

LEGION NEWS AND INFORMATION SOURCES

Ames Legion Family In Action

Each month The American Legion has many activities at the National and State level. We would like to give you a flavor of some of the things that happened in May and places you can go to keep more informed on Legion family activities.

Tree Town Festival



The American Legion was the official charity at the Tree Town Music Festival in Forest City over Memorial Day weekend. The second stage was titled The American Legion stage. Pictures are available at <http://www.legion.org/photos> with stories of the American Legion's work at the festival at <http://www.legion.org/memorialday/227329/legion-presence-growing-tree-town> and <http://www.legion.org/troops/227369/legion-hits-main-stage-tree-town>.

Denver VA Hospital

Controversy continues over construction of the VAMC in Denver, a project that has been delayed numerous times and is far over budg-

et. Additional funds are needed to finish construction, money Congress is reluctant to authorize due to the VA's extremely poor performance to date.

That poor performance however does not lessen the need for the hospital. Commander Helm wrote a letter to Congress stressing that need and asking Congress not to penalize the veterans of that area by withholding funding. The text of that letter can be found at <http://www.legion.org/veteranshealthcare/227286/legion-congress-%E2%80%98take-swift-actions%E2%80%99-fund-denver-va-project>.

Commander Helm Meets Fundraising Goal

National Commander Helm set a fundraising goal this year of \$4,000,000 for the Legion family. He did not designate which of the Legion family causes that should receive the money. He simply said that Legion family members should choose whichever of the Legion family of charities that they wished to receive their donation.

We have achieved and surpassed his \$4M goal with almost three months left in the year. The website front page, <http://www.legion.org/>

shows the current total. Additional donations are still being sought and can be made there.

E-Newsletter Subscription List

The American Legion publishes a number of electronic newsletters from National and the state of Iowa. Subscriptions to any of the National newsletters can be made at <http://www.legion.org/newsletters>. Subscribing to the twice-monthly Iowa newsletter can be done at http://go.pbsc2.com/l/j/rjl/i/_/mjl/signup.htm.

Burnpit Blog

The BurnPit blog also covers subjects of interest to veterans from an American Legion point of view. It is located at <http://burnpit.us/>. It is worth your while to bookmark it and check often.

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Post Commander Doug's Comments

Memorial Day has come and gone and school is out – must be summertime!

And since it is summertime a gentle reminder is required. Memorial Day Weekend starts what is traditionally called the 101 Critical Days of Summer – that time between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Why make such a special note of that - because during those 101 days more Americans are injured or killed in “summer activities” than are injured or killed from all other activities year round. Hard to believe, but true. And all of us are susceptible to the lure of summer and lulled into false senses of security about our safety. As they say, being forewarned is being forearmed, so please make the extra effort in the days and weeks ahead to safely conduct activities with your families and friends, including driving. We want all of our Post members to share in the festivities of the fall season this year.

And speaking of warm summer days, what could be more enjoyable than stopping by the Post for a cool drink or

to enjoy one of the evening specials that Sarah has going on this summer in the Clubroom. We would love to see you and hope that you will take the time to stop by and cool off this summer.

Did you know that the Post held a musical production for several years in the '30s or that before moving to our current Post Home, the Post was located at 108 ½ Fifth Street (the building is still standing at the corner of Duff and Fifth!) These are just some of the historical tidbits that the Centennial Celebration Committee has uncovered in the past few months of research. It is an exciting time for the American Legion and our Post as we march to our Centennial in 2019. If you are interested in helping research and document the Post's history, please let me know. We would love to have you and get as many members of the Post 37 family involved as possible.

And speaking of involvement – the Building Fundraising Committee is looking for volunteers to join the Committee.

New membership means new fundraising ideas which are always welcome. We are doing well raising funds to pay off the remodeling loan and with 18 months left, we can do even better. If interested in helping out by joining this committee, please let me know.

Wanted, a disabled veteran for a good home! There is a home for sale in Nevada that was specifically modified for a disabled veteran who has since passed on. The family wishes to sell the home to a veteran, preferably one that can benefit from the enhancements made to accommodate someone with a handicap. If you know of someone who might be interested, let me know and I will pass along the current owner's contact information.

With that, until next month, have a great June, be safe and we hope to see you at the Post!

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Chris Jurren, Geno Janssen,
Leigha Powers

Unit President Sharon's Comments

Hi Everyone,

May has been a busy month with graduations and Mother's Day I hope you all had a great time with your family.

I would like to thank all the Legion family that helped at the Veteran's Appreciation Day We had over 70 Veterans that attended.

I would like to thank all the Legion family that helped with the Mother's Day Brunch. Teamwork makes everything easier.

Poppy Chairman Jan Schmidt and I would like to thank our Poppy helpers, who helped distribute Poppies. It was

nice to have some of our Juniors helping this year.

We hope to see more of you at our next meeting as we will be giving out Membership Longevity Recognition Certificates. It is the first Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the Post. We will also be electing officers that night. Our new President will be looking for new chairmen, so please let us know if you would like to be one. Remember ladies it takes all of us to help our veterans not just a few so please help our new officers.

We also need more helpers for Bingo

on Sunday and Wednesday nights. PLEASE!

The Juniors will meet the first Sunday of the month at 2PM at the Post.

The Past President's Parley elected officers for the 2015-2016 year, They are as follows; President Joyce Elliot, Vice President Sandy Deacon, Secretary Jan Anderson and Chaplain Carma Belz. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month beginning in September at the Post.

Well that is all I have for now see you at the Post!

President Sharon

Squadron Commander Keven's Comments

It is getting close to the end of my year as Commander. By and large, it's been fun. The Squadron members help a lot and make the job easier.

This month is the election. We still need a 2nd Vice Cmdr. Historian, and one Exec. Board member. You care enough to belong, please care enough to be one of the people who guide the Squadron. As of this writing, Memorial Day and its many activities have not yet happened. Squadron members are

involved in many of them.

We had plenty of help for the May Steak Dinner. Unfortunately, we did not have plenty of customers. Those who did not come and eat missed a very good meal.

Membership is at 197. Congratulations Marion and everyone else who makes it happen.

Memorial Day will be over when you receive this but I hope that everyone took the time to thank at least one vet-

eran, or to shake their hand and welcome them home. Our World War I and World War II Veterans are very few and the Korean War Veteran numbers are getting down there too. We need to look to the Viet Nam era and all the young veterans to keep the programs going. But it doesn't matter what war or conflict or holiday or not, if you see a veteran say hello, say thank you, say welcome home. Who deserves it more?

Clubroom News

Welcome to summer!!! I know that we are all grateful that it is here. We would like to thank Joan Schoenbaum for her 30 years of service with the American Legion, and we wish her well in all her endeavors. We would also like to welcome Matt Hefh and Leigha Powers as new members of the staff.

Friday, June 5 is the Downtown Art-walk. Please stop into downtown and tour all the businesses that have opened their door to artists. This event is 5-8pm. The American Legion is happy to host the exhibit "TRIO". Gwen Foster, Watercolor Painting, Louise O'Donnell, Pastel, Watercolor, and Acrylic Painting, Jeanine Carithers, Watercolor, Pastel, and Acrylic Painting. An exhibit of recent works by award winning artists.

Friday, June 12 is Tenderloin Night. Tenderloins will be served from 5:30-7pm. These Tenderloins are the best in town and you get to dress them however you like them!! This great meal is only \$6.00 and served with a side of fries.

Wednesday, June 17 is Burger Basket Night. Burgers will be served from 5-6:30pm. This 1/3 lb burger is served with a side of fries and comes with all your garden favorites for only \$5. Join your friends at the post or get them to go.

Check out our awesome daily specials

Tater-Tot Tuesday- Featuring a tower of tots with tempting toppings to transform them into a tantalizing tasty tidbit. \$3.50.

Winesday Wednesday-try one of our many fine wines, whether you like a dry red or a sweet white or your tastes are in between, we have a wine for you. \$3 a glass or share a bottle of one of our Carletto Wines for only \$12.

Thursday Dynamic Duo Day- Offering Dollar Dogs all day, your choice of Plain, Jalapeno & Cheddar, or Cheddar. 6-Close we have \$2 Bud Brotherhood Bottles. It's a great time to bring in some friends and enjoy a baseball game!!

E-Mail Addresses Needed

ATTENTION MEMBERS:



Are you still receiving your Ames Legion family newsletter through the regular mail? If you are then you are missing two things.

First you are missing an important opportunity to help the Legion family save money by getting your bulletin by e-mail. For every bulletin we send by regular mail, we spend about 25 cents each month. That may not seem like much but \$3 per year for each of 600 members is \$1,800. That is considerable. Put your name on the e-mail delivery list and that number goes down.

Secondly you are missing the color that is actually in the graphics. All you are getting is that drab black and white version. Beyond

that all those links on the front page are clickable in the e-mail version

Upgrade today to e-mail delivery. Send your e-mail address to the editor at davidrehbein@msn.com and we will get you added to the list.

Post Nominating Committee Reports

The Post nominating committee made their report at the May meeting Not all spots are filled. Nominations will also be called at the June meeting before election. If you have thought about an office, you couldn't be an officer for a better Post.

Commander Stan Elliott
 First Vice Commander Pat Phillips
 Second Vice Commander Phil Harris
 Adjutant Bob Bellinghausen

Finance Officer Randy Freel
 Chaplain Ricky Thompson
 Historian Vacant
 Service Officer Marion Eacret
 Sergeant-at-Arms Howard Kyle
 Executive Board (5 to be elected)
 Don Dobell Keith Harvey
 Jim Demarest Hank Goettsche
 Jennifer Monserud Jim Mott
 Keven Brace

CLUBROOM COUPON

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

Volunteers Needed

Immediately below is the monthly THANK-YOU listing for those that have helped with events at the Post and in the community. Your name can be among that list. All that is required is for you to come in and volunteer to help with one thing. More than one would be great but just one would be appreciated.

Contact Sarah, our manager, or Commander Doug through the post at 232-9870. We have one of the best Legion families in Iowa but only because of our volunteers. Join them and become one.

Kudo Korner



THANK YOU Well done to the following this month for their volunteer efforts at the Post: Chris Rehbein for hosting the Post's

Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament every month; Kathy MacCrea, Tom Hada-way, Keven, Darlene and Vesper Brace, Stan and Tammy Hyer, Sandy Deacon, Randy Freel, Stan Elliot and Bob and Sharon Bellinghausen for preparing and serving the May Steak Dinner; Mary Kay Flowers for providing carnations to present to our mothers at the Mother's Day Brunch; Bernie Banker, Ceci Hadaway, Roger Kempe, Scooter, Ken Woodley, Sarah Schendel, Kathy Link, Phil and Barb Schendel, Mike and Sandy Deacon, Stan and Tammy Hyer, Michelle Sime, Bob and Sharon Bellinghausen, Lyman and Lu-Anne Stoneking and Lois Poppe for helping putting on a very successful Mother's Day Brunch; Stan Hyer, Kathy Link, Patty Bywaters and Sandy Deacon for Burger Night; all the volunteers for Poppy Days, and; Lois Poppe, Sandy Deacon, Sharon Mott, Sharon Bellinghausen, Kathy MacCrea and Tammy Hyer for serving lunch on Memorial Day.

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	1 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	2 TATER-TOT TUESDAY AUXILIARY REGULAR 7:00	3 WINE DAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	4 DYNAMIC DUO DAY	5 DOWNTOWN ART WALK	6
7 BINGO	8	9 TATER-TOT TUESDAY SAL REGULAR 6:30	10 WINE DAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	11 DYNAMIC DUO DAY LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	12 TENDERLOIN 5:30-7:00	13
14 BINGO	15	16 TATER-TOT TUESDAY	17 WINE DAY WEDNESDAY BURGER NIGHT 5:00-6:30 BINGO	18 DYNAMIC DUO DAY	19 MUNCHIES NIGHT	20
21 BINGO	22	23 TATER-TOT TUESDAY 40&8	24 WINE DAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	25 DYNAMIC DUO DAY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	26 MUNCHIES NIGHT	27
28 BINGO	29	30 TATER-TOT TUESDAY		Find us on Facebook at American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37		