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Commander's Corner

Greetings to the entire Legion Family,

A lot has happened here at Post 215 since the last issue of this newsletter. Just to fill you in a little: Commander Jim Trafford and Finance Officer Monte Powell resigned at the February meeting. Also resigning was John Yates, Judge Advocate. Larry Trowbridge had resigned and transferred his membership to Churubusco Post 257 earlier in the year. Our By-Laws require that nominations be made to fill vacant elected offices when the vacancy occurs and the election be held at the next regular meeting of the Post.

I was nominated to serve as Commander and Rick Seibert was nominated to serve as Finance Officer at the February meeting. We were unanimously elected to the offices at the regular membership meeting in March. We will serve in these capacities until June 1, when newly elected officers will take charge.

I have appointed Jim Fisel to serve as Judge Advocate; and Cindy Miller to serve as Membership Chairman until June 1.

I want to thank everyone that has stepped up to pledge their support and assistance to the Post during this time of transition. The outpouring of support has been somewhat overwhelming.

Now to move forward: The slate of officers for next year has been completed with a second round of nominations having been conducted at the April 23 regular meeting of the Post. Nominations of elected officers are as follows:

Commander, Rick Seibert; First Vice Commander, Dave Atwater; Second Vice Commander, Angela Raatz; Finance Officer, Andy Marshall; Adjutant, Allen Connelly; and Executive Board Member, Larry Schlabach.

Election of officers will be conducted at the May 28 meeting. I am asking that everyone get behind and support the new officers this coming year. Please consider attending the regular membership meetings held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

A large number of events and activities can be found on the calendar. Also, please check the website for events and announcements. lagrangepost215.org

—David "Dave" Atwater, Commander

Auxiliary News

Hello members!

We are finally approaching the warm season! With that, we will be having some great upcoming events! Please check our website, <https://lagrangepost215.org> for all information and our calendar. The Legion family has been working hard on booking extra entertainment each month. So PLEASE watch the calendar for Saturdays going forward! We will be having bands, karaoke, or musicians a couple times a month now. Some of these dates will be open to the public, and some will be for members and guests only. This will depend on how many events we host for the month, as we can only have a limited amount of open days with permits. We will be posting flyers and posting information on the Facebook pages and the website.

I want to give a "Shout-Out" to all the hard working volunteers we have. Your dedication keeps our Legion going so that we can keep hosting some of the best meals, entertainment, events, fundraisers and donations in town for the veteran's organizations that we all come together and passionately support. If you know a fellow member who can spare a little extra time once in a while, please talk to them about pitching in and volunteering for one of our events. It can be one day a month, one evening, one hour! Anything helps! Help us sign up more new members. ALL ages. Brag to them about the opportunity they are missing out on by not participating in the honorary work we do to support our veterans, our local Legion, our community, our little corner of the best country in the world! For me personally, it is an HONOR and a PRIVILEGE to help with the events our Legion hosts. My grandfather served our country and was the ultimate hero in my life story. He was a Prisoner of War and was involved in the Devil's Brigade. This is something I am proud to know about him, yet never having heard a single story about any of the time he spent during the war. If you have a hero in the family that served, gave up eve-

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May, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Trivia Night 6 p.m.	2	3 Chicken Buffet 5-8 Karaoke @ 7	4
5 Craft Fair 1-4 p.m.	6	7 A.L.R. Meeting 6 p.m.	8	9	10 SAL Dinner 5-8 Feather Party -5 Shawn Richards 7-10	11 Brent Cole and Cris Bocanegra 7-10 p.m.
12 Mother's Day Brunch 10-a.m.-2p.m.	13	14	15	16	17 Chicken Buffet 5-8 Karaoke @ 7	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Baked Steak 5-8 Brent Cole @ 7	25
26	27	28 Auxiliary Mtg, 6 pm Legion Mtg, 7 pm SAL Mtg, 6 pm	29	30	31 A.L.R. Rib Dinner 5-8-p.m.	

A.L.R. News

Hello Everyone,

Spring is here! I hope everyone had a good time at our “Dust Off”! We have our next Rib Dinner on Friday, May 31. Our “Father’s Day Raffle” drawing will be held on Sunday, June 16, so hurry up and get your tickets.

Ride 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

June, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Scotty Butters 7-10 p.m.
2	3	4 A.L.R. Meeting 6 p.m.	5 Trivia Night 6 p.m.	6	7 Chicken Buffet 5-8 p.m. Karaoke @ 7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 SAL Dinner 5-8 p.m.	15
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POST 215 OFFICERS

Commander.....David Atwater
 First Vice... ..David Atwater
 Second Vice.....Richard Seibert
 Adjutant.....Allen Connelly
 Finance Officer.....Richard Seibert
 Judge Advocate.....Jim Fisel
 Service Officer.....Allen Connelly
 Sgt.-at-Arms.....Kenneth Clifford
 Chaplain.....Al Peironski
 MembershipCindy Miller

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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rything to help us maintain the freedom we all enjoy, then what better reason than that to volunteer? I know that I could not have ever been as brave as they all were and still are! For the rest of us, this is our pay-back. Please consider doing more for the wonderful organization we are a part of. Talk to your kids, grandkids, friends and family and let them know that it is not just a “bar for old people.” This is a group of people who come together to make a difference. We come together to support the brave people in our lives that sacrificed what many of us could never even imagine for the freedom of everyone in their country. We MUST honor them! So step up. Be the member who gives back. Spread the information about who we are as a membership club.

See you all soon! For God and Country!

—Lisa Olinger, Unit 215 Auxiliary President



S.A.L. News

Hello All,

We have several events coming up over the next couple months, and will need many volunteers. In May, we have the S.A.L. Steak Fry on the 10th which will benefit the CASA of LaGrange County. On Sunday, May 12, we will do a Mother’s Day Brunch from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Bring your mother, grandmother, wife, and daughter out to the Legion and celebrate these wonderful ladies with a great brunch. June 14, will be the S.A.L. Steak Fry, along with July 12 being a Steak Fry. We would love to see you at the S.A.L. dinners as volunteers or come on out and get a great meal at a great price!!

We would also like to see our fellow S.A.L. members attend our meetings which will be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Second round of nominations of new officers will be during our meeting on May 28. Voting for new officers will be during our meeting on June 25.

If you have not yet 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 give you a receipt and give the payment and information to Craig.

Thank a Vet today!

—S.A.L. Commander Matthew J. Frost