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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

Monday's meeting had 14 members present, one guest.

I would like to welcome to our post our newest member, Carol Boothby from Trenton.

Jerome Rakers was selected to make the Honor Flight trip to our nation's capital. He stated it was a very good time. We will have three more members making this trip at a later date.

The carpet in the dining room was cleaned by C&D Carpet Cleaning on April 17th. I would like to thank all Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members who helped with the removal and replacing of the chairs and tables.

Jerome Rakers stated we will be putting flags out at the cemetery for Memorial Day on May 23rd at 6 PM. Any members that can help would be greatly appreciated. Memorial Day is Sunday May 28th. We will be going to 9:30 mass at church and then march to the cemetery to honor all who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Then we will march to the Legion Post for Raising of the Flag.

Nomination of officer is next month. Anyone interested in becoming an officer needs to be at the next meeting on May 15th. We do have openings for anyone that is looking for a position.

I would like to thank all who helped during the lent season with the Fish Fry Nights. I feel we had a very good year for attendance. We have gotten many compliments on our food.

It was decided to stop the Queen Drawing and replace it with a new type of raffle called the Heroes 550 Raffle. Details are at the Heroes Pub. Drawing is every Wednesday. The Raffle is going good right now. Don't be afraid to join in.

Next month's meeting will be held at the Legion on Monday, May 15th at 7:00.

Commander Dale Rakers

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Mondt-Lampe Auxiliary meeting was called to order by Pres Mary Peek on Tues, Apr 18.

Marcy Markus, Historian, gave us another year In Aux history, 1957. The kitchen was equipped by saving coupons, coffee can tabs, and selling vanilla and pepper. At one meeting, each member was asked to donate one kitchen towel to keep from buying them. Their bank balance was \$447.

The Scholarship Committee has reviewed all the applications. Interviews are being set up this week. The winners will be announced at the next meeting.

The 8th grade Americanism Awards will be announced at their graduation. The winners for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will receive \$100, \$75, or \$50.

Whispering Pines of Clinton County is offering the opportunity to purchase a commemorative brick. A 4x8 brick is \$150; 8x8 brick is \$300. A new dining room is being built. Beds are being built and mattresses have been purchased. Our own Peggy T. will be taking a truck and trailer to pick up the mattresses in Tennessee saving over \$700 in shipping costs. The membership approved purchasing a \$300 brick and also paying off the balance of \$765 for the mattresses. If you want to purchase a brick go to wpofcc.org/store. This property was formerly Camp Joy Boy Scout camp. Take a drive out there!!

The membership also approved the purchase of a copy machine. Pres Mary will order it.

The Heroes \$550 is doing well. Tickets are always for sale during Pub hours. \$5 each or 3 for \$10, with the drawing every Wed at 8:00pm. All proceeds are returned to the winners. Check it out! Come a little early, buy your tickets, have a pizza, and maybe a cold mug of beer with it!!

---What is Spring's favorite appetizer? A bloomin' onion.

--- How does the sun listen to music...On its ray-dio!

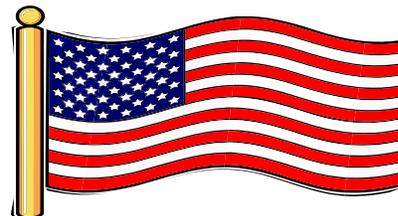
---What is Spring's favorite kind of pickles? Daffo-dills.

Next Meeting, Tues, May 16. See ya there!

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 7:33 PM on 04/11/23 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 38 members present.

Cindy Zurliene, representing the Aviston Park Board and Shelby Kuhl & Shannon Schuetz from the Aviston Community Improvement Club (ACIC) were all welcomed as guests. An update on Kopff Field was given by Cindy and she shared plans for the upcoming bathroom and concession stand improvements. A commitment for SAL assistance with cooking at the Party in the Park on June 10th was provided to Shelby and Shannon.

Many thanks to Hash and all other members who helped with the Drive-thru Rib Dinner on Saturday, April 1st.

The Whispering Pines Bed Build (hosted by our SAL Squadron) was a HUGE success on Saturday, April 22nd. Many thanks to the large crowd that showed up to help and special thanks to Kues Bros Auction & Realty for donating all of the wood and to Monny Sandifer (Coldwell Banker – Brown Realtors) for donating all of the hardware for the 21 beds that were made.

Our SAL Squadron will be sponsoring a Juggling Tournament at Hidden Lake Winery on May 19th, from 4-8 PM (see Hash for tickets for a jug, which are \$100 each).

A great deal of SAL help will be needed, so please mark your calendars for the following upcoming event:

- Clinton County SAL Bed Build with Sleep in Heavenly Peace - Salem (@the Legion on Saturday, June 3rd - 9 AM). Additionally, we would like to invite all members of the Legion and Auxiliary to join us for this great cause, as all beds that are built will be reserved for only children from Clinton County.

We are still planning for another Concealed Carry class; however, we are going to wait until after our second bed build project has been completed.

The Aviston Smoke Off will be held at the Legion on Saturday, August 26th. Sponsorship flyers are available (see Dan Pickett or Bill Gooch for info).

Sick Call: Continued prayers to Klank Rakers and Scott Voyles.

Hash's cash: Tom Schrage picked the 4 of Spades. There are four cards remaining.

Fish Fry: **Rick Peek's** Crew on Friday, May 19th. Rick's Crew – Rick, Tom Altgilbers, Ron Harem, Stan Huelsmann, Bob Kues, Chuck Luitjohan, Kurt Peters, Dan Pickett, Chuck Peek, Dalton Smith, Gary Thole, Ron Voss, and Dean & Tyler Schrage.

Next Meeting: May 9th @6:30 PM at the Highland Gun Club (the monthly drawing will still be held @Legion!).

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Red Cross Blood Drive

Gun Club Meeting

Fish Fry – AUX

Ritchey/Schmitt Wedding

SAL Meeting – 6:30 Mystery Location

Mon May 1

Tues May 2

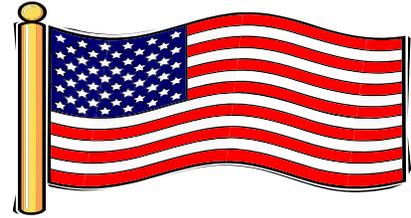
Fri May 5

Sat May 6

Tues May 9

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Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM**Fish Fry – Legion**

Moussette/Witt Wedding

Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM**Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM****Fish Fry – SAL**

Rehkemper/Benhoff Wedding

K of C Meeting

Fish Fry – K of C**Thurs May 11****Fri May 12**

Sat May 13

Mon May 15**Tues May 16****Fri May 19**

Sat May 20

Thurs May 25

Fri May 26

HEROES PUB Hours

Tues – Thurs

6:00 pm - 12:00 am

Fri – Sat

4:00 pm – 1:00 am

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