

Commander's Corner

I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who attended our annual Memorial Day ceremony.

Last month we held elections at the Membership Meeting and I am happy to congratulate the following newly elected officers to be installed in June:

Commander: Ben VanHorn
1st Vice Commander: LaRae Ludeking
2nd Vice Commander: Mike Schaller
3rd Vice Commander: Jay Christianson
Finance Officer: Jim Jenks
Historian: Steve Craig
Chaplain: Ron Corn
Sgt at Arms: Warren Moquin
Sgt at Arms: Roy Warthan
Service Officer: Vern Tranberg
Executive Committee: Nancy Brown, Brad Morris, Patrick Wilkinson, Ben Guzman, Ty Schleppenbach

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

-Ben VanHorn, Post Commander Post 51

President's Corner

Hello everyone,

We are hosting a pork chop sandwich and bake sale at Hansens in West Salem on June 14th at 9:00 am. This is the only fundraiser we hold for purchasing Christmas presents for local families in need. Last year we were able to buy gifts for three families. We are in need of some volunteers to help run the stand and the bake sale. Please call or text me at 608-797-9613 or send a Facebook message to the Legion page and we will get you signed up for what you are able to work!

Baseball and softball games are right around the corner! Please come on down and get a copy of the schedules from the bar at the Legion Hall. We would love to see your support at the games or working a shift or two at the concession stands!

Have you seen the new community garden behind Ace Hardware? Legionnaire Brad Morris started this garden for those who do not have their own space and to encourage community members to gather together. Brad has worked very hard to get this project off the ground and it is truly wonderful!

The grassroots coordinator for the American Legion has passed along this information about HR7401: Congressman Michael Waltz of Florida introduced HR7401 (Contract Our Veterans Act of 2024), which would require the Department of Defense to work with certain veteran-owned small businesses in procurement contracts. If we can get HR7401 passed, it is estimated that around 40,000 new certified SDVOSBs will be created. More business opportunities will come with more jobs for veterans and greater competition for contracts, leading to greater savings for the DoD.

Be well and take care of each other.

-Brooke Parr, ALA Unit 51 President

SAL

Hello All and Happy June,

Thanks to everyone who volunteered at events this past month.

June 6th will mark the 80th anniversary of the Allied Invasion of Normandy during World War II. Please take a moment to reflect on the sacrifice our fathers and grandfathers made on D-Day.

ATTENTION ALL SAL MEMBERS:

We had to postpone our elections in May and we will hold them at this month's meeting on June 18th at 7:00pm. These elections are vital not only to the organization of our Squadron, but also to our continued support of the Legion Family, Veterans and community. So please attend if you are able.

Nominated Officers for Election:

Commander: Scott Johnson & James Jacobson
1st Vice: Phil Parr & Dan Hass
Adjutant: Claire Sweet
Chaplain: Phil Parr
Finance Officer: Steve Craig

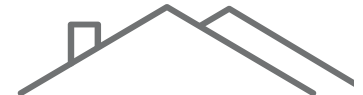
For the fifth straight year we have met our membership goal and we're always looking to keep our Squadron growing. So, if you are the male descendant of a Legionnaire or if your father or grandfather was in the service from December 7th, 1941 onward and died subsequent to their discharge, you are eligible for membership in the Son's Of The American Legion. Anyone interested can contact myself or Steve Craig or stop down at the Legion clubroom 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. Join us for a Chicken Q in Village Park on Saturday, June 22nd!

-Mike Schaller



Building Fund Update

As of 4/25/24

Account Balance:

\$21,602.58

Loan Balance:

\$51,400.60

July Events

- 1 Bingo 6:30
- 3 Exec Board & Legion Meeting 6:30
- 5 Fish & Shrimp 5:30
- 9 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30
- 14 Auxiliary Breakfast 8-11
- 16 SAL Meeting 7:00
- 17-21 Lax County Interstate Fair
- 17 Building Fund Meeting 6:30
- 26 Fish & Shrimp 5:30

Congratulations to our 2024 Auxiliary Scholarship winners

\$500

Auxiliary Scholarship-

Kate Fechner

\$300

Jeffers Seeger Scholarship -

Emily Fechner

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**Chicken Q Saturday, June
 22nd!**

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June 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 June Dairy Days
2 June Dairy Days Private Party 2-6	3 Bingo 6:30pm	4	5 Exec Board & Legion Mtg 6:30pm	6	7 Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm	8 Private Grad Party
9 Private Grad Party	10	11 Auxiliary Mtg 6:30pm	12	13 TIC Medicare Mtgs 11:00 & 1:00	14	15 Private Baby Shower
16 Aux Breakfast 8-11	17	18 SAL Meeting 7:00	19 Build Fund Mtg 6:30pm	20	21 Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm	22 Chicken Q in the Park
23/30 Private Grad Party (23rd)	24	25	26	27	28 Fish & Shrimp 5:30pm	29 Private Grad Party