to thank the Auxiliary for their donation toward this cost.

I would like to thank the SAL for the purchase of the new freezer for pizza supplies.

There will be a drawing at next month's meeting for someone to go to the Citizens for Aviston. We purchase a ticket each year for this event and some Legion member can win a free dinner for two with this ticket.

It was approved to increase the pay for cleaning service after all events upstairs.

Talk about some changes to the Pork Sausage Dinner was tabled to next month's meeting.

On January 7th we will host the 5th Division meeting for anyone wanting to attend.

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 Mon, Dec 18, 2023.

Cocktails at 5:30 kicked off our Legion Family Christmas Party, followed by our meeting.

We lost an Auxiliary member this week, Marcella Monaghan. She was a charter member and a Gold Star Mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

The winners at our Veteran Day celebration were Dave Lohman, the Poppy Quilt; and Carol Hustedde, the Baby Quilt. Speaking of...if you see Debi L., tell her thank you, or give her a big hug, for the way she respected the memories of our veterans that day. It was a showcase. Also, give a big thanks to Peggy T for her Hero's Christmas Dec 10. It was an awesome program. And, a shout out to the PSR program and the AGS for the cards they created for the Veterans and the drawings we posted at the Legion. Patriotism is definitely alive and well in Aviston.

Christmas gift bags were delivered to former Aviston residents now residing in retirement or nursing homes. Eleven gift bags were delivered by Florence L, Patti D. and Barb H.

Several of the nicest items from our Rummage Sale were delivered to residents in the Aviston Nursing Home to make their Christmas a little brighter by Debi L, Kathy B, and Marcy M.

Home bound members of our Aux were also visited by our members and given filled Christmas stockings.

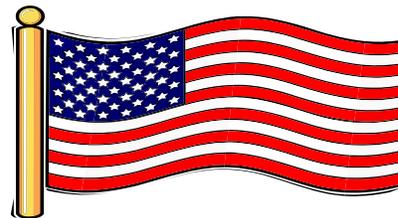
Thanks to all the ladies who took the time to spread some cheer this Christmas.

A big pat on the back to those who clean our Legion. We are so fortunate to have this beautiful hall for so many to appreciate, and to put a "spit shine" on it to keep it that way is worth mentioning. Thanks to Dale, Karen and their crew for all they do.

Our well attended family party was so much fun. Special cocktails and desserts, made of course by Lelette S were so good, the meal prepared by our fabulous cooks was great and the cards/money game, furnished by the SAL was fun. Happy New Year to all!
Next meeting: Jan 15. **Barb H, 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 12/12/23 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 33 members present.

We welcomed Jake Richter of Aviston as a new member.

Thanks to those SAL members who assisted with the set-up/teardown for "A Heroes Christmas," which was held on Sunday, December 10th. Congratulations and many thanks to the Ladies of the Auxiliary for hosting another great annual event.

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

- New Year's Day at the Legion (Monday, January 1st)
 - Please see the Worker's List and make sure that your shift is covered!
 - The doors will open at 10:30 AM and The Cheers Band will take the stage at 6 PM!
- 18th Annual Black Tie and Talent Show at Hidden Lake Winery (Saturday, January 13th @5 PM)

Please contact Dale Peek if you are interested in seeing country music singer-songwriter Lee Greenwood celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the "God Bless the USA" tour at the Lincoln Theatre in Belleville on Saturday, February 24th. There is also a sign-up sheet in Heroes Pub.

Sick Call: Continued prayers for Don Thole, Klank Rakers, Scott Voyles, and Dan Pickett.

Hash's cash: Steve Gorazd picked the five of spades.

Next Fish Fry: **Marvin Ratermann's** Crew on January 19th.

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

Special Meeting: 5th Division Winter Meeting (Sunday, January 7th @10:30 AM – Aviston Legion)

Many thanks to the Ladies of the Auxiliary for the cupcakes to recognize our SAL Charter 20th Anniversary!

Finally, I want to wish everyone in the SAL, Auxiliary, and Legion a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2024!

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

New Year's Day Party

Gun Club Meeting

Fish Fry – AUX

Voss/Kuper Wedding

5th Division Meeting

SAL Meeting – 7:30

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Republican Party Meeting

Fish Fry – Legion

Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby

Feldmann Family Party

Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM

Mon, Jan 1

Tues Jan 2

Fri Jan 5

Sat Jan 6

Sun Jan 7

Tues Jan 9

Thurs Jan 11

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Fri Jan 12

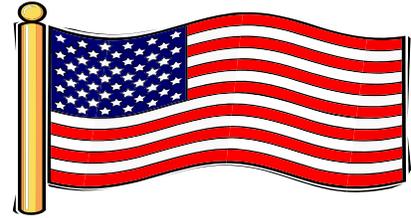
Sat & Sun Jan 13 & 14

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Mon Jan 15

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Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM

VVA Meeting

Fish Fry – SAL

Blue & Gold Banquet

K of C Meeting

Fish Fry – K of C

Tues Jan 16

Wed Jan 17

Fri Jan 19

Sat Jan 20

Thurs Jan 25

Fri Jan 26

HEROES PUB HOURS

Tues – Thurs

6:00 pm - 12:00 am

Fri – Sat

4:00 pm – 1:00 am

Sunday

2:00 pm - ???

Check out the Heroes 550 Drawing held every Wednesday! Details are in the Heroes Pub.
