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There is one way that every Legion family member can help stretch those dues dollars. In fact over 300 of them already do help that extra little bit. It is not hard, simply trust us with your e-mail address and receive this newsletter by e-mail rather than regular mail.

How much good can you do by e-mail delivery of the newsletter? In March, each issue of the newsletter that was sent through regular mail cost 31 cents for printing and mailing. Over 12 months, that is \$3.72 of your dues that could be used for another purpose just by giving

us your e-mail address. It may not seem like much but based on printing and mailing over 625 newsletters, that is over \$2,300 each year.

The newsletter actually looks better by e-mail since the graphics are in color not just drab black and white. The links to other websites are clickable also

We promise that we will protect your e-mail address. It will only be used for Ames Legion family business. That includes the monthly newsletter, weekly updates of happenings at the post and special announcements.

Join the over 300 other Legion family members on e-mail delivery. They save us over \$1,200 each year. They are doing their part. Join them. Send your email address to us at

legionpost37newsletter@gmail.com.

The Iowa American Legion also has an electronic newsletter. Register for it at <http://go.pbsc2.com/l/j/rjl/i/ / /mjl/signup.htm> to keep up with events at State HQ.

April Trivia

T/F The American Legion drafted the legislation that became known as the G.I. Bill?

Where are the national headquarters of the American Legion Located?

Where was the very first American Legion Post established in 1919?

Coming Events

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 * **MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH** *
 * **MAY 11 11AM-1PM** *
 * **SAVE THE DATE** *

**Third Sunday each month—
 Special \$100 Bingo. See flier at post for details.**

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Post Commander Doug's Comments



Spring Greetings and Happy Easter! Daylight Savings Times has arrived and it finally appears as if winter has loosened its grasp on us and we can start looking forward to some better, meaning warmer weather.

Last month we celebrated the American Legion's, and our Post's, 95th Anniversary. Our Centennial Anniversary Celebration is just around the corner. To help prepare and plan for that milestone, we have created a Post Centennial Celebration Committee which will include representatives from all of our organizations. Unlike most of the Post Committees with rotating membership, the members of this committee will be permanent in an effort to ensure that we have the continuity to smoothly prepare for the celebratory event, or events, recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion and our Post.

April is also the month when the Nominating Committees for the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL really go to work to seek out our Post leadership for the upcoming year. These are exciting times for our Post and your participation and support by volunteering to fill a leadership position in the Post will be both

beneficial to the Post and a rewarding experience for you. If you are interested in serving in a leadership position for the Legion, Auxiliary or SAL, e-mail that info to LegionPost37Newsleter@gmail.com, drop a note in my basket at the Post, or call the Post with your name and contact information and we will ensure that you are contacted by the right Nominating Committee.

April 20th also marks the return of the Post's Special Monthly Bingo Night where the individual game prizes will be \$100 if 60 or more players attend. For more information on Special Bingo Nights, stop by the Post.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the Building Fundraiser Mother's Day Bruch on May 11th. This will be another free will donation event.

Have a great April and I hope to see you at the Post.

Unit President Sharon's Comments

Hi everyone,
I think Spring is coming soon! Ladies, I would like to thank everyone who helped at the bake sale and those of you who did all the baking, teamwork does work.

Ladies would you please send us your phone numbers. A lot of the ones we have are not working numbers so please help us out so we can get out what is happening in the unit.

We have received some more dues in but we still need a few more to get 100% by district meeting, so pitch in

and get them.

Ladies, I was so happy to see a lot of you at the 95th Anniversary party. It was so nice being there to honor members of the Legion who have been members for 70, 60, 50 years.

Spring Conference is April 12, Saturday at 9AM. at Maxwell Community Center, 84 Main Street, Maxwell, Iowa. Registration is at 8AM. I will have more information at our meeting.

It was so nice to see some new faces at the meeting. I would like to welcome all

our new members. Remember we need new members to keep us strong so we can help our veterans.

We will be honoring one of our own at our April meeting for 90 years of membership so please plan on coming. You have to come to see who it is. See you there.

We need help for Bingo on Wednesday and Sunday nights.

We also need help for our steak dinner the first Saturday in April

See you at the Post.

Riders Chapter President Rick



Hello, all. I would like to introduce myself. I am Rick Hackett and I am your Legion Riders President this year. This is my first attempt at including something in the newsletter so please bear with me.

Spring is quickly approaching and the riders are gearing up for the riding season and activities in support of our Legion family. We are attending the upcoming Motorcycle Safety Forum in Des Moines on April 25. We have an information booth and will be handing out information on the Legion Riders and what we do and what the eligibility requirements are for joining the Legion Family and riders groups.

We attended the mid-winter conference and received info on the Legacy Run this year. It will be held on Aug. 17th thru the 21st and run from Indianapolis, IN to Charlotte, NC. If you are interested in either riding or supporting it, you can go to www.legion.org/riders/legacyrun for more info or registration. This is a very worthwhile cause benefit-

ting the Legacy Scholarship fund for our orphans of active duty military members lost since September 11, 2001.

We will be starting our dinner rides in May and hope to see many of the riders attending.

Other activities will be brought up at upcoming meetings on the first Monday of the Month at 6:30 PM at the post.

Our next meeting is April 7th. If you are interested in joining, or are just curious about what we do to support our Legion Family, you can come be our guest for the evening. If you have specific questions about our group you can also email us at alr.ames37@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your interest.

Clubroom News

Happy Spring to one and all!! I am sure that everyone has a little cabin fever after this winter, so stop by the clubroom and catch up with friends. We are introducing our new spring and summer promotion-Moscow Mules! What are they you ask? Come and check it out.

Friday, April 11 is \$2.00 Burger Nite. Burgers will be served from 5:30-7pm. Stop by and try one or two of these delicious burgers. If you don't have time to stay, stop in anyway and let us make you one to go! Burger Nite is the perfect opportunity to try one of our many appetizers, or add a side of fries for a small extra charge.

Wednesday, April 16 is Tenderloin Basket Night. Tenderloins will be served from 5-6:30pm. These 7oz giants are served with all your favorite toppings and a side of fries for only \$6.00.

Friday, April 25 is Texas Hold-'Em. Play begins at 7pm.

Squadron Commander

As I sat down to write this month's column it dawned on me how fast this year has gone by in a couple of months it will be gone. The scholarship applications are in and being gone over by the committee. The spring breakfast is on the 29th of March. Memorial day is fast approaching. If you want to help us with our breakfast contact me at home.

The nominations committee was formed at the last meeting if anyone is interested in holding a Squadron office for the coming year contact Keven Brace or Randy Freel.

I just finished preparing the applications for the SAL merit awards for the selection committee. This year we have 10 students interested in our award.

Till next month For God and Country.

Trivia Answers

True

**Indianapolis, IN and Washington DC
Van Tassel, Wyoming**

Legion Family in DC

The American Legion family leadership spent March 24-26 in Washington DC advocating on behalf of our nation's veterans, our military and their families, America's children and our flag. They met with our Senators and Representatives and discussed with them a number of legislative priorities.

Those legislative priorities are available for your use also. You can get a copy through the Iowa American Legion website at

<http://www.ialegion.org/legislative.htm> under the heading National Legislative Priorities.

We need as many members of the Legion family as possible to download that sheet and send it with a note to their two Senators and Representative. There is strength in numbers but only if the people who make up those numbers also make their voices heard.

We are coming into a critical time for our nation's security. Our military is being cut. We must ensure that those cuts do not go too deep and we must ensure that the men and women leaving the military have the benefits they have earned as well as all the veterans among us.

Boys State Selections Announced



Five young men from Ames and Gilbert High Schools will represent the Post and

Squadron at Hawkeye Boys State. They are Melvin Osanya, Connor Johnson, Hari Sivaskandan and Forrest OH from Ames High and Sam Gorden from Gilbert High School.

They were among a group of juniors recommended by the guidance coun-

selors and selected on the basis of interviews with the Post and Squadron committee.

Boys State will be held June 15-20 at Camp Dodge This year will be the 75th Iowa American Legion Boys State. As part of the week, there will be a banquet on Saturday June 14 for former Boys Staters, staff members and all members of the Legion family.

Advance registration for the banquet is necessary. That can be done online at <http://goo.gl/ivVliK>.

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**Any Tuesday in April
Present Coupon to get
2 drinks for the price of 1.
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Junior Unit Report

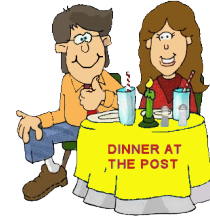
The Juniors have hit bad weather and illness for our meeting in March. The two active juniors will be attending the Sixth District Conference on March 29. If any others would like to attend we will at the Log Cabin in Slater. Call to order is 9am.

They will have poppy corsages and posters for judging at the conference.

Our next meeting will be April 6 at the post. We will be planning on what to do for May Day & May flowers for the VA Medical Center that we need to have ready before May 1st.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Steak Dinner—April 5th



*Please Join us for the April 5th Dinner. We have now added Ribeyes to the menu!! As a special treat, we will have Frank Andrew playing music during the

meal and will have dancing and Karaoke following the dinner. Stop in and enjoy an evening of great food, great friends, and a great time!!

Kudo Korner



Well done to the following Post members this month:

Hank Goettsche for cleaning the kitchen floor; Bob & Sharon Bellinghausen, Jim Demarest, Pat Kyle, Hank Goettsche, Jan Schmidt and Kathy MacCrea for a great March Steak Dinner in spite of difficult weather conditions; Dave Rehein for his work as Editor of the Post Newsletter and in locating a new printer for the Newsletter, and the SAL for their generous donation to the Building Remodeling Fund/Kitchen Floor Replacement.

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6 BINGO	7 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	8 SAL REGULAR 6:30	9 BINGO	10 LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	11 \$2 BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7:00	12
13 BINGO	14 BUILDING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE	15 PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 7:00	16 TENDERLOIN 5:00-6:30 BINGO	17	18 MUNCHIES NIGHT	19
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