

Memorial Day

Memorial Day Services will be held on Monday May 30 but Memorial Day Activities for the Ames Legion family will begin several days before that.

As you see the list of things that the Ames Legion family will accomplish that weekend, remember that everything we do is done by volunteers. We need you to be one of those volunteers.

Spend some time this Memorial Day weekend working with your Legion family to honor our comrades. It doesn't matter which part of the family you belong to, pick an event and volunteer. We are all working for the same cause.

Squadron #37 will again



place grave flags in the Ames cemeteries. They particularly need help in the Municipal cemetery at 5PM on May 26 and again at 5PM on May 31.

The downtown flags will go up at 7AM on May 27 and come down at 5PM on May 30

The traditional Memorial Day parade will form at 10AM on May 30 and step off at 10:30. This year there will be two

bands in the parade, the Ames Municipal Band and the ISU band that will be travelling to Normandy to participate in the D-Day ceremonies there.

Services will begin in the Municipal Cemetery at 11 with Jathan Chicoine as this year's speaker. Following the services and the honors by the American Legion firing squad, lunch will be served at the Post. Helpers are needed to prepare and serve lunch.

The Avenue of Flags at the Municipal Cemetery is also done by volunteers. Those flags go up at 6:30 on Memorial Day and come down at 4:00. That is a large task since about 600 flags fly there.

Auxiliary Life Membership Awarded



Marilyn Nervig was presented with an Honorary Life Membership in the Ames Unit during the National President's visit. Marilyn is the 9th member of the Ames Unit to be awarded this honor.

Marilyn served as President of the Unit in 1988-89. In other 30 years of Auxiliary activity, She

has served in many other offices but primarily as Treasurer of the Unit for many years. Her service to the Unit goes beyond the offices she has held with many volunteer activities at the Post including funeral lunches and the Poppy program.

The presentation was a surprise to Marilyn. Congratulations, Marilyn and thank you for the many years of service.

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Post Commander Stan's Comments

Another month is here and gone. I'm never sure where the time goes but I know it goes by way to fast.

I want to thank our American Legion family for the thoughts, prayers, calls and e-mails the last couple of weeks, after 2 days in the hospital and more tests than I can remember the only thing we know for sure is it wasn't a heart attack. I'm still having shortness of breath and that is being evaluated.

May is a very busy month for the Legion family, with all the normal activities we have at the post and in our personal lives it get even busier. We will have our normal steak dinner on the first Saturday.

Towards the end of the month we help Kick off the Main Street Bike Nights on May 27th. Our Legion Family, with the Riders coordinating, will be out front selling hotdogs and hamburgers along with chips, soft drinks and water.

This has the possibility to be a very big project and can bring the post exposure to the public more than most advertising can do, with the anticipated several thousand bikes attending. This is the first of 5 bike nights scheduled through the summer, May - September, with all of them being on the last Friday of the month.

Bike Night also kicks off our Memorial Day Weekend. As we all take a moment

to pay tribute to those that have gone before us, let us never forget the sacrifices made by them for our freedom. If you are able to help put up the Main Street flags, historically up on Saturday morning and down on Monday late afternoon, or any of the other activities that weekend please contact me at my e-mail selliott478@gmail.com.

In closing, I thank President Tammy and the rest of our Ames Unit for coordinating the meet and greet with National President Sharon Conatser. What an outstanding leader the auxiliary has this year, it was a pleasure and an honor to meet her. Thank you to all who attended to make her feel welcome.

Unit President Tammy's Comments

Hello everyone! Hope you had a terrific April. It was certainly a busy one for the Auxiliary. We started out with the District Meeting followed by the Auxiliary Steak Dinner night. It was a jam packed day full of learning and service to our Legion family and community.

Next was our bake sale. The crowd was steady but not overwhelming. We had a few leftovers that Sharon sold at Sunday bingo, we used some at another function and we donated some to the Emergency Residence. A big thank you to everyone who donated baked

goods and money that made this event possible.

The big event for the Auxiliary and our post home was the visit from National President Sharon Conatser. Her speech about all of us being family and working together as family even though we may occasionally have disagreements was very inspiring. Thank you to committee members Sharon Bellinghausen, Kathy MacCrea, Ann Rehbein and Jammie Phillips for preparing the room and food, the cleanup crew and everyone else who helped made this a

terrific evening. Congratulations to Marilyn Nervig who was presented her Auxiliary Lifetime Membership by President Conatser.

The Past President's Parley also hosted a Bingo Luncheon for a few of our veterans from the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

That's it for now. Please join us at our May Auxiliary meeting if you are able. Also feel free to join in on any of the Post's activities. Remember, thank a veteran every chance you get and visit your Legion Post often!

Squadron Commander Roger's Comments

April was a very busy month for the Post and May is shaping up to be the same way!

On April 9th, the S.A.L. hosted a free will breakfast and the Auxiliary had a bake sale. I cannot speak for the Auxiliary but the S.A.L. served over 150 meals and netted around \$770.00. Not bad for a few hours of work. A big "thank you" to those who helped out.

On April 11th, National Auxiliary President Sharon Conatser visited the Post and gave a short, powerful talk. One of the comments she made was that, while it is important to encourage our membership to attend meetings so that their voice is heard, it is not always possible for them to attend for a multitude of reasons. But those same members may be willing and able to step up and help out at various activities. With that in mind, please keep my phone number (515-290-5737) and e-mail address (rogwell83@gmail.com) someplace

where you can find them. Your help and support would be welcome at any of our functions. Just let me know.

Our selection committee reviewed the 9 essay applications that were submitted for the Merit Scholarship Award. Two students were selected and were notified this week that they will each be receiving \$500 to be used towards furthering their educations. The presentations will be taking place at the Ames High and Gilbert High award ceremonies in May.

On May 7th, the S.A.L. will be hosting a supper at the Post. We can still use a few volunteers in the kitchen and for serving. If you are available and willing to help, please let me know. The work is not difficult and many hands make light work.

In last month's newsletter, it was mentioned that Ames is hosting a Bike Night the last Friday of every month from May

through October. The Post is planning to staff a food booth and the cost and profits from the booth will be shared among the branches of the Post based upon participation. Again, if you are willing to help at least one night, please let me know. More details will be announced later.

Last, but not least, Memorial Day is quickly approaching. It is the responsibility of the S.A.L. to place flags on the graves of veterans at the Ames cemeteries. If you are available to help, we will begin placing flags at 5:00 pm on Thursday, May 26th at the Ames Municipal Cemetery and then we will remove the flags at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 31st. I'd like to have a rough idea of who will be helping so please let me know if you can help with the placing and/or removing of flags. Or just show up and we can put you to work.

Clubroom News

First, congratulations and best wishes to Maddie Gould as she graduates this month from Iowa State. Although only with us for a few months, she has certainly been a great addition to the staff and will be missed. Good luck Maddie!

Introducing Fireball Fridays! Each Friday throughout the summer we will be offering Fireball drinks for \$3.00 all day.

Saturday, May 7th is the Monthly Steak Dinner. It is the night before Mother's Day so treat Mom to dinner out. This will be the last Steak Dinner until September so don't miss out on the opportunity for a great meal. Enjoy your choice of a ribeye or sirloin steak, ham or shrimp along with your choice of potato, soup du jour and salad bar.

Friday, May 20th is Burger Basket Night. Great flame-broiled 1/3 burgers will be served from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. One of the best burgers in town, it comes with all of the fixings you like on a burger and a side of fries for just \$5.00. Don't miss out - bring your family, friends and co-workers and enjoy their company in a relaxing, fun-filled atmosphere. We can make these to go too if you don't have time to eat at the Post.

On **Memorial Day, May 30th**, the Post will be serving lunch at the Post for

those in the community who are honoring those who have passed following dedicated service to our country and our freedoms.

And don't forget to check out our super daily specials.

We start with **Tater Tot Tuesdays** from 5:00 – 9:00 PM, featuring a tower of tots covered with a variety of mouth-watering toppings to please your palate. Just \$3.50, this culinary delight should not be missed.

Wednesday Wednesday is your chance to enjoy a refreshing glass of wine from our great selection for just \$3.00 or you can share a bottle of our Carletto wines for \$12.

We follow that with **Dollar Dog Thursdays** with our gourmet hot dogs and sausages (your choice of cheddar or jalapeno & cheddar) from 4:00 PM to close. Wash those Dollar Dogs with \$2.00 Bud Family bottles from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Bring your family, friends and co-workers to these two great weekday events and enjoy their company, a relaxing atmosphere and lots of games on the TV.

Remember, every Wednesday the Clubroom serves a home cooked meal, (please sign up in advance if possible) and every day the Clubroom offers a wide variety of appetizers and meals.

Legion Riders President Stan

From the front seat of my motorcycle, hello!

The Riders have a busy month of May. First we are having a fun run on May 15th for all motor vehicles. It will kick off with a shot gun start from the legion between 10:00 am – 11:00 am and returning between 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm. This is a fund raiser for the Legacy Run. Come out and participate!

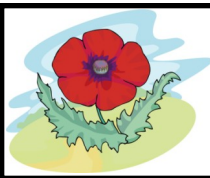
Next up will be the Main Street Cultural District Bike Night on May 27th. The Legion will be vending hamburgers and hot dogs. The Cultural District will have a band, a beer garden, and other food vendors. Main Street will be closed to automobiles during the event. If you ride a motorcycle or not, come down

and check out the band and bikes and buy a hamburger or hot dog! Weather permitting, this event will happen on the last Friday of each month through September.

Then to finish out the month, don't forget the Memorial day parade. The Legion Riders will be escorting the parade again this year.

Please don't text or talk on your cell phone while driving. That may be a Legion Rider that gets hit, cut off, or worse yet killed. Many motorcycle riders are also Veterans.

ALR membership has continued to grow rapidly, bringing many Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members into our organization.



Poppy Days will be May 27 and May 28. Distribution hours will be 8-4 on Friday and 8-2 on Saturday. Volunteers are needed. Contact Chairman Jan Schmidt at 215-1076 or 515-290-5444. She can also be reached by e-mail at jansch1@juno.com. All funds received will be used to help veterans and their families.

CLUBROOM COUPON

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

PPP Has Active Year

The Past President's Parley is a group of well, Past President's! We invite any ALA Past President from Story County to join our group. This past year we continued our adoption of a floor at the Iowa Veterans Home. Some of the activities included making Veteran's Day cards, Thanksgiving door hangars, Christmas ornaments, cup and hot chocolate, St Paddy's ornaments and May day baskets. We also hosted several residents at the Post for lunch and bingo which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

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; Kathy MacCrea, Tammy & Stan Hyer, Ann Rehbein, Sandy Deacon, Sharon Bellinghausen, Jamie Phillips, Dee Ball, Jan Schmidt, Kelli Hitsman, Ken Woodley and Alex Phillips for the April Steak Dinner; Megan McEnany, Tim Bagge, Sandy Deacon, Pat Phillips and Alex Phillips for Tenderloin Basket Night; the Sons for another great Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast; the Auxiliary for all of the Bake Sale goodies; Kathy MacCrea, Sharon Bellinghausen, Ann Rehbein and Jammie Phillips for preparing dinner for the Auxiliary National President's visit to the Post; Don Johnson, LeRoy Johnson, Nita Paque and Mary Paque for setting up for Bingo every Wednesday and Sunday; Kathy MacCrea, Hank Goettsche, Sandy Deacon & Pat Phillips for a great Burger Basket Night, and; Matt Hefti, Maddie Gould, Megan McEnany, Sandy Deacon, Hank Goettsche and Randy Freel for their help in managing daily clubroom activities,

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1 BINGO	2 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	3 TATER TOT TUESDAY AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30 MEMORIAL CEREMONY	4 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	5 DOLLAR DOG DAY	6 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	7 STEAK DINNER 5:30—7:00
8 BINGO	9	10 TATER TOT TUESDAY SAL REGULAR 6:30	11 WINEDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	12 DOLLAR DOG DAY LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	13 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	14 STATE LEGION BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
15 BASEBALL TOURNEY LEGION RIDERS FUN RUN 10:00 BINGO	16	17 TATER TOT TUESDAY PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 7:00	18 WINEDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	19 DOLLAR DOG DAY SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:00	20 FIREBALL FRIDAY BURGER BASKET 5:30-7:00	21 ARMED FORCES DAY
22 BINGO	23	24 TATER TOT TUESDAY 40&8	25 WINEDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	26 DOLLAR DOG DAY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	27 FIREBALL FRIDAY DOWNTOWN BIKE NIGHT POPPY DAYS	28 POPPY DAYS
29 BINGO	30 MEMORIAL DAY LUNCH AT THE POST	31 TATER TOT TUESDAY		Find us on Facebook at American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37		