

## Commander's Corner

Hello everyone,

Last month we held our 2nd Annual Commander's Gun Raffle, and once again it was a huge success. Special thank you to our sponsors, the SAL and all our volunteers that night, and Denys Morris for catering the meal on behalf of the auxiliary.

This month we have an unexected yet very exciting opportunity to host an American Legion National Vice Commander for dinner at our post. We have decided to put on a Walleye Dinner that evening, April 11th, and open the event up to the public. Dinner will include walleye (while supplies last - cod available upon sell-out), vegetables, baked potato, and a side salad, and we will begin serving at 5:30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for our Post to show the American Legion leadership what we do best - how our families and community work together to serve each other, fellow community members, and veterans.

This month we will hold nominatinos for officers up for election this term. Nominations will be held at the Legion Meeting on Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30pm. Voting will follow at the May meeting, and new officers will be installed in June.

As always, I appreciate all of our volunteers and community support.

*-Ben VanHorn, Post Commander Post 51*

## President's Corner

Happy Spring!

I have been seeing more and more green coming up, can't wait to see the flowers next! March was very busy but very successful for all our events at the Post! I thank each and every one of you who participated at the Legion birthday celebration, the gun raffle, ham party, purse bingo for softball and all of the dinners. We can't do what we do for veterans and our community without everyone participating.

April 11th we will be hosting a walleye dinner for an American Legion National Vice Commander. This event is open to all members and the public is invited to attend. Don your family or patriotic shirts and come join the fun!

We will be having our annual Smelt Fry on April 12th . We will need some help cleaning the smelt on Wednesday, April 10th - it's not an easy task so all the help we can get is welcome! Come on down to the Sons of the American Legion Tators and Ham on April 13th The high school robotics team is looking for fundraising support by hosting a spaghetti dinner on April 14th , please mark that date on your calendars! Also, we are hosting our Past Commanders and Past Presidents at a banquet at 5:00 pm on April 21st. This will be an invitation only event where we honor those who have served our post and unit in the past, milestone members (50+ year members), members who have given so much as well, as our new members. Please keep an eye on the mail for invitations.

Stay well and take care of each other.

*-Brooke Parr, ALA Unit 51 President*

## SAL

Hello All,

We are making good progress on the Chicken Pit remodel and hope to have everything completed by the time the first Chicken Q rolls around. The roof is in, gutters are going up, concrete is poured and building the pit is next.

It was recently brought to my attention that SAL members are eligible for the Legion Honor Guard. I encourage anyone who is interested in joining the Honor Guard to contact Mike Schaller. This is a great way for the SAL to pay homage to those who have served.

If you know anyone who is interested and eligible for the Sons of the American Legion - you're the son or grandson of a Legionnaire or if your father or Grandfather passed away subsequent to their discharge from the military - we'd love to have you. Dues are just \$15. Anyone interested in joining please stop down at the clubroom or contact Steve Craig or myself to get signed up.

*-James Jacobson, SAL Commander*

## Building Committee

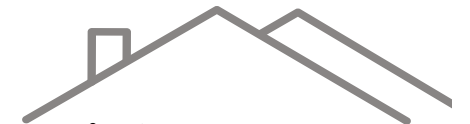
Big thank you to all of our community support as we get closer to paying off our building loan.

Stay tuned for Chicken Q season!

*-Mike Schaller*

## May Events

- 1 Executive Board Meeting 6:30
- 3 Fish & Shrimp 5:30
- 6 Bingo 6:30
- 8 Legion Meeting 6:30
- 9 TIC Medicare Mtgs 11:00 & 1:00
- 11 Aux District 7 Purse Bingo
- 12 Auxiliary Breakfast 8-11
- 14 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30
- 15 Building Fund Meeting 630
- 16 40-8 Meeting 6:30
- 17 Fish & Shrimp 5:30
- 18 Pivate Grad Party
- 19 Private Birthday Party
- 20 Class of '59 Reunion 4-8
- 21 SAL Meeting 7:00
- 24 Fish & Shrimp 5:30
- 25 Private Grad Party
- 26 Private Birthday Party
- 27 Memorial Day Ceremony 10 am in the park (pot-luck in Legion to follow)
- 31 June Dairy Days



## BuildingFund Update

**As of 2/22/24**

Account Balance:

\$22,533.55

Loan Balance:

\$55,536.71

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 148 South Leonard Street  
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**Annual Smelt Fry April  
 12th!**

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April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Bingo 6:30pm	2 Documentary	3 Exec Board Mtg 6:30pm	4	5 Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm	6 SAL Ham & Taters
7	8	9 Auxiliary Mtg 6:30pm	10 Legion Mtg 6:30pm Smelt Prep	11 TIC Medicare Mtgs 11:00 & 1:00 Walley Dinner 5:30	12 Smelt Fry 5:30	13 Softball Parent Mtg 1:00
14 Aux Breakfast 8-11 Robotics Team Spaghetti Dinner	15	16 SAL Meeting 7:00	17 Build Fund Mtg 6:30pm	18	19 Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm	20 Private Bridal Shower 11-1
21 Baseball Sign-Up 1:00 Past Commanders Presidents Dinner	22 Corn Beef Dinner 5:30	23	24	25	26 Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm	27 Private Baby Shower
28	29	30				