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Ames Legion Family In Action

OFFICER CANDIDATES

The Post nominating committee reported the initial slate of candidates for office at the May meeting. That slate included:

Commander	Pat Phillips
1st Vice-Commander	Open
2nd Vice-Commander	Phil Harris
Adjutant	Dave Rehbein
Finance Officer	Randy Freel
Historian	Open
Chaplain	Ricky Thompson & Dennis Vincent
Service Officer	Open
Sergeant-at-Arms	Howard Kyle
Executive Committee (5 to be elected)	
Doug MacCrea	Keven Brace
Hank Goettsche	Denny Krogh
Marion Eacret	Keith Harvey

Since that report Doug MacCrea has asked that his name be moved to the First Vice-Commander position. That still leaves two openings that must be filled, Service Officer and Historian.

Nominations will be taken at the June meeting prior to the election. All offices are open for further nomination at that meeting. If you are interested in an office at the Post, please come to the meeting. Information on any of the offices but especially Historian and Service Office can be obtained by calling Jim Demarest (232-7680) or Dave Rehbein (232-9299)

NEW CLUBROOM MANAGER BEGINS WORK

Hello, my name is Katy Moorman and I am the new Clubroom/Bar Manager. I'm so excited to serve the members of this Post and be a part of the work done by the Legion to improve the quality of life for veterans and their families.

I've seen how important the camaraderie is and how the services provided by the American Legion help veterans and their families in their day-to-day lives. I have family members that have served in the armed forces and I am a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, giving me a chance to see the ben-

efits of the support that the Legion and the community have provided.

I am excited to be a part of the daily activities of the Post and in planning events that keep our Post Family members engaged, as well as the opportunity to create new outreach activities that will help promote all of the good things the Legion Family does in the community and to help increase membership.

I look forward to meeting all of you as you visit the Post.

COMMANDER'S AWARENESS WALK



National Commander Dale Barnett and Department Commander Jim Peterson will lead American Legion family members and friends in an Awareness Walk for Veterans.

The purpose of the walk is to raise public attention for important issues facing veterans and their families. We also want to raise awareness for The American Legion and our programs. Proceeds from The American Legion Walk for Veterans will be used for the National Emergency Fund.

The Awareness Walk will be held August 15 during Veterans Day at the Iowa State Fair. Deadline for registration is June 15. The parade will begin at 10AM with participants asked to be in the staging area at 7AM. Registration is \$20. Each person registering will receive a T-Shirt, pin and admission to the Fair. Fair parking will not be included.

Registration can be done through the Iowa website, www.ialegion.org. Our goal is 1,000 walkers. All Legion family members are invited and are encouraged to bring other members of their community.

FLAG DAY-JUNE 14

Main Street Flags up at 7 and Down at 5. Volunteers are needed to help.

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Post Commander Stan's Comments

June is here and hopefully it will start to feel like summer. This is the month for post elections, the nominating committee reported at the May meeting. We need candidates for Historian and Service Officer. If you are interested in learning more about these positions please contact me at selliot-478@gmail.com and I will get you in touch with the proper person.

If you have not heard yet we hired a new manager for our post. Her name is Katherine Moorman and she should be full time with us at the end of May. Let's all make her feel welcome and a part of our American Legion Family. She is a member of the Auxiliary and is familiar with some of our post activities. She

has quite a bit to learn and I'm sure she will appreciate any help and guidance we can give while starting this new opportunity.

A reminder that Steak Dinners are over for the summer and will start back up on the first Saturday in September.

As always we need helpers for Bingo and other activities at the post. We appreciate any time you can give. For more information, contact myself or the post.

Our Riders Chapter (thank you) is heading up the food stand for Main Street bike nights this summer. This is intended to be a Legion Family activity and it sounds like they will need 10 peo-

ple to help with this project every month. Point of contact, if you can help, is Chapter President Stan Hyer. In conjunction with Bike Nights we are looking at getting a Service Officer from Des Moines to come up and be available to help any Veterans that may need assistance on those nights.

If you have any ideas to get our post more visible to the public please let us know. We will look into and listen to any ideas you might have. Two projects currently being looked at is having a table set up at the downtown farmers market with information about our Family, who we are and what we do and can do for the community and a float to have in local parades

Unit President Tammy's Comments

Hi, everyone!

By the time you read this, the month of May will almost be history. I hope it went well for everyone.

The American Legion Auxiliary has adopted the flower beds around the Veterans Memorial through the City of Ames Adopt a Flower Bed Program. A group of us cleaned up and planted flowers on May 18th. The pots of red, white & blue (purple) look terrific around the Memorial. We had one driver go by and yell "thank you"! That was awesome! The City of Ames also put up a new flag for the holiday. Hopefully everyone had an opportunity to stop by

during Memorial Day Weekend.

While I was looking through the Auxiliary Handbook, I came upon an explanation of the Preamble to the Constitution. I found it interesting so I am going to share a piece.

"To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America...

The first of the ten principles of The American Legion and Auxiliary is a sacred pledge of allegiance to the Constitution of the United States. It is most appropriate that the first ideas presented in the Preamble be dedicated to the continued defense of our nation by

those very persons who have either served in war-time or had a close relative who served. The pledge to uphold and defend the democracy of America is the first obligation of every Legionnaire and Auxiliary member."

As I close for this month, I want to reiterate one of the 5 goals put together by National: Create an internal culture of goodwill. Please remember to treat each other with respect and kindness. There is often more than one way to reach a goal and we can accomplish more by working together.

Thank a veteran every chance you get and visit your Legion Post often!

Squadron Commander Roger's Comments

Another month is behind us. Hopefully, you took the opportunity to spend some quality time with your family over Memorial Day weekend. And, hopefully, that included some time remembering and sharing stories of those who died in service to our country. We simply cannot rely upon our school systems to instill in our children and grandchildren the honor that those who sacrificed all to protect our freedoms deserve.

I am typing this month's article with one hand because my youngest grandson is sleeping in my other arm. As I look at him, I wonder what this country will be like by the time he grows up. Will he know the same freedoms we take for granted today? Will this country still pay respect to those who have made sacrifices serving this country? Will he have a sense of pride, duty, and honor?

As I mentioned earlier, we cannot simply leave such important matters in the hands of our schools. These qualities need to be taught and nurtured in our homes by word of mouth and by example. Take your children to patriotic events. Show them, by example, the respect you want them to give to our service men and women. Talk to them about why you believe it is important. Share your stories or the stories of others who have served so that your children understand that those sacrifices affect us personally. They are not just stories they read in a school book. The people who have served are flesh and blood and some of them may be their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or cousins. Make it personal.

Another way to help instill the sense of pride, duty, and honor is to sign your

children and grandchildren up in the Legion. This is something that I have neglected to do myself but it will be corrected very quickly. The cost to join is minimal but the opportunities to expose our future generations to what the American Legion stands for can reap great rewards. Also encourage your friends and their children to join. If you will share why you joined, it can greatly influence them to also become active.

I want to encourage you to attend the monthly Bike Night taking place on Main Street the last Friday of every month through September. Come walk around, look at all of the motorcycles, listen to some great bands, and help support the Legion by buying something from our food tent. We can also use extra hands in preparing and serving food if you can spare the time.

Clubroom News

You will see some new faces around the Clubroom this summer. Not only will you be meeting our new Manager Katy this month, we have brought in some new staff members to replace those that have graduated and to help fill the gaps caused by our current staff heading off to do internships at different times throughout the summer. We have recently hired Nick Castellanos, Tess DeBartolo, Dylan Paup and Matt DeGroot to help hold down the Clubroom this summer and together with Katy, Megan and Matt keep the daily Clubroom operations of the Post on track.

As mentioned last month, Maddie Gould graduated from ISU and departed Ames shortly after graduation to pursue other career goals. She left the following note for the staff and Legion Family members: "Thank you for the opportunity of working here, I am so grateful and will miss everyone! Maddie." We wish all the best for Maddie in whatever her future endeavors may be and she will always be welcomed back with open arms. Good luck Maddie!

June will be a transition month in the

Clubroom. We will still offer our daily specials – Tater-Tot Tuesdays, Winesday Wednesdays, Dollar Dog Thursdays and Fireball Fridays while we explore some new offerings for the rest of summer.

June 3rd is the Annual Ames Art Walk event. Local artists will be displaying their work and the Post will be hosting a couple of these talented folks. We will also be offering Dollar Dogs that night so you can grab a bite at the Post while enjoying the evening strolling among the artists and their work.

We will be holding **Tenderloin Basket Night on June 15th**, so mark your calendars and stop down and enjoy our super large Pork Tenderloin Sandwich and fires for just \$6.00.

Our **Appetizer Special of the Month** will be Hot Pepper Cheese Cubes.

Looking forward to July, the Post will be hosting our traditional Fourth of July Cook-out following the Downtown Parade, so plan on stopping by for burgers, brats, hot dogs and an ice cold drink. Bring the family down and enjoy the day!

Delegates to Attend Boys State



Six young men from Ames and Gilbert have been chosen to attend 2016

American Legion Hawkeye Boys State. They are from Ames High—Chuol Chuol and from Gilbert High— Noah Brinkmeyer, Andrew Thatcher, Jeb Shaw, Phillip Roetman and TJ Swanson.

Boys State will be held at Camp Dodge from June 12-17. The delegates were chosen after nomination and interviews with the Boys State committee. The Post and the Squadron pay the tuition for them to attend Boys State.

We will be inviting the boys to come to a post meeting later this summer. Watch the newsletter for the announcement. Hearing their experience and listening to the things that they learned and the offices they held is rewarding.

Welcome to New Members

Welcome to the following new Post Members: Jerry Dakins, Tammy Gallatin, Tyler Bauman, Gordon Speed, Jerry Dickinson, Jerry Baker, Nick Grossman, Wayne Jackson, Robert Pokorny, George LaCava, Kenneth Larson, Donald Rhead, Douglas Wright, Timothy Hagedorn, Scott Degroot, Donald Armstrong, Richard Peterson and Steve & Melissa Tritsch.

Help is Needed to move and load Girls State Supplies from basement storage to vehicles for the move to Girls State and return them to the basement following Girls State. No travel is required just help moving out of and back into the basement at the Post. Dates are June 8 and June 10. Times to be determined. Contact Ann Rehbein (232-9299) to volunteer.

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

Legion Riders

Looking between the bugs on the windshield of the motorcycle, I realized May is almost over –WOW. Dinner rides are in full swing, the first fun run has passed, and the motorcycle safety forum has come and gone. By the time you read this, the first Main Street Bike Night will have passed, weather permitting. The Memorial Day Parade and activities will be done.

Our next meeting is June 6th at the Legion. Dinner rides for June are: June 13th @ Papa's Pizzeria, June 20th @ the Open Flame and June 27th @ Taylor's Maidrite. We meet at the Legion in the back parking lot at 6:00 pm with kick stands up at 6:30 pm. Join us if you can!

The American Legion Riders (ALR) is a dynamic national program administered by the Departments and posts in each of the 50 states as well as several locations overseas.

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 out with the beer deliveries and managing the bottle returns; Stan Hyer for installing a grab bar at the back entrance; Tom Hadaway, Steve Malmquist, Stan Elliot, Alex McMurray, Randy Freel, Niter & Roger Elliott, Keven Brace, and Mike & Sandy Deacon for the May Steak Dinner; Ann Rehbein, Hank Goettsche, Sandy Deacon & Pat Phillips for a great Burger Basket Night, and; Matt Hefti, Maddie Gould, Megan McEnany, Mike & Sandy Deacon, Hank Goettsche, Kathy MacCrea and Randy Freel for their continued help in managing daily clubroom activities and preparing for various Post events.

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 Find us on Facebook at Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37		American Legion Post 37	1 WINE SDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	2 DOLLAR DOG DAY SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:00	3 FIREBALL FRIDAY ART WALK 5-8PM	4
5 BINGO	6 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	7 TATER TOT TUESDAY AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30 LEGION FAMILY MEMORIAL	8 WINE SDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	9 DOLLAR DOG DAY LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	10 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	11
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