

LAMP

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

Mike Funnemann 23rd Sr Vice commander paid a visit to our meeting, discussed membership and dues. He also talked about working beyond the legion post. He did mention that the dues will be going up next year, so now would be a great time to take advantage of the five year program for your dues. We have about 16 more members that need to pay.

Changes to the trip to Perryville were made; if you are still interested contact Mark Hilmes.

December 9th the MidAmerican Air Force Band will be back at the Hett in Lebanon, Ron Obenier has 30 tickets for this show.

The past month has been a very expensive with all the ac units and coolers going out along with the camera system and flag pole. It's been very costly. The flag pole should be completed next week; we are waiting on some more parts that are needed.

Membership was requested to look at making more room in the kitchen and decided to move the steam table out towards the dining room about 2 feet which will give more room in the frying area of the kitchen.

The Pork Sausage dinner is coming up quickly. A workers list will be out with next month's Lamp notes.

Veterans Day is also approaching fast. We will need help with sponsors and donation. We will also need help with flowers to nursing homes and gold star mothers, along with many other projects associated with Veterans Day. This will be a big event for us since it is on a Saturday this year and a big crowd is anticipated.

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 15.

A good crowd attended the destination meeting which was held at Whispering Pines. We were treated to Aviston Legion fried chicken. Thanks Cmdr Dale for frying. So good!! We were all treated to a tour of the facility. WOW doesn't cover it. So impressive...so much work...so much dedication. Gary and Helen Renchen, volunteers, and Carl & Taylor Becker, owners, gave a talk. Very interesting. Thanks for having us.

It was membership night and we welcomed new member Lori Addis. Welcome aboard. Nice to have you join us.

A reverse drawing was held and Shelly Picket, who by the way was drawing out the tickets, was the winner!!! It all happened right before our eyes!!!!

Homework?!? Yes, give some thought to how we could use the duck race game as a fund raiser. Report your ideas at the next meeting. Should be fun but also worthwhile. Hummm.....

There was a lot of discussion about establishing a parade fund. Lelette Spihlmann, who will be chairman, had a lot of suggestions about how to get more involved in parades and community with giveaways that could also promote our organization. You go girl!! Motion passed to establish a parade fund.

Our Holiday Rummage Sale will again be in conjunction with the Legion Pork & Beef dinner which will be held on Sun, Oct 8. Time to start checking your Holiday inventory. It'll be here before we know it.

Have you tried the pizza at Hero's Pub? Soooo good. It's a Wednesday night staple for some of us. Then, you're there for the 550 drawing as well.

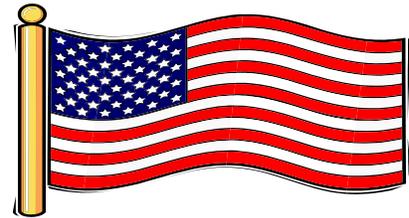
Did you know? The Silent Generation: 1928-1945; Baby Boomers: 1946-1964; Generation X: 1965-1980; Millennials: 1981-1996; Gen Z: 1997-2010; Generation Alpha: 2010-2025. You always hear those terms, but never sure of the years.....

Kids are back in school. How did that happen so fast! Next meeting Tues Sep 19, 7pm at the Legion.

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 7:30 PM on 08/08/23 by Commander Greg Riechman with 36 members present.

Special guest, Cindy Zurliene, discussed all the improvements that have been made at Kopff Field and thanked our Squadron members for our donation.

Commander Greg Riechman awarded Dean "Hash" Horstmann with the 2022-2023 Member of the Year Award for his hard work, dedication, and creativity in coming up with various money-making events for our Squadron. THANK YOU, Hash, for all that you do.

Thanks to everyone that assisted with cooking at the annual "Give the Gift of Camp" Benefit for Whispering Pines of Clinton County, which was held at Hondo's Bar & Grill in Bartelso on Saturday, August 19th. The weather was perfect, and a very large crowd attended. Many thanks to Jerry, Jim, and John Kues for being Event Chairs.

Additionally, thanks to everyone who participated in the Concealed Carry class and helped and/or sponsored our Annual Smoke Off that were both held at the Legion on Saturday, August 26th. Many thanks to Steve Gorazd and Dan Pickett & Bill Gooch, respectively, for being Event Chairs.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the "Hunter's Prayer Service" at Whispering Pines at noon on Sunday, October 15th.

Sick Call: Continued prayers for Scott Voyles.

Hash's cash: Brad Richter picked the Eight of Clubs as the first card in our new drawing.

Fish Fry: **Dean "Hash" Hortmann's** Crew on September 15th.

Next Meeting: September 12th **@6:00 PM** at the Legion. Note the early start time!!!

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fish Fry – AUX

Maurer/Thole Wedding

Gun Club Meeting

Fish Fry – Legion

Spangenberg/Schreemann Wedding

SAL Meeting – 6:00

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Fish Fry – SAL

Wilke/Haake Wedding

Gun Club Shooting Match

Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM

Fish Fry – K of C

K of C Meeting

Fri Sep 1

Sat Sep 2

Tues Sep 5

Fri Sep 8

Sat Sep 9

Tues Sep 12

Thurs Sep 14

Fri Sep 15

Sat Sep 16

Sun Sep 17

Mon Sep 18

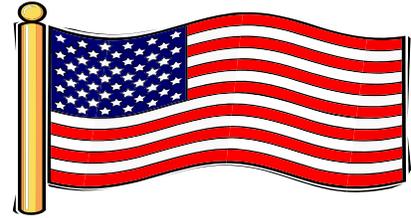
Tues Sep 19

Fri Sep 22

Thurs Sep 28

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Fish Fry – 5th Friday SAL volunteers
Runyon/Ottensmeier Wedding

Fri Sep 29
Sat Sep 30

HEROES PUB Hours

Tues – Thurs	6:00 pm - 12:00 am
Fri – Sat	4:00 pm – 1:00 am
Sunday (summer hours)	3:30 pm - ???

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