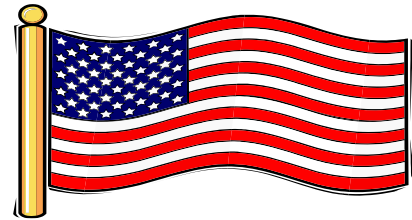


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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

Nomination of officers was up this month and everyone stated they would continue except Wayland Middendorf, Sergeant-At-Arms and Service Officer Jim Feldmann. Bob Hofelich agreed to take the Sergeant-At-Arms position and Terry Klein stated he would take the Service Officer position. Nomination will be open yet next month for anyone who would like to hold an office.

Thanks to Stan Rakers and Ken Haselhorst for presenting the Grade School Certificates at the eighth grade graduation ceremony.

ALS Benefit went really well; many thanks to Stan & Diane Rakers, Bob Ottensmeier, Ivan Markus, Dean Horstmann, and all members of the SAL & Auxiliary along with friends of my son Lyle and family members who all helped in any way. Karen and I cannot thank you all enough. Over \$12,000.00 was collected for ALS. Eighty four classic cars were present, a good turn out with everything going on.

Commander Rakers stated he purchased four umbrellas and asked if the Legion would buy them for future use. They agreed to purchase them.

Dave Lohmann stated his daughter will be retiring on June 14th from the military after 20year of service. Thank you, Janelle, for your service.

Parking blocks were discussed to see if anyone would like to have them. It was voted that Jeremy Bloom would take them for his driveway.

Flags at the cemetery were put up on Wednesday May 22nd and will be taken back down on May 29th at 6 PM both nights.

A donation was made the Clinton County Fair Program and Clinton County Beverage Association.

The Aviston Express and Conductors Sr. Legion baseball teams begin their seasons this month. Go to the Legion web site (www.avistonlegion.com) for schedules. They are located under the Legion tab.

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, May 21.

May is our Charter's 68th Anniversary. Happy Anniversary to us! We celebrated with red, white and blue decorated cupcakes. Thanks to the good fairy that brought them.....Mary!

The winners of the two categories of the Aux Scholarship program were announced. Veteran: 1st-Candace Schomacher-\$1000, 2nd-Taylor Hettenhausen-\$500. Community: 1st Cole Buschmann-\$1000, 2nd-Cecelia Richter-\$500. These students give us hope for a bright future. Congratulations!

The membership voted to donate funds to the following causes: Clinton County Relay for Life, Special Olympics, and Gifts to the Yanks.

Marcy M briefed us on "A year in the life of our Aux", 1965. The Treasury had \$106. The Americanism Essay topic was, "Why Americans Should Vote". The winner was Lois Poettker. Charlotte Markus was selected to go to the Illini Girls State.

Chairman Karen R reported on this year's Americanism Essay winners which were awarded at the 8th grade Graduation. 1st place, Lily Thole, \$100; 2nd, Dawson Rueter, \$75; 3rd, Neve Herley, \$50. Lily's essay took 4th at 23rd District competition. Congratulations to all. Karen's committee consisted of Irma D, Lalette S, and Lee J. Thanks ladies.

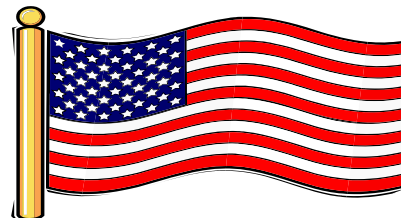
Chairman April Pickett reported on a successful Poppy weekend. The Aviston businesses donated \$1,955 and loose change collections were \$713. The two Scratch Off Boards took in \$900. Thanks to all who donated to support our veterans. What would our country look like without them? The winners of the two boards were Jody Olson and Edna Rakers. Good job, April!!

Karen R reported on the success of the ALS Car Show event. All \$12,000 collected was donated to the Wash U. Lab. This community has a really big heart.

Next month is nomination and election of new officers. Please attend to support the new leadership.
Next mtg Jun 18. Barb H. Aux Rptr

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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 6:30 PM at the Highland Pistol & Rifle Club on 05/14/24 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 40 members present.

Commander Riechman held a moment of silence in remembrance of Steve "Edgar" Richter, who passed away two years ago on this day.

Thanks to Dean Schrage for hosting our May meeting at the Highland Pistol & Rifle Club and thanks to Rick Wellen for preparing a delicious meal.

Thanks to Steve Gorazd for hosting our Juggling Tournament @Hidden Lake Winery on Friday, May 10th. Special thanks to Dean "Hash" Horstmann for selling 100 tickets and to all of those members who helped with the event and/or bought a jug.

Congratulations to the Legion on a successful Car Show that was held on Sunday, May 19th. Thanks to those SAL members who attended to support this event to benefit ALS and thanks to Bill Gooch and Hash for helping cook

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

- Aviston Party in the Park (Saturday, June 8th [shifts to cook burgers, etc. from 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM])

Officer nominations for the coming year will be held at the June meeting.

Sick Call: Prayers to the Richter family!

Hash's cash: Bill Gooch picked the ace of spades.

Next Fish Fry: **Greg Riechman's** Crew on June 21st.

Next Meeting: June 11th @7:30 PM at the Legion.

Finally, if you have not done so, please get your dues payments to Steve Schrage!

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Gun Club Meeting

Fish Fry – AUX

SAL Meeting – 7:30

Republican Party Meeting

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Fish Fry – Legion

Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM

Fish Fry – SAL

Ottman/Rule Wedding

Fr. Dan Open House

K of C Meeting

Tues Jun 4

Fri Jun 7

Tues Jun 11

Thurs Jun 13

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Fri Jun 14

Mon Jun 17

Tues Jun 18

Fri Jun 21

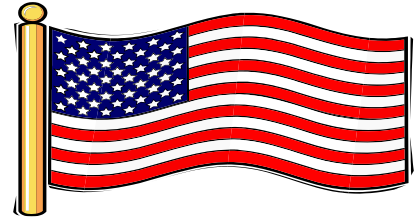
Sat Jun 22

Sun Jun 23

Thurs Jun 27

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Fri Jun 28

HEROES PUB HOURS

Tues – Thurs	6:00 pm - 12:00 am
Fri – Sat	4:00 pm – 1:00 am
Sunday	2:00 pm - ???

June days to fly the US Flag:

- June 6 – Remember D-Day
 - June 14 – Army Birthday and Flag Day
 - June 16 – Father’s Day
 - June 19 – Juneteenth National Independence Day
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