



The Two Fifteener

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Commander's Corner

Fellow veterans,

We elected and conducted an installation ceremony for new officers at our regular meeting in May. The following are ready to serve you this coming year:

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

Volunteer, according to Webster's dictionary, "*A person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.*" As a veteran we know good and well what it means to volunteer for service to our country. Some of us were asked to volunteer, the draft, and others enlisted of our own free will. Both served a purpose, either in a combat situation or in a support position. Here at Post 215 we rely on volunteers quite a bit. Helping out in the kitchen, picking up plates or delivering food to customers on Friday night dinners. Also selling tickets for 50-50 drawings or tip boards for various items. All of the members of our Post 215 have pitched in and made some real success with events held at the Post. They're too numerous to name in this newsletter, but I have to send a heartfelt thanks to the Auxiliary, the Legion Riders and the Sons of the American Legion and of course the Veterans for all they have done in the past year to meet our goals here at the Legion. A big thank you to the ladies that trimmed up the bushes and those who helped pull the weeds around the post. Some of the events have contributed to the building fund which will keep our Legion up and running for the next generation. To show our appreciation to all the volunteers we are going to have a hog roast on August 16. It will be for members and their families only, but it's to pay
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Auxiliary News

Hello Legion Family!

Hard to believe it's almost July! Seems like we waited for summer to get here for so long and now it is flying by!

At our May meeting the following officers were elected for the 2025-2026 calendar year.

President	Dawn Miller
1st Vice	Kay Cross
2nd Vice	Lisa Olinger
Corresponding Secretary	Andi Tullis
Recording Secretary	Kay Myers
Treasurer	Gina Champion
Chaplain	Kay Myers
Historian	Becky Miller

We are looking forward to a great year! Lisa has done an awesome job leading us for the last three years. Thank you so much for your leadership.

Lisa implemented our group chat, which works great! For anyone that is not on this chat or would like communications to come to them in a different form, please feel free to contact me at 260-367-1778. I am hoping to be able to personally reach out to each of our members within the coming weeks. If you have changed your phone number, please let me know.

Our Legion remains very busy. Please consider volunteering when you are able. It's always fun when we work together. Thank you to Julie and Erin who continue to do a fantastic job with the 50/50 tickets! Please watch for updated information regarding upcoming events. Hope to see you at our Legion soon!

Enjoy your summer and stay safe!

—Dawn Miller, Auxiliary President

**Be an Early Bird...
Pay Your Dues Now!**

July, 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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	A.L.R. Meeting 6 p.m.	Weekly Drawing 6 p.m.		Chicken Buffet 5-7 p.m. Karaoke Black Jack 7-10 p.m.		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Weekly Drawing 6 p.m.	SAL Dinner 5-8 p.m. John Gilmore Magic Show		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				Weekly Drawing 6 p.m.	Chicken Buffet 5-7 p.m. Karaoke Black Jack 7-10 p.m.	Dog Club Fundraiser Sponsored by SAL
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Legion Mtg - 7 p.m. Auxiliary Mtg - 6 pm SAL Mtg - 6 p.m. Bartender's Mtg. 5:30 p.m.	Weekly Drawing 6 p.m.	Fish Dinner 5-7 p.m. Brent Cole 7-10 p.m.		
27	28	29	30	31		
			Weekly Drawing 6 p.m.	Monthly Drawing 4 p.m.		

A.L.R. News

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all enjoying this nice riding weather. I would like to congratulate the winners of our "Father's Day Raffle," and thank all who participated. Our "Scavenger Hunt" will be on Sunday, August 10. We will have our next Rib Dinner on Friday, August 29. Have a great summer. Ride safe, have fun!

— Thanks, 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.....	
Membership.....	Joe Rose
Ride Coordinator.....	Ben Kline
Communications.....	Katrina Oakley

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S.A.L. OFFICERS

Commander.....	Mack Grobis
First Vice.....	Ben Parish
Second Vice.....	Matt Frost
Sgt.-at-Arms.....	Kyle Olinger
Finance.....	Ben Parish
Adjutant.....	Craig Connelly
Chaplain.....	Ray Hoover
Historian.....	Ryan Smith
Membership.....	Craig Connelly

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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S.A.L. News

Greetings fellow members,

I am honored and humbled to write to you for the first time as the new Commander of Sons of the American Legion Squadron 215. I want to sincerely thank those who nominated me and everyone that placed their trust in me with their vote. I'm excited for what lies ahead and proud to continue serving our veterans, families, and the community.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped make our last steak fry such a great success. We served 151 meals — what an incredible turnout! A big shoutout as well to our entertainment for the evening. Double Shot, who kept the energy high and the crowd engaged all night.

Looking ahead, July's dinner (July 11th) is shaping up to be a fun one for all ages. We're doing something a little different with a magic show featuring hometown magician John Gilmore, along with two other talented magicians from the Fort Wayne area. Be sure to bring your kids and grandkids ... this will be a show you won't want to miss!

August's dinner (August 8th) will bring back a familiar favorite ... Nashville recording artist Shawn Richards will be returning to perform at the Legion. We're thrilled to welcome him back and look forward to another great evening of music and fellowship.

Make sure to follow our new Facebook page: "LaGrange Sons of the American Legion" for updates, events, and photos. We want to keep everyone in the loop and celebrate the great work we're doing together.

We have a slight dues increase effective July 1, 2025. Regular members will be \$35.00 per year; Junior members will be \$10.00 per year; and Dual members will remain at \$5.00 yearly.

Finally, I encourage all members to attend our monthly meetings. Your input and presence matter, and it's always better when more voices are heard and more hands are available.

For God and Country,

—Mack Grobis, Commander SAL Squadron 215

Commander's Corner

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tribute to the volunteers.

July 4th is upon us, The Birth of our Nation! We are still planning on having the Chicken Dinner and entertainment that evening.

We still need veterans to attend our meetings the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., and if possible, please help us all out by volunteering when you have some free time.

—Rick Seibert, Commander Post 215.