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Commander's Corner

Fellow Veterans:

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas. It's a time for family and friends to celebrate together.

We will be open Christmas Eve for a Post 215 family celebration. The Post will provide a beef roast and we are asking members to bring in a dish to share.

We will be open New Years Eve from 11:00 to 6:00, sloppy joes will be available, and Brent Cole will be here from 2:00 to 5:00. It will be open to the public so bring your friends out to enjoy some time together. Please keep safety in mind on New Years Eve, be a responsible driver if you are on the road.

We will be having the chicken dinner, as usual, on the 2nd of January with the band Double Shot providing some musical entertainment. Double Shot will also be here the 2nd of February for your pleasure.

We had a few of our long-time volunteers that have cleaned the tables after the chicken dinners decide to call it quits. Thank you very much for all the years of assisting in the chicken dinners. We need more volunteers to step up and help your Post. See me or Louise, the kitchen manager, for more information and to see what you can do to help your post. Veterans, these dinners are an integral part of what keeps your Post operating. If you know of any veterans that haven't joined the Legion, bring them in for a taste of some of the best chicken in the area, and maybe they, or their family members, will want to pitch in and volunteer for some of our dinners or events that we put together here.

Don't forget Valentines Day coming in February!

I would like to wish all of our members a very safe and rewarding New Year! Thank you for a wonderful 2025, looking forward to 2026!

Rick Seibert, Commander Post 215

Auxiliary News

As we reflect on the busy Christmas season, it is hard to believe that we are already welcoming 2026! The Legion was bustling with activity, and none of it would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our wonderful volunteers. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who gave their time, energy, and support during such a busy and joyful season. Your efforts truly made a difference and are greatly appreciated. We are always looking for more volunteers. If you would like to join us, just let us know.

Our next Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held on January 26th at 6:00 PM. After the meeting, we will be taking a group photo in front of the beautiful flag sign in the dining room, waving flags for the Flag Photo Contest—so be sure to join us and be photo-ready! Wear an Auxiliary shirt if you have one!

A special thank you goes out to Shirley Helmuth and Cindy Devine for moving all of our belongings, and to Ben and Jamie Parrish and Dave Atwater for helping move the big items. Thanks to their hard work, we are now settled into the Color Guard room.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting upcoming events: Cocktails & Canvas on January 18th at 2PM. The cost is \$30, and it promises to be a fun and creative afternoon. Our annual Chili & Soup Cook-Off benefiting our Medical Scholarship Fund will take place on March 8th from 1-3PM. Mark your calendars and start planning your best recipes!

Thank you again to everyone for your continued support, teamwork, and dedication. We look forward to another wonderful year together in 2026!

Dawn Miller, President

January, 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year	2 Chicken Buffet 5-7 p.m. Double Shot 7-10 p.m.	3
4	5	6 ALR Mtg.-6pm	7 Trivia Night Weekly Drawing 6 pm	8	9 SAL Dinner 5-8 p.m. Shawn Richards 7-10 p.m.	10
11	12	13	14 Weekly Drawing 6 p.m	15	16 Chicken Buffet 5-7 p.m.	17
18 Cocktails & Canvas 2pm	19	20 Legion Mtg - 7 p.m. Auxiliary Mtg - 6 pm Bartender's Mtg. 5:30 p.m.	21 Weekly Drawing 6 p.m.	22	23 Fish Dinner 5-7 p.m. Brent Cole 7-10 p.m.	24
25	26 SAL Mtg 6pm	27 Legion Mtg-7pm Auxiliary Mtg-6pm Bartender Mtg 5:30pm	28 Weekly Drawing 6 pm	29	30 ALR Rib Dinner 5-7pm	31 Monthly Drawing 4pm

A.L.R. News

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have our Rib Dinner on Friday, January 30th. Stay warm this winter. Ride safe, have fun!

— **Thanks, A.L.R. Director Alex Patten**

A.L.R. OFFICERS

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FEBRUARY 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		ALR Meeting 6pm	4 Trivia 6 p.m. Burger Bar Weekly Drawing 6 p.m.		Chicken Buffet 5-7 p.m. Double Shot 7-10pm	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Weekly Drawing 6 p.m.		SAL Dinner 5-8 p.m.	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			Weekly Drawing 6 p.m.		Chicken Buffet 5-7 p.m.	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	SAL Mtg—6pm	Legion Mtg- 7pm Aux Mtg-6pm Bartender Mtg 5:30 pm	Weekly Drawing 6 p.m.		Fish Dinner 5-7 p.m.	Monthly Drawing 4 p.m.

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S.A.L. News

In November, we held our monthly Steak Fry, featuring live music from the Hubie Ashcraft Band. The food was excellent, the music was outstanding, and the fellowship was even better. If you missed it, you truly missed out on a great evening. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to everyone who helped make this event possible, from setup to cleanup. Thanks to your support and the strong turnout, we were able to raise funds to help our brother and Past SAL Commander, Kyle Olinger.

For December, we decided to change things up and hosted a Spaghetti and Chicken Alfredo Dinner. The response was fantastic, with around 60 people coming out to enjoy a delicious meal and good company. Once again, if you didn't attend, you missed a great dinner. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the event and to those who volunteered their time to help prepare and serve the meal.

Coming in January...We're kicking off the new year by going back to steak night! Join us on January 9, 2025, for another great Steak Fry, with Shawn Richards providing the entertainment for the evening. Mark your calendars now—you won't want to miss this one.

As we celebrate the Christmas season and welcome the New Year, the Sons of the American Legion would like to extend our sincere thanks to our members, families, and supporters. Your dedication, volunteer hours, and continued support make everything we do possible. We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas, a safe and joyful holiday season, and a Happy New Year filled with health, happiness, and continued camaraderie. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2026.

Mack Grobis, SAL Commander