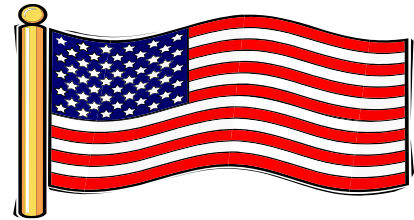


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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

If you have been past the Legion you will notice we have our new Marquee installed. Ken Haselhorst, Debi Luebbers and Tim Feldmann are working to get all ads displayed.

We also installed new entrance signs at all entrances to the hall; thanks to Bob O. and Ivan M. A new railing was installed by the elevator door on the north side of hall. I would like to Thank Bob, Ivan and Stan R. for their help with keeping the Legion grounds looking as good as it is.

Pork Sausage Dinner coming up March 16th; the workers' list is included with this Lamp. Please check when it is your turn to work. There will be more copies of the workers' list at the Pub. The price per plate will increase to \$15.00 due to the higher cost of beef. The Pork dinner will be run the same way as last October - carry out with limited dining room. Anyone available on Saturday morning starting at 9 to put cookies and bread together, feel free to come and help.

Thanks to all who helped with the rummage sale, putting the stands up and taking them back down, and clean up. The upstairs dance floor will be refinished on March 8th, after which we will have to stay off for 10 days.

The new cleaning machine has been delivered and it sure does a great job cleaning all the floors. We received bids for oiling the parking lot this summer.

On a more serious note, Karen and I work very hard to keep the dining room and kitchen clean and in order. We ask that everyone puts the trash barrels with new trash bags and carts back where they were found and not up in elevator room outside. All other items that are used should be put back where you got them. This is for all organizations that use the dining room and kitchen.

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, Feb 25, 2025.

The 8th grade Americanism Award program with a subject of "National Monuments" was completed. The top 3 winners will receive \$50, \$75, and \$100 and will be awarded at the AGS Graduation. The winning essays have been forwarded to State for further competition.

The \$1,000 Aux Scholarships deadline is Apr 1. Please make sure you follow the requirements listed. Every step provides points toward receiving one of these scholarships. Applications are available at the Legion. Good luck!

Membership approved sending \$50 ea. to Mater Dei and Central for their post prom events. We also donated \$250 to Chakota.

We are sponsoring two \$75 Scratch-off boards. Tickets are available at the Friday Fish Frys. Chairman April P is looking for volunteers to help sell. Please call her at 618-401-9230 if you can help. Tickets are \$5 each or 3/\$10. Profits will go to the Poppy Fund, which supports the veterans.

Lenten Fish Frys begin on Ash Wed, Mar 5. You know, these are extremely busy. All extra help is appreciated.

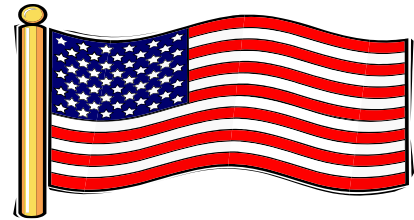
Another **JOB WELL DONE!!** for our Rummage Sale. The help we had from members as well as the Aviston community, men & women, was unbelievable. And, the kids from PSR and CYM really know how to pitch in. We donate items to so many worthy groups in the area. Every donation finds a home. All the fantastic baked goods was another big hit. Thanks to all who donated, worked, baked, etc. This has truly become a community project. We closed this topic with a big round of applause for our fantastic committee.

The Pork & Beef dinner is Sun, Mar 16. Please check the workers list enclosed. This is another project that takes the cooperation of all of us. Please do your part. Meal of the month is fried chicken, \$12.50 Mar 12. Please Venmo by Mar 1 or in the Pub.

Blood Drive is Mar 3rd, noon to 5pm. Derby Day coming soon...May 3rd. **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 02/11/25 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 30 members present.

A moment of silence was held in memory Kate Buehne, who passed away earlier that day. Our condolences to Kate's brother, Past SAL Commander Dale Peek, and the entire Buehne and Peek families!

Many thanks to everyone that helped with the Auxiliary Rummage Sale break-down on Saturday, February 22nd.

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

- Annual Spring Pork Sausage & Roast Beef Dinner (Sunday, March 16th)
 - Please see the Workers' List and make sure that your shift is covered!
- Auxiliary Kentucky Derby Party (Saturday, May 3rd)
 - A Workers' List will be distributed, see Peggy Timmermann for tickets.

Sick Call & Prayers: Paul Hustedde, and the Buehne, Peek and Donnewald families.

Hash's cash: A new deck was started; Hash picked the three of spades.

Next Fish Fry: **Dean "Hash" Horstmann's** Crew on March 21st.

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

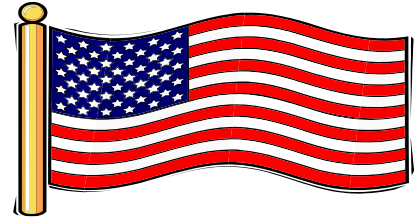
Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Red Cross Blood Drive	Mon Mar 3
Gun Club Meeting	Tues Mar 4
Ash Wednesday Fish Fry – Legion	Wed Mar 5
Fish Fry – AUX	Fri Mar 7
Aviston Fire Department Banquet	Sat Mar 8
Cub Scout Breakfast	Sun Mar 9
SAL Meeting – 7:30	Tues Mar 11
Auxiliary Meal	Wed Mar 12
Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM	Thurs Mar 13
Fish Fry – Legion	Fri Mar 14
Pork Sausage Dinner Prep	Sat Mar 15
Pork Sausage and Beef Dinner	Sun Mar 16
Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM	Mon Mar 17
Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM	Tues Mar 18
Fish Fry – SAL	Fri Mar 21
K of C Meeting	Thurs Mar 27
Fish Fry – K of C	Fri Mar 28

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Marie Jansen 90th Birthday Party

Sun Mar 30

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!!
