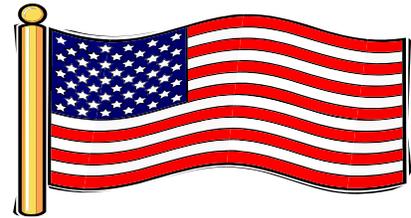


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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

I would like to Thank all who helped and/or attended the funerals for Jerome Rakers and Bob Athmer.

National will increase the dues \$5.00 and the State will add another \$5.00 to the yearly dues making it \$45.00 for dues next year. If you pay yearly and you want to add 4 more years at \$35.00 per year you can be grandfathered in at that rate. But, this must be done ASAP. Contact Bob Ottensmeier at the post or call the Illinois Department and speak to Dee Dalton at 1-309-663-0361. Please take advantage of this to save yourself some money.

Bylaws were discussed and approved. Jerry Haselhorst will make any corrections and copies.

Pork Sausage Dinner is coming up March 17th. Paul Hustedde and Bob Ottensmeier will chair this project again. Workers list is included with this Lamp; please check your scheduled time to work. If you would like to change, contact someone that would switch or find a replacement. This workers list is getting harder and harder to make up.

Anyone that would like to be on the funeral call list needs to let us know. We will need your phone/cell number. It will help to let more members to know about funeral arrangements and other events. We have members who need to come off this list and more to add.

Lent is here and big crowds are expected with Fish Fry nights. Please come out to help.

To all legion members, if you're interested in going on an honor flight we ask if you fill out a form ASAP. We have them at the post. An effort to get a flight from Springfield of all Clinton County Members is being worked on by Carl Huels of Bartelso.

March 19th will be Election Day and our post is the polling place now, replacing the fire house.

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 20 to a rather worn out group of ladies. The Rummage Sale would be the culprit!!

But it was all worth it. Another fantastic R.S. Thanks to all the exhausting work of our committee: Marcy M, Deb L, Kathy B, Lois V, Edna R, and Marilyn S., **AND** the participation from the community. We could not have organized the mounds of treasures brought in without all of these dedicated ladies and men, including Ivan M, Fred R, and Chuck P who helped unload cars and trucks and brought it inside. All the baked goods donated from ALL of our Aviston friends were amazing. Of course, thanks to our customers who gladly took home lots of those treasures. The first day, Thurs, was a wild and crazy day. It's work, but also lots of fun. WOW!!

Our condolences go out to Marcy M who lost her son-in-law last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, your daughter, and your entire family.

Our Aux is sponsoring two \$75 Scratch-off boards. Tickets will be available at the Pork and Beef dinner on Mar 17. \$5 each or 3/\$10. Profits will go to the Poppy Fund, which supports the veterans.

A drive-by parade was held honoring Vince Rolves, a WWII and prisoner of War Veteran, to honor his 100th birthday. Happy birthday, Vince!

There will be a blood drive at the Legion on Mon, Mar 4, from 1pm till 6pm. You know what we say, if possible, "get your blood over there".

Please check the workers list, which is enclosed with this LAMP, for your scheduled time to work. What do they say? Many hands make less work...or something like that. Please work your shift, find a replacement, or switch with someone, but make sure your shift is covered.

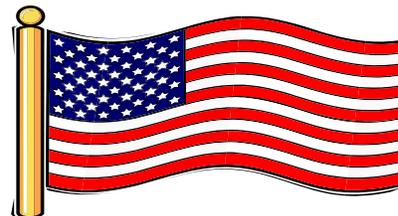
Dale: "What's for supper?" Karen: "Nothing."
Dale: "We had that last night." Karen: "We have leftovers."

Next meeting Tues, Apr 16, 7pm. There are 1,332 reasons to attend.

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 on 02/13/24 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 42 members present.

We welcomed Craig Schuetz of Aviston and Mitchell Mannhard of Trenton as new members.

Commander Riechman shared a moment of silence for Klank Rakers, Bob Athmer and Don Thole. We continue to keep these fine gentlemen and their families in our prayers during these difficult times.

Several members attended the recent Lee Greenwood concert at the Lincoln Theatre in Belleville on February 24th, which celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the "God Bless the USA" tour.

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

- Spring Pork Sausage & Roast Beef Dinner (Sunday, March 17th)
 - Please see the workers list and make sure that your shift is covered.

Later in the year, we are planning a yard golf event, with proceeds to be donated for playground equipment at Kopff Field.

The next District 23 SAL Meeting will be held @11 AM at the New Baden American Legion on Sunday, March 10th.

Sick Call: Continued well wishes to Mark Hilmes!

Hash's cash: Blake Feldmann picked the ten of spades.

Next Fish Fry: **Dean "Hash" Horstmann's** Crew on March 15th.

Next Meeting: March 12th @7:30 PM at the Legion (left-over mulligan will be served!).

Finally, I am very pleased to announce that approximately 80 applications have been received from Clinton County Veterans interested in going on an Honor Flight from Springfield, Illinois, to Washington D.C. The first flight will be on October 15, 2024. Please see Commander Riechman or Carl Huels if you are interested in future flights. Once received, applications will be submitted to both the Springfield and Marion locations.

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fish Fry – AUX

Baby Shower

Blood Drive

Gun Club Meeting

8th Grade After Game Party

Fish Fry – Legion

Berkemeier/Klumke Wedding

Cub Scout Breakfast

SAL Meeting – 7:30

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Republican Party Meeting

Fish Fry – SAL

Fri Mar 1

Sat Mar 2

Mon Mar 4

Tues Mar 5

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Fri Mar 8

Sat Mar 9

Sun Mar 10

Tues Mar 12

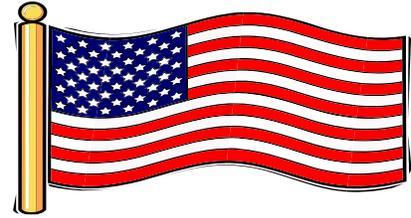
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Beef/Pork Prep
Pork Sausage & Beef Dinner
Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM
Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM
Primary Voting
Fish Fry – K of C
K of C Meeting
Fish Fry – 5th Friday - Auxiliary

Sat Mar 16
Sun Mar 17
Mon Mar 18
Tues Mar 19
Tues Mar 19
Fri Mar 22
Thurs Mar 28
Fri Mar 29

HEROES PUB HOURS

Tues – Thurs
Fri – Sat
Sunday

6:00 pm - 12:00 am
4:00 pm – 1:00 am
2:00 pm - ???
