



# The Two Fifteener

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## *Commander's Corner*

Hello everyone!

As the year winds down, we have completed the roof sealing; the wall is now completed, and the handicapped painting on the drive is finished. Again, Thanks to all that helped out with these projects!

Upcoming events in January; the 4th is the 4th District Meeting here at the Post. I hope to see a good turnout of our members to show your support. The meal will be baked steak, mashed potatoes, green beans and salad.

**Check your membership cards. As of January 1, 2024, you will not be served at the bar without a 2024 membership card. All bartenders will be carding you. Be proud to show them your card.**

We are planning another Feather Party in February. Music will be by Shawn Richards.

March 2, 2024, we will honor all of our Legion Past Commanders, Auxiliary Past Presidents and S.A.L. Past Commanders. More on this in the next newsletter. Put this date on your calendar!

If you would like a military funeral or would like to participate as a member of the Honor Guard, please let Jim Long or myself know. We have lost a few members and need to get more volunteers.

—James "Jim" Trafford, Commander

## *Bartender's Corner*

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a great 2023. Now that 2024 is here, let's make it a good year.

Please have your current membership cards ready for your bartender to check, as we will be asking.

Let's get the new year started off right.

—Bar Manager, Carrie Bieberich

**Don't Be Delinquent  
Pay Your Dues Now!**

## *S.A.L News*

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to a great year. We have several big events scheduled throughout 2024.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2024, please contact Craig Connelly to get this paid, or stop by and see one of the Legion Bartenders to pay. They will get you a receipt and give the payment and information to Craig. Bartenders will be checking everyone to verify you have your 2024 card.

In order to keep the SAL strong we need new volunteers to step up and help out whenever possible. If you would be able to help out, please reach out and let us know. We would love to have you join us. We appreciate all of you that help make this squadron successful.

We will be starting off the new year with a bang, so mark your calendars for January 12. We will have the SAL steak fry and Hubie Ashcraft Band will be in the house providing entertainment for the evening. Come on in to the Legion January 21 to enjoy a breakfast served up by the SAL. February 18, we will again be serving breakfast. The monthly SAL steak fry will be held on February 9, and Shawn Richards will be providing entertainment as well. All SAL meals will be served from 5-8 p.m. We look forward to seeing you at the meals.

Another big event scheduled for February is the 2nd Amendment Party. You must have a reservation for this event. If you would like to reserve a table or receive more information on this event, please reach out to Brandon Garrison (260-463-6801). Don't miss out, get your reservation in ASAP.

We would also like to see our fellow SAL members attend out meetings which will be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.

Hope you have a Fantastic Year!

*"For God and Country"*

—SAL Commander, Matthew J. Frost

# January, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
	A.L.R. Meeting 6 p.m.		Fourth District Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Chicken Buffet 5-8 Karaoke @ 7	Lima Elevator	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Auxiliary Breakfast 8-11 a.m.					SAL Dinner 5-8 Hubie Ashcraft 7-10	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					Chicken Buffet 5-8 Karaoke @ 7	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
SAL Breakfast 8-11 a.m.		Auxiliary Mtg, 6 pm Legion Mtg, 7 pm SAL Mtg, 6 pm			Baked Steak 5-8 Brent Cole @ 7	Fur Traders Banquet
28	29	30	31			

## A.L.R. News

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a wonderful time over the holidays.

We currently do not have events planned for January or February.

We are looking forward to having a good year. Riding season will be here before we know it. Let's be careful while it's slippery out there. Drive safe.

—Thank You, A.L.R. Director Alex Patten

## A.L.R. OFFICERS

Director.....Alex Patten  
 Assistant Director.....Mike Beauchamp  
 Secretary.....Katrina Oakley  
 Treasurer.....Jim Fisel  
 Sgt.-at-Arms..... Paul Jernigan  
 Membership.....Joe Rose  
 Ride Coordinator.....Ron Geyer  
 Communications.....Katrina Oakley

# February, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

**POST 215 OFFICERS**

Commander.....Jim Trafford  
 First Vice... ..David Atwater  
 Second Vice.....Richard Seibert  
 Adjutant.....Allen Connelly  
 Finance Officer.....Monte Powell  
 Judge Advocate.....John Yates  
 Service Officer.....Allen Connelly  
 Sgt.-at-Arms.....Kenneth Clifford  
 Chaplain.....Al Peironski  
 Membership .....Larry Trowbridge

**S.A.L. OFFICERS**

Commander.....Matt Frost  
 First Vice.....Zander Farver  
 Second Vice.....Brandon Garrison  
 Sgt.-at-Arms.....Ryan Smith  
 Finance.....Ben Parish  
 Adjutant.....Todd Farver  
 Chaplain.....Mike Boots  
 Historian.....Cole Frost  
 Membership.....Craig Connelly

**AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

President.....Lisa Olinger  
 Vice President.....Shirley Helmuth  
 Secretary.....Heather Frost  
 Treasurer.....Cindy Devine  
 Chaplain.....Kay Myers  
 Sgt.-at-Arms... ..Colleen Hoover  
 Historian.....Kay Cross  
 Membership..... Shirley Helmuth  
 Ticket Seller.....Julie Byler

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## *Auxiliary News*

Hello Legion Family!

I would like to remind everyone to please come in and pay your dues if you have not yet done so. They are due December 31, 2023!

We are anticipating a busy year in 2024! So, please watch the newsletters, facebook pages, and flyers to see all of the upcoming events! We plan to have more entertainment this year, including occasional Saturdays.

The Auxiliary put on a very successful Christmas party for the kids this year. I want to thank all the parents and grandparents for bringing in your families and allowing us to have a full house of future members. We have a wonderful and dedicated group of volunteers that take pride in making our Legion an attractive place for our members to bring their kids for special memories. The LaGrange Post has some of the kindest, most loyal volunteers I have ever seen. I have been part of many over the years. So, a huge thank you to them. They know who they are! I would also like to thank an anonymous donor who has donated throughout the entire year to make sure our kids have the best parties always. I won't mention his last name, but thank you DAVE.

We will continue to have Trivia Night on the first Wednesday of each month. Thanks to Dr. Bill Pipher,

for all you do with Trivia and for the Auxiliary on a regular basis.

Bill not only donates his time (along with his beautiful daughter Amy), but he has also donated three of the 50/50 winnings back to the Auxiliary as well! We appreciate you Bill!

I would like to encourage you all to help us gain new members at the LaGrange Post. We have an awesome group of ladies who are a sisterhood. We love to plan things and have fun! If you are looking for a group to belong to, I highly recommend ours! Bring a friend and show them the fun they can have with us at Post 215!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

— *Lisa Olinger Auxiliary President*

