

THE PATRIOT TOUR TO VISIT AMES

The Patriot Tour will be visiting Ames on September 2-3. The Patriot Tour is organized by The Nation of Patriots organization. It is a national effort that pays tribute to, and honors, all of America's Armed Forces, Past, Present and Fallen. This effort is known as the Patriot Tour.

The Patriot Tour begins during Memorial Day weekend. A group of motorcycle riders escorts one American Flag on the back of a motorcycle leaving Madison, WI on a nationwide tour. At each stop the flag is transferred to a new escort and the tour continues.

This year the Tour left Madison on May 23, travelled to



Woodstock, IL, on to Elkhart, IN, from there to Cement City, MI and on around the country. The full itinerary of the Tour is available on the Nation of Patriots website, www.nationofpatriots.com.

The Tour is not only to sup-

port the military and veterans but also as a fundraiser to help those who are suffering due to their service. All money raised on the Tour is used to support wounded or ill veterans.

The Tour leaves Bergdale Harley Davidson in Albert Lea, MN on Sept. 2 and will arrive at 11:30AM at Zylstra HD in Ames. A flag transfer ceremony will be held at 1PM. After an overnight stay in Ames, the flag will leave at 9AM on September 3 for Waukon, IA and return to Madison.

Anyone can ride on the tour but a contribution of \$5 per rider is requested. Everyone is welcome to come to Zylstra to welcome the tour.



The Annual Unit Nut Sale Fundraiser is kicking off this month. Inside this issue you will find an order blank that you can complete and return to Ann Rehbein. These nuts make great holiday gifts, wonderful ingredients for your holiday baking or just great snacks for you.

American Legion – Red Team Association Dissolved

Last month's newsletter announced the formation of the American Legion Red Team. That was the consolidation of a group of OIF/OEF/OND veterans with the Ames American Legion post to provide service to veterans in need in the Ames area. As discussions continued and time for the first fundraiser neared, it became apparent that the expectations of both groups did not completely align and the

Red Team leadership felt it was in their best interests to terminate the relationship..

As a result the association between the groups has been dissolved. The priority of service to veterans in need continues for both groups but they will perform their work separately. We wish the Red Team success and look forward to hearing of their accomplishments.

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Post Commander Stan's Comments

I start this article with a push for membership. Our growth goal for this year is 543 members. As of August 12 2015 we have 217 turned in for 39.96% of goal. This is a very good start for our new membership year but we still have a long way to go. Our membership chairperson can't do this without our help, and I'm sure all of us know someone who is eligible. Invite them to attend a meeting or two with you and let's help them learn what we are all about. While we work to build our membership remember that their family members could be eligible for membership in our Auxiliary Unit, SAL Squadron and the Legion Riders.

I thank the members who have agreed to continue as chairpersons or members of the committees they were on.

You have taken a great load off of me by doing so. I know I have a lot to learn about what goes on behind the scenes to keep our post functioning as well as it does and I couldn't do it without all of you. All of our committee meetings are open and dates and times are posted weekly with our "what's happening at the post" emails. We are always looking for volunteers to get involved with the many activities and projects we have.

A list of upcoming activities that our American Legion Family are involved with outside of the post:

On September 2 and 3 the Nation of Patriots Tour is coming to Ames. Flyers are posted in the club room with times and activities.

Veterans Stand Down in Des Moines on Sept 18-20. Contact Sandy Deacon for more information.

Student Veterans Conference at ISU on September 28.

A month away, but to get on our calendars is October 19th at 6:00pm, we as an American Legion Family will participate in the Ames High School Academic Awards. If you have helped with this before you know what a great project it is. If you have not attended one please try, we can always use help passing out programs or serving cookies and drinks.

I hope to see many of you at the September dinner on the 5th!

Thank you to our American Legion Family Members for all you do.

For God and Country

Unit President Tammy's Comments

Hi, everyone!

Wow, what a whirlwind 4 weeks this has been! I've attended a Department Convention, a Department Leadership Training, a Story County Leadership Training and I presided over my first Unit meeting as President! There is a lot more to this position than meets the eye.

At the Department Convention in July, Ames Auxiliary Unit #37 was mentioned a number of times for our accomplishments. Here is a listing of some of our awards: Certificate of appreciation from National for our donation to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund; Honorable Mention for Junior Activities Report – Joyce Elliott, Chairman; Honorable Mention for National Security Report-Judy Demarest, Chairman; Certificate of Recognition for our Past President's Parley-Ann Rehbein, President; 1st place for Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Report-Kay McVey, Chairman (This report was forwarded to National); President's Award to Kay McVey for Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program; 3rd Place for Unit President's Scrapbook to Kathy MacCrea; 19 of our members received M. Myrton Skelly Awards for collecting at least \$50 during Poppy distribution; 8 of our members received Membership Awards for enrolling at least one new member; 10 of our members received Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation hour bars for Service to Veterans-together these 10 members gave over 6450 selfless hours of service.

Way to go ladies! Our Unit also received a letter and Commanders Pin from National American Legion Commander Mike Helm in appreciation for our donations to his projects. Two of our members are serving at the National Level-Ann Rehbein is the National Vice Chairman for Education and Sandy Deacon is our Central Division Community Service Chairman. We also have Member Joyce Elliott serving as 6th District Treasurer and member Jan Schmidt as Story County President. The Legion Family at Post #37 should be proud of their Auxiliary! This was the first year that the Department of Iowa opened up the leadership training to all auxiliary members. If you did not go this year, I would encourage you to go next year. It gives you an opportunity to meet the Department President, her staff, and hear her vision for the future. Tammy Wright's theme this year is "Honoring our veterans-past, present and future".

At the Story County Leadership training, the Unit Presidents were given an overview of the Department's Standing Committees. I will be hosting a meeting for Unit #37 officers, committee chairs and any other interested members to go over the Department materials that have been provided. Once we review the materials, we'll brainstorm ideas and put together Unit #37's action plan. I'll let everyone know when the date and time have been set.

One of the highlights of my first Unit

meeting as President was being part of an initiation ceremony. This is one of the Auxiliary ceremonies that had fallen by the wayside. Sandy Deacon had the idea to revive the tradition of formally bringing new members into the Unit. I would say it was a great success, even though I didn't get to run away with a gavel like I did at Installation! Thank you, Sandy. Let's keep this tradition going.

Another highlight of my first meeting was listening to our Girls State delegates talk about their experience. I'll save that topic for next month.

Reminders:

The Auxiliary meets the first Tuesday night at 7:00 pm at the Legion.

October 3rd is the Auxiliary's night to work the Steak Dinner. If you are willing to work, please let one of your officers know.

The Auxiliary has 6-7 nights each month to cover Bingo. If you have not worked Bingo before, I would be happy to sit with you while you learn. Just let me know.

The Story County American Legion Auxiliary Fall meeting is scheduled for September 17 in Slater at the United Methodist Church at 7:30 pm.

The 6th District Conference is scheduled for October 3 in Nevada at the Christian Church. I'll get the time for you later.

Say Thank You to a veteran every chance you get!

Clubroom News

Fall is fast approaching and this is when it's really fun to stop into the Clubroom. With fall comes football, and of course, we will have all the top games on our jumbo 110" and 130"TVs. The post is the best place to watch all the Cyclone games. It's time to sit back and relax after this crazy summer. We love to indoor tailgate, so bring in a munchie to share and enjoy the drink specials that we offer on games days. The post is the best place to watch all the Cyclone games! Check out what we have planned for this month:

Thursday, September 3 is Music Walk. Visit the Main Street Cultural District for an evening of great shopping set to the sounds of great music at businesses throughout the district. The vast variety of musical genres will please guests of all ages. Stop into the post and check out John and Dave of the Marshall County Hangman!! The post will also be serving pork loin sandwich

with chips and choice of beans or slaw for \$6.00 from 5-8pm.

Wednesday, September 16 is Burger Basket Night. Burgers are served from 5-6:30pm, and cost of the meal is \$5.00. Please remember that we are more than willing to fix them to go.

Tuesday, September 29 is the Weekly Drawing Bonus Night. There will be 6 drawings of \$50 each commencing at 6:30pm. Members must be qualified for the drawing by consistently entering into the weekly drawing. Grinders and fries will be offered that evening for your dining enjoyment.

PLEASE HELP!!! Volunteers needed. Are you able to help with any dinner functions at the post? We can only continue these events with help from our members and we would love the participation. Servers and kitchen help are needed. Please call Sarah if you can help. 232-9870.

Squadron Commander Roger's Comments

At the time of this writing, the state fair is in full swing and school will be starting up very quickly for most students. Where has the summer gone???

Do you know what that means? If you answered that it's time to renew your membership in the Sons of the Legion, you guessed right. I must confess that it caught me completely off-guard when it was announced at our last meeting that we have only had 41 members who have paid their dues for 2015-2016. Obviously, my name was not among those 41 which warranted some light-hearted ribbing from those who were at the meeting.

If you have already sent your dues, thank you. If you haven't, then please send your payment as soon as possible. And while you are at it, do you have a son or grandson who is not a member? If so, why not sign them up as well? The dues are not very much and they do help keep the post operating. To belong to the SAL, the cost is only \$40/yr for anyone over the age of 21. For anyone under the age of 21, the dues are only \$10/yr. If you are a veteran and you already belong to the Legion, you can have dual membership with the SAL for only \$10/yr. These prices are very reasonable so please renew (or sign up for the first time) quickly!

Need another reason to act quickly? It's been rumored that there may be a dues increase in January. If you renew before then, you will be exempt from having to pay the additional fee for this year.

We have been slowly creeping up on the 200 member mark over the last few years. By signing up as a dual member or signing up your son(s) or grandson (s), maybe we can break that mark this year.

Being a member of the SAL is certainly appreciated, but there is so much more to the Sons than simply being a member. We have opportunities galore for anyone who is willing to help out. Here is a listing of some of the activities/committees for which we can always use some extra hands: Bingo nights, prepare and/or serve at one of the breakfasts or suppers, Boys State Representative, Building Committee, Operations Committee, Events Chairperson, Legion Centennial Committee, Social Committee, Scholarship Committee, Veteran's Appreciation Day, and the Patriotic Council. We also have open positions within our squadron structure. If you are interested or would simply like to know more about any of these opportunities, please let us know. We would be glad to answer any questions you may have.

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

Membership Update

Membership has been coming in well for the 2016 year. The Department report shows the Ames Post at 259 members with a beginning goal for this year of 543. That goal is one more than our final 2015 number of 542. We must grow at the post level if The American Legion is to grow across the country.

Currently we are at 47.69% of our goal. Our District, the Sixth, is in Second place in the Department at 44.18%. We need to keep those renewals coming and help the District move into First Place. We always need new members also so stay on the lookout there too.

Event Room Available



Do you have a special event coming up? The newly remodeled banquet

hall at our post is the perfect venue for any birthday, anniversary, meeting or any reception. The Legion has added many amenities to help make the day extra special. Please call for pricing and availability at 232-9870.

Kudo Korner



Well done to the following this month for their volunteer efforts at the Post:
 Paul Madsen,

Sarah Schendel, Sandy Deacon and Megan McEnany for a great Tenderloin Dinner Night; Don Johnson for setting up for Bingo each night; Stan Hyer, Mike Deacon & Sandy Deacon, Hank Goettsche, Sarah Schendel, Michelle McEnany and Ken Woodley for putting on another fantastic Burger Night.

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 TATER TOT TUESDAY AUXILIARY REGULAR 7:00	2 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY NATION OF PATRIOTS TOUR BINGO	3 DYNAMIC DUO DAY MUSIC WALK & PORKLOIN SANDWICH DINNER	4 MUNCHIES NIGHT	5 STEAK DINNER 5:30—7:00
6 BINGO	7 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	8 TATER TOT TUESDAY SAL REGULAR 6:30	9 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	10 DYNAMIC DUO DAY LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	11 MUNCHIES NIGHT	12
13 BINGO	14 BUILDING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE	15 TATER TOT TUESDAY PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 7:00	16 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BURGER NIGHT 5:00-6:30 BINGO	17 DYNAMIC DUO DAY STORY COUNTY SLATER SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:00	18 MUNCHIES NIGHT	19 OKTOBERFEST DOWNTOWN AMES
20 BINGO	21	22 TATER TOT TUESDAY 40&8	23 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	24 DYNAMIC DUO DAY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	25 MUNCHIES NIGHT	26
27 BINGO	28	29 TATER TOT TUESDAY BONUS DRAW- ING/GRINDERS & FRIES DINNER	30 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	 Find us on Facebook at American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37		American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37