

THOUGHTS FROM THE COMMANDER

Last month we took time to remember the victims of September 11, 2001, when our home turf was brazenly attacked and so many innocent men, women and children perished. Next month, we will take time to remember those who have bravely stepped forward and served our country throughout the decades to ensure our freedom and maintain our safety. We also need to remember that we are still a nation at war. That message was reiterated again in September when news broke about extremists torturing and killing unarmed civilians and by the President when he detailed our strategy to confront ISIL.

Our current enemies do not know any borders and they have shown that they fight dirty and without regard to human life, targeting innocent men, women and even using children as shields and pawns in the pursuit of their misguided cause. The Legion Family needs to help keep reiterating to our neighbors that this war on terror continues to be a long, hard fight and we will prevail.

We also need to remember and thank those who have stepped forward and volun-



teered to take on these enemies, both abroad and at home, especially since 9/11, and we need to continue to do all we can to ensure they are supported when they come home. Through our efforts as a Legion Family, we have already charted those waters for these new young veterans and their families and we know those waters can be and sometimes are treacherous. We need to, as a Post Family, renew ourselves to help these new veterans and their families safely navigate those challenges so they can overcome the burdens they may have faced fighting this hard and different war and they can grow and prosper as we have.

Membership, Membership, Membership. We are in the middle of membership renewals for the coming year. If you have already paid your dues, thank you. If you have not paid your dues, please do so as soon as

possible. If you know of someone who is eligible for membership, or perhaps for some reason or another has had their membership lapse, please invite them to rejoin us. I am surprised at how many members of the Post have not visited us since we completed our remodeling efforts two years ago. We said it last month and will continue to say it – without members, we cannot do the many things we do to support veterans and their families.

Your Post leadership had a very busy September as they set into motion plans for fund-raising, programs to support our Post family, veterans and their families, and worked through the myriad of details required to effectively operate our Post Home.

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Unit President Sharon's Comments

Well Fall is in the air! This month we have been busy. We had our day of Service. It was a great day. We made lap robes for the V.A. Hospital. Thank you to all the ladies who helped, we had a few who took some home to do, thanks again to all. We had great team work and without it we could not do what we do for our Veterans. Some of us ladies helped the Legionnaires with their steak dinner. Thanks to Joyce, Kathy and Sharon. I would also like to thank Sandy Deacon for doing the school of instruction at the meeting. I was glad to see some new faces at the meeting. We hope you will come back as we will be having some great

speakers. We have a total of 106 members who have paid their dues. Please Ladies get them paid it helps us to meet our goal for County and District meetings. We are about at 30%. District Conference is on September 27 in Pleasantville I would like us to have a higher percent by then. On Sunday October 5th the Story County ALA we'll be handing out Flags at the Freedom Fright program. We will meet at the North Side of the Auditorium in Ames. Anyone wishing to help please be there at 1PM. The Past Presidents Parley meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We made

wheelchair bags for the Veterans. The ALA Juniors will meet on the 3rd Sunday in October at 2 pm at the post. They will be decorating Pumpkins for the veterans in the Care Centers in Ames. Please feel free to come help. We will be painting them no cutting will be done. Hope to see you there! We still need Chairmen for this year, please help out if you can. I'm looking for a speaker for our next meeting but do have not have one at this time. Remember we meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Post at 7P.M. Don't Forget We Need Help For BINGO Please sign up at the Post. See You At The Post

Commander's Thoughts (Continued)

There are lots of events planned for the remainder of the calendar year, some of them traditional events such as bake sales, biscuit and gravy breakfasts and brunches, and some that are new and different such as a nut fry and a craft fair/consultant open house. One event that will not be held this year is the Early Bird Dinner. We are planning a different membership recognition event in the March timeframe and are still working out the details.

Attention Hunters! We are looking for wild game donations for a possible dinner after the first of the year. This is still in the planning phase, but if you are interested in sharing some of your fall hunting or fishing bounty, please contact me at ameslegion-post37cdr@gmail.com or leave a note for me at the Post.

Lastly, I would like to take this time to thank our entire Post Family for their continued support of the American Legion, The Auxiliary, SAL, Riders and most importantly our veterans and their families. Without your continued support and efforts, we would not have the Post home that we do or the ability to continue the good work of the Legion in supporting veterans and their families and promoting the programs that lay the foundation for a strong United States.

Best wishes and I hope to see you at the Post.

Squadron Commander Keven's Comments

Fall is here and we have several functions coming up. The fund raisers are a nut fry on 18 October and Biscuits and Gravy on 13 December. The latter will be in conjunction with The Unit Cookie Fair. The Squadron is also in charge of the November Steak Fry.

Three of our members are attending the Ames Patriotic Council meetings. Roger Elliott will act as Chaplain for the Veteran's Day Program where Dave Rehbein will be the speaker.

All of the activities and functions that the Squadron participates in take people. If you are unable to come to meetings, please think about helping with one or more of these other activities. You care enough to belong, please care enough to help. Proceeds from these activities allow the squadron to support Boy's State, The Merit Award, Academic Awards, The Building Fund, and more. Remember it is YOUR SQUADRON.

If you have an idea for the topic question for the Merit Award (it used to be called a scholarship) call me or leave it at the Post.

Academic Awards program is at 6:00 PM on 31 October at AHS.

Freedom is maintained because people are concerned enough to work for it.

Academic Awards At Ames High



The annual Academic Awards program will be held at Ames High on October 31 to honor the top students in the junior and senior classes at Ames High.

The entire Legion family joins together with the leadership of the Ames School system to honor these students. They will each have earned a Grade Point Average of at least 3.5 and be in the junior or senior class. We anticipate a total of approximately 200 students will receive this recognition.

Those receiving their award for the first time will receive an academic letter as shown above with the lamp of knowledge as the centerpiece. Second time recipients will receive a pin to put on the letter.

The Ames Legion family founded this awards convocation. We also use the opportunity to recruit potential Boys and Girls Staters and Oratorical participants. There will be many family members there. We ask that as many Legion family members as possible also attend to show our support for these students.

LEGION/FLAG TRIVIA

- 1) True or False. Post Service Officers assisted over 181,000 veterans during 2013.
- 2) Flag Day is a legal holiday in which state(s) and territories? a) all 50 states; b) the District of Columbia c) Massachusetts d) Pennsylvania
- 3) The Star Spangled Banner was written on September 14, 1814. In what year did it officially become our national anthem? a) 1815 b) 1865 c) 1887 d) 1931

Clubroom News

Welcome to the fabulous colors of fall!! The Clubroom has kicked off football season with a bang. The post is the best place to enjoy all your favorite games along with great drinks, food, and friends!! Don't forget that we have great specials for every ISU game. You have to try our fabulous Bloody Marys!! Halloween is just around the corner and it's one of the top favorites around here. Check out the Boo-tiful décor in the clubroom, and the spook-tacular events this month in the clubroom:

There is something going on everyday in the Clubroom and we are adding some new and exciting things!!

Monday- Weekly Drawing- Once a week, drop your dollar into the wishing well and enter for a chance to win up \$500.

Toasted Cheese Tuesday- Enjoy a toasted cheese sandwich and a cup of soup for only \$3.00!! Add ham to your sandwich for \$1 more.

Winesday Wednesday- Stop in and check out our new selection of wines. We have red and whites varying from sweet to dry. Enjoy a glass for \$3 or bring in some friends and share a bottle of our new Carletto wine for \$12. During October when you participate you can also enjoy antipasto with your wine.

NFL Thirsty Thursday- Featuring \$2 Chili Dogs all night and \$2 Bottles (Bud Family) from 7-9pm. Catch all the action of NFL on the Big screen.

Friday-munchie night!! After a hard week, it's great to sit back with your friends and have a snack and beverage.

Friday, October 10 is Burger Nite.

Dinner service is from 5:30- 7pm. These 1/3 pound burgers are served on a toasted bun and you can dress them how you like with all your favorites, for only \$2.00. Add a side of fries or one of our many appetizers to make it a meal.

Wednesday, October 15 is Tenderloin Basket Night.

Tenderloins are served from 5-6:30pm. Have dinner at the post or get them to-go, it's a great meal at an awesome price.

Friday, October 24 is Texas Hold-'Em.

Play begins at 7pm. Enjoy a great night of fun!!!

Friday, October 31 is a Halloween Party & Munchie Contest.

Spend your evening at the best place in town. We encourage party goers to bring in a spooky munchie for the contest. Eligible entries must be appropriately themed and at the Post by 6pm. There will be prizes for the scariest, delicious munchie. Munchies will be judged on taste and theme. We will have lots of great drink specials. Costumes are encouraged but not necessary.

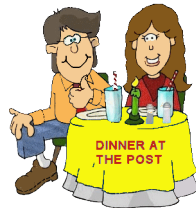
Do you love a great home cooked meal? Every Wednesday the Post serves up a special for only \$5.75. Supper is served from 5-6:30pm. Check it out. There are always plenty of fun things happening in the clubroom; Hope to see you soon!!

Steak Dinner and Karaoke

Saturday, October 4, 2014 5:30-7pm



We are excited to offer a great new menu this season and hope you will join us for an evening filled with great food, dancing and all of our friends singing their favorite tunes!!



Menu

10oz Ribeye	\$14.00	10oz Ribeye Combo	\$16.00
6oz Sirloin	\$9.00	6oz Sirloin Combo	\$11.00
12oz Ham Steak	\$9.50	6 Piece Breaded Shrimp	\$11.00
4 Piece Breaded Shrimp	\$9.00	Soup and Salad Bar	\$7.00

All Meals include Soup, Salad Bar, Roll, and choice of Potato

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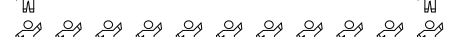
Any Tuesday in October
Present Coupon to get
2 drinks for the price of 1.
Cash Purchase Only



Squadron to Host Nut Fry Fundraiser

The SAL Squadron will host a nut fry fundraiser on October 18. The meal will be served from 5:30 to 7:00. More details will be available through the clubroom and the weekly update but it is anticipated that both beef and pork will be available.

We have not had this meal before. You may know this entrée as Rocky Mountain Oysters. If you have never tried them, come in on the 18th. We know there are many who have and go other places to enjoy this meal.



Nut Order Deadline



The Auxiliary Unit wants to remind everyone that the deadline for orders for nuts and other goodies for their fundraiser are due Oct 7. Please have your order into the clubroom that day or mailed to the address on the bottom of the order form.

Kudo Korner



THANK YOU Well done to the following this month:

Paul & Darlene Madsen for cooking the Pork Tenderloin

Dinner in August and Robert Metzger Jr & Liz for the Pork Tenderloin Dinner in September; Bob & Sharon Bellinghausen, Kathy MacCrea, Randy Freel, Phil Harris, Hank Goettsche, and Stan & Joyce Elliott for their efforts with the Steak Dinner in September; Marion Eacret and Keven Brace for their efforts to support the Ames Sesquicentennial Cemetery Walk.

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