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March 2023
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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

Monday meeting had 16 members present, no guests.

I would like to thank all who showed for the funeral walkthroughs of Dave Nettemeier and Linda Kues, we had a very good turnout. I would like to thank all Legion Members who helped with the Military Funeral for Dave, very good turnout for that also. We need to be proud that our post can conduct these services without calling the county Honor Guard. I would like to thank Andy Tebbe for replacing Dave Nettemeier on the exec board.

March 23rd the Legion participated along with all Legion Posts from the county in a drive by for Vince Rolves. He celebrated his 99th birthday.

Preparations are under way for the Pork Sausage and Roast Beef Dinner coming up March 19th. This Lamp will include the workers list for the dinner, please check your scheduled time to work as there have been changes made. I ask everyone to please try and make your shift. In the past we have had approximately 50 plus who do not show, and that puts a burden on those who work due to the lack of help.

Lent started Wednesday, February 22nd. As most of you know this is a very busy season. The Fish Fry Nights have been very busy lately and I am sure lent will be no different. It will take a minimum of 10 people to work each night.

I would like to thank all who helped with the rummage sale, putting up stands, and taking them back down.

Dennis Rakers stated he hopes to have the new web site up and running by the first part of March. He also stated that there will be two baseball teams this year. Many thanks goes to Dennis for all the work he has down for our Legion.

Queen of Hearts is still going, hope to see more contestants, the pot is slowly gaining.

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

Commander Dale Rakers

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Mondt-Lampe Auxiliary meeting was called to order by Pres Mary Peek on Tues, Feb 21st.

Special guest in attendance was the 23rd District President, Mary Madson.

The Charter was draped for member Linda Kues. Linda joined in 1980 and was a very faithful, loyal member. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Marcy Markus, Historian, has volunteered to prepare a monthly report on what life in the Auxiliary was like back in 1956, when our organization was chartered. That will be very interesting!!

Don't forget...scholarship apps are due Apr 1st. Don't let this opportunity slip away. There are other scholarships available through the Aux and Legion. For more info, contact Mary Peek 618-830-7721.

The Americanism essays have been judged and the 1st place winner has been forwarded. Winning essays will be announced in May.

District President Mary Madson spoke to the membership on upcoming events and meetings in the district. She also presented our Pres Mary with a certificate for achieving 100% paid up membership. Congratulations to our membership Chairman, Marlene Hofelich. Good job, girl!!!!

The VA pantry is in need of donations, either pantry items or cash. The membership approved giving them \$1000.

The membership also voted to donate \$250 to Chakota.

We also voted to donate \$50 each to Mater Dei and Central for their after prom evening.

Our Pork and Beef Dinner is Sun, March 19th. Check the workers list, which is enclosed, highlight your shift, and please work it. "Few burdens are heavy if everyone lifts". (I'm sure someone important said that!!)

Peggy T. gave a demo on our new website. WOW. It looks awesome. It should be up and running soon.

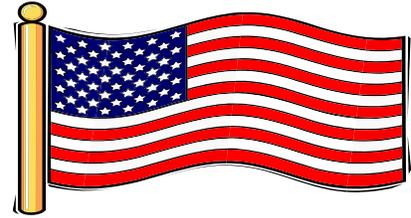
Lent is here. Get ready for His resurrection....and also very busy Fish Frys.

Next Mtg. Mar 21st.

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 7:34 PM on 02/14/23 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 33 members present.

Glenn Kues of Port Aransas, Texas, was welcomed as a new member.

Regarding the improvements to Kopff Field, Dennis "Rocky" Rakers shared that a contract has been signed and forwarded to the Bishop. They are awaiting final signature, with construction to soon follow.

Updates to the Legion website are targeted to be completed by Rocky Rakers by March 1st.

Interest for a second concealed carry class exists and we're looking at scheduling this most likely in April.

Kevin Rakers, President of "Sleep in Heavenly Peace – Salem" will be attending our March meeting to discuss planning for a SAL sponsored Clinton County Bed Build at the Legion during the first half of 2023.

The Spring Pork Sausage Dinner will be on Sunday, March 19th at the Legion. Please see the Workers List and make sure to have your shift covered!

A rib dinner will be hosted by the SAL on Saturday, April 1st. Hash will be taking orders, with pick-up at the Legion between 4-6 PM.

Sick Call: Wishing a quick recovery to Klank Rakers and prayers to Scott Voyles regarding the passing of his father.

Hash's cash: Whitey Kues picked the King of Clubs. There are six cards remaining.

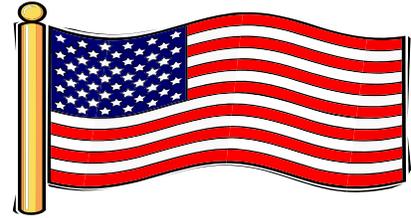
Fish Fry: **Dean "Hash" Horstmann's** Crew on Friday, March 17th. Hash's Crew – Hash, Josh Dunning, Bill Gooch, Mark Hilmes, Jay Hoelscher, Matt Mannhard, Dale Peek, Mike Rakers, Eric Zurliene, Ken Schildroth, Jerry Strubhart Pete Trame, Dennis Rakers.

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

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fish Fry – AUX

K of C Blood Drive
8th Grade Girls Banquet
Gun Club Meeting

Fish Fry – Legion

Cub Scout Breakfast

SAL Meeting – 7:30

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Fish Fry – SAL

Pork Sausage Dinner Prep

Pork Sausage Dinner Dinner

Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM

K of C Meeting

Fish Fry – K of C

Central Paws Fundraiser

Fish Fry 5th Friday – Legion

Fri Mar 3

Mon Mar 6

Mon Mar 6

Tues Mar 7

Fri Mar 10

Sun Mar 12

Tues Mar 14

Thurs Mar 16

Fri Mar 17

Sat Mar 18

Sun Mar 19

Mon Mar 20

Tues Mar 21

Thurs Mar 23

Fri Mar 24

Sat Mar 25

Fri Mar 31

HEROES PUB Hours

Tues – Thurs

6:00 pm - 12:00 am

Fri – Sat

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!
