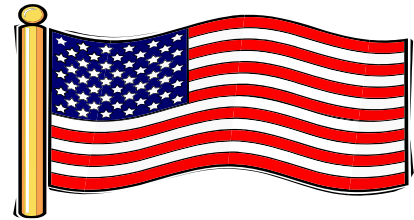


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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

Mark your calendar, next month's meeting will be on Tuesday September 17th.

Dax Garrison from Midwest Bank came to our meeting and thanked everyone for The Flag Raising ceremony at the new bank. He gave a donation of \$500.00 to the Legion Post and thanked everyone for what we do for this community. Thank you, Dax.

The water leak in the basement has been repaired and is under warranty. The metal for the Storage Shed has been purchased. We will be working on replacing this when weather is favorable.

Some improvements have been made to the fry area in the kitchen – new metal wrapped around the duct and new vents along with some repainting. Thank you Ivan Markus.

Membership renewal cards have been sent. If you signed up for a five year membership you can disregard. If you pay yearly, you will need to get your dues paid. If you are over 80 years old the legion will pay your dues. Dues now are \$45.00.

The remaining rubber matting for under the solar panels has been placed and new rock will be installed. It was approved to replace all concrete parking blocks with new plastic blocks on all concrete areas.

Our Sr. Legion Baseball has come to an end at the Division Tournament. Players were invited for pizza and soda Sunday August 18th and turned in their uniforms. They were told who received any honors for the season; it will be posted on the plaque and in the newspaper. Dennis Rakers stated he is working on next year's team. He will contact both high school coaches to get players that will be interested in playing next year. He also stated that Aviston could be hosting the State Tournament again in 2026. Many thanks goes out to Dennis for the great job he does with our baseball program.

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, Aug 20, however, before that happened, it was "Membership Night". We arrived at the Aviston Family Restaurant at 6pm and enjoyed a delicious meal. Approximately 35 people attended. Good food, good friends, and good conversation. What more could we want.

The meeting then convened on their patio. Pres Mary thanked the Legion for the clean, fresh look in the fry area of the kitchen. What a difference some good old elbow grease and a few carpenter skills make. Thanks guys!!

Carol Markus was installed as the 2nd VP and Chaplain. (She was unable to attend last month officer installation.)

New member Diane Wellen was in attendance. Welcome Diane. She and Michelle Kuhl will receive new member initiation next month.

VA "Women Warriors Baby Shower" was asking for a donation to help supply expectant veterans with necessities. The membership voted to donate \$1,000.

Our Holiday Rummage Sale and the Fall Pork & Beef dinner will be held on Sun, Oct 13. Planning for the R.S. will hit high gear at the next meeting.

Peggy T reported on Sep 7, 6am to 10pm will be Veterans Day at Whispering Pines. Come on out and enjoy the day.

Speaking of Peggy T, the membership agreed another "Hero's Christmas" should be planned with Peggy T at the helm. Sun, Dec 8th, was set for the event.

Last but not least, the reverse drawing was held with the winner receiving free dues. And the winner is.....Kathy Barkman. Dues are \$29. Please make a concerted effort to get these paid as soon as possible.My teacher once told me not to worry about spelling because autocorrect is coming. And for that I am eternally grapefruit.

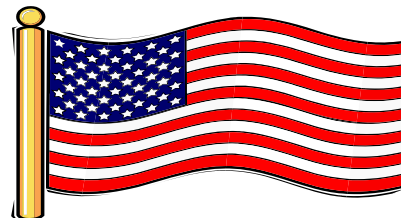
.....Once you lick the frosting off a cupcake it becomes a muffin...muffins are healthy. You're welcome.

Next meeting is Tues, Sep 17, 7pm, at the Legion.

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 08/13/24 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 37 members present.

Thank you to those SAL members who helped cook burgers, brats, etc. at the Whispering Pines of Clinton County "Together We Can Make A Difference" Annual Benefit at Hondo's Bar & Grill in Bartelso on Saturday, August 17th.

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

- "Yolf Golf" Event to benefit the Kopff Field new playground equipment fund (To be held at Aviston Park on Saturday, October 12th @10 AM)
 - \$80.00 entry fee per team (see Hash to register)
- Annual Fall Sausage & Roast Beef Dinner (Sunday, October 13th)

Sick Call: None.

Hash's cash: Rick Wellen picked the jack of spades.

Next Fish Fry: **Dean "Hash" Horstmann's** Crew on September 20th.

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

Commander Riechman thanked Midwest National Bank President, Dax Garrison, his Board of Directors and staff for their incredible donation of \$30,000 toward the upcoming soccer park complex. Additionally, Commander Riechman thanked Dennis "Rocky" Rakers for all his efforts in coaching and with the Aviston Park District.

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Gun Club Meeting

Fish Fry – AUX

SAL Meeting – 7:30

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Republican Party Meeting

Fish Fry – Legion

Gun Club Shooting Match

Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM

Fish Fry – SAL

K of C Meeting

Fish Fry – K of C

Faust & Young Wedding

Tues Sep 3

Fri Sep 6

Tues Sep 10

Thurs Sep 12

Thurs Sep 12

Fri Sep 13

Sun Sep 15

Tues Sep 17

Tues Sep 17

Fri Sep 20

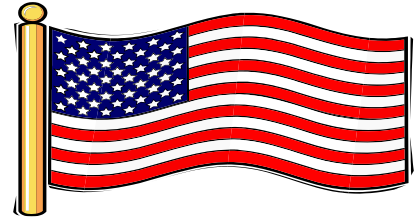
Thurs Sep 26

Fri Sep 27

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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 - ???

September US flag flying days

Sept. 2 – Labor Day

Sept. 11 – Patriot Day (half staff)

Sept. 17 – Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

Sept. 18 – Air Force Birthday

Sept. 20 – National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sept. 24 – Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day