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Commander's Corner

Fellow veterans,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! School is back in session so be on the watch for the school buses and kids going and coming from school.

I would like to thank the SAL and Auxiliary for the huge effort they put in for the Casino Night, August 10. Specifically, Steve Bowen for organizing the event and Dawn Miller for all her work with the silent auction. I thought it was a very successful night but could have been better if more veterans could have participated in the selling of tickets and just coming out for the fun. The proceeds will go to building and grounds improvements.

Kyle Olinger has decided to step down as Kitchen Manager after several years of dedicated service to the post. He had done an excellent job keeping things going, his service will always be much appreciated. Thank you, Kyle! Brenda Williams has been hired as the new Kitchen Manager and is working with Kyle for a couple weeks to get familiar with the ordering and other duties of that position. Please welcome her to her new position.

For all of us out there with drink tokens, yellow, green, grey, orange, and any other colors that have been used in the past are being replaced with a wooden one manufactured right here in LaGrange. The new tokens will be for a \$3.00 drink. If the token is for a \$2.50 beer you won't be getting any change back. If the token is for a beer or drink costing more than \$3.00 the difference will have to be made up. This is being done to help us control costs a little better. All old tokens will expire on November 1, 2024.

We have a Spreuer Jet Ski trailer donated to the Legion for a raffle. Tickets will be \$5.00 each. Tickets will go on sale after we get them, and the drawing day will be determined at the time. So, come on in and see the trailer and purchase a ticket.

The parking lot repair and resealing has been approved by the Executive Board and will begin August 22 for the first half and August 24 for the second half. Please do not drive on the blocked off portion of the lot during this time. This should really help extend the life of the parking lot.

Just a reminder that we have some great Friday dinners put on by the Legion and the SAL members. We also have some tasty lunch specials every day. We try to hold the lunch specials down to \$7.00 or \$8.00. The daily specials

can be seen on the Auxiliary Facebook page, soon to be added to our website, where all the Post news can be found. Just google lagrangepost215.org.

I wish you all a very enjoyable and safe Labor Day coming up the beginning of September.

—Rick Seibert, Commander

Auxiliary News

Hello Legion Family!

First, I would like to thank all of you for coming out and supporting all of the events that our Post has been offering! We have all been working very hard to provide fun activities and fundraisers for all to attend.

I am especially proud of the Ladies Auxiliary for all the improvement we have made in the last two years. Our participation is turning heads and making a difference within our own Post! We have certainly started a path to excellence with the active members who have been donating their time and efforts to every event we hold. This includes any event at our Legion with no exception as to who runs it. Our ladies volunteer in the kitchen, at the door for dinners, for bake sales, for raffles, random days during the week to help bartenders with lunches, selling plants, taking care of maintenance of the building, donating items for our charity events! The list goes on what this group does out of the passion and kindness of their hearts for our beloved Post 215. I think I can speak for them when I say we all share the absolute love of our veterans and what our American Legion Post stands for. I say this repeatedly, but I mean it when I say that I could not be more proud than to be a part of the sisterhood we have in LaGrange. They are truly a special group of people. If you are not an active member of this group, you should be asking yourself WHY NOT?

I do want to touch base on a new change within our Legion. Please welcome Brenda Louise Williams as our new Kitchen Manager! And welcome Kay Cross as the new Bar Manager/Banquet Hall Coordinator! They will be your new contacts for any future questions.

With that, I would like to thank my fantastic husband, Kyle Olinger! He truly bleeds for his home Post 215! Thank you, Kyle, for doing such an outstanding job at taking care of the Auxiliary whenever we ran an event. Kyle held our hands through learning how to work dinners, breakfasts, and fundraisers. You are truly an amazing person.
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September, 2024

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

A.L.R. News

Hello Everyone,

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our 17th Annual Scavenger Hunt. We would also like to congratulate the ride and game winners! We do not have another rib dinner until the end of November. Hopefully everybody is getting some good riding in, as this season is nearing it's end. 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

October, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 A.L.R. Meeting-6 p.m. CHARITY GAMING TRAINING 6-8 p.m. Sign up at Bar.	2 Trivia Night 6 p.m.	3	4 Chicken Buffet 5-8 p.m. Karaoke @ 7	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 SAL Dinner 5-8 p.m.	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Chicken Buffet 5-8 p.m. Karaoke @ 7	19 Cancer Fundraiser
20	21	22 Auxiliary Mtg, 6 p.m. Legion Mtg, 7 p.m. SAL Mtg, 6 p.m	23	24	25 Fish Dinner 5-8 p.m. Brent Cole @ 7	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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

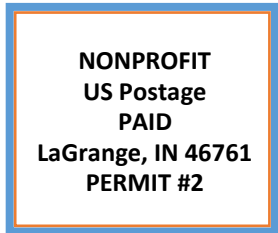
S.A.L. OFFICERS

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

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Auxiliary News

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Through all the ups and down, criticism and compliments, you held your head up, and earned respect from our community time after time! Hats off to you for all you did for our Post! You set the bar high!

I have a couple requests of our members. If you're able to pay your membership dues for 2025 early, please do so, as we have the current cards ready to give out now. This counts for us when we go to our fourth District meetings and give our reports of membership. Also, for any members that have not yet attended a District meeting, I strongly encourage you to do so. You do not even have to be a regular volunteer, but it will show you the importance of what we do and our part in the organization.

Last, but not least, I want to remind everyone to watch your calendars, our electronic sign and our website, as our Facebook page is temporarily down. Bill Pipher does an EXCELLENT job at keeping our website up to date with changes!

We are planning a Cancer Fundraiser in October for Patrick Fair. We are hoping to put together a Halloween Party for kids as well! We will be organizing a singing contest that was postponed from August, for this fall or winter. And TRIVIA is back!!! Starting back September 4. Be there early to get your seats as we have limited the number of teams to 20 to play due to popularity and limited space. See you all soon!

For God and Country!

—Lisa Olinger, Unit 215 Auxiliary President

S.A.L. News

Greetings All,

As summer is coming to a close, I would like to thank everyone that has helped the SAL with our events the last two months. From the Chicken Cook, and a huge thank you to the Wolcottville Lions Club for cooking it, to our most recent Casino Night...We couldn't have made this possible without our Legion family of volunteers.

Some upcoming events will be our monthly SAL dinners, September 13, and October 11. Both with music to follow, September we will have "Point and Click," October, "Scotty Butters." Keep November 8 open in your calendars as we will be hosting "Hubie Ashcraft Band" after our Feather Party and Steak Fry. Hoping for a great night.

Our Cancer Benefit will be October 19 from 12-4. We will need some volunteers for that so please contact Lisa Olinger or myself. This year, we have nominated Pat Fair, a LaGrange local, SAL member, son of Auxiliary member Donna Fair. He has been dealing with cancer and treatments for 23 years. So, if at all possible, let's make this cancer benefit a great one for him.

Something new that is happening is Dawn Miller had the great idea of setting up a Legion Crawl. As of now the bus is FULL! Hoping we can make this an annual trip to different Legion Posts. Remember the day is October 12! Thanks to all who signed up and thank you Dawn!

Note that membership is due. Please drop off your dues at the Post or with Craig Connelly for the 2025 membership year. \$30.00. For God and Country!

—S.A.L. Commander Brandon Garrison