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Ames Legion Family In Action

Thoughts From Commander Doug

July is here and that signals a very busy time for the Post and our membership – Fourth of July celebrations with family and friends, installation of new Post, Auxiliary and SAL Officers, Department Convention, preps for National Convention and as an added bonus this year, Ames Sesquicentennial Celebration. I hope that you all have a great July and stop by the Post during these many different events to enjoy the cool comfort of the Post and a refreshing beverage and snack.

I would like to thank Sharon Bellinghausen and Steve Malmquist for their outstanding leadership of the Auxiliary and the SAL over the past year. They have worked hard to improve their organizations and have been tireless in their support of the entire Post #37 Family.

I would also like to extend my congratulations, and that of the Post membership, to Sharon Bellinghausen who has been re-elected as President of the Auxiliary, and to Keven Brace the incoming Squadron Commander.

July also is the kick-off of our annual membership renewal drive for 2015. One of the comments I hear on a regular basis is that "I just paid my dues!" Remember, our membership year runs from January 1 to December 31 each year. Your Legion (and Auxiliary and SAL) membership expires, and you are con-

sidered delinquent, on January 1st each year.

We start our annual membership renewals the prior July (for example renewals start July 2014 for the 2015 year), not only because each and every member is important to us, but to give our Membership Chairs time to track our membership (over 800 combined for the Legion family).

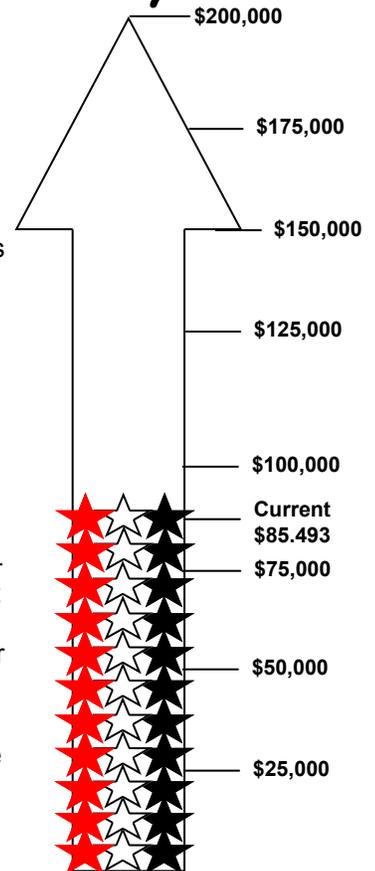
It also gives you ample opportunity to pay your dues for the coming year before December 31. So, when you receive the renewal notice in the mail, please return it as soon as possible. An option to consider so that you don't have to worry about annual renewals is a Paid Up For Life Membership. If interested in that option, contact the Post.

This month we have included the Building Fundraising Thermometer so you can see where we stand on raising funds to pay off the Building remodeling. We are more than a third of the way toward our goal after two years. I think that is pretty good given the challenging goal that was set, but I want to challenge the Post #37 Family to reach the mid-point of our goal by December 31st of this year. Let's prove to ourselves that we are capable, as a Post, of achieving goals that we set for ourselves.

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Please note - parking at the Post will be limited on Friday and Saturday of Fourth of July Weekend due to the Fourth of July Festivities and the Ames Sesquicentennial Celebration. Please park south of Main Street and leave the YSS Lot available for our handicap members. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Our Goal



*Honoring Tradition
 Investing in our Future*

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New Officer Installation



At the June Legion Meeting, the following Legionnaires were selected to Post leadership positions for the coming year:

Commander	Doug MacCrea
First Vice Cmdr	John Schomaker
Second Vice Cmdr	Keith Harvey
Adjutant	Bob Bellinghausen
Finance Officer	Randy Freel
Chaplain	Rickey Thompson
Service Officer	Marion Eacret
Historian	Howard McPhail
Sergeant-at-Arms	Howard Kyle
Executive Board	
Everett Freel	Hank Goettsche
Keven Brace	Phil Harris
Pat Phillips	

We will hold a Joint Installation Ceremony for all of our incoming Post, Auxiliary and SAL Officers on July 1st at 7:00 PM. This will also be a Joint Meeting of the Legion, the Auxiliary and the SAL. We hope that you will be able to attend.

Commander Comments Continued

In an effort to improve communications between the Post #37 Family and the Post Commander, I have created an e-mail account – ameslegion-post37cdr@gmail.com. Our Post can only become stronger and more effective if we are able to share concerns and ideas. I will answer all e-mails received at this address - so I encourage you to provide any comments or concerns that you may have, positive or negative, so that we can exchange ideas, address concerns or answer questions in a concerted effort to make our Post better for all of us. Lastly, I would ask that you keep the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Legion Rider members in Posts throughout the Mid-

west who have been adversely affected by the recent storms in your thoughts and prayers. I know of one Post in South Dakota that was completely destroyed by a tornado recently and a couple of others that have been severely damaged by either tornadoes or flooding. If Legion Posts are affected, that also means that our fellow veterans and their families have been seriously impacted by these devastating storms and floods as well.

I hope that you have a great Fourth of July Weekend, you enjoy the various Ames Sesquicentennial events and more importantly we will see you at the Post this month.

Flag/Legion Trivia

- 1)The American Legion Auxiliary was created in what year?
a)1925 b)1919 c)1922 d)1928
- 2)How many times has the US Flag been changed?
a) 27 b) 8 c) 15 d) 21
- 3) True or False? Teddy Roosevelt Jr. was the first National Commander?

Unit President Sharon's Comments

Hi everyone!

We'll it is that time of year again to elect our officers for next year. They are as follows:

President	Sharon Bellinghausen
1st Vice President	Ann Rehbein
2nd Vice President	Judy Demarest
Secretary	Sandy Deacon
Treasurer	Marilyn Nervig
Chaplain	Kelli Hitsman
Historian	Kathy MacCrea
Sgt-at-Arms	Jan Schmidt
Executive Board	

Jan Anderson	Kay MacVey
Pat Kyle	Tammy Hyer

If you see these ladies, please con-

gratulate them and thank them for taking the time out of their busy lives to help the Auxiliary.

I'm looking forward to working with all of you this coming year, ladies I'm looking for standing Committee chairmen if you would like to serve there . Or if you would like to be on a committee please call me at 233-1843. I would like to see our new members get involved. We all work together and we will help in any way we can if you would like to try a chairman position.

Bob and I will be going to the convention in Coralville on July 11,12 and 13. If you need a ride let us know.

Ladies, we are collecting clothing for the Homeless Stand Down. There will be a box at the Post marked for this. We will take all clean clothing for men, women and children.

Our next meeting we will have our joint installation of officers. Please come and support the officers that you elected. I would like to thank the Ladies who helped with the luncheon on Memorial Day and those who donated food for it. We served about 175 people that day. SEE YOU AT THE POST

Plans for Centennial

In a few short years, The American Legion will be celebrating 100 years of existence. Beginning on May 12, 1919 and continuing through that year, 352 posts were chartered in Iowa, the Ames Post #37 among them.

A special committee has been formed to begin planning for the Centennial celebration. The committee will be planning events to celebrate the 100th anniversary. They will be looking for ideas and hope you will have suggestions.

The members of the committee are: Doug MacCrea, Jim Demarest, Bob Bellinghausen, Keith Harvey and John Schomaker

Squadron Commander Steve's Comments

It's been a year already? Where has it gone? I know where part of it has as I worked on the consolidated report that we send into Detachment. This year we are reporting over 490 hours of service to veteran, their families, or community service. We know that this is only a small amount of what we actually do, as most do not report what they do.

This is important for us to report as our numbers are added to the Legions in information to congress to help secure funding for the V.A. and veteran programs.

Elections were held at our June meeting and the Commander for next year is Keven Brace. Joint installation will be July 1st at 7 p.m. at the post.

It's time to renew your membership, cards will be in by mid-July and it would be great to be target at mid-winter again this year.

I would like to thank everyone for making this a good year for the Sons of the American Legion.

God Bless America and God Bless Our Troops

Clubroom News

Happy Independence Day to all!! We hope that everyone is well and having a fabulous summer. We invite all of our members to join us for the 4th of July parade beginning at 11am. The Clubroom will open at 10am. We will also be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs, Brats and out front. There will be plenty of activities downtown July 4 and 5 to celebrate Ames Sesquicentennial, come and join in the fun!!

Wednesday, July 16 is Tenderloin Basket Night. Tenderloins will be served from 5-6:30pm. Cost of the meal is \$6.00 for these 7oz giants and served with all the fixins' and a side of

Notes from the Unit

Junior Unit:

The Juniors will not meet in July, but will start again in August. We meet the first Sunday of each month (weather permitting) 2-4 pm at the Post.

We are going to start the patch program for those that want to do it. I am also working on help to present the Junior Leadership program. We will begin opening our meetings with the pledge and preamble.

Anyone wanting to help with these young ladies are welcome to attend .

Poppy Days: I would like to thank everyone for their help distributing poppies at various locations in Ames during poppy days on May 16-17. Without your help we could not have raised \$2971.28 to help veterans and their families. Thank You!!

Janet Schmidt, Poppy Chairman

Legion Dues Can Be Renewed Online

Your American Legion dues renewal notice will soon be appearing in your mailbox. Beginning last year but even more so this year, you have two options for renewing.

You can use the old tried-and-true method of writing a check and mailing your renewal to the post at 225 Main Street. That method was worked well for 95 years and will continue to serve you if that is how you choose to renew. If, like the editor, you write fewer checks each year and sometimes don't even know where the checkbook is, you now have the option of renewing online. Our membership chairman, Marion Eacret, welcomes that method and has taken

fries. We will look forward to seeing you. Don't forget that you can also get them to-go!!!

Friday, July 25 is Texas Hold-'Em. Stop in for a fun filled night. Play begins at 7pm.

Point of interest:

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. During the month of July we will be offering Cheddar Dogs and Jalapeño/Cheddar Dogs for the same amazing price.

Department Convention

Iowa's annual state convention will be held in Coralville at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center on July 11-13. Commander Jim Demarest, a member of the Ames Post, will conclude his year of leadership at that convention.

The convention schedule was published in the last issue of the Legionnaire and is available online, http://www.ialegion.org/iowa_legionnaire_pages/Page_14.pdf.

In short, we will hear from our guests Friday evening, receive committee reports Saturday and consider resolutions and elect new officers Sunday. Rooms may be scarce but consider coming for the day.

Trivia Answers: a) b; b) a ; c) False – he steadfastly declined the position because of his well known name.

steps to make renewing that way just as quick as by mail.

There is an web address on your renewal notice or you can renew now by going to <http://www.legion.org/renew>. Have your member ID handy before you start since that will be necessary. It works, it is quick and you won't have to hunt the checkbook or find a stamp.

Dues renewal can also be made automatic at that webpage. Please consider that possibility for the future.

We regret these options are only open to Legionnaires at this time. We anticipate that online renewal for Auxiliary and Sons members will happen but that is still in the future.

CLUBROOM COUPON

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

Golf Outing Coming



Sign Up Now!!!

The Annual golf outing is scheduled for Saturday, August 16 at Riverbend City Golf Course in Story City. Sign up is available now in the clubroom. The outing is a 4-person best shot and is \$30/person. The day includes 18 holes of golf with cart, door prizes, goodie bags, and a luncheon at the post. This is a great deal and your opportunity to help a worthy charity! This year's outing will benefit Cally's Cause. Cally's Cause is a non-profit organization that makes chemo bags for patients with cancer. Each hand-made bag is filled with supplies that can help cope with chemo treatments, and then is delivered, shipped, or dropped off to patients.

Kudo Korner



Well done to the following this month:

Jim Mott and Stan Elliott for conducting a Flag Disposal

Ceremony at Junior Auxiliary Camp; Cally Niess and her Alpha Chi Omega Sorority sisters Taylor Crane, Meredith Molhusen, Brittany Trow, Caitlin Fox, Courtney Johnson and Lauren Iverson for the great mural on the outside back wall; Galen Omgig for arranging for the donated paint for the mural; Dean Schomaker, Scooter and Michelle Sime, Sandy Deacon and Melissa, Michelle and Maria McEnany for a great Burger Night; Paul and Darlene Madsen for another spectacular Tenderloin Night; Ann & Dave Rehbein, Mike Deacon, Jim Valentine and the Legion Riders for help moving the Girls State materials; Howard Kyle, Stan Elliott, Dave Rehbein and Jim Mott for conducting a Flag Disposal Ceremony for Girls State, and finally, Dave Rehbein again for all his hard work on our Newsletter each month

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6 MAIN STREET FLAGS DOWN 5PM BINGO	7 LEGION RIDERS	8	9 BINGO	10 DOLLAR DOG NIGHT	11 DEPARTMENT MUNCHIES NIGHT	12 CONVENTION
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