

December Legion Family Activities at the Clubroom

Thank you Country Dancers!



Our first Country Dance night was a success. Thanks to all of the Legion Family members who came in to dance and enjoy the music. So many good comments that we have decided to do it again on **December 2nd**. Spread the word! Mike and Jerry from Smitty's Karaoke and DJ will play all of your favorites for your dancing and listening pleasure.

Join Us For A Great Steak Dinner



Thanksgiving got you all filled up with turkey? Christmas is coming and that probably means ham or in some homes, still a Christmas goose. You will be hungry for a great steak or some shrimp. Saturday night, Dec 3 is our steak night at the Post. We will serve from 5:30 to 7:00. We served over 90 people in November so we must be doing it right. Come join us!!

Santa Claus Will Be At the Legion



Stop by the Legion on Friday, December 9th to see Santa. Santa will be at the Legion from 6- 7pm. December 9th is also \$5 Burger Night from 5:30-7pm. This is a great opportunity to bring the entire family. Santa will have special treats for the children and of course a photo too. This is fun for all ages, please join us!

Keep the Clubroom Family Friendly



Foul and Disrespectful Language is Not Acceptable In the Post Home –

The Operations Committee has been receiving increased complaints concerning the foul and disrespectful language being used by some members and their guests in the

Clubroom during different events held throughout the week. All members are reminded that we are striving to maintain a family friendly environment at the Post. Those members and their guests who continue to use foul and/or disrespectful language will be warned and asked to stop. Continued or repeated use of foul or disrespectful language by members and their guests will result in them being asked to leave the Post.

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Post Commander Pat's Comments

Happy Holidays Post 37 Legionnaires, I cannot believe how fast the last few months have gone by. Here we are on the verge of Thanksgiving and Christmas and I'm still working on Summer projects. The same holds true for our Post as well. We have had an incredibly busy fall at the Post and we look forward to even a busier next few months. As a recap for November, the highlight was Veterans Day. Our luncheon and Open House were a great success. We signed up numerous new members and renewed old friendships at the same time. This type of impact is what we need.

We are seeing a steady increase in club activities over the last few months that

translate into a higher nightly attendance at the club side of the house. This is critical for our future ability to serve our membership and to provide needed services to other Veterans. We always enjoy the benefit of our Steak Night, Burger Night, Tenderloin Night and the occasional Fish Fry. If you haven't had the chance to stop by and sample these wares, do so in December. You won't regret it, I promise. Plan on spending some time at the Post this month and enjoy the Holiday atmosphere.

We are making steady progress with the Membership side of the house. We are slightly behind numbers from last year at this time, so if you haven't renewed your dues yet for 2017, now is the time to take care of it before the end

of the calendar year. The Legion begins our membership process in July of each year, so we are halfway through our current fiscal year. Your 2017 dues are good through December 31st 2017. Help us and other veterans out by getting your dues in soon if you haven't done so already. It doesn't seem like much, but it has a major impact on our ability to serve Veterans.

As always, I want to reiterate how much I appreciate your support, time and effort in making our Post one of the best anywhere. Our family's wish for you is the Happiest of Holidays and a Merry Christmas to you and yours. Remember the "Reason for the Season".

Thank you for your Service,

Unit President Tammy's Comments

Well, another month has come and gone. I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

There were some events held at the end of October that I said I would report on in this newsletter. Our VA&R Project Day was held on October 22nd. Those of us who were there cut, sewed and ironed 50 + activity bags for use at the VA medical facilities. On October 24th, Academic Awards sponsored by The American Legion were presented to the Ames High Juniors and Seniors who had a 3.5 grade point or above. There were 124 Juniors and 113 Seniors. Down Town Trick or Treat was held on October 28th. The Legion had around 724 children come through our doors.

Once again, we ran out of animal cracker bags! Obviously a very popular event for our young people.

The Post was involved with a number of events on Veterans Day. Thank you to the Auxiliary members who volunteered their time and all the others who assisted in making these events happen!

The Auxiliary Cookie Fair will be held on Saturday, December 10th in conjunction with the Sons of the American Legion Biscuits and Gravy breakfast. Some of the Auxiliary members may have received an e-mail or phone call regarding this event. I apologize for any repetition, but I want to be sure to get the word out that we are in need of cookie donations for the Cookie Fair. If

you are able to donate cookies, please have them to the Ames Post on Friday December 9th between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm. And of course, everyone is welcome to come in on Saturday and purchase some cookies!

My next topic is bingo. We are getting short on workers from the Auxiliary. If you would like to learn about working bingo, please contact myself or Sharon Bellinghausen.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 pm. Come join us and bring a friend!

Remember, thank a Veteran every chance you get, visit your post often and be kind to each other!

Squadron Commander Roger's Comments

Season's Greetings from the Sons of the American Legion!

Let me start off this month's article with a heartfelt "Thank you" to everyone who volunteered for the November S.A.L. supper. Counting staff, we served 93 meals. If I recall correctly, that is the highest number of meals served during a S.A.L. supper since I have been the commander and our volunteers did an outstanding job.

Now, we are preparing for the combined December Cookie Fair and Breakfast that is hosted by the Auxiliary and S.A.L. members. It will be taking place on Dec. 10th. Please let us know if you would like to help with either activity. If you cannot help, then think of

attending as a guest. It would be a great way to start off a day of Christmas shopping.

It always seems that the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is filled with more activities and events than one can manage. Though I've not taken a poll, I'm willing to bet that a lot of our members are committed to volunteering at various events where they worship, work, or for a civic organization. Wherever it is you donate your time, thank you. Your efforts, hopefully, bring some joy and blessings to others who are in need.

The holidays are a source of gladness for most of us. We get to see and spend time with friends and family. But

let us not forget that there are many who do not see this time of year as a time of celebration. There are many families of veterans or currently deployed military who do not have their loved ones with them. Or they may be struggling with bills or challenges of various types. Please keep an eye out for those who are in need. If you are not able to help them personally, then please bring their names and needs to the Post. Hopefully, we can do something to help.

However and wherever you spend the holidays, I wish for you joy, peace, and safety.

Clubroom News

Season's Greetings!! We hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Of course, the clubroom will be filled with all kinds of wonderful and fun activities for the holiday season. We hope that everyone will have an opportunity to stop by the post and participate in the festivities. We also encourage everyone to join us for the Iowa State basketball games; we have an enormous TV for your viewing enjoyment as well as great drink specials and seasonal beers.

Weekly drawing bonus night!! The end of the year bonus drawings will be held Tuesday 27th. Six drawings will be held every half hour beginning at 6:30pm. Members that have signed in a minimum of fifty percent of the year are qualified for the drawings and must be present to win.

Stop in and see us, we have something for everyone!!

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

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 Fam-

ily) from 7-9pm.

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

Check out the activities in December:

Friday, December 2nd is Country Music Dance Come out and swing your partner 9 pm- 1 am DJ and dancing.

Friday, December 9th is \$5 Burger Nite and a visit from a special guest. Burgers will be served from 5:30-7pm. This is a fabulous opportunity to bring down the whole family for a great meal at a great price and to get your picture taken with Santa. Start your night off right with one of our many appetizers!

Saturday 10th SAL Breakfast Auxiliary Cookie sale 7-11

Saturday 17th Movie Night Starting at 4pm we will be playing holiday Movies; Polar Express for the kid in everyone, Charlie Brown Christmas Special, and ending with White Christmas.

December 24th the Clubroom will be open from 12-6pm. If you have never joined us on Christmas Eve, please do. We have so much fun and cheer. Please bring a munchie to share. Please note that we will be closed on Christmas day.

December 28th Tenderloin night 5:30-7:00 Join us for tenderloin baskets for \$6.00.

The clubroom will be having our weekly meat raffle again this season. Stop by for a chance to win one of four fabulous weekly prizes.

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

ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS

Stay in touch and get all of the news from home while you are basking in the sunshine this winter. 1) Give us your email address and we will send the monthly Bulletin and the Weekly Update. OR 2) Give us your winter address and we will send the monthly Bulletin. Don't miss out!



Kudo Korner



Well done and thanks to the following for their volunteer efforts at the Post: John Schomaker, Dean Schomaker,

Kathy MacCrea, Pat Phillips, Roger Lawrence, Megan McEnany, Tim Tweedt, Michelle Sime, Anthony Perdue and Katy Moorman for their work putting on the Fish Fry; Terry VanVoorhis, Will Van Voorhis, Rick Van Voorhis, Lori & Wayne Layman, Sandy Deacon. Roger & Anita Elliott, Steve Malmquist, Stan & Tammy Hyer, Keven Brace, Randy Freel, Jim Sperry and Bob Bellinghausen for a near record breaking Steak Dinner Night; Tammy Hyer and Kelli Hitsman for cleaning up the Ames Veteran's Memorial on Grand Avenue; Jennifer & Mike Monserud, Devin Von Quemer, Ann & Dave Rehbein, Sandy Deacon, Paul Madsen, Megan McEnany and Hank Goettsche for what turned out to be an enormously successful (and very busy) Tenderloin Basket Night; Kathy MacCrea, Tammy & Denny Krogh, Sandy Deacon, Jim Demarest, Dave Rehbein, Pat & Jammie Phillips, Keven Brace, Rick Evans, Hank Goettsche, Alex McMurray, Randy Freel and Bob Bellinghausen for the Building Remodeling Fund Brunch; Mike & Sandy Deacon for coordinating the Country Music Dancing Night; Pat & Jammie Phillips, Kathy MacCrea, Sharon Bellinghausen, Anthony Perdue, Paul Scharfenkamp, Rich Evans and Sandy Deacon for Burger Night.

Christmas Gift to Post



As 2016 comes to an end and you are thinking about the gifts that you will be purchasing to give to your family members, don't forget about your Legion family for a gift.

All those gifts to your family members at home get you smiles and hugs and the fun of watching them open your gift. Your gift to the Legion family also gets you something, a tax deduction along with the gratitude of the Legion family.

Send your gift to the Post at 225 Main, Ames, IA 50010 to the attention of Finance Officer Randy Freel. Your Legion family members will all thank you.

RADA Fundraiser



We know you love RADA knives and cooking utensils. We will have catalogs and order

forms at the SAL Breakfast/Auxiliary Cookie Fair. Come in and place your order for Christmas delivery. If you are unable to make it to the Club on December 10th, you can still place an order. Go to www.HelpOurFundraiser.com. Order # is 502770. Password is post37.

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	Find us on Facebook at American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37			1 DOLLAR DOG DAY SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:00	2 FIREBALL FRIDAY COUNTRY MUSIC DANCE	3 STEAK DINNER 5:30—7:00
4 BINGO	5 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	6 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30	7 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	8 DOLLAR DOG DAY LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	9 FIREBALL FRIDAY BURGER NIGHT WITH SANTA	10 BISCUITS&GRAVY BREAKFAST & COOKIE FAIR
11 BINGO	12 BUILDING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE	13 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY SAL REGULAR 6:30	14 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	15 DOLLAR DOG DAY	16 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	17 MOVIE NIGHT
18 BINGO	19	20 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 7:00	21 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	22 DOLLAR DOG DAY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	23 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	24 CHRISTMAS EVE CLUBROOM HOURS 12-6
25 CHRISTMAS DAY CLUBROOM CLOSED	26	27 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY BONUS DRAWING 40&8	28 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY TENDERLOIN BASKET 5:30-7 BINGO	29 DOLLAR DOG DAY	30 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	31