

Commanders Request Membership Drive

National Commander Charlie Schmidt and Department Commander Ken Rochholz have come together to request that The American Legion undertake a membership drive in November in honor of Veterans Day.

Iowa will be having a membership rally on November 19. Leading up to that rally, many of the Past District Commanders will be asking that each post have a membership drive and that every possible renewal be turned in at the rally.

Ames Post #37 has been contacted and will participate. We held our own initial drive on October 20 concentrating on those that have not renewed for 2017. We spoke with many of our nonrenewed members and left voicemail messages for many more.



Please check your membership card. If it is not dated 2017, then you have not renewed. There is no time like the present.

We are planning a membership open house on the evening of Veterans Day. We want to invite ALL of our members to come to the post that evening to enjoy the comradeship of the Ames Post and learn

more about the activities of The American Legion in Ames. We will be serving a special tenderloin meal that evening and want to welcome you to your American Legion post.

The Ames Legion family enjoys a very good reputation around the state of Iowa because of our activity and the leadership we have provided. Help your post keep that great reputation by making sure your dues are current for 2017.

You can mail the \$45 check to the post at 225 Main Street or go online to www.legion.org and click the membership button. Either way, renewing your membership is a great way to celebrate Veterans Day. Your fellow veterans need you to help keep the American Legion strong.

Sawyer Fifth Grade to Host Breakfast

Dear Post 37 Veterans,

In honor of Veteran's Day, the fifth grade students and staff at Sawyer Elementary would like to invite you to a special breakfast and ceremony to thank you for your service. The event will take place on Wednesday, November 9 at Sawyer Elementary School. Guests are asked to arrive between 8:45 and 9:00 A.M. and check in at the office near the main doors of the building.

Breakfast will be served from 9:00-9:45 A.M. followed by a short ceremony put on by the fifth grade students. The ceremony will include an introduction of all veteran guests as well as a special patriotic performance by the fifth grade choir. Following the ceremony, veterans will be asked to join the students in their

classrooms for a question and answer session. At 11:30 A.M., guests will get the opportunity to tour the newly renovated building before they leave for the day. All veterans are asked to wear their military attire to the event.

If you are able to join us for this special occasion, please email Mr. Brett Fuller, fifth grade teacher at Sawyer. You may also RSVP to Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson at (515) 239-3790. Please make sure to either email or call by November 1, so we can plan how many will be in attendance. We hope to see as many of you as possible!

Sincerely,
 Fifth Grade Students/Staff
 Sawyer Elementary School



In honor of Veterans Day, the flags will be flown on Main Street.

They will go up at 7AM on November 11 and come down at 5PM on November 13. Your help is needed.

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Post Commander Pat's Comments

Greetings Legion Family. Fall is definitely in the air. Leaves and temperatures are falling daily. It reminds me that we should be in full swing regarding membership and time spent helping Veterans. I am truly encouraged by the number of members showing up at the Post that we haven't seen in quite a while for many of our functions. The ability of our Post to fulfill its mission requires participation of our membership. Your dues pay the way for our family to help veterans, spouses, and children of veterans in need. Never forget the reason.

November is shaping up to be an extremely busy month. It is highlighted by Veterans Day activities on the 11th of November. With the parade, luncheon

during the day and the Open House and tenderloins that evening will keep us hopping. Come join us. Membership continues to be a top priority for the Post. In October we had a Membership Call Night at the Post for the Legion. We had a GREAT turnout and good results. A Special Thanks to the following individuals for their help that evening: Denny Krogh, Dave Rehbein, Bob Bellinghausen, Everett Freel, Ricky Thompson, Alex McMurray, Allyn Deveno, Marion Eacret, Jennifer Monserud, Randy Freel, Keven Brace, Marvin Holmgren and Hank Goettsche. Great Job all! Special thanks to Sandy Deacon for the update list.

If you haven't been to a Post meeting in a while you might consider attending

one in the near future. We have made numerous changes to make the format more informative and enjoyable. We had a good turnout for the October meeting with a group larger than we have had for a long time. Come on down on the 10th of November at 7:30 PM for our next Post Meeting and see for yourself.

As always, I want to thank you, our Legionnaires, for entrusting me to lead this great group of Veterans this year. We strive continuously to enhance our services and offerings to area Veterans and our membership. It cannot be done alone, it takes all of us. Consider donating one evening as a volunteer at the Post. Contact me for more info and thanks!!!!

Unit President Tammy's Comments

Sixth District Fall Conference was held on October 8th in Waukee. We had 7 Auxiliary members from Unit 37 in attendance. However, a number of our other units were not represented at all. This is a concern to many of us as there is always something to be learned at these meetings. The group discussed different ways to increase attendance. One of the ideas was to include a hands-on project at the conferences. A committee was created to come up with a project for the April 8, 2017 spring conference. One of our own members, Jammie Phillips, is part of the committee. If you have any ideas for a project, please let her know. If your idea is not used at the April conference, there will

be other conferences/meetings down the road. Also at the Fall Conference, we were provided a new VA Central Iowa donation list. I would be happy to provide the list to any interested party.

At our last meeting, Kathy MacCrea mentioned creating a Meal Train. This is a list of Auxiliary members who would be interested in providing meals for a member of the American Legion Family who is in need. Kathy has agreed to maintain the Meal Train list and be in charge of its activation. If you would like to be on this list, please get your information to her. Wonderful idea!

There are three events happening at the end of October that I will report on next month. The Academic Awards

sponsored by the American Legion will be given out on October 24th to eligible Ames High School Juniors and Seniors. Our VA&R project workshop will be held on October 22nd. Down Town Trick or Treat is being held on October 28th. After our October Auxiliary meeting, we packaged over 600 treat bags with animal crackers for Trick or Treat. Hopefully we won't run out of treats again this year!

Our Auxiliary meeting will be held on Tuesday November 1st. Please 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

The changing of the leaves and the coolness of the air are reminders that autumn is upon us and that winter will be here all too soon (in my opinion). Along with the changing of the seasons, we are also entering into that time of year when our minds are occupied with little witches and goblins seeking out treats, plans are starting to form for Thanksgiving get-togethers, and (for those who are more organized than I) presents for Christmas are already being safely tucked away for the big day.

For most of us, we are blessed with ample food, clothing, and shelter. And (quite honestly) we often indulge our families with more than is necessary for our well-being. As members of the

American Legion family, we know that the excesses we often enjoy are not the situation for many veterans and their families. Due to a myriad of reasons, many are homeless, short on food and clothing, and may not have enough to even bring a bit of joy to their children during the holidays.

So what can we do? We do not know everyone that needs a hand, nor can we afford to meet the needs of every single veteran, but we all can do something, even if it is indirectly. Please take a look at the Post calendar, you will see ample opportunities to get involved either by helping out or by coming to an event as a customer. The funds that are collected through craft shows, nuts

sales, dinners, breakfasts, and etcetera are used to provide for the needs of veterans and their families, encourage our youth to become involved in bettering our country, and to maintain the Post.

While you are busy preparing for the holidays, please take a little time out to help those who are less fortunate. If you are interested in helping with the S.A.L. supper on Nov. 5th or the breakfast we will be hosting in December (more details in next month's newsletter) please let me know.

Until next month, stay warm, stay safe, and stay involved.

Clubroom News

The Holiday season is fast approaching and the post is gearing up for many great activities. Now is the time that we all can focus on being thankful; for our health, our friends and family, and those little moments everyday that put a smile on our faces.

Events in November:

Wednesday, November 18 is Burger Basket Night. Burgers will be served from 5-6:30pm. We invite you to indulge in this 1/3lb. Burger and French fries for only \$5.00. We also take orders To-Go. Call ahead if you like and we will have them ready for you. 232-9870.

Thursday, November 24 Clubroom Closed- Happy Thanksgiving!!

Friday, November 25 the Clubroom opens at noon. Take a [break from your black Friday shopping](#), or [join us for a football game](#) or two. The Clubroom offers the perfect location for food, drinks, and more. Let's munchie all day long!! Bring in your best leftovers sweet or savory.

Don't forget that we have a little some-

thing 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 reds and whites varying from sweet to dry. Enjoy a glass for \$3 or bring in some friends and share a bottle of our Carletto wine for \$12.

Thirsty Thursday- Featuring \$2 Chili Dogs all night and \$2 Bottles (Bud Family) 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.

Stop in and take advantage of the last ISU game day specials. Enjoy \$6.00 pitchers of domestics, buckets of beer for \$11, and Bloody Marys. Don't forget to bring a munchie to share!!

Legion Riders

It's that time of year again when snowbirds are leaving Iowa to ride in southern states, warm weather riders are putting bikes into winter storage, and the rest of us are hoping for no or little snow so we can keep the two wheels turning.

As mentioned in last month's article, the American Legion Riders from Post 37 went to the Zearing Health Care Center to give rides to the residents. In total, 18 rides were given out. Some short, some long but all that wanted to ride got a ride. The smiles and thank you's were a great reward to us. Afterwards, we were invited to join them for a potluck meal. Very tasty.

The scheduled dinner rides have concluded for this year. But wait! If the weather permits, impromptu rides are still happening. Destinations are decided by who shows up. So far, Jimmy's BBQ in Boone has been one as well as the Ames Moose Lodge for tenderloin night.

At the November meeting, we nominate new officers for the 2017 year, followed by voting at December meeting. If everything goes well, the new officers will be installed at the January meeting. The 2017 dues are due by January 1st. That reminds me; on January 1st we will have our first ride for 2017 – weather and roads permitting.

Another one of the top 10 things riding my motorcycle has taught me. **Stop taking off with the kickstand down!** A rookie mistake #1. It is embarrassing to have someone point at your kickstand when you are riding to find that it is still down. It also can make left hand turns more challenging. Page 12 in the rider manual advises against this activity. Never can figure out how this can be forgotten. Usually stems from being distracted just as you take your bike off the side stand. Lesson: Dangerous. Stop doing it.

On that note, we will see you when we see you at the post! **Keep the rubber side down.**

Sunday Brunch November 13 11am-1pm

Please join us for Sunday Brunch!! Enjoy a delightful mix of your favorite breakfast and lunch dishes. Help us to celebrate the flavors of fall. Brunch is a free will donation to benefit the building fund. We look forward to seeing you there.



CLUBROOM COUPON

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

Veterans Day Events

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will see the invitation to a Veterans Day Breakfast from Sawyer Elementary School. Each Veterans Day there are many invitations and events for veterans around Veterans Day. Unfortunately, too often we learn of them too late to get them included in the newsletter for you to know about.

There is a solution. This year we will compile a list of events and send it to the Ames Legion Family members who have trusted us with their e-mail address. You easily can join that group simply by sending your e-mail address to legionpost37newsletter@gmail.com. Not only will you help the Legion Family save money on mailing costs but you will also receive notice of benefits to you that you may not otherwise know about. Do it today!!!

Kudo Korner



Well done and thank you to the following Post Family members for their assistance in October: Chris

Duncan, Kathy MacCrea, Sandy Deacon, Sharon & Bob Bellinghausen, Roger Elliott, Dee Ball, Stan & Tammy Hyer, Dee Thompson, Jammie Phillips, Lois Poppe, Jan Schmidt and Alex McMurray for their help with the October Steak Dinner; Hank Goettsche,, Megan McEnany, Mellisa McEnany, Tess Debartolo and Katy Moorman for helping with Tenderloin Night; Tammy Krogh and Kathy MacCrea for putting on a Wednesday Night Dinner for our patrons; Hank Goettsche for working on the kitchen floor and helping out with our early morning beer deliveries and, Don Johnson, Nita Paque and Mary Paque for helping to set up for Bingo every Wednesday and Sunday.

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	6 BINGO	7 LEGION RIDERS 6:30 WEEKLY DRAWING	8 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY SAL REGULAR 6:30	9 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	10 DOLLAR DOG DAY LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	11 FIREBALL FRIDAY VETERANS DAY OPEN HOUSE TENDERLOIN NIGHT
13 SUNDAY BRUNCH BINGO	14 WEEKLY DRAWING	15 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 7:00	16 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	17 DOLLAR DOG DAY COMMITTEES SOCIAL 6:00 OPERATION 6:15	18 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	19 INDOOR TAILGATE PARTY
20 BINGO	21 WEEKLY DRAWING	22 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY 40&8	23 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	24 THANKSGIVING CLUBROOM CLOSED	25 FIREBALL FRIDAY CLUBROOM OPEN AT 12 MUNCHIES ALL DAY	26 INDOOR TAILGATE PARTY
27 BINGO	28 WEEKLY DRAWING	29 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY	30 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	 Find us on Facebook at American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37		