

Ames Legion Family In Action

EACRET NAMED IOWA LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

Marion Eacret of the Ames Post was named the 2014 Art McLaughlin Legionnaire of the Year during the recent Department Convention. Presenting the Award to Marion is Wendy Riggle, daughter of the award's namesake, and Department Commander Jim Demarest.



The Art McLaughlin Legionnaire of the Year Award is presented annually to an Iowa Legionnaire who exemplifies all of the attributes of the American Legion in support of and improving his or her community and Legion Post, promotes Legion membership and mentors Legion members and veterans.

Marion has served The American Legion and the Ames Post for more than 50 years. His influence and leadership has been felt in

the annual membership drives to sustain our post, in the support for the youth programs and in the operation of our clubroom. By far though, his influence has been most productive in the mentorship he has provided to those veterans just getting started in the Legion career.

Past National Commander Dave Rehbein states, "I can easily remember those first years of membership in the Ames Post as the Vietnam generation was becoming established in the Legion.

Marion's encouragement and criticism when needed went a long way to helping us begin our careers and then to move into leadership positions on our own.

That scene has been re-played over and over with Legionnaires new to the Post. Without him, the American Legion in Ames would not have nearly the strength and community position we currently enjoy nor would the Ames Post have provided the leadership to the District, Department and National that we have."

Congratulations to Marion Eacret for this honor. It is well-deserved.

POST SHOWS THE FLAG



The back wall of the Ames Post has taken on a brand new look and adds a touch of our patriotism to the community. Cally Ni-

ess and her sisters of Alpha Chi Omega with help from Sarah our manager painted the flag mural on the back wall of the Post. Thanks to Sherwin Williams for donating the paint. Cally and her helpers solved a graffiti problem, showed our love of the flag and added to the beauty of downtown all at the same time. Thanks, Cally, JOB WELL DONE.

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 * **SUNDAY** *
 * **BRUNCH** *
 * **AUG. 10** *
 * **11AM-1PM** *
 * **SAVE THE DATE** *

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Post Commander Doug's Comments

Let me start this month's newsletter by congratulating Marion Eacret on his selection as the 2014 Art McLaughlin Legionnaire of the Year. Many of us do not fully appreciate the significance of this award, nor the honor it truly represents to be recognized by Legionnaires in the state as one of the best of the best. Congratulations Marion!

I would also like to congratulate Jim Demarest on completion of his tenure as Department Commander. This is another position within the Legion that many of us do not truly have an appreciation for, and Jim did a great job over the past year.

My best wishes also go out to Stan Elliot, our new Department Vice Commander.

August marks the beginning of a new business year for the Post and we will spend the month getting the various

committees reenergized and working to promote and support the Post and our activities. If you are interested in serving on any of our committees, please let me know as soon as possible.

I am excited about this year and all of the possibilities it holds for our Post. I hope that you become excited as well. Members of the Post have already planned, or are in the early stages of planning, some great activities for the Post in the coming year.

It starts with our quarterly free will donation Brunch on August 10th in support of the Building Remodeling Fund, a planned Nut Fry on September 13th in conjunction with the Big Game, and lots of other events. Our Centennial Celebration Committee has met for the first time and we are starting to get organized for our Centennial Celebration in 2019. Everything the standing com-

mittees are working on goes to directly support the Post or to help veterans and their families, so I encourage you to help and support these events, even if only by attending them.

Last month I issued a challenge to members of the Post to help us reach the halfway goal for fundraising in support of the Building Remodeling by the first of the year. In the past few weeks that fund has received more than \$1600 in donations in memory of two recently departed Post members, Ted Hoff and Merle Kropf. We cannot thank their families and friends enough for these generous memorials in honor of these two esteemed Legionnaires who continue to serve the Post 37 Family from the Post Everlasting.

I hope that you have a great August and I look forward to seeing you at the Post.

Unit President Sharon's Comments

Hi Everyone,

Well can you believe summer is about over? We went to the Department Convention in Coralville. I was proud of our Ames Unit. We did get a few awards. I will be announcing them at the August meeting, where we will also be honoring members for their years of service to the unit. So please try and come to the meeting.

During the August meeting we will also be having the girls, who attended Summer Camp and Girls State, reporting on their trips. If you have any ideas for Speakers or an idea for a way for our unit to help Veterans, please let me know.

I'm still looking for Chairmen for our Committees. Please call me at 233-1843 if you can help.

We still need helpers for Bingo in August, so please sign-up at the Post.

The Junior Auxiliary will be meeting on the 1st Sunday in August at 2:00 pm at the Post.

See you at the Post.

Sharon Bellinghausen, President

Department Officers for 2014-15

President: Diana Shadduck

Vice President: Robin Clark

President-Elect: Tammy Richardson

Chaplain: Earlene Lekwa

Historian: Mary Jo Tillman

National Executive Committee Woman: Ann Crawford

Alternate National Executive Committee Woman: Mary Littrell

6th District President: Pat Heifner

Squadron Commander Keven's Comments

Greetings. As I am in Minnesota on vacation, I won't have as much to say.

This is my third time as commander so maybe I can get it right this time. Seriously, I am honored that the squadron members think enough of me to reelect me. Thank you.

At the installation on 3 July, both Steve Malmquist and I were made Life Members of the Squadron. On behalf of Steve and myself, Thank you.

We have projects and responsibilities coming up which will require some time and energy. Please come to our meetings to learn what we do and to help accomplish the good things that we do.

I hope to have 1 or 2 Boy's Stater's at the August meeting to tell us of their experiences.

Always remember, Freedom is neither free or easy.

Until next month.

Have You Renewed?



The picture shows the time-honored method of membership renewal, Legionnaires go-

ing door to door asking their fellow members to renew for the coming year.

That method works but takes time, time that could also be spent on other Legion family programs; helping our comrades, Boys and Girls State, Academic awards, maintaining Main Street flags, etc. We are all volunteers. If you can't do anything else to help your Legion family, you can volunteer a few minutes and a few dollars and renew your dues.

Everyone one of us receives a dues renewal notice in the mail. It's easy to set it aside and then forget it. Don't let that happen. If you do, someone will need to take the time to make the contact as in the picture, time that could be spent on other Legion programs. Pick it up off your desk and renew today.

For the Legionnaires, it is not necessary to write the check, find the stamp and go to the mailbox. You can renew online. Just go to <http://www.legion.org/renew> and take it from there. Our membership chairman checks often for online renewals and will get your card to you.

Volunteer that few minutes for the Legion family and get those dues renewed.

Clubroom News

Summer is flying by and can you believe that it's State Fair time again? The Clubroom is the perfect place to beat the heat. Don't forget that besides great libations we also have a great menu available every day, and a special home cooked meal every Wednesday.

Here's what we have planned in August:

Friday, August 8 is \$2.00 Burger Nite. Burgers are served from 5:30-7pm. Eat them here or take them to go!! Add on a side of fries or an appetizer to make it a meal. You top your burger your way with all the freshest garden fare.

Saturday, August 16 is the Annual Golf Outing



Join us Saturday, August 16 for the American Legion #37 annual golf Outing. This year we will be golfing at River Bend Golf Course in Story City. This outing is \$30 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, luncheon, goodie

bag and prizes. The day will begin with

an 8am shotgun start, and the luncheon and prize ceremony will follow at the post. Proceeds will benefit Cally's Cause. Sign up in the Clubroom or call Sarah at 232-9870 for further details.

Wednesday, August 20 is Tenderloin Basket Night. Tenderloins will be served from 5-6:30pm. A Jumbo Tenderloin with French fries is only \$6.00 and topped with all your favorites.

Friday, August 22 is Texas Hold-'Em. Play begins at 7pm.

Remember that every Thursday this summer is Dollar Dogs. Stop down anytime on Thursday for a 1/3 lb. hot dog and chips for only \$1.00.

Legion/Flag Trivia

1). In what year and location was the first American Legion Baseball World Series held? a) 1920, Indianapolis b) 1930, Cooperstown c) 1946, Omaha d) 1926, Philadelphia

2). True or False? In Iowa, it is a misdemeanor for someone to publicly mutilate, deface or cast contempt upon the U.S. Flag?

Sunday Brunch—August 10



fast and dinner fare. We invite every-

one to come and enjoy. Don't miss out on the wide variety of fresh homemade baked goods!! If you have never been to Sunday brunch at the Post, you are missing out. Bloody Mary's and Mimosas will be available in the Clubroom. This event is a free will donation to benefit the building remodeling project.

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Legion World Series on ESPNU, Convention LiveStreamed

From its beginning in Milbank, SD, American Legion baseball has grown to become a major source of players for college and the professional ranks. This year, The American Legion Baseball World Series will take another step forward.

On August 19 at 7PM EDT, the championship game of the World Series will be broadcast live. ESPNU will cover that game live from Shelby NC, the permanent home of the Legion World Series.

Those two final teams will have won their respective regional tournaments, advanced through three days of pool



play and won their semi-final game.

This year will mark the first time that The American Legion championship games will be played live before a national audience. The

schedule for all games is listed at http://www.legion.org/documents/legion/baseball/pairings/2014_alws.pdf.

Iowa's representative is sponsored by West Des Moines Post #620 and will play in the Central Plains region in Fargo, ND beginning August 7.

Following the World Series in Shelby,



the 2014 National Convention will be held in Charlotte NC on August 26-28. Many of the convention events and sessions will be broadcast live through LegionTV.

A detailed schedule of events and speakers has not been released. The convention webpage, <http://www.legion.org/convention>, and the Legion TV page, <http://www.legion.org/legiontv>, are the best sources for information on events as the date for convention gets closer. With the recent events in Washington, it should prove to be an interesting convention.

CLUBROOM COUPON

**Any Tuesday in August
Present Coupon to get
2 drinks for the price of 1.
Cash Purchase Only**

Kudo Korner



Well done to the following this month:

Marion Eacret on his selection as the 2104 Art McLaugh-

lin Iowa Legionnaire of the Year; Jim Demarest on completing a successful year as Department Commander; Stan Elliot on his election as Department Vice Commander; Sarah Schendel for her fabulous work to in promoting the Post's image and creating business and income opportunities; Dave Rehbein for receiving 2nd place in the Iowa Legion Press Association competition for e-mailed newsletters; Paul & Darlene Madsen for another great night of Tenderloin sandwiches; Ann & Dave Rehbein for preparing meals during the Country Music Night Special at the Post; Randy Freel for all his work on researching, evaluating and coordinating the Post's insurance needs/coverage, and; Sandy Deacon for her work on the Veterans standdown on behalf of the Post.

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AUGUST

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3 BINGO	4 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	5 AUXILIARY REGULAR 7:00	6 BINGO	7 DOLLAR DOG NIGHT	8 BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7:00	9
10 SUNDAY BRUNCH BINGO	11 BUILDING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE	12 SAL REGULAR 6:30	13 BINGO	14 DOLLAR DOG NIGHT LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	15 MUNCHIES NIGHT	16 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
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