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Commander's Corner

Fellow veterans,

I would like to thank everyone that put the time and effort into making the Cancer Fundraiser held October 19 a huge success. It couldn't have happened without the dedication of the SAL and Auxiliary. It's events like this that show what our family can do when put to the task.

Speaking of family, the Legion Crawl, which was organized by Dawn Miller, only shows what a true family feeling we have here at Post 215. It was great traveling to the other posts, Bristol, Ligonier, Albion and Rome City. A huge thank you to Dawn! Meeting the folks and the hospitality shown by these posts was rewarding. We also netted close to \$600 for the building fund through donations made by the riders on the bus.

Trivia night has returned to the first Wednesday on each month. It is now being held in the event room which gives more room for the teams to concentrate on the questions and answers. I would like to encourage more people to come out and enjoy the fun and partake of the delicious burgers provided by the Auxiliary.

We will be having a special program at our November 26, 7 p.m. Legion meeting. Rachel Baczynski will be there to talk about different Medicare and Supplement Plans including plans that fit well for those veterans enrolled in VA Health Care.

We are going to rotate the 4th Friday dinner between broasted pork chops, baked steak and fish. I'd like to see a better turnout for these dinners. All Friday dinners are open to the public, so tell your friends and coworkers about the good deals you can get at the Legion.

We are working on plans for a New Year's Eve Party. Be sure to visit our Facebook page as well as our website: lagrangepost215.org for updates and information.

With Thanksgiving approaching, I'm sure we all have something to be thankful for. I, for one, am thankful for the volunteers that have helped us throughout the year. Also, the kitchen manager, bartenders, the SAL, Auxiliary and the Riders. Without these folks Post 215 wouldn't be what it is today. FAMILY!

We will be having the traditional Ham, Beans, and Cornbread on Veteran's Day, November 11. They will be available from noon until evening. FREE to veterans and everyone else can eat for a donation.

I want to wish all the members of Post 215 a very Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

—Rick Seibert, Commander

Auxiliary News

Hello Legion Family!

A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers, staff, members, and community who come together for each other and all the fundraisers and benefits we host. We raised a generous amount to help out a local cancer survivor who continues to battle after 23 years of many types of cancers. He is currently fighting head and neck, along with cancer being in other places as well. Donna Fair, Pat's mother, is an active Auxiliary member, and Pat is an active SAL member. They help with dinners and activities quite frequently. The family has never asked for any help with their situation from the Legion. We offered to help them. Pat is a walking miracle! So, to all of those who helped make this happen for Patrick Fair, thank you! If you know someone who needs help and is an American Legion member here in LaGrange, suffering from cancer and overwhelming bills, I would love for you to reach out to us and let us know. Our Legion family has done these fundraisers once a year. We are here to help! Our American Legion Riders started this fundraiser for our beloved and dearly missed Alex (Axle) Oakley. To this day, his wife Katrina Oakley has helped participate in the events for all other families. Thank you Kat! Thank you ALR!

If you have not yet paid your 2025 dues, please consider doing this as soon as possible. Your 2024 cards expire December 31.

We have a busy calendar for the next couple months! So please pay attention to your mailed calendar copy or our Facebook pages, or most importantly our website, <https://lagrangepost215.org>, for all events and updates with Post 215.

Watch for Hubie Ashcraft in November, as well as a Feather Party the same night!

We will be putting out our Kid's Christmas Party sign-up forms in November as well. This year will be a little different than past years with some added knowledge of what the American Legion represents for the children to understand the meaning of why we are there and who to thank for our existence and freedom.

Our Children's Christmas Party will be Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. Sign up forms will be available by Nov. 1 at the Post.

I want to remind parents and grandparents that all of the workers for these events are ALWAYS volunteers doing the very best they can to provide these events for the kids.

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November, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Chicken Buffet 5-8 Karaoke @ 7	2 A.L.R. Fall Color Ride 11 a.m.
3 Craft Fair 1 p.m.	4	5 A.L.R. Meeting 6 p.m.	6 Trivia Night 6 p.m.	7	8 SAL Dinner - 5-8 Hubie Ashcraft Band Feather Party	9
10 SAL Breakfast 8-11 a.m.	11 VETERAN'S DAY Ham and Beans And Cornbread Serving 12-7 p.m.	12	13	14	15 Chicken Buffet 5-8 Karaoke @ 7	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Broasted Pork Chops 5-8 Brent Cole @ 7	23
24	25	26 Auxiliary Mtg, 6 pm Legion Mtg, 7 pm SAL Mtg, 6 pm	27	28 Legion Family Thanksgiving Dinner—12-4 By Donation	29	30

A.L.R. News

Hello Everyone,

There isn't a lot going on with us this time of year, but we do have a "White Elephant Gift Exchange Party" on Sunday, November 10 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. This will be just after the SAL Breakfast. To participate, bring a wrapped gift and purchase tickets for \$1 or 6 for \$5. We have decided to skip the next rib dinner, because it would fall on Black Friday. Enjoy the riding weather while it lasts. Happy Holidays to all!

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

A.L.R. OFFICERS

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 Membership.....Joe Rose
 Ride Coordinator.....Ron Geyer
 Communications.....Katrina Oakley

December, 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		A.L.R. Meeting 6 p.m.	Trivia Night 6 p.m.		Chicken Buffet 5-8 p.m. Karaoke @ 7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
SAL Breakfast 8-11 a.m. Kid's Christmas Party 1 p.m.					SAL Dinner 5-8 p.m. Music: The Haggens 8-11	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Legion Mtg, 7 p.m. SAL Mtg, 6 p.m.			Chicken Buffet 5-8 p.m. Karaoke @ 7	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		CHRISTMAS EVE Adult Christmas Party 12-4 Closing at 5 p.m.	MERRY CHRISTMAS CLOSED		Fish Dinner 5-8 p.m. Brent Cole @ 7	
29	30	31				
		NEW YEAR'S EVE Check Website Lagrangepost215.org For Party Info				

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S.A.L. News

Greetings All,

As winter approaches, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for a wonderful 2024. We have had a very eventful few months. Let me first start by saying thank you for a great week at Corn School. It was a beautiful week for it. We ended up selling out eight cases of pork burgers.

We would like to thank Dawn Miller for organizing our first Legion Bus Crawl. Look out for an October 2025 trip being planned now. With the Shriner's trip in March, I'm sure she will be around soon with the sign up sheet for that. We were able to raise \$600 for the Legion maintenance fund. A huge thank you to the Bristol, Ligonier, Albion, Rome City, and our home Post 215.

We recently had our 3rd Annual Cancer Benefit, this one for Pat Fair. We raised over \$8,000 in four hours. It was a wonderful turnout for both Pat and his family, along with our own Legion Family. We could not have done it without the wonderful volunteers from the SAL, Auxiliary, Riders and Legion members.

Upcoming SAL events coming up in November and December. We will be having our famous "Feather Party" November 8. Our entertainment that night will be none other than the Hubie Ashcraft Band performing from 8-11. After discussion with members, we have decided to make a contribution to the Marshall North Carolina Police and Fire Department who were devastated from the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. For the event, we are requesting a \$5.00 cover charge or a non perishable item to be donated. Please thank Mack Grobis for helping us get in touch with this community in need.

In December, we will be having "The Haggens" performing December 13, from 7-10 p.m.

Some things to keep an eye out for in 2025: We will be having our 3rd Annual Second Amendment Night. If you are wanting to be a table sponsor, please contact Austin or myself. We would be happy to make that happen. This past one was a big success and hoping to outdo ourselves next year.

SAL breakfasts will be starting again. Also, please remember that membership is due! The last day is December 31 and it will be here before you know it. Bartenders will not serve you if you have an expired card. Please drop off your dues at the Bar.

Thanks everyone again for a wonderful 2024 and praying for a better 2025. For God and Country.

—Brandon Garrison, SAL Commander

Auxiliary News

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So, please be kind and understand that all of the work put into these events are by people who come together and donate their time, money, and efforts for the children. Please remember what the true meaning of Christmas is about. This is the time of year when we should be thankful and appreciative of the people in our lives and not be focused on the material things. Be thankful for each other. Be kind. It costs nothing to be a kind and caring person. Let's teach our kids this way of life.

A quick reminder to please get your 2025 dues paid before 12/31/2025. It is best to pay directly at the Post.

—Lisa Olinger, Unit 215 Auxiliary President