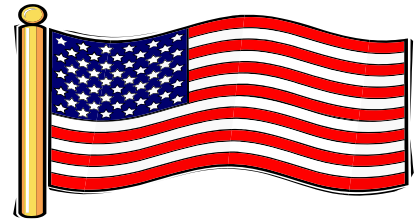


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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

If you read the last Lamp, our meeting was held on Tuesday, July 16th due to the Clinton County Fair Parade. I would like to thank all the members who marched in the parade as it was very warm that evening.

I would like to also thank the Auxiliary group who worked the Fish Fry Night on July 5th. It was a very busy night as the Clinton County Car Club was present with their annual tour. Also, thanks to all who helped with the car show. Eighty five cars were present, a good turnout.

Thanks to all who helped with the funeral for Frank Hogg. (I think Frank was our last World War II veteran)

Thanks to the members who helped with the flag raising at the new Midwest Bank on Friday, July 19th.

Officers for the 2024 - 2025 year were sworn in at this last meeting.

Repairs were made to a beer cooler upstairs and a new sump pump with a new check valve in the basement last week. We also have a water leak in the basement that will be looked at and determine what needs to be done when the weather dries up a bit. It was decided to replace the metal on the storage shed and fix the doors so they close better. The colors will be white sides red roof and blue trim.

The Senior Legion Baseball District tournament was hosted by Aviston. We were able to win the district tournament and moved on to the Division tournament which will be in Alton; come on out and cheer our teams on. If you see Dennis Rakers please thank him for all the work he has done to make our baseball program a success and top notch.

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, Jul 16.

Marcy M reported on Aux news from 1967. The treasury had \$471. \$300 was given to the Legion. A new 3 door refrigerator was purchased for \$742. Those ladies knew how to stretch a dollar!! Carol VonHatten was selected to go to Illini State. Members sewed drapes for the Legion. Pat Gentz was new Pres.

A \$500 donation was approved for the AGS PTA for the distribution of school supplies for needy students.

The Aug meeting will be our "membership meeting" which will be held at the Aviston Family Restaurant, Tues, Aug 20 at 6pm. This is an opportunity for new members to get acquainted. If you've been considering joining the Aux, now would be the best time. The new Membership Chairman is Karen G., replacing Marlene H. Thanks Marlene. A reverse drawing will be held where the lucky winner receives free dues, which are \$29. The Aux is picking up the tab. Let's get those dues paid. Our goal is to be fully paid up by Dec 1.

Dale and Karen's wagon was all decked out with patriotism for the CC Fair parade. Lelette S. brought tons of "throw outs" and the crowd loved it. Lee Greenwood and all of us on the wagon were "Proud to be an American". I don't think we say it often enough, thank you Dale and Karen for all you do.

Installation of Officers followed with Pres, Mary Peek; Vice Pres, Shelly Peek; 2nd Vice Pres, Val Huelmann; Treasurer, Peggy T.; Secretary, Diane Kampwerth; Chaplain, Carol Markus; Historian, Marcy Markus; Sgt at arms, Kathy Barkman, all being installed by Barb H. Each officer received a single red carnation and our sincere support for the coming year.

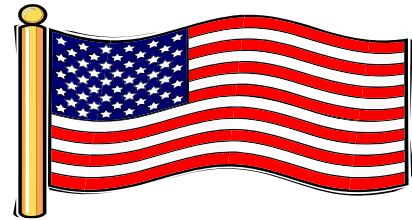
Quilt Show – Heritage Room – Jul 20 and 21, 11am to 3pm. It's a "must see to believe" show.

.....It amazes me how much exercise and extra fries sound alike!!

REMEMBER next meeting will be Membership Mtg at AFR, Tue, Aug 20, 6pm. Meeting to follow.
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 07/09/24 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 38 members present.

We welcomed guest Mark Olson, who discussed his Eagle Scout Project, which will place a gaga pit ball cage in the park by the playground.

Commander Greg Riechman awarded Jake Richter with the 2023-2024 Member of the Year Award for his exceptional dedication to attending our meetings and projects. THANK YOU, Jake; we need more young men like you who are not afraid to roll up their sleeves to get things done!

Thank you to past Commander Steve Gorazd for installing the following officers for the 2024-2025 membership year: 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.

It was my honor to carry the SAL flag in the Clinton County Fair Parade on Monday, July 15th. Thank you to those members of the Sons, Legion and Auxiliary that attended and special thanks to Legion Commander Dale Rakers for providing his tractor and wagon.

A great deal of SAL assistance will be needed to help cook at the Whispering Pines of Clinton County "Together We Can Make A Difference" Benefit at Hondo's Bar & Grill in Bartelso on Saturday, August 17th. We will be helping along with other Clinton County SAL Squadrons, with local Vietnam Veterans serving the food. Our shift is from 2-4 PM and we will likely be serving food later in the evening too.

Sick Call: Prayers for Rick Peek, Pete Trame, Dale Peek, Scott Voyles, Don Schulte, Dalton Smith and Dale Lampe!

Hash's cash: Duane "Norbie" Albers picked the four of clubs.

Next Fish Fry: **Steve Schrage's** Crew on August 16th.

Next Meeting: August 13th @7:30 PM at the Legion.

Finally, congratulations to SAL member Nick Ramage and his wife Brittany on the recent birth of their first child, Leo John Ramage!

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fish Fry – AUX

Central Hall of Fame Banquet

Gun Club Meeting

Republican Party Meeting

Fish Fry – Legion

Beckemeyer & Spears Wedding

SAL Meeting – 7:30

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Fish Fry – SAL

Fri Aug 2

Sat Aug 3

Tues Aug 6

Thurs Aug 8

Fri Aug 9

Sat Aug 10

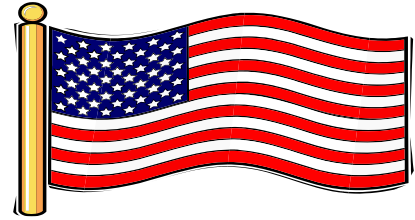
Tues Aug 13

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Gun Safety Course
Paul Hustedde Family Reunion
Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM
Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM
K of C Meeting
Fish Fry – K of C
Fish Fry – 5th Friday Legion

Fri-Sat Aug 16-17
Sat Aug 17
Mon Aug 19
Tues Aug 20
Thurs Aug 22
Fri Aug 23
Fri Aug 30

HEROES PUB HOURS

Tues – Thurs	6:00 pm - 12:00 am
Fri – Sat	4:00 pm – 1:00 am
Sunday	3:00 pm - ???