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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

Monday meeting had 16 members present, no guests.

We have three members who reached 50 years of continuous membership Mike Nettemeier, Ron Toennies, and Dave Nettemeier. Unfortunately Dave passed this year before he could be recognized as a 50 year member. Let's keep Dave and his family in our prayers. And congratulations to all.

I would like to **Thank** all who helped with the Auxiliary Rummage Sale - setting stands and taking them down and helping during the sale. It was a very successful sale.

The Pork Sausage dinner was a success again this March; 1187 dinners served. That was just short of last year's total of 1243, close to another record. I would like to **Thank** all who worked their shift; not as many absent workers this year.

Cleaning the dining room carpet was approved; contacted Dave Rakers. He will be coming on April 17th to clean. We will need help with moving all tables and chairs off the floor on Sunday April 16th.

Don Hegger was approved again for the lawn cutting service. His bid was the same as last year.

The new web site is up running now for anyone to look at. <https://www.avistonlegion.com/> Thanks a bunch to Dennis Rakers for all his work on this.

Easter Egg Hunt will be at the City Park on Easter Sunday at 1:30PM.

Queen of Hearts has gone out again last week, winner was Dean Horstmann. It was decided to stop the Queen Drawing and replace it with a new type of raffle called the Heroes 550 Raffle. Details will be at the Heroes Pub. Drawing is every Wednesday.

Next month's meeting will be held at the Legion on Monday, April 17th at 7:00.

Commander Dale Rakers

AUXILIARY NEWS

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

A new venture is coming to the Heroes Pub called "Heroes 550 Raffle", to be held on Wed nights. See Commander Dale's notes.

When attending a member's wake or funeral service, members are asked to wear white shirts, red jackets, dark pants, and a patriot scarf.

Our Rummage Sale was one for the books!! Best Ever!! Our hard-working committee of Deb L, Marcy M, Kathy B, Lois V, Edna R, and Marilyn V are to be commended. Pres Mary reported we had 63 volunteers of which 21 were non members. And, of course, thanks to all who brought baked goods for the bake sale. That is awesome! We work hard, but we also have fun! Congrats to all for a job well done!

Marcy Markus, Historian, gave a most interesting briefing on the 1st year the Auxiliary was chartered, which was in 1956. All those familiar names of women who worked so hard to establish our organization gives new meaning to what we have today. For their first project they borrowed \$50 from the Legion. They made \$300 and immediately paid off their loan. Dues were \$2 annually and the first president was Isabel Wieter. We are so thankful to those pioneers.

The membership approved a donation of \$1,000 each to Marion IL, Springfield IL, and St. Louis MO. Veterans Honor Flight Programs. Any veteran can apply for these flights. Several Legion members have made this venture and more are scheduled in the near future.

The Pork & Beef dinner was also a big success. Thank to all who worked their shift. 98% of us worked our shift. Now that's "team work" at its best.

** *Do you know all about April 1?*

Yes, I'm fooly aware of it!

** *What kind of garden does a baker have?*

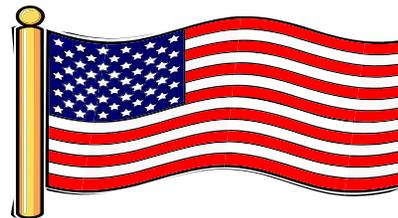
A flour garden!

Next Mtg Apr 18th.

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 7:32 PM on 03/14/23 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 37 members present.

Col. Rachele Smith (Wounded Warriors); Sally Norrenberns (Whispering Pines) and Kevin Rakers (President - Sleep in Heavenly Peace – Salem) were welcomed as guests to discuss future bed builds. Additionally, Kurt Rakers was present and asked to be sponsored as an Honor Flight Guardian for his father.

Many thanks to all SAL members who helped with the Spring Pork Sausage & Roast Beef Dinner which was held on Sunday, March 19th (1187 meals were served!).

Hash will be having a Drive-thru Rib Dinner on Saturday, April 1st (\$20.00 per carry out order; pick up is from 4-6 PM).

Regarding the improvements to Kopff Field, Dennis “Rocky” Rakers shared that final signature approval was received from the Bishop, with construction to follow soon.

SAL help will be needed, so please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

- Whispering Pines Bed Build (@WP on Saturday, April 22nd - 1 PM)
- Aviston SAL Clinton County Bed Build with Sleep in Heavenly Peace - Salem (@the Legion on Saturday, June 3rd - 9 AM)

We are still planning for another Concealed Carry class; however, we are going to wait another month before finalizing a date!

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.

Mark your calendars for the Aviston Smoke Off, which will be held at the Legion on Saturday, August 26th
Sick Call: Continued prayers to Klank Rakers and Scott Voyles.

Hash's cash: Kevin Burton picked the 5 of Spades. There are five cards remaining.

Fish Fry: **Rick Wellen's** Crew on Friday, April 21st. Rick's Crew – Rick, Norbie Albers, Mike Koch, Jared, Jerry, Jim, & John Kkues, Duck Keil, Maurice Netemeyer, Randy Thole, Craig Timmermann, Ryan Haukap, and Brian Walsh.

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

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BBQ Rib Carry Out Dinner

Gun Club Meeting

Fish Fry – AUX

SAL Meeting – 7:30

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Fish Fry – Legion

Horstmann/Schuette Wedding

Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM

Sat Apr 1

Tues Apr 4

Fri Apr 7

Tues Apr 11

Thurs Apr 13

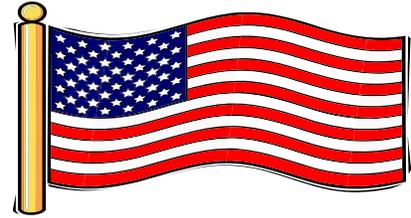
Fri Apr 14

Sat Apr 15

Mon Apr 17

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Red Cross Blood Drive

Tues Apr 18**Fri Apr 21**

Sat Apr 22

Thurs Apr 27

Fri Apr 28

Mon May 1

HEROES PUB Hours

Tues – Thurs

6:00 pm - 12:00 am

Fri – Sat

4:00 pm – 1:00 am

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