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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

May meeting was held with 19 members present and one guest.

Gilbert Soto, a new member, was introduced by Ken Haselhorst. We welcome him to our post.

The new picnic tables have arrived and were assembled this past week. I would like to thank all members who helped with putting them together. They are real nice tables. The SAL stated they will pay for all new barstools in the pub area. We are still working on which style of barstool to purchase.

Flags were placed in the cemetery on May 23rd for Memorial Day. Jerome Rakers has done a great job with this in the past years. He stated he is stepping down from this and asked if someone would like to take over this project. Cindy Kues stated she would take over this project. Thanks Cindy.

Memorial Day Services is Sunday, May 28th with a mass at 9:30, then march to cemetery, and then to the Legion. All help is needed.

Carl's 4X4 in Bartelso will be hosting a special Memorial Day Weekend event on Saturday & Sunday at the museum he built. This is very impressive. The Standing Proud Truck is on display in this museum.

Legion Baseball will be starting in June. We will have two teams this year, the Express and the Conductors. Both teams' schedules can be found on the Aviston Legion website under Upcoming Events tab and the Legion tab. There will also be an all-star game at Busch Stadium this year consisting players from Illinois and Missouri on August 6th - more info to come on this.

Nomination of officers was held last meeting. Anyone that would like an officer job can still come next meeting before we vote them in.

Next month's meeting will be held at the Legion on Monday, June 19th at 7:00.

Commander Dale Rakers

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Mondt-Lampe Auxiliary meeting was called to order by Pres Mary Peek on Tues, May 16.

First order of business was to announce the recipients of the Auxiliary Scholarships.

Community: 1st place – \$1,000 – Candace Schomaker

2nd place - \$500 – Melanie Hilmes

Veteran: 1st place - \$1,000 – Kiersten Lampe

2nd place - \$500 – Carter Von Bokel

The essays submitted with the applications of the 1st place winners were read. Candace wrote of her connection to Bartelso, Aviston, and Clinton County. Her appreciation for friends and family was very heartfelt. Kiersten wrote of her admiration for God, country, and veterans. Her patriotism speaks volumes for the youth in our country.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to all who applied. The competition was amazing.

Our Auxiliary is 67 years old, and we celebrated our birthday with a piece of cake. Here's to another 67!!!

Historian Marcy Markus briefed us on another year in Aux history: 1958. The Americanism awards began that year, and we still continue them today. A Christmas gift basket was sent to the Vic Von Hatten family who had just lost their Mother along with her infant child. I'm sure many of us remember when that happened. Their bank balance was \$985. They also sponsored a child every year from the Dewey Cottage, which was an orphanage.

June will be nomination and election of officers. Attendance at this meeting will assure that you have a say in who will be our future leaders. Installation of officers will be at the July meeting, and Aug will be a destination membership meeting. If you have any suggestions for the destination, please come to the meeting. Everyone's opinions and suggestions are always welcomed.

The Ace of Diamonds is another good reason to attend the meetings. Join us and see what that is!!

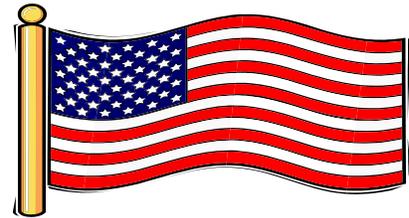
Thanks to all who donated at the blood drive.

School's out. Watch out for the kiddos. Also, bikers and walkers who are enjoying the weather.

Next mtg, June 20, 7pm. **Barb Haselhorst, 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 the Highland Gun Club at 6:30 PM on 05/09/23 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 30 members present. Thanks to Dean Schrage for hosting us for our May Mystery Meeting and to Rick Wellen for preparing a delicious dinner!

Taylor Gooch and Brian Paul, both of Trenton, were welcomed as new members.

Many thanks to Hash and everyone else who helped plan and execute another successful Juggling Tournament that was held at Hidden Lake Winery on May 19th. Thanks as well to Steve and Angela Gorazd for hosting us.

In partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace – Salem and the SAL Squadrons of Clinton County, our Squadron will be hosting a Bed Build at the Legion on Saturday, June 3rd, starting at 9 AM. Our goal is to make 30 beds, which will be given only to children in need from Clinton County. A great deal of help will be needed, so please come on out and support this very worthwhile event. Lunch will be provided.

SAL assistance with cooking will be needed to help support ACIC at the Party in the Park in Aviston on June 10th.

Planning for the Aviston Smoke Off continues. It will be held at the Legion on Saturday, August 26th. A youth cook-off has been added to the schedule (please see Dan Pickett or Bill Gooch for info).

Sick Call: Continued prayers to Scott Voyles.

Hash's cash: Mike Koch picked the Queen of Spades. There are three cards remaining.

Fish Fry: **Greg Riechman's** Crew on Friday, June 16th.

Next Meeting: June 13th @7:30 PM at the Legion (nomination and election of officers for the 2023-2024 year will occur at this meeting! All officers will then be installed at our July meeting).

Finally, I would like to invite all Legion and Auxiliary members to join us to help make 30 beds at our Bed Build on June 3rd in the parking lot at the Legion. Let's have a huge turnout and make Clinton County very proud!

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

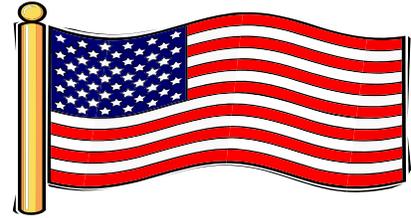
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fish Fry – AUX
Huelsmann/Ratcliffe Wedding
Gun Club Meeting
Fish Fry – Legion
SAL Meeting – 7:30
Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
Fish Fry – SAL
Ottensmeier/Alexander Wedding
Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM
Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM
K of C Meeting

Fri Jun 2
Sat Jun 3
Tues Jun 6
Fri Jun 9
Tues Jun 13
Thurs Jun 15
Fri Jun 16
Sat Jun 17
Mon Jun 19
Tues Jun 20
Thurs Jun 22

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Fish Fry – K of C
Fundraiser – Dining Room
Fish Fry – 5th Friday Legion

Fri Jun 23
Sat Jun 24
Fri Jun 30

HEROES PUB Hours

Tues – Thurs
Fri – Sat

6:00 pm - 12:00 am
4:00 pm – 1:00 am

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