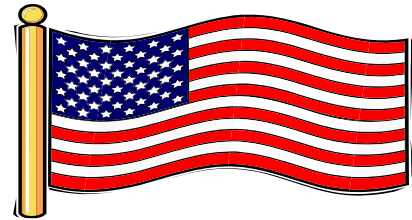


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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season.

I would like to thank all the contestants and sponsors for their participation and support at the SAL Black Tie event. Also, thanks to all the personnel that chaired and worked.

New Years Day was down considerably, but it was on a Wednesday, middle of the week.

We recently had demonstrations from Hillyard Supply of St Louis and from Royal Supply of Mt Vernon for a new floor cleaning machine. We also received bids on refinishing the dance floor.

The membership approved to purchase a cleaning machine from Royal Supply and approved the bid to refinish the dance floor from Doulos Floor Finishing. The dance floor will be refinished on March 1st after the Rummage Sale.

The Rummage Sale is February 14th thru February 22nd we will be setting up stands on February 13th.

Our Pork Sausage Dinner is coming up on March 16th. A workers list will be included with the March Lamp. We ask you keep this date open to help.

The VAC Program is working on their Bylaws and is looking to hire a person to run this program as a day to day job.

On a more serious note, Karen and I work very hard to keep the dining room and kitchen clean and in order. If you use the Legion facilities please put trash barrels back with new bags in them, put carts back where they were found, and all other items that are used put back where you got them. This is for all organizations that used the dining room and kitchen.

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, Jan 21, 2025.

The soup/corn bread dinner was a big success. Wed, Feb 12, will feature Chicken Tetrazzini, salad, garlic bread, and cookies, \$11.50. Meals can be picked up at the Legion between 4pm and 7pm. Pre-order with Venmo at: AvistonAmericanLegion Auxiliary1239. Orders will also be taken in the Pub.

Marcy M briefed us on a year in the life of our Aux. 1969. The Americanism Award was presented, however, no cash was awarded. The Aux was asked to pay for a load of rock, since it was used to repair a drain hole from the kitchen. Mrs. Henry Feldmann donated a quilt as a thank you for their help during a fire at the Feldmann farm. Ten ditty bags were filled for Aviston men serving in Vietnam. Thanks, Marcy.

Thank you Ivan M and Bob O for fixing our mixer! You guys are so appreciated.

Our Annual **RUMMAGE SALE IS HERE!!!!**

Thurs, Feb 20 – 9am till 7pm with bake sale;

Fri, Feb 21 – 9am till 7pm – ½ price with bake sale;

Sat, Feb 22 – 9am till noon - \$4 brown bag.

Donations can be brought in:

Fri, Feb 14 – 4 pm to 7 pm

Sat, Feb 15– 9 am till noon

Sun, Feb 16 - Noon till 4 pm

Mon, Feb 17- Noon till 6 pm

Please no mattresses or TVs. No donations will be taken on Tues, Feb 18. We will finish pricing and cleaning beginning at 9:30am on the 18th.

We are asking all our good cooks in Aviston to support our bake sale as you have always done in the past. Aviston has good cooks/bakers!! Wed, Feb 19 is a day off....to bake our goodies! All help setting up is so appreciated!!!

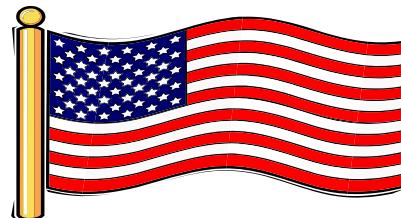
Kathy Barkman won the Ace of Diamonds drawing! Congratulations, Kathy!!

The Pork & Beef dinner is coming soon - March 16.

Shout out to Jane Netemeyer, who is our last Charter Member. Hope all is well with you, Jane. Stay cool...I mean warm!! **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 at the Aviston Legion on 01/14/25 by Commander Greg Riechman, with 30 members present.

Thanks again to everyone that purchased a raffle ticket for the Polaris 570 Ranger (won by Trent Feldmann), and special thanks to Dennis "Rocky" Rakers, Dean "Hash" Horstmann and Jake Richter for running the project. We had a profit of \$11,287, which was donated to the Kopff Field Playground!

Many thanks to everyone that worked their shift on New Year's Day, and special thanks to Whitey Kues, Rick Peek and Brad Richter for running this annual event.

On Saturday, January 11, we held our 19th Annual Black-Tie & Talent Show @Hidden Lake Winery. Many thanks to Steve Gorazd for donating the venue and to all the SAL members that helped with set-up/take-down, prepared chicken, worked the event, etc. Additionally, thank you to all of the judges, technician/sound man Andrew Beer, Master of Ceremonies Dr. Brian Walsh, and Jim Kues and Craig Timmermann for once again being co-chairs! This event is not possible without all of our generous donors, who helped pay for the Happy Hour and meal, etc., and awarded the ten very talented contestants with almost \$16,000 in scholarships, plus 12 credit hours to Kaskaskia College. MANY THANKS to all that donated!

Sick Call: None.

Hash's cash: Tom Schrage picked the ace of spades and was our winner! We will discuss the new rules for our next drawing at our February meeting, and then start with a new deck.

Next Fish Fry: **Steve Schrage's** Crew on February 21st.

Next Meeting: February 11th @7:30 PM at the Legion.

Cmdr: Greg Riechman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Citizens For Aviston

Gun Club Meeting

Fish Fry – AUX

Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet

SAL Meeting – 7:30

Exec Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

Fish Fry – Legion

Auxiliary Rummage Sale donation dates

Gun Club Banquet

Legion Meeting – 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Meeting – 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Rummage Sale

Fish Fry – SAL

K of C Meeting

Sat Feb 1

Tues Feb 4

Fri Feb 7

Sat Feb 8

Tues Feb 11

Thurs Feb 13

Fri Feb 14

Fri-Mon Feb 14-17

Sat Feb 15

Mon Feb 17

Tues Feb 18

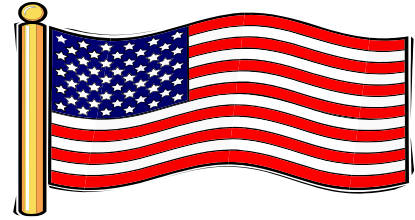
Thurs-Sat Feb 20-22

Fri Feb 21

Thurs Feb 27

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Fri Feb 28

HEROES PUB HOURS

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

Come on in and sit a spell on the most comfortable bar stools around. Have a drink and sign up for the Auxiliary's 2nd Wednesday take out suppers. They are delicious!!
