



# The Two Fifteener

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## *Commander's Corner*

Hello everyone!

I'm hoping everyone is in good health and ready to get out. The weather has been mild this year so we hope to see everyone soon for noon lunches and dinners.

Visit our new web page: [lagrangepost215.org](http://lagrangepost215.org)

With questions always around, I also have one borrowed from JFK. Ask not what the Post can do for you but what you can do for the Post.

We do have a lot of programs and activities upcoming and can use help in all of them.

March 2, 2024, we will have a Past Commanders, Past Presidents and Past S.A.L. Commanders dinner to thank them for all the time they devoted to the Post to make it what it is today.

We have a lot of upcoming events so please check the calendar. The third annual Easter Program will be March 16. You must stop at the Post and pre-register for this event. We can accommodate a maximum of 400 for this event. The Annual Joan Brady Memorial Scholarship Chili Cook-Off is March 10, 2024. Life-line Screening is April 16 at 8 a.m.,

If you haven't paid your 2024 dues, please do so.

Please consider attending our meetings the fourth Tuesday of each month. Nominations for offices will be at the March and April meetings. Get involved!

—James "Jim" Trafford, Commander

## *S.A.L. News*

Hello All,

We have had a great start to 2024 and are looking to keep the momentum going.

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. They will get you a receipt and give the payment and information to Craig. We are very close to 100% membership, so if you haven't paid yet you could be the one that puts us at 100%. Bartenders will be checking everyone to verify you have your 2024 card.

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## *Auxiliary News*

Hello members!

I wanted to make you aware of some important changes. We now have a website again for Post 215! A HUGE thank you to Dr. Bill Pipher for taking his own time to put this together and give us another tool to keep our community and members informed of all the events we have to offer. Bill is a very valuable and dedicated member of our Post. He runs the trivia nights, created and maintains our website, and he donates regularly in many ways. So, thank you Bill, you are the highlighted member in this newsletter! Thank you for ALL you do!

Members, we only have a few that are unpaid for 2024 dues. If you could please stop in or mail your dues into the Post, we would love to report at the next district meeting that we are 100% paid!

I would like to thank the Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) for their loyalty and backing of the Auxiliary. They have helped us to come a long way in a short time as far as working with us hand in hand on projects, fundraisers, dinners, breakfasts, and any project thrown our way. If you are a member of either the S.A.L. or the Auxiliary and you have time to help volunteer, we could sure use a few new people to donate some of their time. We have a variety of upcoming events that we need extra volunteers for, as well as giving some of the regular volunteers a break. We have issues with only having the same select people step up to help. If you are proud to carry your card, please, come in and sign up to help, even if only once a month, if you can find the time. Do your part as a member to help so we can donate to the veteran's projects, raise money for building maintenance, and keep our wonderful Post a nice place for veterans and guests to visit!

We are also working on getting more entertainment on Saturdays. Possible dinners as well, if that works out. However, to do this we need the support of all our

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# March, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Chicken Buffet 5-8 Karaoke @ 7	2 Past Commander's Dinner 3 p.m.
3 Auxiliary Breakfast 8-11 a.m.	4	5 A.L.R. Meeting 6 p.m.	6 Trivia Night 6 p.m.	7	8 SAL Dinner 5-8 Shawn Richards 7-10	9
10 Joan Brady Nursing Scholarship Chili Cook-off 1-3 p.m.	11	12	13	14	15 Chicken Buffet 5-8 Karaoke @ 7	16 Kid's Easter Egg Hunt and Party 1-3 p.m.
17 SAL Breakfast 8-11 a.m.	18	19	20	21	22 Baked Steak 5-8 Brent Cole @ 7	23 Lakeland Baseball Steak Fry Fundraiser
24 Craft Fair 1-4 p.m.	25	26 Auxiliary Mtg, 6 pm Legion Mtg, 7 pm	27 SAL Mtg, 6 pm	28	29 A.L.R. Rib Dinner 5-8-p.m.	30
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## A.L.R. News

Hello Everyone,

Riding season is upon us. We are going to have our next Rib Dinner on Friday, March 29. The Father's Day Raffle tickets should be available soon.

The Dust Off car and bike show will be Sunday, April 28.

Let's get ready to ride!

—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

# April, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
	A.L.R. Meeting 6 p.m.	Trivia Night 6 p.m.		Chicken Buffet 5-8 p.m. Karaoke @ 7		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					SAL Dinner 5-8 p.m.	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Craft Fair 1-4 p.m..		Lifeline Screening 8 a.m.			Chicken Buffet 5-8 p.m. Karaoke @ 7	Africa Fundraiser
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Auxiliary Mtg, 6 p.m. Legion Mtg, 7 p.m.	SAL Mtg, 6 p.m		Baked Steak 5-8 p.m. Brent Cole @ 7	80's Night
28	29	30				
Riders Dust-Off 1-3 p.m..		LINCOLN DAY DINNER				

**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

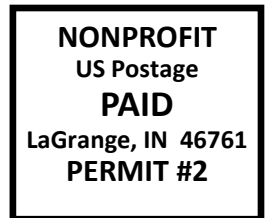
**S.A.L. OFFICERS**

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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Current Occupant or

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members. This may include your volunteer time, or an occasional cover charge, as we do have the lowest drink prices in town. So, to keep things affordable and bring in more fun, we may ask that of you to help the Legion. It is a minimal donation to keep expenses down.

Lastly, I would like to encourage you to check out our new website, Facebook pages, and digital sign on Highway 9 for all the upcoming events. We are back to having two breakfasts a month. March is going to be a very busy month!

**March 6**, Trivia at the Post.

**March 10**, Soup and chili cook-off to raise money for the Joan Brady Nursing Scholarship.

**March 16**, Kid's Easter Party (get your tickets at the Post, limited amount)

**March 23**, Shriner's Casino Bus Trip, ask Dawn Miller for info, or pay at the Post.

**March 23**, Lakeland Baseball Fundraiser (get your pre-sold ticket).

**March 24**, Spring Craft Fair, 1-4 p.m.

Mark your calendars for all the fun to be had!

Thank you, Veterans, for our freedom and your service to this great country! Happy Spring!

—*Lisa Olinger, Auxiliary President*

## *S.A.L. News*

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We have several events coming up over the next couple months, and will need many volunteers. In March, we have the S.A.L. Steak Fry on the 8th, which will benefit the Veteran's Headstone Project, Breakfast on the 17th (this will be the last S.A.L. breakfast until Fall.) We are hosting the Lakeland Baseball Steak Fry on March 23rd. In April we will have the S.A.L. Steak Fry on the 12th. On May 10, we will have our S.A.L. Steak Fry and this is will benefit CASA. Sunday, May 12, we will do a Mother's Day Brunch from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Bring your Mother, Grandmother, Daughter, and wife out to the Legion and celebrate these wonderful ladies with a great brunch.

We would also like to see our fellow S.A.L. members attend our meetings which will be held the 4th Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.

Thank a Vet today!

—*S.A.L. Commander Matthew J. Frost*

## *Bartender's Corner*

Thanks for being patient with the bartenders when they ask for your current cards. Please make sure all non-members are signed in at the podium.

—*Bar Manager, Carrie Bieberich*