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Ames Legion Family In Action

National Convention Approves Dues Increase

Delegates to the 2016 National Convention approved a \$5 per capita increase in the National Dues amount. This increase will go into effect in January 2016. Until then the dues amount remains as usual.

The reasoning behind the dues increase proposal was made clear in a brochure that was distributed at the convention. That brochure is being converted into digital form and will be posted on the Ames Post website for you to read. That website address is

www.ameslegionpost37.com.

The Post is discussing our reaction to the increase. Our final membership for 2015 was 542. While we can have most if not all of our 2016 membership work done by January if everyone cooperates we still will need to be concerned with 2017 and beyond. At a goal of 543 that is an extra \$2,715 that will need to be found.

There are two things you can do right now. First make sure your dues are renewed for 2016. Second, come to the October 8 meeting and help with making this decision. We need to hear the voices of our members during this decision.

Veterans Services Discussion

Rick Sanders, chairman of the Story County Board of Supervisors will be at the Unit meeting on Oct 6 to discuss delivery of veterans services in the county. There is concern about the staffing level at the County office. The meeting starts at 7PM. All are welcome to attend.

Academic Awards Convocation

The Ames American Legion family will join with the Ames School Board and Administration to present Academic Letters



to the top Juniors and Seniors at Ames High on Oct 19 beginning at 6PM. In order to qualify for the award, a student must

have a GPA of 3.5. We expect nearly 200 members of the two classes to qualify.

Volunteers are needed. If you can help, be at the high school cafeteria by 5:30. Show your Legion family pride by wearing the emblem.

Holiday Showcases Provide Chance to Shop Local

The Post will be hosting two Holiday Showcase events to help you prepare for the Christmas season.

Dates for these events are October 31 and November 28 from 9AM to 3PM each time.

National names such as Tupperware and Pampered Chef

will have their products at each event as well as a variety of local craft vendors.

This is a great chance for you to shop local and get prepared for the Christmas season as well as find gifts for those hard-to-shop-for members of your family

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Post Commander Stan's Comments

I would like to open this month's article with a great big thank you to everyone that helped with our September steak dinner. It takes a great team to make this happen and I had the privilege of working with some of the best. And a special thank you to the members and guests that spent their Saturday evening dining with us.

Membership, on 9/15/2015, is at 64.09% of our goal growth. We have a goal this year of 543 members with 348 paid. This is a great accomplishment and as a post we should all be proud, but, we still have a long way to go. To hit our goal we need everyone's help in retaining current members and recruiting new ones.

At the September regular meeting Randy Freel reported on changes to the Legionnaires Insurance Trust (LIT). Your valued status as a Legionnaire makes you eligible for LegionCare,

\$5,000.00 NO COST To You Accidental Death Protection if traveling on official American Legion business.

\$1,000 Accident Protection for all covered accidents

You can signup at thelit.com or call Customer Service Hours: M-F, 8am-7pm EST 1-800-235-6943.

American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion are now eligible to enroll in the program.

October 19th we host the Ames High School Academic Awards. This is a fantastic opportunity for our Legion Family to help with this project and show our support for these young adults. We can still use helpers passing out programs, serving drinks and cookies. If you can help please be at the high School around 5:30pm, the program starts at 6:00pm.

The Building Funds Committee has several activities scheduled this fall. We can always use volunteers to help us with these. A few to mark on your calendar, Vendor and Craft shows October 31st and November 28th, we will have a Legion Family information table at both shows and need help with it. November 15th is the next scheduled brunch.

Unit President Tammy's Comments

Since I wrote the article for September, I can now add a Story County Fall Meeting to my list of meetings attended. I had an opportunity to visit with our current Department President (Tammy Wright), our current District President (Mary Jo McLaughlin), current Story County Auxiliary President and past Presidents from every level. What a group of talented, enthusiastic, knowledgeable and fun ladies! And a great resource for our unit!

Last month I talked about Tammy Wright's theme of "Honoring our Veterans – past, present & future". This month, it's National President Sharon Conatser's theme "Keeping the Promise". Following is an excerpt from the National Plan of Action: "Keeping the Promise can mean many things to our organization. Abraham Lincoln made a promise after the Civil War to always take care of our soldiers. We need to continue to take care of our veterans, their children, and our communities for years to come." This leads me to mem-

bership. The more hands we have to help, the more minds we have to think and the more hearts we have to care, the better we can serve our veterans, their children and our community.

For those of you who are not familiar with Girls State, this is a program the ALA offers to young women between their Junior and Senior year of high school. During their week at Girls State, the young ladies selected for attendance from across the State learn about democracy through first hand experiences. Cities are established and governments formed. Last month, the Unit had a presentation by our Girls State Representatives, Allison Gardner and Ashley Sitzman. Each of our ladies selected an office, campaigned and went through the election process. In listening to Allison and Ashley, I was amazed at how much they had learned and how much they enjoyed the week.

The send off for the Story County Freedom Flight will be October 4th from 2 – 4 at the Ames City Hall Auditorium. Sha-

ron will have flags for Auxiliary members to hand out to citizens there to greet the veterans. She will be on the north side of City Hall with the flags if you would like to help distribute.

After our October 6th meeting, the Children and Youth Committee will be bagging animal crackers for the Down Town trick or treat event. Please stay and help if you can!

Our Auxiliary meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Legion. As always, all Auxiliary members are invited to our meetings. Reach out to our new members to have them join us. Reach out to our inactive members. Extend an invitation to those who are potential members.

Remember to sign up for Bingo!

The 6th District Conference is October 3rd in Nevada at the Christian Church. Registration @ 8 am, meeting @ 9 am.

Also on October 3rd is the Legion Family Steak Dinner hosted by the Auxiliary

Squadron Commander Roger's Comments

There is a confession I need to make...I have no idea what to write about for this newsletter. So, I am going to start off commenting on a couple of items that I need to share and then we will see where my wandering mind takes us.

Last month, I encouraged everyone to get their membership renewals (or new member applications) submitted as soon as they could. At the last S.A.L. meeting, it was confirmed that national is increasing dues. If you do not renew/join before Dec 31st, the fee will be \$5 more so don't delay.

Have I mentioned before that I am a big believer in volunteer-

ism? A lot of great things in this country have grown out of the efforts of people, those everyday heroes, who gave of themselves for the betterment of those ideals they believed in. Even today, we occasionally see the results of what can happen when people place the needs of others above their own wants and needs. But, it is becoming more of a rarity. So much so that when some farmers came together recently to help with the harvest of another farmer whose wife was battling cancer, the story spread like wildfire on the internet. Give me the days when neighbor helped neighbor, strangers helped strangers.

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.

Tater Tot Tuesday- Due to popular demand we will extend tater tot Tuesday for at least one more month. Enjoy a tower of tots with all of you favorite tasty toppings for only \$3.50.

Wineday 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.

Thirsty Thursday- Featuring \$2 Chili Dogs all night and \$2 Bottles (Bud Family) from 7-9pm. And again, due to the popularity we are extending dollar dogs, available all night.

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

Friday, October 9 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 21 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

CLUBROOM COUPON

**Any Tuesday in October
Present Coupon to get
2 drinks for the price of 1.
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meal at an awesome price.

Friday, October 30 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 \$6.00 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!!

Commander Roger (continued)

And it happened all of the time, not just when there had been a major catastrophe. Where am I going with this??? To now, to the American Legion, to the Sons of the American Legion. This organization exists, not as a social club but as a service organization. We have the unique opportunity to serve those who have served this country and we have the privilege to encourage today's youth to think beyond themselves.

To do this, we need funding and we need hands that are ready to serve. If you have not been to the post for one of the fund raising meals, please consider doing it. You get great food at a decent price, and the proceeds are used to finance the multiple projects that we believe can make a difference. Want to do more? We are always in need of extra hands and, no, you don't have to be an expert. For meals, we can always use servers, cooks, preparers, and clean-up crews. On bingo nights, we are often needing help with distributing cards, collecting money, or you

can even try your hand at doing the calling. The opportunities for one to help goes on and on. All you have to do is raise your hand and say, "I want to help". We aren't asking for a lifetime commitment and are usually thrilled even if you can only help for a portion of an event.

At times, just being present can be a help. For instance, on Oct 19th, the annual Academic Awards presentation will be taking place at Ames High School at 6pm. As students are given recognition for their achievements, it would be great to see a lot of S.A.L. members there to show them that we are interested in their future.

How about it? If you want to learn more, feel free to contact me or come to one of our monthly meetings where you can learn much more. We meet at 6:15pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Legion.

I hope to see you soon at one of our events.

NUT ORDER REMINDER

Deadline—Oct 6. Get your order to Ann Rehbein at 1505 Douglas, Ames, IA 50010 or bring to Oct 6 Unit meeting.

Kudo Korner

THANK YOU Well done to the following this month for their volunteer efforts at the Post: Stan & Tammy Hyer, Connie Roberts, Kathy MacCrea & Sarah Schendel and Phil Schendel for their help setting up and serving at our MusicFest Dinner Tent; Stan & Joyce Elliott, Dave Rehbein, Jennifer & Mike Monserud, Bob & Sharon Bellinghausen, Phil Harris, Pat Phillips, Randy Freel & Keven Brace for their work at the September Steak Dinner; Stan & Tammy Hyer, Mike Deacon & Sandy Deacon, Hank Goettsche, Sarah Schendel and Ken Woodley for putting on another fantastic Burger Night; Karen Goodman, Galen Omvig, Geno Janssen, Jason Goodman, Andrew Rathbun, Diego Munoz, Brian Dennis, Michelle Sime, Jan Anderson and Sarah Schendel for a successful Oktoberfest evening, and; David Orman for maintaining and updating the Post's website.



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