



The Two Fifteener

Published by
**The LaGrange American
Legion Post 215**
100 Industrial Parkway
LaGrange, IN 46761
Phone: 260-463-4172
July, August, 2024

Commander's Corner

Fellow veterans,

Welcome to a new year with new officers. I'd like to introduce myself, I am Rick Seibert, the new commander. Dave Atwater and Angela Raatz are the vice commanders. Andy Marshall is the finance officer, Allen Connelly will continue as adjutant. Larry Schlabach, Jim Fisel, Cindy Miller join us on the executive committee.

I would encourage all the veterans to come out for the meetings, which happen the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. This is your Post, you are the reason the Post is here.

We offer Friday night meals including the best broasted chicken in Northern Indiana. Also, steaks, pork chops, chicken strips, and shrimp provided by the Sons of the American Legion. Also, some finger licking ribs provided by the Riders. We also have daily lunch specials the kitchen makes that we try to keep under \$10.

We have some big plans for this coming year; repairing the cracks in the parking lot and complete re-sealing, including new parking lines. The reupholstering of the seats on all the bar stools has already begun, and the feedback is very favorable. We are getting quotes on replacing the carpet in the dining room, lobby and bar room.

These improvements are going to be costly, but a huge thanks to the S.A.L. for a very generous donation towards the parking lot refinishing. You can all help by patronizing the club. Come out and meet fellow veterans, volunteer at a function or enjoy one of our Friday night meals and entertainment.

I want to personally thank Dr. Bill Pipher for the fantastic job he is doing with the Post website. Be sure to check it out for the latest Post news. Just google lagrangepost215.org and you will be there!

I wish you all a very enjoyable and safe Fourth of July.

—Rick Seibert, Commander

Auxiliary News

Hello Legion Family!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

I would like to take a second and brag on our Ladies Auxiliary! We have been attending as many Fourth District meetings as possible over the last two years. For those that don't know what that is; our state is divided up into 11 Districts. We are a part of the Fourth District of Indiana. We attend these meetings with many other local Legion Auxiliary members in our area. We have 26 Units in our District. Our District has had a few Poppy Contests to enter the last several months. LaGrange Unit 215 has won the last three contests that we have entered! I am proud to announce the Cindy Devine won the Poppy Hat Contest, Erin Zinkie won the Craft Contest for her Diamond Art Poppy Painting, and Kay Cross won the Historian Book Contest, along with help from active members, Cindi Dekay, Becky Miller, and Jamie Parish. These ladies' crafts will on to another contest at the state level at the American Legion Auxiliary Conference in Indianapolis July 12 and 13 for another chance to compete against the other District's winners. Diann Scott, our current District President will be wearing the Cindy Devine hat proudly at this conference!

So please wish our ladies good luck when you see them and congratulate them on efforts made to put us on the map in our district!

We have some important upcoming events in the next 2-3 months that you will want to mark your calendars for. Also we have a few Saturday nights that we will have entertainment hired and have also been hosting Craft Fairs about every couple months as well.

So, please watch our calendar and check on our website; lagrangepost215.org for those as well.

We have a Legion Family Fundraiser August 10 to help with the maintenance of our beloved Post! Please come out and enjoy all the activities, games, raffles and

(concluded on back page)

July, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
	A.L.R. Meeting 6 p.m.			Chicken Buffet 5-8 Karaoke @ 7		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					SAL Dinner 5-8	SAL/Lions Club Chicken Fry Cancer Benefit 11-3
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Craft Fair 1-4 p.m.					Chicken Buffet 5-8 Karaoke @ 7	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Auxiliary Mtg, 6 pm Legion Mtg, 7 pm SAL Mtg, 6 pm			Broasted Pork Chops 5-8 Brent Cole @ 7	
28	29	30	31			

A.L.R. News

Hello Everyone,

We would like to thank everyone who bought tickets for our Father’s Day Raffle. Congratulations to all our winners! We have our 17th annual “Scavenger Hunt” ride on Sunday, August 11. Our next rib dinner is on Friday, August 30. Enjoy the nice summer weather! Have fun, be 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

August, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	3
				Chicken Buffet 5-8 p.m. Karaoke @ 7	Showdown 7-10 pm	
4	5	6	8	9	10	10
		A.L.R. Meeting 6 p.m.	Life Line Screening	SAL Dinner 5-8 p.m.	S.A.L. Casino Night Fund Raiser for Bldg. Maintenance 1 pm to Close	
11	12	13	15	16	17	17
A.L.R. Scavenger Hunt				Chicken Buffet 5-8 p.m. Karaoke @ 7		
18	19	20	22	23	24	24
				Fish Dinner 5-8 p.m. Brent Cole @ 7	"So You Think You Can Sing!?" Singing Contest (Prove It!) 7 p.m.	
25	26	27	29	30	31	31
		Auxiliary Mtg, 6 p.m. Legion Mtg, 7 p.m. SAL Mtg, 6 p.m		A.L.R. Rib Dinner 5-8 p.m.		

POST 215 OFFICERS

Commander.....Richard Seibert
 First Vice... ..David Atwater
 Second Vice.....Angela Raatz
 Adjutant.....Allen Connelly
 Finance Officer.....Andrew Marshall
 Judge Advocate.....Jim Fisel
 Service Officer.....Allen Connelly
 Sgt.-at-Arms.....Larry Schlabach
 Chaplain.....Al Peironski
 MembershipCindy Miller

S.A.L. OFFICERS

Commander.....Brandon Garrison
 First Vice.....Jeff Helmuth
 Second Vice.....Mack Grobis
 Sgt.-at-Arms.....Gary Grogg
 Finance.....Ben Parish
 Adjutant.....Craig Connelly
 Chaplain.....Mike Boots
 Historian.....Ryan Smith
 Membership.....Craig Connelly

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President.....Lisa Olinger
 Vice President.....Kay Cross
 Secretary.....Heather Frost
 Treasurer.....Gina Champion
 Chaplain.....Kay Myers
 Sgt.-at-Arms... ..Colleen Hoover
 Historian.....Darci Stanner-Gaff
 Membership.....Jaime Parish
 Ticket Seller.....Julie Byler

The LaGrange American
Legion Post 215
100 Industrial Parkway
LaGrange, Indiana 46761

NONPROFIT
US Postage
PAID
LaGrange, IN 46761
PERMIT #2

Current Occupant or

Auxiliary News

(continued from page 1)

support your Post! This will be open to the public, so spread the word!

We are planning a LaGrange Legion Idol Contest on August 24. Details are being worked out! Pay attention to our website for more information!

We will hold a Cancer Fundraiser in October for Patrick Fair. He is the son of an American Legion S.A.L. member and as been fighting cancer all of his adult life, 25+ years. Pat is a fighter! His mother, Donna Fair is an asset to Auxiliary. She volunteers and helps any time she is free. Our Post, SAL, Auxiliary and Riders will all be involved in these two mentioned events. Check website for upcoming details.

If you would like to volunteer for these or any other events, please contact any of the following people as we are actively putting together committees and details.

Rick Seibert, Post 215 Commander

Brandon Garrison, S.A.L. Squadron Commander

Lisa Olinger, Auxiliary President

Alex Patten, American Legion Rider Director

For all information please visit our website at:
lagrangepost215.org

See you all soon! For God and Country!

—Lisa Olinger, Unit 215 Auxiliary President

S.A.L. News

Hello All,

This is my first time writing for the S.A.L. in the newsletter. So...please bear with me.

First I would like to say that I am honored to become the Squadron Commander for the 24-25 year. I would like to thank First Vice Jeff Helmuth and Second Vice Mack Grobis for stepping up. We plan on having a great year.

Some upcoming events we will be having at the Post will be our usual Friday night dinner on July 12 with Jeff Collins to follow. Saturday, July 13, we will be partnering with the Wolcottville Lion Club and selling chicken. Please come on out and support both clubs. We will be serving chicken from 11-3.

Our annual Cancer Benefit will be held on Saturday, September 7. If you would like to be a part of it, please contact either Lisa Olinger or myself.

August 9, we will be having our monthly S.A.L. Friday evening dinner.

The 2025 membership cards will be available July 1. Be an "Early Bird"!

We would also like to see our fellow S.A.L. members attend our meetings which are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.

For God and Country.

—S.A.L. Commander Brandon Garrison