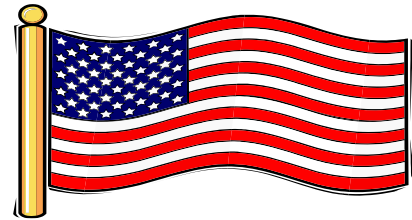


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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

I would like to thank all who worked the Friday Fish Fry during the Lent season. Also, thanks to all who helped with the matting and rock under the solar panels. Finally, thanks to Rocky Ratermann and his crew for the Easter Egg Hunt. Good job everyone.

Just a reminder, Memorial Day is coming up at the end of the month. We will need help with rifle squad and color guard.

This month will be nomination of officers for the Legion. If you would like a position, step up and come to the meeting in May.

Eighth grade graduation will be on May 16th; Legion awards will be handed out that evening.

Ivan Markus made our Post some statues for in front of the hall by the pillars which will be install in the next few days. I would like to thank Ivan and Woltering Welding for these statues. It will be a nice addition.

Dean Schrage will be looking at taking the two light fixtures from the pole on the north lot and put them on the Legion south side to help with lighting the lot up better.

Legion Baseball schedule is on the Legion web site for anyone to see. It will start the last week of May. We will have two teams again this year. Thank you Dennis Rakers for all your work.

May 19th Car Show to Benefit ALS flyers and tickets for this event will be at the Legion. Drawing consists of 10 draws for \$550.00 each. Tickets are \$25.00 each or 5 for \$100.00. You do not need to be present to win. All food and raffle proceeds will go the ALS Research. There will be a "Yolf" (yard golf) course set up for your entertainment. Music and great food also.

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, Apr 16.

Emily Masching and Danielle Koerkenmeier briefed us on their quest to replace the very old playground at Kopff Field. After a short deliberation we approved a \$5,000 donation. Our kids and gkids need to be safe.

Marcy M presented memories of the Aux in 1964. It was the year of the Centennial and they all attended the Charlotte Peters Show dressed in their vintage clothes. Bernadine Markus was President. Eagle stamps and Old Judge strips were being saved. The Legion birthday party was a potluck with the Aux organization. It was simpler but very dedicated times back then.

April P reported Poppy weekend will be May 17-19. She has received several donations already along with a \$1,000 donation from Aviston Lumber. Thank you!! April has contacted numerous corporations around the country for support. You go girl!!!

Pres Mary thanked the fish fry workers for their hard work during Lent. Those are some wild and crazy nights. Like all of our projects...they're work but looking back, they're fun. (Maybe I should check with those ladies before saying that!!)

May 19 is the Car Show for ALS, 12pm to 5pm. This is in support of Dale and Karen's son Lyle's ALS Foundation. Come on out to support and be thankful for your healthy kids and gkids.

Memorial Day of remembrance is May 27. Will ask for volunteers to carry flags and guns next month.

Val H reported pamphlets are being designed to advertise the Legion, along with \$150 discount if booked by May 31. They look great. Membership approved printing and distribution.

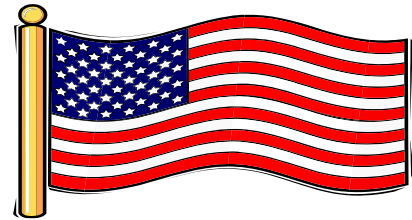
June is nomination and voting for new officers. Give it some thought. We have a lot of very capable women. You can do it!!!!

Rick: Why are your ears burnt? Mary: I was ironing when the phone rang and I picked up the iron my mistake. Rick: What happened to the other ear? Mary: They called back!!

Next mtg: May 21, 7pm. **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 on 04/09/24 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 32 members present.

We welcomed Bob Venhaus from Aviston as a new member.

Many thanks to those members who recently helped place the rubber mats and spread rock in the solar panel area and special thanks to Craig Timmermann for heading up the project.

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

- "All Ladies" Juggling Tournament @Hidden Lake Winery (Friday, May 10th [4-8 PM])
- Car Show & Three-Hole "Yolf" Golf to Benefit ALS @Legion (Sunday, May 19th [Noon-5 PM])
 - A Worker's List will be available at the May meeting
- Aviston Party in the Park (Saturday, June 8th [10:30 AM – 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM])
 - We will help the ACIC by cooking burgers, etc.

Sick Call: none.

Hash's cash: Greg Riechman picked the nine of spades.

Next Fish Fry: **Rick Peek's** Crew on May 17th.

Next Meeting: May 14th @6:30 PM at the Highland Pistol & Rifle Club (Rick Wellen will serve pork steaks and mushrooms!)

Finally, if you have not done so, please get your dues payments to Steve Schrage!

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fish Fry – AUX

Blood Drive

Gun Club Meeting

Republican Party Meeting

Fish Fry – Legion

SAL Meeting – 6:30 Highland Gun Club

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Fish Fry – SAL

ALS Benefit

Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM

K of C Meeting

Fish Fry – K of C

Fish Fry – 5th Friday - SAL

Fri May 3

Mon May 6

Tues May 7

Thurs May 9

Fri May 10

Tues May 14

Thurs May 16

Fri May 17

Sun May 19

Mon May 20

Tues May 21

Thurs May 23

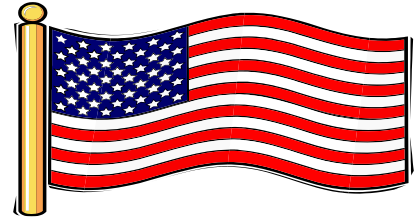
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HEROES PUB HOURS

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Tues – Thurs	6:00 pm - 12:00 am
Fri – Sat	4:00 pm – 1:00 am
Sunday	2:00 pm - ???

May days to fly the US Flag:

- May 4 – International Firefighters Day
 - May 5 (half-staff) – National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service
 - May 12 – Mother’s Day
 - May 15 (half-staff) – Peace Officer’s Memorial Day
 - May 18 – Armed Forces Day
 - May 27 (half-staff until noon) – Memorial Day
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