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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

First, I would like to thank all Committees for the Veterans Day Event. Everyone did an excellent job – the Church Group, the Food Group. Sponsorship Group, Decorating Group, Parade Group; what a great turnout and day it was. Many compliments were made on how complete the day was. Thanks To Everyone!!!

Special Thanks to Aviston Lumber for the use of the boom truck and meal tickets, Carl Huels for a copy of the Videos that were played all day, and thanks to Randy Voss for his equipment and time to play the Videos and Music. Also, thanks to The VVA for the use of the huge US flag.

Many things are coming up in December. The Heroes Christmas Program sponsored by the Auxiliary is on December 10th. December 15th, Friday night, the Kringle Krauts will be playing Christmas music in the pub at 7PM (They are member of the Sauer Krauts who played at the Octoberfest). The **Legion Family Christmas Party is on December 18th**. We will start with cocktails at 5:30, short meetings at 6, and meal/games after.

We are now paid up in full for the year. Our newest member, **Ron Wellen**, transferred to our post this last week. Welcome, Ron.

Final Report on Pork Dinner was a success with 1205 dinners. We will be working on a workers list for next March. Some people will need to be moved around to help get enough people in the right spots due to age and health issues.

On January 7th the Legion will host the 5th Division meeting starting at 11AM that day. A luncheon will need to be served.

Ron Obenier stated he does not have any more ticket for the Christmas concert at the HETT in Lebanon.

We will have Fish Fry every week in December no Friday night off.

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 21, 2023.

The first order of business was to grab a sloppy joe and chips (left over from Veterans Day). So good!!

Veterans Day was fantastic! So many remembered our veterans and so many "loved" our Legion Hall. Mary extended a big thanks to all who worked so hard.

Happy Anniversary Auxiliary. On Nov 10, we turned 104 years old as a national organization. On that note, Marcy M gave us a report on what was happening in the Aux in 1962. It was Aviston Legion's turn to host the Veterans Day Program. The menu was roast turkey and dressing. They were doing the Americanism Award back then and Tom Holthaus was the winner of the "What Americanism Means to Me" topic. They also purchased 2 stainless steel carts and we are actually still using one of them. Thanks Marcy.

"Heroes Christmas" is Sun, Dec 10, 6pm. Peggy T has a fantastic program planned. The world is going crazy right now and the military are our Heroes. If you haven't been previously, please try to make time for this one. It's free, and refreshments will be served. If anyone can help, set up with be at 1pm. Hope to see you all there.

There was a lot of discussion about our home bound members and remembering them at Christmas, as well as all year round. Pres Mary has laid the ground work with some very good ideas.

Our Legion Family Christmas party will be Mon, Dec 18, with cocktails at 5:30pm, then a short meeting at 6:00, followed by dinner, then games and prizes. We all work hard for our Legion, now it's time to party!! Be sure to bring your honey.

NEWS ALERT!! The "Sauerkrauts or Kringle Krauts" will be performing in the Pub on Fri, Dec 15, 7pm. Our local talents are so much fun and they are actually really good! Who knew??!!

*****What is every parent's favorite Christmas song?

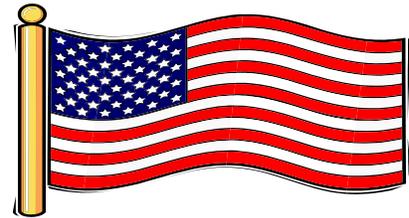
Silent Night! Here's wishing you all a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a great New Year! Love you all.

Next meeting Mon, Dec 18, 6pm.

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 11/14/23 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 32 members present.

Many thanks to those SAL members who assisted with the parade line-up for the County-wide Veterans Day Celebration! I want to extend my thanks and congratulations to our Legion and Auxiliary members for doing such an amazing job hosting all of the Veterans Day activities for all of Clinton County. The church service was great, the building/decorations looked absolutely amazing, and the program was very well done.

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

- A Heroes Christmas (Sunday, December 10th @6 PM)
 - We will need to help with set-up earlier in the day
- New Year's Day at the Legion (Monday, January 1st, 2024)
 - The Worker's List will be available in December
- Annual Black-Tie Event at Hidden Lake Winery (Saturday, January 13th, 2024)
 - The down select will be held at the Legion on Friday, December 22nd

Adam Davinroy and Blake Feldmann held Mike Koch's annual drawing after our November meeting. Mike and Eva Koch were the lucky winners!

Sick Call: Continued prayers for Klank Rakers, Scott Voyles, Ryan Haukap, and Pete Trame.

Hash's cash: Ryan Haukap picked the ten of clubs.

Next Fish Fry: **Rick Peek's** Crew on December 15th.

Next Meeting: December 12th @7:30 PM at the Legion.

Finally, please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Christmas Party at the Legion on Monday, December 18th

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fish Fry – AUX

Gun Club Meeting

Republican Party Meeting

Top Ag Meeting

Fish Fry – Legion

Jim's Formal Wear Christmas Party

Heroes Christmas Presentation

SAL Meeting – 7:30

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Fish Fry – SAL

Legion Family Christmas Party

Legion Meeting – 6:00 PM

Auxiliary Meeting – 6:00 PM

Fri Dec 1

Tues Dec 5

Thurs Dec 7

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Fri Dec 8

Sat Dec 9

Sun Dec 10

Tues Dec 12

Thurs Dec 14

Fri Dec 15

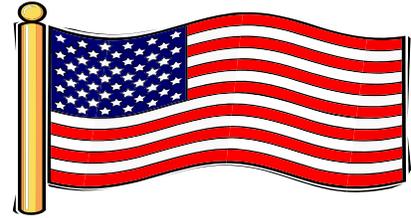
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Fish Fry – K of C

Peek Holiday Party

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Fish Fry – 5th Friday – Legion

Huelsmann Christmas Party

New Year's Day Party**Fri Dec 22**

Sun Dec 24

Thurs Dec 28

Fri Dec 29

Sat Dec 30

Mon, Jan 1

HEROES PUB HOURS

Tues – Thurs

6:00 pm - 12:00 am

Fri – Sat

4:00 pm – 1:00 am

Sunday

2:00 pm - ???

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