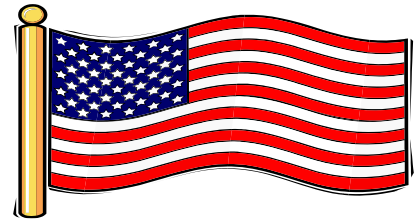


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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

Welcome to our newest member **Andrew Fernandez**.

**Next month meeting, December 16<sup>th</sup>, will be the Christmas Party for the Legion Family. Cocktails begin at 5:30, meetings at 6. Meal follows and then prizes!**

The Heroes Pub is still looking for anyone interested in bartending; need help on week nights and weekends. Application can be picked up at the Pub.

**There will not be a Fish Fry on Friday after Thanksgiving as the Legion will be closed!**

SAL Drawing winner was Janie Arentsen.

A snow removal contract has been approved for this winter. The cost went up \$10.00 from last year.

A contract for the new marquee has been signed and a down payment has been made. It will take about 4-6 weeks before it is constructed. They will train people on how to work it and design anything we need to display.

December 8<sup>th</sup> will be the "Hero's Christmas" hosted by the Auxiliary. We will need Legion Members for Color Guard. Cookies and drinks will be available.

Veterans Day next year will be hosted by New Baden. Give thanks for the good weather this last Veterans Day in Albers.

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, Nov 19.

To kick-off the meeting, Legionnaire Ivan Markus briefed us on their latest project which is a new marquee in front of the Legion. The membership approved an \$8000 donation toward the project.

Marcy M shared an interesting story from 1999 when member Ruth Lager and her sister went to France to visit the grave of Urban Mondt who was killed in action in 1918. He was Ruth's late husband's uncle after whom our Post is named. Thanks Marcy. The pictures hanging on the ramp were from this trip and were donated by Ruth.

Albers Legion provided an outstanding Veterans Day celebration. Our Post was well represented, and, of course, Karen and Dale's patriotic wagon loaded with members added to the well attended parade.

"Hero's Christmas" will be held on Sun, Dec 8 at 6:30pm at the Legion. Chair Peggy T has put together another awesome program. Christmas and patriotism all in one evening. Admission is free and it ends with cookies and hot chocolate. A real "feel good" event.

The Legion Family Christmas party will be held on Mon, Dec 16, with cocktails at 5:30pm. Dinner will be served around 7pm. Debi L will be taking pictures for you to take home. Games and prizes will follow. Bring your Sweetie and let's share fellowship, good cheer, and be thankful for another successful year as family.

With Patti H as chair, we will be delivering stockings to Aviston residents in area nursing homes and retirement homes. Also, volunteers will be delivering stockings to home bound members. No one should be forgotten at Christmas.

We will be preparing a "Once a Month Meal" starting Wed, Jan 8. Eat in or take it home. The first meal will be chili or potato soup, corn bread and cake. More to come.

\*\*\*\*\*What's every parent's favorite Christmas carol? "Silent Night".

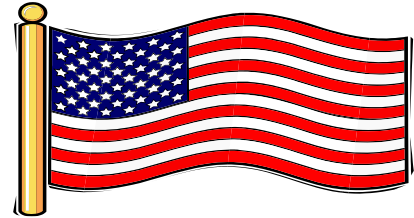
**Have a very Merry Christmas and be thankful for family and friends.**

**Next meeting, Dec 17, 7pm. 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 11/12/24 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 40 members present.

Auxiliary members Mary Peek and Peggy Timmermann attended the meeting and asked for SAL assistance with "A Hero's Christmas" and their upcoming Kentucky Derby party on Saturday, May 3rd.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Veterans Day Parade in Albers on November 11th and special thanks to Legion Commander Dale Rakers for having his tractor and wagon in the parade.

Many thanks to Adam Davinroy and Blake Feldmann for co-chairing the Annual Mike Koch drawing, and congratulations to our winner, Jayne Kues-Arentsen!

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

- "A Hero's Christmas: Military Tribute & Christmas Sing-A-Long" @Aviston Legion (Sunday, December 8th @6 PM, with set-up at 11:30 AM and take-down after the event)
- New Year's Day @Aviston Legion (a Worker's List will be available at the December meeting)
- Annual Black Tie & Talent Show (Saturday, January 11th @Hidden Lake Winery)
  - Down Select (Friday, December 20th @Aviston Legion)

Our SAL continues to sponsor the "Aviston Kopff Park Playground Raffle" for a Polaris 570 Ranger; winner to be drawn on Christmas Eve (please see Rocky Rakers, Dean "Hash" Horstmann or Jake Richter for tickets).

Finally, I hope that everyone has a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas, and don't forget that the Legion Christmas Party will be on Monday, December 16th

Sick Call: Rick Wellen, Ryan Haukap and Jim Rakers.

Hash's cash: Pete Trame picked the four of spades.

Next Fish Fry: **Rick Peek's** Crew on December 20th.

Next Meeting: December 10th @7:30 PM at the Legion.

**Cmdr: Greg Riechman**

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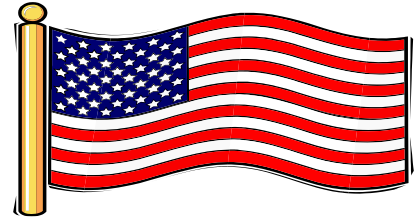
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

K of C Breakfast  
Gun Club Meeting  
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**Fish Fry – AUX**  
**Auxiliary "Hero's Christmas"**  
**SAL Meeting – 7:30**  
Republican Party Meeting  
**Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM**  
**Fish Fry – Legion**  
"Kringle Krauts" perform in Heroes Pub

Sun Dec 1  
Tues Dec 3  
Thurs Dec 5  
**Fri Dec 6**  
**Sun Dec 8**  
**Tues Dec 10**  
Thurs Dec 12  
**Thurs Dec 12**  
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Buehne/Garcia Wedding  
**Legion Meeting – 5:30 PM**  
**Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM**  
**Fish Fry – SAL**  
**SAL Polaris 570 Ranger Drawing**  
K of C Meeting  
**Fish Fry – K of C**  
Koester/Gerstner Wedding  
Family Christmas Party

Sat Dec 14  
**Mon Dec 16**  
**Tues Dec 17**  
**Fri Dec 20**  
**Tues Dec 24**  
Thurs Dec 26  
**Fri Dec 27**  
Sat Dec 28  
Mon Dec 30

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## HEROES PUB HOURS

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