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MAY ACTIVITIES FROM COMMANDER DOUG

Ames Legion Family In Action

Thank you Miss Nora Davidson and General John Logan. Thank you for your compassion and desire to pay tribute to the sacrifices made by those in defense of our country and our freedom.

So by now some of you are asking just who Nora Davidson and General Logan were. Miss Davidson is credited with starting the tradition of Decoration Day, what we now call Memorial Day, in Petersburg, Virginia in 1865. Decoration Day was started to recognize the sacrifices of those who died in the Civil War. General Logan, in his capacity as Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued a proclamation on May 5, 1868 decreeing that Decoration Day be observed nationwide on May 30th each year. The observance started by marking the graves of veterans and has since evolved into a day of parades, picnics and family get-togethers, to recognize the sacrifices of so many and as the unofficial start to summer.

There are other locations that claim that they were the first to pay tribute to the sacrifices of those who died during the Civil

War, among them Charleston, SC (the first widely publicized observance), Savannah, GA, Boalsburg, PA and at the establishment ceremony of Gettysburg National Cemetery. On May 26, 1966, President Johnson signed a Presidential Proclamation establishing Waterloo, New York as the birthplace of Memorial Day.

While the exact history of those early Decoration Day's is subject to many different claims, what is not argued is the meaning and purpose of Memorial Day - a day set aside to pay tribute to the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and defending our rights and freedoms - giving their lives for others.

I encourage every member of the Post to participate in a Memorial Day event this year. The Ames Memorial Day Tribute will be held on May 26th, starting with the traditional parade and ending at the Ames Municipal Cemetery with a short program followed by lunch at the Post. The scheduled Guest of Honor is retired Marine Captain Jake Dobberke, an Ames native and

Afghanistan veteran.

On May 6th we will hold a Memorial Service for those Post members who have passed away during the past year. I also ask that as many attend this observance as possible to pay our respects to our departed Post members.

And let's not forget that May means Poppy Days. Poppy Days are also a part of the Legion's Memorial Day efforts. Please help the Auxiliary distribute as many poppies as possible to help raise funds for the programs for veterans and their families that they support.

Our Nominating Committees are also busy in May contacting members and identifying individuals and volunteers for leadership positions within the Post for the upcoming year. If you are interested in holding a position within the Post, please contact John Shoemaker, Howard Kyle or Brett McClain.

Have a great month and I hope to see you at the Post during one of our May events.

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MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH - SUNDAY MAY 11
Sunday, May 11, the Post would like to invite you to our fabulous Sunday brunch. Brunch will be served from 11am-1pm. Brunch will include roast beef, ham, scrambled eggs, fresh baked goodies, just to mention a few items. 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 remodel fund.

Junior Shooting Sports Report

The Ames Post sponsors an air rifle team jointly with the Izaak Walton League. The team shoots in the JSSP National Postal Match, the Iowa American Legion state match and Iowa Junior Rifle League.

The members of the team that competed in the National Postal match and their scores are:

Micaela Osuch	472
Mallory Toresdahl	434
Daniel (DJ) Parsons	416
Luke Neutzling	416
Luke Grzech	317

The maximum possible score for the first round of the match was 600. None of the Ames shooters qualified for the second round.

Two members of the team traveled to Cedar Rapids for the Iowa American

Legion state championship on March 29. At that match, Daniel Parsons scored 455 of 600 and finished sixth overall. Mallory Toresdahl scored 398.

The team also competes in the Iowa Junior Rifle League with four individuals earning awards in that league. The league was very much dominated by the USMC JROTC unit at Des Moines North High School. The Marine unit took first place in the team matches with D. L. Heim of the USMC JROTC winning the individual class with a score of 2210.

The Ames shooters in that competition:

Micaela Osuch with a score of 1906 who was awarded third junior

Daniel Parsons with a score of 1873

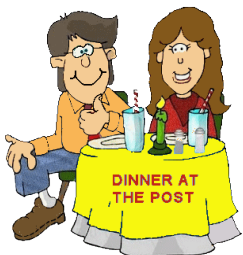
Mallory Toresdahl with a score of 1827 who was awarded second subjunior

Luke Neutzling with a score of 1739 and was awarded second subjunior
Zack Strohm scored 1581 and was awarded second class B

Luke Grzech with a score of 1479 and was awarded fifth class B.

The team is open to boys and girls from 12 to 18 years of age. The team is coached by Marv Scott, an NRA trained coach. They shoot on the Izaak Walton range on Sunday afternoons from October to March.

The Daisy 853 air rifles used by the team are on loan from Ames Post #37. Pellets and entry fees are provided by the American Legion and the Izaak Walton League. For more information, please call Marv Scott at (515)233-1849.



Please Join us for the May 3rd 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!!



Community Volunteers Needed

Main Street Flags:

Flags will go up downtown for Memorial Day at 7:00 AM on May 24th and come down at 5:00 PM, May 26th, weather permitting.

Assistance in putting the flags up and taking them down will be greatly appreciated.

Crossing Guards:

The Patriotic Council is asking for help with the crossing guards on Memorial Day during the parade. You would need to help from 10:00 am until after the parade which starts at 10:30 am at City Hall and goes to the cemetery for the memorial service. If you can help us, please contact Charlie Clatt at 232-3938. Thank You!

Avenue of Flags:

The Avenue of Flags at the Ames Municipal Cemetery will be in place for Memorial Day. The Avenue now has over 500 flags. Volunteers are needed to help put the flags up at 6:30AM on Memorial Day morning and take them down at 4:00PM that afternoon. Come to the cemetery at either or both of those times. There will be people there who can tell you what needs to be done.

Squadron Commander Steve's Comments

As I sit down to write this months comments I have just finished sending out letters to our merit award applicant's. This year recipients are Elizabeth Settles and Christopher Stoker both of Ames. And I want to say thank you to the rest of the applicants.

The Sons will be serving the May Dinner on Saturday the 3rd see you all there.

We will be putting out grave flags for Memorial Day on May 22nd and taking them down on May 27th in the cemeteries. We have a large job to do, as we have been putting out over 1500 flags. If you would like to help show up at the municipal cemetery at 5 p.m..

Our breakfast went well as we raised over \$600 for funding our projects and programs.

Just a reminder if your dues are not paid they need to be done soon.

There will be a brunch on Mothers Day at the post, and it is always good.

Till next month For God and Country

Unit President Sharon's Comments

Hi Everyone,

I want to thank all of you, who came to the meeting. We honored Phyllis Reister for being a 90 year member. We had cake and gave her flowers and a certificate for 90 years of service.

Well this will be a busy month. On our meeting night we will do the yearly memorial service for our departed members. It is a joint service and it will be a 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 6th. Please come and show your respect to our departed members.

Also we didn't get our 100% members by District. We need 9 more members by the State Convention. We will not have a speaker in May because of the memorial service. In June, Jan Corderman will be our speaker. She is a member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). I hope you can make it.

Don't forget we need poppy helpers and Bingo helpers. So please sign up at the Post.

Clubroom News

Winter is finally behind us and gorgeous days are here to stay, hopefully.

A huge congratulation goes out to Andrea Cook. Andrea has worked for the post for 5 years and in May will be graduating from the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine. Andrea has been a fantastic member, friend and employee. We wish her all the best!!

The summer golf league has begun, if you'd like to get involved there is still time to join. Also on Thursdays, the clubroom will be offering a 1/3lb Bahama Mama Hot Dog and Chips for only \$1. You need not be a golfer to enjoy.

Join us for **Cinco de Mayo**, that's the fifth of May for those not well versed in Spanish. The clubroom will be hosting a small fiesta and having lots of fun. As

Poppy Days in May



Poppy Days: The American Legion Auxiliary will hold Poppy Days on Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17, 2014. Volunteers will distribute poppies at various locations around Ames from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm on Friday, and from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm on Saturday. We are in need of volunteers to help with this. Any donations received will be used to help veterans and their families. If you can help, please sign up at the Legion or contact Jan Schmidt, Chairman at 232-1699.

Legion Riders

Riding season is quickly approaching as long as the weather cooperates. By the time you read this, the Legion Riders will have participated in assisting residents of the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown to attend their spring carnival on April 19 and participated in a Legion Rider's promotion during the motorcycle safety forum on April 26th.

During our meeting last month, which was well attended, we discussed the motorcycle safety forum, establishment of a possible downed rider's fund, membership documentation requirements, the assistance of the residents of the Iowa Veterans Home during their spring carnival, the upcoming riding season's

in years past, we will have plenty of fun and games. Please bring a munchie to share from south of the border, and enjoy a cold cerveza.

Wednesday, May 21 is Tenderloin Basket Night. Tenderloins will be served from 5-6:30pm. Cost of the meal is \$6.00 served with French fries and all the fixins'.

Friday, May 30 Meatball Madness!! It's munchie contest time again!!! The main ingredient must be a meatball, but the rest is up to you. We will be looking for your most creative way to update the standard cocktail meatball. Have your entry in by 6pm.

Remember, every Wednesday the Clubroom serves a home cooked meal, and every day the Clubroom offers a wide variety of appetizers and meals.

New Members Join



The Ames Post is proud to welcome the following new members:

Thomas Parham,

Zachary Durham, Lee Rasmussen, Daniel Reinsch, Ian Murken, Patrick Pantenburg, John Landry, Rod Myers, Raymond Jones, Paul Nelson, Daniel Forrester, Worley Johnson, Gene Nosco, Mark Gilloon and Scott Harrison.

diner rides, maintenance of the Ames Veterans Memorial and asked for volunteers for the American Legion Centennial Planning Committee. If you are interested in or have input on some of these topic please attend our next meeting on Monday, May 5th. We still need one volunteer for the Centennial Committee. The centennial is not until 2019 so we will have plenty of time for planning great events.

Also we had two new members join us for our meeting last month and one of them won our 50/50 raffle. I hope to see you at the next meeting.

CLUBROOM COUPON

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

Junior Unit

The Juniors had a meeting and made flower posters for the Des Moines VA. We had a new junior member join at our meeting and I think that she enjoyed helping out.

At the Sixth District Junior Conference, Rachel got first place with her poppy corsage, Lexi received third with her poppy corsage and first place with her poppy poster.

At Junior Department Convention they will know how they placed with 8 other Districts.

Junior Camp is June 2-6 with conference on June 6. Our next meeting is May 4 at the Post at 2pm.

Legion/Flag Trivia

What year were the Legion Riders founded?

It is appropriate to fly a US Flag that has fewer than 50 stars? True or False

Where was the very first American Legion National Convention held and in what year?

Kudo Korner



Well done to the following Post members this month:

Paul & Darlene

Madsen for preparing the super monthly Tenderloin Dinners the past three months; the SAL for another successful Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast and the Auxiliary for their efforts for the Spring Bake Sale; the Bellinghausens, the Shoemakers, Tammy Hyer, Jan Schmidt, Kellie Hitsman, Lois Poppe & Pat Kyle for the hosting/ preparing the April Steak Dinner and donation to the Building Remodeling Fund Kitchen Floor Replacement Project, and lastly; to Andrea Cook on passing her State Boards and becoming a DVM this month.


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4 BINGO	5 CINCO DE MAYO LEGION RIDERS 6:30	6 AUXILIARY REGULAR 7:00	7 BINGO	8 DOLLAR DOG NIGHT LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	9 MUNCHIES NIGHT	10
11 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH 11AM-1PM BINGO	12 BUILDING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE	13 SAL REGULAR 6:30	14 BINGO	15 DOLLAR DOG NIGHT	16 MUNCHIES NIGHT	17 POPPY DAYS
18 BINGO	19	20 PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 7:00	21 TENDERLOIN 5:00-6:30 BINGO	22 DOLLAR DOG NIGHT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	23 MUNCHIES NIGHT	24
25 BINGO	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27 40&8	28 BINGO	29 DOLLAR DOG NIGHT	30 MUNCHIE CONTEST MEATBALL MADNESS	31