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August 2023
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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

New officers were sworn in and are the following: Commander Dale Rakers; Sr Vice Bob Ottensmeier; Jr Vice Dave Lohmann; Finance officer Stan Rakers; Service Officer Jim Feldmann; Chaplin Ken Haselhorst; Sergeant-at-Arms Wayland Middendorf; Historian Jeremy Bloom; Judge Advocate Paul Hustedde. They will be taking over next meeting.

Thank you to all who came out for the Clinton County Fair Parade. We had a full wagon; everyone had a good time, I hope. Car show on July 7th was a great turnout with 107 cars. Maybe another in the fall.

DUES!!!! DUES!!!! Everyone should have received a letter about your dues. Please get them paid ASAP for our post to be at 100% paid up. You can pay on line or send your payment to the Legion. You also can pay a five year membership. Dues are \$35.00 per year.

We are still waiting to hear if the damaged flag pole is under the warranty. A c unit was replaced this past month. Also, Wednesday morning the walk-in cooler was not working. October Pork Dinner is come soon. Paul & Bob agreed to chair this project again. It will be carryout with limited dine in

At the combined meeting we discussed the solar panel project along with getting committees for Veterans Day, which will be held here in Aviston. There will be a dedication of Old Route 50 to be called Veterans Memorial Hwy on the day also. State Rep. Charlie Meyer will be present for this dedication.

Legion Baseball the Express team won the 23rd District tournament on July 16th. They also won the Division tournament on July 23rd in West Frankfort. They will be heading back to the state tournament in Galesburg. GO Express, Good Luck!!!

I would like to congratulate all the players on the Conductor team on a great year. They played very well in the District tourney.

Legion Family Trip to the National Vietnam Memorial in Perryville, MO on October 14th limited to 50 Adults and minimum of 30. For Reservations Contact Ron Obernier. There are flyers at the Legion for this trip.

Commander Dale Rakers

AUXILIARY NEWS

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

The kitchen and fry room received a cleaning by Aux members Nancy, Val, Carol, Mary, and Mary Jo. Thanks ladies. (Plus a recommendation for Dawn Platinum!! Must have been good stuff.)

Opps! In last months LAMP I misspelled Minnie Brand's name in the Historian's report. These ladies deserve proper ID. Sorry!

Dale & Karen's wagon was packed for the CC Fair Parade. People were singing along with us on the route. So much fun. Lots of respect for the flag.

Our next meeting will be Tues, Aug 15 at Whispering Pines. We will meet at the Legion at 6pm to car pool. A meal will be catered, but bring your own drinks. We will all be treated to a tour. Prepare to be impressed. Lots of work has gone into it. Since this is our annual membership meeting, please feel free to bring a guest or potential member. Dues of \$29 will also be collected. There will be a reverse drawing with the winner receiving free dues.

The website WPOFCC.org will take you to info about an auction on Aug 19 for Whispering Pines. Also, you can call Craig or Peggy for details.

A joint meeting followed with the Legion and SAL. Commander Dale and Bob Ottensmeier briefed us on the solar panel project for the Legion. These will be installed later this year. Details have been ironed out and this project is a go.

There was a lot of discussion about Sat, Nov 11, Veterans Day which will be held at our Legion this year. This will take a lot of organizing and committees to make this a success. Please volunteer your time when asked. We have the right people at the right time to make this a memorable event. There will be A LOT more on this in the near future.

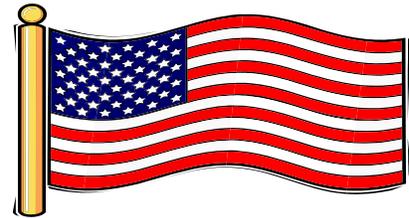
The Veterans Memorial highway will also be dedicated that day. This will take place upstairs in the dance hall. It will be a very special day for our Legion.

St. Francis, Aviston, Church Picnic will be Aug 5.

Barb Haselhorst, 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 07/11/23 by Commander Greg Riechman with 37 members present.

In honor of his birthday, a moment of silence was observed for our departed brother and two-time past Commander, Steve "Edgar" Richter.

Thank you to past Commander Dale Peek for installing the following officers for the 2023-2024 membership year: Commander: Greg Riechman; Sr. Vice Comm: Matt Gorazd; Jr. Vice Comm: Jerry Strubhart; Adjutant: Bill Gooch; Finance Officer: Steve Schrage; Chaplain: Tom Schrage; Historian: Rick Wellen; Sgt. at Arms #1: Ryan Haukap; Sgt. at Arms #2: Dean "Hash" Horstmann.

It was my honor to carry the SAL flag in the Clinton County Fair Parade on Monday, July 17th. Thank you to those members of the Sons, Legion and Auxiliary that attended and special thanks to Dale Rakers for providing his tractor and wagon.

A great deal of SAL assistance will be needed to help cook at the Whispering Pines of Clinton County "Give the Gift of Camp" Benefit at Hondo's Bar & Grill in Bartelso on August 19th. We will be helping with several other Clinton County SAL Squadrons from 4-9 PM, with local Vietnam Veterans serving the food. Our timeslot will be from 3-5 PM.

Planning for the Aviston Smoke Off continues. It will be held at the Legion on Saturday, August 26th. A youth cook-off (6-10 & 11-16 age groups; volunteer judges are needed!) has been added to the schedule. A Worker's List will be provided at the August meeting (please see Dan Pickett or Bill Gooch for further info).

We will be hosting a Concealed Carry class on Saturday, August 26th, starting at 8 AM at the Legion (please see Steve Gorazd for further info).

Sick Call: Continued prayers for Scott Voyles.

Hash's cash: Mike Koch picked the Ace of Spades to win!

Fish Fry: **Steve Schrage's** Crew on August 18th.

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

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Gun Club Meeting

Fish Fry – AUX

Holtgrave/Thole Wedding

Class of '73 Reunion

SAL Meeting – 7:30

Fish Fry – Legion

Central HOF Banquet

Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Fish Fry – SAL

Tues Aug 1

Fri Aug 4

Sat Aug 5

Sun Aug 6

Tues Aug 8

Fri Aug 11

Sat Aug 12

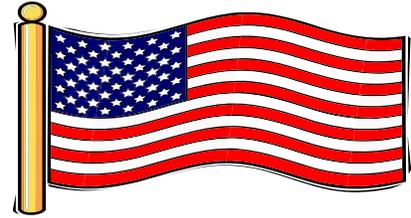
Tues Aug 15

Thurs Aug 17

Fri Aug 18

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Gun Club Safety Course
Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM
K of C Meeting
Fish Fry – K of C
SAL BBQ Smoke-Off

Fri-Sat Aug 18-19
Mon Aug 21
Thurs Aug 24
Fri Aug 25
Sat Aug 26

HEROES PUB Hours

Tues – Thurs	6:00 pm - 12:00 am
Fri – Sat	4:00 pm – 1:00 am
Sunday (summer hours)	3:30 pm - ???

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