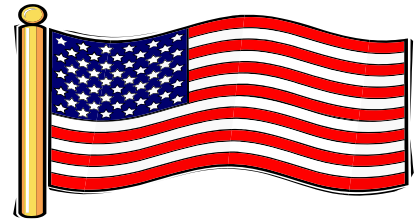


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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

Please note next month's meeting will be on Tuesday due to Clinton County Fair Parade will be on the same night as our regular meeting.

The Heroes Pub will be closed on June 29th For Lantern Inn's Final Party. We will also be closed on July 4th for Independence Day.

There were only two changes to the Officers for the next year. Sergeant-at-arms will be Robert Hofelich replacing Wayland Middendorf and Terry Klein will be the new Service Officer replacing Jim Feldmann. All other officers stayed the same. We will need all officers to attend next month's meeting to be sworn in.

Big Thanks to Cindy Kues on getting the flags out at the cemetery for Memorial Day and to all who helped. Thanks to David Litteken for being the guest speaker that day, a job well done.

There was a wedding on June 22nd and we will be able to see how well our solar panels worked with all the AC Units running when we get our next electric bill.

July 5th the Clinton County Car Club will be traveling to Aviston Post for their monthly Car Cruise. Dale Larose will be playing music that evening, come on out and enjoy.

July 15th is the Clinton County Fair Parade. If you want to ride in the parade you will need to be at the Fair grounds on the south west corner of the parking lot by 5:15. We will leave from there at 5:30 to the starting spot. I only have room for 20 people on the wagon so let Karen and I know if you are riding.

Legion Baseball is under way and Dennis is working hard to keep everything going smooth with both teams, the scheduling and players showing up to play. Many thanks goes out to Dennis for a great job he is doing.

The Aviston Express and Conductors Sr. Legion baseball teams seasons are in full swing. Go to the Legion web site (www.avistonlegion.com) for schedules. They are located under the Legion tab.

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, Jun 18.

Marcy M reported on Aux news from 1966. Alvira Poettker was President. The leftover vanilla was given as bingo prizes. (Vanilla was big back then.) Kathy Rakers was selected to go to Illini Girls State. She gave a report on her trip and that she was appointed Judge of Election. The Legion and Aux purchased an American flag for St Francis Church. \$800 was donated for brick veneer on the Legion. Thanks Marcy.

Kathy B briefed us on our quest for scarves. She found the best one, it was approved, and they have been ordered.

April Pickett reported a \$3,600 donation from the Poppy account will be made to the "Got Your 6 Support Dogs" which trains dogs for veterans. Thanks again to all for supporting Poppy weekend.

Our freezer died....arrangements are pending.... Membership voted to purchase a new one from Albers Heating & Cooling. Was delivered June 19. Now that's service!!!

Many members from the Legion, SAL and Aux support and donate their time to Whispering Pines, which is like a retreat for veterans, but is open to groups and organizations. Peggy T reported the annual fund raiser will be Aug 17 at Hondo's. They are looking for auction items. Call 618-604-2263 if interested. We approved donating \$1,000.

The CC Fair parade is Jul 15. Dale & Karen will have their wagon there in all it's patriotic glory. Hop on at the S.W. corner of the fairgrounds at 5:00 and help celebrate our country with song, laughter, give-aways, and a few refreshments!!

Election of officers resulted in most remaining in their positions. They all do a great job and are so appreciated. Sometimes I'm not sure what's so funny, but we do a lot of laughing.....

.....My husband is really good at keeping secrets....that's cause he never listens!!

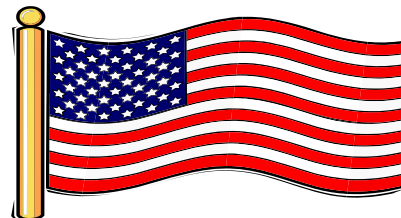
.....Tweet others as you would like to be tweeted!

Next meeting, Tue, Jul 16, 7pm.

Barb H. Aux Rptr

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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 06/11/24 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 25 members present.

Commander Riechman congratulated Ron "Sticky" Harem for his 30 years of devoted service to Aviston Park.

In support of the ACIC, many thanks to all SAL volunteers that helped cook burgers, brats, etc. at the Party at the Park on Saturday, June 8th.

Officer elections were held as follows for the 2024-2025 membership year. The installation of officers will be held at the July meeting for the following: Commander: Greg Riechman; Sr. Vice Comm: Dennis "Rocky" Rakers; Jr. Vice Comm: Sam Schmitz; Adjutant: Bill Gooch; Finance Officer: Steve Schrage; Chaplain: Tom Schrage; Historian: Jake Richter; Sgt. at Arms #1: Ryan Haukap; Sgt. at Arms #2: Dean "Hash" Horstmann.

The SAL will be walking with the Legion and Auxiliary in the Clinton County Fair Parade on Monday, July 15th.

A great deal of SAL assistance will be needed to help cook at the Whispering Pines of Clinton County Annual Benefit at Hondo's Bar & Grill in Bartelso on Saturday, August 17th. We will be helping with the other Clinton County SAL Squadrons, with local Vietnam Veterans serving the food. Our timeslot will be shared at the July meeting.

Sick Call: Prayers for Rick Peek, Pete Trame, and Dale Lampe!

Hash's cash: Sam Schmitz picked the queen of clubs.

Next Fish Fry: **Marvin Ratermann's** Crew on July 19th.

Next Meeting: July 9th @7:30 PM at the Legion.

Finally, congratulations to Ryan Haukap and Patricia "Patty" Deutschmann on their marriage on June 15th! We wish you many years of happiness together!

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Gun Club Meeting

Fish Fry – AUX

Blood Drive

SAL Meeting – 7:30

Republican Party Meeting

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Fish Fry – Legion

Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM

Fish Fry – SAL

Clinton County Farm Bureau

K of C Meeting

Tues Jul 2

Fri Jul 5

Mon July 8

Tues Jul 9

Thurs Jul 11

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Fri Jul 12

Tues Jul 16

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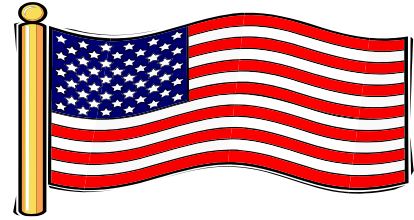
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Sat Jul 27

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Fish Fry – K of C

Fri Jul 26

HEROES PUB HOURS

Tues – Thurs	6:00 pm - 12:00 am
Fri – Sat	4:00 pm – 1:00 am
Sunday	2:00 pm - ???

July days to fly the US Flag:

July 4 – Independence Day

July 27 – National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
