



# THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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# Ames Legion Family In Action

## LEGION FAMILY LEADERSHIP



Installation of the 2016-2017 leadership for the Ames Legion family was held on Monday, June 11. In the photo are newly elected Post Commander Pat (Doc) Phillips, Unit President Tammy Hyer and Squadron Commander Roger Elliott.

Past Department Com-

mander Jim Demarest conducted the installation with Stan Elliott installing his brother Roger as Squadron Commander, Past Department President Sandy Deacon installing Unit President Tammy and Commander Pat being installed by Past National Commander Dave Rehbein.

## Ames Family Members in Leadership Positions

Department Commander Ken Rochholz made his appointments following his election at convention. The Ames Legion Family was recognized with several positions.

Jennifer Monserud was appointed Department Sgt-at-Arms.

Stan Elliott will chair the Americanism Commission and Randy Freel will chair the SAL committee.

Frank Andrew will serve as Vice Chairman of Oratorical Committee.

Pat Phillips will be Secretary for the VA&R Commission.

Jim Demarest is a member of the 100th Anniversary Committee and Dave Rehbein is a member of the Strategic Planning Committee and Chairman of the 100th Anniversary Committee.

On the Auxiliary side, Ann Rehbein was appointed to the strategic planning committee and the Girls State Board and Sandy Deacon is the Constitution and By-laws Chairman.

Mike Deacon was appointed the SAL Judge Advocate.

## TIME TO RENEW

Our new membership year began July 1. For those that have renewed their membership for 2017 already, THANK YOU. For those that have not yet done that, why not today.

Post members have received a renewal notice, Unit and Squadron notices will come later. We can process their renewals though without having to wait for that notice.

Post dues are \$45.

Unit dues are \$25 for Seniors and \$5 for Juniors.

Squadron dues are \$45 for regular members and \$10 for dual (Post and Squadron) members and for those SAL members under 21 years old.

Dues can be mailed to the Post at 225 Main or dropped off there beginning at 3 on weekdays and noon on weekends.

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## Post Commander Pat's Comments

The 2016-2017 year is now officially in full gear. After having an outstanding Post Installation Ceremony and Department Convention, it is time to continue our momentum forward. The new crop of officers for the Post have come together to put some great ideas on the table to revitalize the membership and activities of the post. In the end, we do what we do to serve our fellow veterans who need our help. There is no greater service, in my humble opinion.

As I mentioned in a previous letter, we are embarking on an educational year.

We have some outstanding training that will be presented at each post meeting. If you haven't been to a post meeting in a while, come join us and see what is new and exciting. I truly want to have involvement from our ranks in ANY activity within the Post. We have a dedicated core of members from each part of the Legion Family that work tirelessly, to support our mission. If we can get other members to sign up for just one event a year, the payback to the Post and the veterans we are trying to help, is phenomenal.

Be on the lookout for a blitz of information on social media, the Ames Tribune and local radio about the happenings at the American Legion Post 37. We are going to try to make our presence known in the Ames community and surrounding area of just what we do. Good things will happen when we get the word out about our Legion Family.

Thank you for your service.

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## Unit President Tammy's Comments

I can't believe it is August already! Installation of new officers has been completed. We (the Auxiliary) will be working with Legion Commander Phillips, Squadron Commander Elliott and Legion Rider President Hyer this coming year. The Department Convention is also behind us. Our new Department Auxiliary President is Sharon Anderson. Her theme for this year is "Hearts on Fire for Veterans". Our new District 6 President is Sue Cline.

For the Auxiliary Meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are doing something a little different! We are going to have a "picnic potluck" at the Inis Grove Park Walnut Shelter at 6:30 pm. The meat, drinks, and table service will be provided. We are asking each member that attends to bring a side dish to share. There is usually more food than we can eat so the side

dish doesn't have to be much. Hope to see everyone there!

The Auxiliary Executive board met on July 19<sup>th</sup>. One of the topics of discussion was how to track volunteer hours. Included with this newsletter is a form that can be used for that purpose. Please include the date you volunteered, how many hours and a brief description of what you did. You may turn in the forms as often as you like. However, the final deadline for turning in the forms to the Legion Post is March 31, 2017 in order for the hours to be included in our annual report. The Legionnaires, Sons and Riders can also use this form if approved by their Commander/President. Sandy has agreed to collect the forms and forward them to the proper Division. This is a work in

progress, so feedback is appreciated.

The Auxiliary Executive Board also chose August 22<sup>nd</sup> as the date for our budget meeting. If you have something you would like included in the budget for September 2016 through August 2017, please get the information to one of your officers or executive board member prior to the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Committee Chairs, you can present your budget information before or at the budget meeting.

Speaking of committees, I am still looking for people interested in serving on our Auxiliary committees! Please give it some consideration.

I guess I'll wrap up for this month. Remember thank a veteran every chance you get, visit your post often & be kind to each other!

## Squadron Commander Roger's Comments

It is hard to believe that my 1<sup>st</sup> term as squadron commander of the S.A.L. has already come to an end. The year went very quickly and (in my opinion) fairly smoothly thanks to the many members who mentored me along the way. Being a relatively newcomer to this great organization when I accepted the command, I had a lot to learn. At this time, I do want to give special acknowledgment to a few men who unselfishly gave of their time (and patience) to give me guidance. In alphabetical order, they are: Keven Brace, Mike Deacon, Stanley Elliott, and Randy Freel. Thank you!

It has probably always been there but, over this past year, I have become more acutely aware of just how much of a family the branches of this organization are. Whenever a call for help with

an event has been made, members from all groups stepped up to assist. Not once did I hear anyone say that a situation was the S.A.L.'s problem. Occasionally, I'd hear, "Sorry but I can't help this time" but usually the answer was, "Sure. What do you need?" So THANK YOU to all of you who have helped over the past year.

Looking ahead. If you have not already heard, I have accepted the opportunity to continue as the S.A.L. squadron commander for another year. There will still be plenty of opportunities for me to learn and I will no doubt be asking for assistance again throughout the year, but I am excited. Post 37 of the Ames American Legion is a great organization and has fantastic opportunities to grow and serve in this community. But it

takes involvement of its members. The dues we all pay help to pay the bills, but it often needs the minds and hands of volunteers even more. Regardless of which branch of the Legion you most identify with, I want to encourage you to be involved. Attend the meetings when you can to lend your voice to the decisions that are made. Volunteer to help prepare or serve at one or several of the events that the Post hosts. Or come support the events by being a customer. None of these activities take an inordinate amount of skill nor time, just a willingness to help.

If you want to learn more, want to volunteer, or have suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by phone at 515-290-5737 or e-mail at [rogwell83@gmail.com](mailto:rogwell83@gmail.com).

## Clubroom News

Summer is heating up; remember to stay cool at the American Legion Clubroom. Nice cold beverages and a great menu each and every day. Wednesday night we will have a great home cooked meal available for you. We are also reviving the annual golf outing please show your support by signing up! Call the clubroom for sign up or any questions that you may have 515-232-9870.

What we have planned:

Wednesday, August 17 BURGER NIGHT: From 5-6:30: \$5 Hamburger baskets, including fries and all the garden fixings.

Friday, August 26 Bike night: American Legion Indoor beer garden bud family bottles \$3 and other drink specials. (Main S.t parking will not be available.)

Stop in and enjoy our daily specials.

Martini Monday

\$5 grey goose martinis, and as always

the weekly drawing at 7pm.

Tater tot Tuesday

Tower of tots topped with tons of tasty tidbits \$3.50 5-9pm

Winesday Wednesday

Enjoy a glass of wine for \$3 or share a bottle of our Carlotto wines for \$12 all day.

Dollar dog Thursday

Enjoy one of our gourmet hot dogs, sausages, and brats from 4pm to close. Also Bud family bottles \$2 from 6-9 pm

Fireball Friday

Fireball drinks for \$3.00 all day! Anyone who wears a RED shirt to Remember Everybody Deployed will get a \$.25 off all drinks!

Schnapps Saturday

\$2 schnapps all day!

Sunday Funday \$2 domestic pints, \$3 bloody marys, \$5 moscow mules and

## Legion Riders

The American Legion Riders of Post 37 have been very active this last couple of months with doing multiple funeral escorts and flag lines. The Riders also participated of the in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and helped with the food vending on Main Street during and after the parade. As I am writing this, some of the Riders are helping to put up signs and fencing for July's Main Street Bike Night. Later we will be prepping for the food sales at Bike Night. Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting a Fun Run/ Poker Run to benefit the Nation of Patri-

ots. One of our families has come back from Florida to participate in the summer activities. It's very nice to see Paul and Lou Ann again. Our Monday night dinner rides are still happening on the nights without meetings. At the Department Convention, there were some rumblings about a possible State Legacy Run to help fund the National Legacy Run. Also, a possible is a romp for next year.

For now, ride safe and smart!

## Boys Staters at August Meetings



The six delegates from Ames to 2016 Hawkeye Boys State will attend the August Squadron and Post meetings to talk about their experiences. They are (not in order in the photo) Noah Brinkmeyer, Andrew Thatcher, Jeb Shaw, Philip Roetman and TJ Swanson, all

from Gilbert High School and Chuol Chuol from Ames High School.

They are shown pictured at Boys State following one of the evening assemblies.

They will talk about their week at Boys State, which offices they are held and any part of the week. They will answer questions from those at the meeting.

At this time, we are still arranging their attendance. If you wish to hear from a specific delegate, it would be best to attend both meetings. The Squadron meets on August 9 at 6:30 and the Post on August 11 at 7:00. We hope for a large turnout to meet the boys.

### CLUBROOM COUPON

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

## Golf Outing



Saturday, August 20 will be the Ames Post Golf outing. This will be a 4- Person best shot starting at 8 am at the Twin Anchors Golf Club.

The cost is \$35/ person. That includes 18 holes of golf, cart, luncheon at the post,

and more. The outing is open to anyone but there needs to be one member of the Legion family in each foursome. Sign up in the clubroom or call 515-232-9870.

## Kudo Korner



Well done and thank you to the following Post Family members this month: Hank

Goettsche for help-

ing out with the beer deliveries, bottle returns and general cleaning; Jennifer & Mike Monserud, Geno Janssen, Ann & Dave Rehbein, Jammie & Pat Phillips, Devin Von Querner and John Schomaker for the Post's Fourth of July Float; Katy Morrman and Megan McEnany for sorting out the chaos in the Clubroom during the Fourth of July; Leonard Springer & Steve VanKerckvoorde for cooking our Fourth of July burgers, brats and dogs and to Stan & Tammy Hyer, Sandy & Mike Deacon, Denny & Tammy Krogh & Lois Poppe for serving them; Dennis Vincent for spearheading the Post's Main Street Bike Night efforts; Phil Harris, Pat & Jammie Phillips, Rick Hackett, Sue & Steve Jones, Mike & Sandy Deacon, John Valline, Bob & Connie Roberts, Cheryl Thompson and Rickey Thompson for helping out with the June Bike Night, and; Pat & Jammie Phillips, Denny Krogh, Roger Elliott, Jan Schmidt, Banita Deaton, Rick Hackett, Sandy Deacon, Keven Brace, Steve VanKerckvoorde and Bruce S. for helping out with the July bike Night.

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	<b>1</b> LEGION RIDERS 6:30	<b>2</b> TATER TOT TUESDAY AUXILIARY PICNIC @ INIS GROVE 6:30	<b>3</b> WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	<b>4</b> DOLLAR DOG DAY	<b>5</b> FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> BINGO	<b>8</b> RIDERS MON- DAY NIGHT RIDE	<b>9</b> TATER TOT TUESDAY SAL REGULAR 6:30	<b>10</b> WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	<b>11</b> THIRSTY THURSDAY LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	<b>12</b> FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> BINGO	<b>15</b> WALK FOR VET- ERANS @ FAIR RIDERS MON- DAY NIGHT RIDE	<b>16</b> TATER TOT TUESDAY	<b>17</b> WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BURGER NIGHT 5:00-6:30 BINGO	<b>18</b> DOLLAR DOG DAY SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:00	<b>19</b> FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	<b>20</b> GOLF OUTING
<b>21</b> BINGO	<b>22</b> AUXILIARY BUDGET MTG. RIDERS MON- DAY NIGHT RIDE	<b>23</b> TATER TOT TUESDAY 40&8	<b>24</b> WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	<b>25</b> THIRSTY THURSDAY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	<b>26</b> FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> BINGO	<b>29</b> NATIONAL CONVENTION—CINCINNATI RIDERS MON- DAY NIGHT RIDE	<b>30</b> TATER TOT TUESDAY	<b>31</b> WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	 Find us on Facebook at	<b>American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37</b>	