

Ames Legion Family In Action

STEAK DINNER



Tired of Winter? Looking for a taste of summer? Stop in the Post the first Saturday of each month for our monthly Steak Dinner. Enjoy a flame-broiled beef or ham steak dinner. Are you a seafood lover? We have fried shrimp dinners as well. Your support of these dinners allows the Post to support various programs to help area veterans and their families. Dinners include salad bar, choice of potato, homemade soup and a roll. Our dinners are open to the public, so tell all of your friends and neighbors.

Here is the menu:

10 oz Ribeye Steak	\$14
10 oz Ribeye Combo	\$16
6 oz Sirloin	\$9
6 oz Sirloin Combo	\$11
12 oz Ham	\$9
12 oz Ham Combo	\$11
6 pc Shrimp Dinner	\$11
4 pc Shrimp Dinner	\$9
Soup & Salad Bar	\$7

(all combo dinners include 4 shrimp)

Prices like these can't be beat anywhere in Ames.

Notice of Special Post Business and Events

Attention Legionnaires –

At the March Meeting we will vote on a resolution on the establishment and administration of a series of Standing Rules that will formalize several general practices that have been adopted by the Legion over the years that do not meet the requirements for inclusion in the By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation. A copy of the proposed resolution

will be available for review prior to the Post Meeting on March 10th.

Happy Birthday American Legion! The Post 37 Family is invited to join in the 97th Birthday Celebration of the American Legion to be held at the Post at 7:30 PM on March 10th.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The American Legion family leadership from around the nation will meet in Washington DC on Feb 21-23 to discuss legislative priorities with our elected representatives.

We will leave a page of our legislative priorities at each office. Those priorities include:

- Fully fund a superior national defense and protect troops from sequester cuts
- Oppose Diminution of Military Benefits
- Ensure Real Accountability Within VA
- Build a 21st Century Healthcare System for Veterans
- Provide Help for Veterans Struggling with Mental Health and Brain Injury
- Ensure Transition Programs are not Adversely Affected by Sequestration
- End Veteran Homelessness
- Support Veterans in Business
- Improvements to Education Benefits

- Disabled Veterans Tax/Widows Tax

- American Flag

There is not room here for a full discussion of each of these priorities. That can be found on The American Legion's webpage at

<http://www.legion.org/legislative/point-papers>.

The link on that page labeled for the 114th Congress, 2nd Session will take you to a pdf file that you can download and read at your leisure.

As part of the visit to Washington, the Legion family will gather for the Commander's Call. The front page of www.legion.org contains a link to LegionTV where you can watch the recorded program from the Commander's Call

There is also information on The Legion's Thunderclap where you can help spread the word on the priorities through your social media accounts. Check that out.

Add your voice to that of the leadership. Get the information and contact Congress

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Post Commander Stan's Comments

Mid-Winter Conference was a great learning time for all who were able to attend.

The Department Oratorical contest was held on Sunday and the contestant from our area won. It's great to see the young people who compete in this program.

The Post is responsible for the March 5 dinner and I would appreciate if you are able to help to please contact me. Email or call me at selliott478@gmail.com or 515-382-5768.

Membership is 489, we need 53 to make target. A group of members worked making calls to contact those who haven't renewed. A report will be given at our meeting. Thanks to all who helped.

Bingo is looking for workers, another opportunity to help the post. Thanks to all who help with the projects of the post.

Thanks for all you do to support our veterans and our Post.

Ames American Legion History Website

Some months ago the story of the formation of the Ames American Legion Post was told in this newsletter. That telling included the possible solution of the mystery surrounding the placing and removal of the name "Snedden E. Winter" on the Ames Post.

More history of the Ames American Legion Post has been compiled and is now available to everyone on a website. That website is provided by National Headquarters for the 100th Anniversary of The American Legion and is free for all posts.

A committee of Legion family members in Ames has gathered a number of historical documents and is in the process

of placing the stories surrounding those documents and other significant events in our history on that website.

The URL for the website is www.centennial.legion.org. From there, select post index, then Iowa and then Ames, Iowa Post 37.

A page will open that contains a number of stories. They include:

- Issuance of the temporary and permanent charters
- Ames Post members in State and District leadership positions
- Formation of the Story County Council and the Story County Legion picnic
- The Ames Legion Men's Chorus

Squadron Commander Roger's Comments

We are already moving into the month of March. Although some days seem to take forever to end, it is certainly true that time does not stand still.

If you are glad to have the caucuses (and the endless number of phone call surveys) behind you, raise your hand. I thought so. Despite the frustration of all of the political calls and ads, this country's election process is important and I hope that you took the time to make your voice heard. We have a few months to go before the election of our next president takes place but it will be here before we know it. Please continue to research the candidate's records and vote for your choice, even if your favorite candidate does not make it to the primary. As my father-in-law used to say, "If you don't vote, you have no reason to complain about whomever wins".

The S.A.L. hosted another supper in February and 61 meals were served. If you attended as a guest, thank you for

your support. For those who helped prepare and serve the meals, THANK YOU for your time and energy. It is always a privilege for me to work with such a wonderful group of volunteers.

Elections and volunteers. I recently read a statement that I really liked. I do not recall verbatim how it went but it was something like this..."In our political processes, you only vote once a year. But when you volunteer, you are voting every time you donate your time on what sort of community you want to be a part of". There are not enough financial resources to pay for all of the work that needs to take place to make a community thrive. It is those who are not content with the status quo that step up and take on projects to improve the lives of those around them that really make this country great. Whether you are donating your professional skills or simply offering another pair of hands to get a job done...it makes a difference. Find something that you are passionate

Key Fob Lost/Broken?

Post 37 Family Members –

The Post will be holding an "Amnesty Key FOB Replacement Day" for Post Family members that have lost or damaged their door key FOB to the Post on March 11 & 12. During these two days you can replace your lost/damaged door key FOB for \$5.00 versus the normal charge of \$15.00. Stop in either day and see Sarah and the Clubroom Staff to replace your lost/damaged key FOB.

- The First Honorary Life Membership Awarded
- Creation of the Academic Awards
- Pictures of Past Post, Unit and Squadron leaders

Bookmark that site and keep watch for more stories to come

President Tammy

Hi Everyone.

March got away from me so there is no Auxiliary article for this month. Sorry! I will have one for April. Remember, thank a veteran every chance you get and visit your Legion Post often.

about and get involved. Make a difference.

Finally, with the end of March will also come the end of this year's opportunity to enter into the essay scholarship that is hosted by the S.A.L. Remember that the rules were changed this year to broaden the scope of who may apply for the scholarship. In the past, it was only open to students graduating from Ames High or Gilbert High. Family members of active Post 37 members may now also apply. Once all applications and essays are received, a committee will judge the entries and a \$1000 or two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. It may not seem like a lot but every little bit helps those who are planning to continue their formal education.

In closing, we are not through with winter yet, so please continue to be vigilant and safe on our slippery roads and sidewalks. Few things in our daily lives are so important that they are worth risking health and injury.



**“Spring Fling”
Vendor
And Craft Fair**

Saturday, March 19
9am-3pm

Join us for this fun spring time event, just in time for Easter. The American Legion is happy to host this event and would like to see the membership there for support. We will have a great mix of independent sales representatives and crafters.

- Avon**
- Crocheted by Joyce**
- Origami Owl**
- PK Studios**
- Rags to Rugs**
- Scentsy**
- Signs by D-Signs**
- Tastefully Simple**
- Tupperware**

...and more are added daily!!

Flagpole for Sale



The Post has a Flag Pole for Sale. This pole stood in front of the Post but was too short and was replaced. It is in excellent condition and would really put the finishing touch on your front yard.

We are asking \$225 for the pole. The pole is made by the Uncommon Flagpole Co. It is a 20 foot, telescoping pole made of 16 gauge aluminum with an anodized finish. There are brackets to hold two flags.

Contact Commander Stan at 515-451-6198 if interested.



**SAVE THE
DATE
MOTHER'S
DAY
BRUNCH
MAY 7**

Clubroom News

Well, it's that time of year again; St. Patrick's Day is fast upon us. St. Pat's Day is one of our favorite holidays of the year. Thank goodness that spring is just around the corner. We really appreciate those of you who have patronized the post this winter.

Burger Night Wednesday, March 16. Burgers will be served from 5-6:30pm. Come in and enjoy our fantastic burger basket for only \$5. These 1/3 lb. burgers are served with all your favorites from the garden and a side of fries. Eat them here or take them to go!!



Annual St. Patrick's Day Downtown Pub Crawl - Please join this fun event in downtown Ames. The pub crawl will begin at 7pm.

The post will have drink specials available and a few other fun surprises!

Weekly Bonus Drawing Night. Tuesday, March 22 is the first bonus drawing night of 2016. Drawings will commence 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.

Stop by the clubroom and check out our Happenings for the month's appetizer special, birthdays, and events.

Newsletter Award



At the Midwinter conference, Ames was announced as the winner of the best newsletter in the state in the e-mail category. As editor I was honored to receive this award on behalf of the post.

The main advantage of the e-mail newsletter to the reader is the color that is included in that version. To the Legion family, it is more attractive but it also saves us money, about 25 cents per copy. Sign up by sending your e-mail address to legionpost37newsletter@gmail.com

We all work hard to make the newsletter interesting and attractive and are honored to be recognized by the Department.

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

Legion Riders

Greetings from the desk of the President of the American Legion Riders!



With the discussion of upcoming events this summer, the American Legion Riders are making plans to have a couple of fun runs/poker runs to raise money for possible P.O.S. and Legacy Run. The Ames Main Street Cultural District is wanting to put on several bike nights down town this summer which gives the ALR and the Legion Family a chance to promote our purpose and our facilities. Fund raisers during this time like selling food are also possible during Bike Nights by our whole Legion Family.

The Midwinter Conference has now passed, leaving a trail of snow again. This was a great learning experience for all who attended. The ALR meeting went smooth with handouts, information on suggestions for Constitutions and By-Laws. Several other posts were interested in making joint fun ride to meet other ALR members.

The ALR is not a motorcycle club, but rather an association of like-minded Legion family members who enjoy family activities and the opportunity to advance the aims and goals of the American Legion.

Kudo Korner



THANK YOU Well done and thanks to the following this month for their volunteer efforts at the Post: Paul & Darlene

Madsen, Hank Goetsche and the Bar Staff for a great Tenderloin Dinner Night; Roger Elliott, Stan & Joyce Elliott, Kathy MacCrea, Mike Deacon. Randy Freel, Lois Kyle, Alan Benson, Pat Phillips, Steve Malmquist, Keven Brace, Don Dobell, Andrew Rathbun and James Sperry for the February Steak Dinner, and; Tom Hadaway, Junior Metzger, Kathy Link, Diego Munoz, Sandy Deacon and Sarah Schendel for another great Burger Night.

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MARCH

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 Find us on Facebook at American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37	Facebook at American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37	1 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30	2 WINEDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	3 THIRSTY THURSDAY	4 MUNCHIES NIGHT	5 STEAK DINNER 5:30—7:00
6 BINGO	7 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	8 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY SAL REGULAR 6:30	9 WINEDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	10 THIRSTY THURSDAY LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	11 KEY FOB AMNESTY DAYS MUNCHIES NIGHT	12
13 BINGO	14 BUILDING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE	15 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 7:00	16 WINEDAY WEDNESDAY BURGER BASKET 5-6:30 BINGO	17 THIRSTY THURSDAY JOINT STORY COUNTY STORY CITY	18 DOWNTOWN PUB CRAWL	19 SPRING FLING VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR
20 BINGO	21	22 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY BONUS DRAWING NITE 40&8	23 WINEDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	24 THIRSTY THURSDAY SOCIAL & OPERATIONS—6:00 CENTENNIAL-7:00	25 MUNCHIES NIGHT	26
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