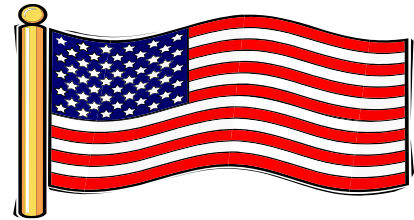


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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

Another Pork dinner completed; 960 dinners served.

Thanks to all who helped and worked their shifts.

There were approximately 40 workers that did not make their shift. We will need to improve participation in October. Should have a final report soon.

Thanks to all who helped with the rummage sale clean up and all who helped with the Military Funeral for Don Boeser.

New flags have been installed on the poles in front. Hopefully they will not get torn up by all bad weather we have been having.

Thanks to all who helped with cleaning all the corn husks that blew in our lot from the storm Friday night. We hauled four trailer loads to the dump and still have more to clean.

The dance floor was resealed on March 8th we have to stay off the floor for two weeks.

There are six member that will be going on the Honor Flight on April 15th - Bob Ottensmeier, Mike Nettekmeier, Dave Lohman, George Evans, and Ken & Jerry Haselhorst. Hope it will be an enjoyable and memorable trip for them, and **Thanks** for your service.

Easter Egg Hunt coming soon; Rocky Ratermann is working on the prizes and getting all the eggs ready. Easter Egg Hunt is Easter Sunday at 1:30 PM at the lower park

Hopefully after Lent we will be having the carpet cleaned in the dining room.

Senior Legion baseball schedule has been completed. It is on the Legion web page.

Don Hegger has been approved for lawn cutting again this year.

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 Tues, Mar 18, 2025.

23rd District President Diane Owens was in attendance. She spoke on the "Be The One" walk on May 10, beginning in Flora IL, 8am. It's an 8 mi walk. Proceeds support the suicide program for veterans.

Also attending was Peggy Zotz from the New Baden Legion Auxiliary. She is an advocate for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) which is "members helping members in crisis". Anyone can request assistance in a time of need: fire, flood, tornado, etc. Go to: www.ALforVeterans.org/AEF for further assistance.

HURRY!! The \$1,000 Aux Scholarships deadline is Apr 1. Please follow the requirements listed. Every step provides points toward receiving one of these scholarships. Applications are available at the Legion or online: www.avistonlegion.com. Good luck!

Ken Leach, representing the Girl Scouts, requested our Aux be their sponsor. He also asked for a charter representative from our organization. Shelly Pickett volunteered. Shelly and her husband Dan have been involved with Scouts for many years, so she's the perfect selection. Scouting carries a lifelong achievement. We are happy to be their sponsor.

Peggy T spoke on the "Derby Party", Sat, May 3, at the Legion, 3pm to midnight. Prizes, such as "Best Derby Hat" & "Best Dressed Derby Attire" will be awarded. There will be 50/50 drawings, raffles, horse races, food, and drinks. Online in advance admission is \$25 or \$30 at the door. This is turning into a "must attend" party!! Mint Julips and all!! Peggy needs lots of volunteers. If you can help, please call her: 618-920-5713.

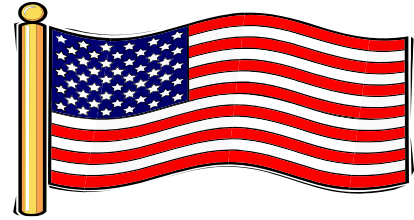
Membership approved a \$200 donation to the Special Olympics to be held in Normal IL June 20 & 21.

Let us cook for you!! Wed, April 9, pork loin with potatoes, corn and Goey Butter Cake, \$10. Pick up at the Legion. Order on venmo or prepay at Heroes Pub. Deadline for ordering is Mar 31.

Next mtg Tues, Apr 15, 7pm, come hungry. We'll have potato soup. **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 at the Aviston Legion on 03/11/25 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 31 members present.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Legion member Don Boeser of Aviston who passed away on March 3rd. Our condolences to Don's family.

Many thanks to everyone that helped with the Annual Spring Pork Sausage & Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, March 16th.

One-year member renewals are DUE NOW, so please see Steve Schrage for payment to keep your membership active

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

- Service Work Day at Whispering Pines of Clinton County (Saturday, April 12th from 9-Noon).
- Auxiliary Kentucky Derby Party (Saturday, May 3rd).
 - The Workers List will be discussed at our April meeting; see Peggy Timmermann for event tickets and raffle tickets.
- Juggling Tournament at Hidden Lake Winery on Mother's Day weekend (Friday, May 9th from 4-8 PM).
 - Contact Hash if you are interested in purchasing a jug.

Finally, I am very excited to share that on Monday, April 14th, we are having a HUGE send-off in Bartelso for approximately SIXTY Clinton County veteran heroes that will be going on upcoming Honor Flights out of Springfield (Tuesday, April 15th) and Marion (Tuesday, May 6th). We are asking the general public to arrive at 11 AM at the Standin' Proud Veterans Tribute Museum. Carl Huels, Kathy Rakers Kampwerth and I have a few surprises up our sleeve as well, so I encourage everyone who is available to attend. Once we depart Standin' Proud at approximately 12:45 PM (no later than 1 PM), our veterans will be heading west on Route 161 thru Bartelso, Germantown, Albers and New Baden. Kathy is working with the schools to have children along the parade route, and we are encouraging businesses and all local residents to show their patriotic support as well. Additionally, we are encouraging a large welcome-home presence at each of the respective airports both evenings when the two aforementioned Honor Flights return. If you have any questions, please contact me at (618) 359-2523

Sick Call & Prayers: Dean "Hash" Horstmann, Paul Hustedde, and the family of Don Boeser.

Hash's cash: Craig Timmermann picked the five of spades.

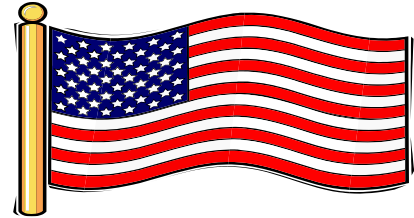
Next Fish Fry: **Rick Wellen's** Crew on April 18th.

Next Meeting: April 8th @7:30 PM at the Legion.

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Election Polling	Tues Apr 1
Gun Club Meeting	Tues Apr 1
Fish Fry – AUX	Fri Apr 4
SAL Meeting – 7:30	Tues Apr 8
Auxiliary Meal	Wed Apr 9
Republican Meeting	Thurs Apr 10
Fish Fry – Legion	Fri Apr 11
Private Family Party	Sat Apr 12
Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM	Tues Apr 15
Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM	Thurs Apr 17
Fish Fry – SAL	Fri Apr 18
Easter Egg Hunt @ Aviston Park – 1:30	Sun Apr 20
Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM	Mon Apr 21
K of C Meeting	Thurs Apr 24
Fish Fry – K of C	Fri Apr 25

HEROES PUB HOURS

Tues – Thurs	6:00 pm - 12:00 am
Fri – Sat	4:00 pm – 1:00 am
Sunday	3:00 pm - ???

Come on in and sit a spell on the most comfortable bar stools around. Have a drink and sign up for the Auxiliary's 2nd Wednesday take out suppers. They are delicious!!
