



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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Ames Legion Family In Action

FAMILY FIRST ... LOOKING FORWARD

I have to start by saying a big Thank You to the Legionnaires of Post 37 for entrusting me to lead this great organization for the next year. It is an honor and a privilege to hold the Commander position for the upcoming year and I promise that I will do my best to make the entire Legion family proud.

We have many challenges at the Post, County, District, Department and National level. We have to understand that our impact at the Post level will in its own way affect the others. We always talk about increasing membership, but I am a firm believer that membership will come, for every aspect of our Legion family, if we let our community know who we are and what we do. The plan is to let our Community know what we do and our impact through



events, media coverage, internet and newspaper coverage. As we have found out recently with our tent at a recent "Farmers Market", many people in Ames do not know what we do or even if we exist. Through new events such as the Fourth of July parade float, Bike Night and Farmer's Market in addition to all of the GREAT Social events we sponsor, we will do better.

Another impact area I hope to provide is education of members and the communi-

ty about the Legion Family. We will be introducing a short monthly education series at our Post meetings that will help strengthen our knowledge base. This series is produced and disseminated by National and is extremely well done and concise. Hopefully, we can find a few more members to become more active in our post activities through this. If we can get our membership to help with just one event per year, the impact to the Post would be great. Most importantly, I want to thank our Post's Auxiliary, Sons and the Riders for all of their past support and input. I look forward to working with all of you to help make our Post vibrant and strong. Our family is truly amazing and I see great things on the horizon for the 2016-2017 year.

Patrick "Doc" Phillips

Post Officers Elected—Joint Installation Planned

Election of Post Officers for the 2016-2017 year was held at the June meeting. The following were elected and will lead the Ames Post for the coming year.

Commander Pat Phillips
1st Vice-Commander Denny Krogh
2nd Vice-Commander Phil Harris
Adjutant Dave Rehbein
Finance Officer Randy Freel
Chaplain Dennis Vincent
Service Officer Bob Bellinghausen
Sergeant-at-Arms Howard Kyle

Historian Doug MacCrea
Executive Committee Keith Harvey
Open Hank Goettsche
Marion Eacret
John Shoemaker

Installation will be held Monday July 11 at 7PM. The installation ceremony will be joint with the Post, Unit and Squadron officers all installed that evening. All members are encouraged to attend

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Post Commander Stan's Comments

Greetings! The Ames American Legion family manned a booth at the farmers market on June 18. If you would be interested in helping with the next one on July 2 or 16, August 6 or 20, September 3 or 17 please let Jennifer Monserud know. The time is 8 - 12:30.

The Fourth of July is coming up, we will have a color guard and a float. A food stand will also be available after the parade.

Department Convention is July 15-17. A list of delegates and alternates were obtained at the meeting, if you find that you can attend please do so.

The Veterans Awareness Walk at the Iowa State Fair deadline has been extended to July 17, the close of the Department Convention. Registration forms are on the Iowa Legion website.

We had the Sixth District Commander at our meeting. He stressed that we need to start calling for membership now.

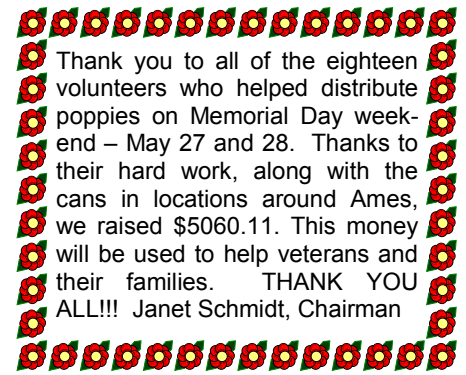
The AV upgrade is complete and available to be used.

The Honor Guard had one funeral in May.

The post nominated Howard Kyle for Department Legionnaire of the year.

NOTE: A joint installation will be held on July 11, in lieu of a general meeting.

I am pleased to have been your commander for this year and appreciate your support and everyone who stepped up to help. It was wonderful to work with President Tammy and SAL Squadron Commander Roger.



Thank you to all of the eighteen volunteers who helped distribute poppies on Memorial Day weekend – May 27 and 28. Thanks to their hard work, along with the cans in locations around Ames, we raised \$5060.11. This money will be used to help veterans and their families. THANK YOU ALL!!! Janet Schmidt, Chairman

The homeless vets stand-down will take place in Des Moines on Sept 16, 17, and 18. We are needing helpers on all shifts to make this event meaningful for our veterans who have very little. The work is light but the rewards for helping those who are in dire circumstances is great. If you can help, there is a sign-up sheet at the Post.

Unit President Tammy's Comments

Hi, everyone!

July is installation month for the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL FY16/17 officers. Please join us on July 11th at 7:00 pm for the ceremony. There will be goodies available afterwards!

Your Auxiliary leadership team for 2016/2017 includes Jammie Phillips (1st Vice President), Kelli Hitsman (2nd Vice President), Sandy Deacon (Secretary), Marilyn Nervig (Treasurer), Lois Poppe (Chaplain), Dee Ball (Historian), and Sharon Bellinghausen (Sgt at Arms). Your Executive Board is Jan Anderson, Pat Kyle, Kay MacVey, Jan Schmdt, and Tammy Krough. Thank you for allowing me to be your President for another year!

One of the ways our membership can

get involved is to volunteer to be a chair/member of one of our ongoing committees. The committees are: Americanism, Children & Youth, Community Service, Education, Membership, National Security, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation plus others. If you are interested, please contact myself or one of the other officers. The majority of these committees have projects at different times during the year. You can help as much or as little as your time allows.

Attending our monthly meetings is another way to get involved. I understand meetings are not for everyone, but consider this an open ended invitation to attend. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Post at 6:30 pm.

As a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, you are welcome to participate in any of the events put on by the other divisions of the Legion Family at the local and department level. The department needs volunteers to help with the Stand Down in September, the Post 37 legionnaires are organizing a table at the Farmers Market for information distribution, Post 37 has steak nights from September thru May and many other opportunities. Just ask to be a part of the event or say yes if asked by someone else.

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

2017 Membership Year Begins

The membership campaign for the 2017 year kicks off this month. Legionnaires will find a renewal notice in their mailbox sometime near July 1. Auxiliary and SAL members will not receive a renewal notice until later but that doesn't mean they can't renew now.

From Commander Stan and Commander-Elect Pat's articles you can see that the Legion family is going to be more proactive about membership this year. We will have a booth at the Farmer's Market on Main Street twice each month. That is just one of the things that we will be doing to spread knowledge of the The Legion Family

and our activities and programs.

You may not know it but you belong to one of the strongest, most active Legion Families in Iowa. We are much more than just a clubroom on Main Street.

We actively sponsor Boys and Girls Staters. We support Legion baseball. We sponsor Academic Awards at Ames High and recognize over 200 students each year for academic excellence.

Through the Unit, over \$5,000 was raised this year from poppies that will go to help veterans and families in Ames and around Iowa. Our Squadron sponsors scholarships at Ames High every year.

Our Honor Guard will perform 15-20 funeral services this year as well as Memorial Day and Independence Day. We do all the work to make sure flags fly on Main Street on patriotic holidays.

The Legion Riders support the Legacy Run each year as well as other activities such as Patriot Nation and doing Poker Runs to raise money.

Renew now, don't wait until that renewal notice comes. Remember Legionnaires can renew online. Everyone can renew at the post at 225 Main or you can stop by the booth at Farmers Market, renew there and meet some of your fellow members.

Clubroom News



Happy Fourth of July! We would like to invite all of you, and your friends and families, to join us at the Post for the annual Fourth

of July Parade. We will open our doors at 10:30 AM and have cold drinks ready to quench your thirst while watching the parade and then we invite you to stay and enjoy great deals on burgers, brats or hot dogs and another ice cold drink for lunch.

After what turned out to be a busy June, July looks to be just as busy. After the Fourth of July Parade, we will be offering specials during the Firefly Concert on July 17th and again for another Main Street Bike Night on July 22nd.

As a “heads-up” , because of these downtown events there will be no parking in front of the Post on the 4th, 17th and 22nd.

Dollar Dog Thursday continues to be a success, so we are going to be adding brats to the Dollar Dog Thursday menu throughout July.

We will still be offering our daily specials as well – Tater-Tot Tuesdays, Winesday Wednesdays, Thirsty Thursdays and Fireball Fridays while we explore some new offerings for the rest of summer.

Our **Appetizer Special of the Month** is Cheddar Nuggets.

Don't forget – the Post is a great place to meet for a cold drink on these hot summer days. We hope that you will stop in, meet the staff and your fellow Legion Family members and relax.

Squadron Commander Roger's Comments

It's hard to believe that my 1st stint as commander of the S.A.L. is coming to a close. The year went so fast and I quickly learned that I had much to learn. Thank you to everyone who patiently guided me in this journey.

On Monday, July 11th, the installation of officers will take place at the post. The UOD for the S.A.L. officers will be dark blue trousers, short-sleeved white shirt, and a S.A.L. tie. All officers-elect will need to be at the Post NLT 6:30 PM.

On Tuesday, August 9th at 07:30 PM, the S.A.L. will be hosting a party (kinda). The grave flags used on Memorial Day need to be sorted and inspected. This is not a difficult task but it does take time. All members of the Post are invited to come help make short work of this much needed task. Please help ensure that our flags provide the appropriate honor.

This past Memorial Day, there was a fantastic turn-out of volunteers that helped place grave flags. A couple of our members even made this a family event by bringing spouses and children to help. A tremendous thank-you goes out to all who gave up some of their evening. Rain delayed the removal of the flags but a few members of the ALR came on Wednesday evening to help.

As a part of honoring our vets on Memorial Day, the “Avenue of Flags” is set up and taken down every year in the Ames Municipal Cemetery. For the past several years, Keven Brace has been committed to organizing this event but now feels the need to step aside. If you are interested in becoming the organizer of this important task, please let me know at rogwell83@gmail.com. Keven and I will be glad to give you additional information and will also help you get started if you chose to become the organizer.

On July 4th, the Post is planning to have a float in the parade. If you are willing to help prepare the float and/or participate in the parade, please contact Patrick Phillips for details.

Don't forget the Bike Night which takes place the last Friday of every month through September. Not only is this a good way to spend a relaxing evening looking at all of the beautiful motorcycles that come in for this event but it is also an opportunity to bring additional funds into the Post through our food tent. The proceeds from the food sales is equitably split up between the Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L, and ALRs based upon participation in the booth. Please consider volunteering to help out either in the booth or by passing out information sheets to the visitors on Main Street.

Again, thank you for your support and involvement in the Sons of the American Legion.

CLUBROOM COUPON

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

Boys State Thank You

To The Boys State Committee:

I just wanted to thank you again for the opportunity that you and Legion Post 37 gave me. You should be receiving a letter that each of us wrote for you at Boys state about our experience. I had a great time and made a lot of new friends. I learned much more than I expected as well. It was a great way to honor our veterans and learn about how we got our freedom. My barracks counselors were the best by far. Daisy and Sullivan taught us so much and did everything the right way. They led by example and provided us with the proper information in order for us to have the best time we could. I don't know if you can relay any messages about the food but I really loved every meal. It was like I was eating home cooked meals all week. Everything about Boys State exceeded my expectations and I am so glad I was able to attend.

Philip Roetman

Kudo Korner



Well done and thank you to the following Post Family members this month for their volunteer efforts at the

Post: Hank Goettsche for helping with the beer deliveries, managing the bottle returns and general cleaning during the recent manager transition; Jan Schmidt and all those who helped make the Poppy Days a huge success this year; Paul Madsen, Megan McEnany, Sandy Deacon and Hank Goettsche for what is most likely a record breaking Tenderloin Dinner Night; Jammie and Pat Phillips for preparing the Memorial Day Luncheon; Paul Scharfenkamp, Lois Poppe, Sharon Bellinghausen, Sandy Deacon, Kathy MacCrea, Tammy Krogh, Jan Schmidt and Jammie Phillips for serving the Memorial Day Luncheon; and everyone who helped with the Girls State supplies. We apologize that we did not get everyone's name who helped with Girls State.


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3 BINGO	4 JULY 4 PARADE @ 11 CLUBROOM OPEN @ 11 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	5 TATER TOT TUESDAY AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30	6 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	7 DOLLAR DOG DAY LEGION BOARD 6:30	8 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	9	
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