

## NATIONAL COMMANDER VISITS POST



National Commander Dale Barnett visited the post on Sunday, August 15 during his trip to Iowa. The visit was arranged on only 6 days notice so we know not everyone was informed in time to come to the Post. We were able to e-mail everyone for whom we have addresses and get it on the Facebook page.

Commander Barnett spoke one-on-one with nearly everyone there and then shared a few thoughts with us regarding his year. He especially spoke on the youth programs and his visits to Boys Nation, Junior Shooting Sports and the

Legion World Series. He also told of his experience in Indiana visiting two of the Posts that have been formed in the correctional facilities there.

At the end of his visit, Post Commander Phillips presented him with a gift from the Post, a game of Cycloneopoly for he and his family to remember us.



Commander Barnett also led a Veterans Awareness Walk at the State Fair during the Veterans Day Parade. He is shown following the banner that is being carried by Past Post Commander Doug MacCrea and Riders President Stan Hyer. Great job, guys.

## STEAK DINNERS BEGIN FOR YEAR



The Legion Family will host a steak dinner each month on the First Saturday of the month serving from 5:30 to 7:00. The first Steak Dinner of the season will be held on September 3rd. Come on down and enjoy a great meal with family, friends and neighbors. The dinner includes Baked Potato or French Fries, soup and salad bar. Menu and pricing options are:

10 oz Ribeye	\$14.00	10 oz Ribeye Combo	\$16.00
6 oz Sirloin	\$9.00	6 oz Sirloin Combo	\$11.00
Shrimp (6 pc)	\$11.00	Shrimp (4 pc)	\$9.00
12 oz Ham Steak	\$9.50	Soup & Salad Bar	\$7.00

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## Post Commander Pat's Comments

Greetings Post 37 Legion Family! August was an extremely busy month for the Post. A highlight of the month was the visit by the National Commander, Dale Barnett on August 14<sup>th</sup>. We had very little time to prepare for this event and our Post did an OUTSTANDING job. A special thanks to all who help put this event together in 6 short days. The turnout, food and comradery was just great and made me proud to be a member of this Family.

As summer begins to wind down, the Post's activities continue to gain momentum. First on the list is Membership. If you haven't renewed your membership now is the time to get it updated. We have set some aggressive goals this year to help increase our rollcall. Our membership committee for the Post will be canvassing the membership to make sure our retention rate is as high as possible while at the same time identifying potential new members



in our community. Our strength in numbers has many benefits, but none greater than increasing our ability to help other veterans. Recruit a neighbor, friend or family member this year.

The coming month of September promises to not slow down. With Steak Night kicking back in on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, Bike Night, Burger Night, and Bingo just to mention a few. Make a point to visit the Clubroom this month and bring a friend. In addition to social events for the month, we have to begin thinking about events that are right around the corner. First is the planning

for Veterans Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This is a special time for the Post and planning needs to start now. If you can help that day, please let us know. September is also National Disaster Preparedness Month. This is a prime time to renew our commitment to the Legion's National Emergency Fund. September 2<sup>nd</sup> is V-J Day. Consider asking your church to ring

the bells at noon on this day. September 11<sup>th</sup> is Patriot Day, a day of remembrance and renewed commitment. And finally, the third Friday of the month is National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

As you can see, September is shaping up to be a very active month for the Post. Plan on participating in one or all of the events scheduled this month. We are truly blessed to have each other as brothers and sisters in our Legion. Your membership is appreciated, your participation is honored.

Thank you for your Service  
Doc

## Squadron Commander Roger's Comments

To the relief of most parents, children are now back in school and life is (hopefully) settling down a little. This also means that activities are starting to ramp up for the Post.

The function of the Post is to support and help those who have served in our military. To do that, it needs your help. If you have not done so yet, please take a few minutes and get your membership renewal in the mail or drop it off at the Post. Your dues help to support a variety of activities and it is crucial that we retain (and increase) our membership. If you have sons or grandsons

who are not yet members, it only costs \$10 for them to join the Sons of the American Legion. But it's not just your dues that are needed. Your active support of the Post is very much needed and there are a variety of ways that you can help. Whenever possible, please attend our monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm where we decide how to best utilize our assets. Looking for an evening of relaxation? Then consider attending the various events that are hosted by the Post every month. Twice a week, every week, the Post sponsors a Bingo night.

Representatives of the Legion, S.A.L., and Auxiliary are needed to work at each of these events. The work is light and is pretty simple. And finally, the Post is starting up its monthly suppers with the Legion hosting the meal this month. If you are able to help out at one of these meals, there are a multitude of tasks where we can always use an extra set of hands.

If you have questions or wish to help out with any of the activities, please let me know by coming to one of our meetings or by sending me an e-mail at [rog-well83@gmail.com](mailto:rog-well83@gmail.com).

## E-Mail Addresses Needed

### ATTENTION MEMBERS:



We have many of our members receiving this newsletter and other information by e-mail. If you are not one of them, you should consider it. National Commander Barnett's

visit was scheduled on very short notice. Those who have given us their e-mail address received notice of the visit and were able to choose whether to attend. Most of those who still get the newsletter through the mail knew nothing of the visit until it was over.

Beyond just better communication though, those who receive this newsletter by e-mail are saving the Legion fam-

ily significant money. Printing and mailing costs run about 25 cents per issue. That works out to \$3.00 per year per person.

We guarantee that we will only use your e-mail address for communication from the Legion family. Send it to

[davidrehbein@msn.com](mailto:davidrehbein@msn.com)

And we will add you to the list.

## Clubroom News

September is here, the leaves will be changing colors and Footballs will be flying. Come in and visit us we have great daily specials, cold beer and an awesome menu.

Starting Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> come to our indoor tailgate to support your Iowa teams. We will have all the top games on our jumbo 110" and 130"TVs. Bring in a munchie to share and enjoy the drink specials that we offer on games days. The Post is the best place to watch all the Cyclone games!

We will be cooking up tenderloins Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> come down and enjoy \$6.00 baskets.

The final bike night is the 23<sup>rd</sup> so get out your leathers and come out and cool off in our indoor beer garden.

There will be a bonus drawing the 27<sup>th</sup> come in and win! There will be 6 drawings of \$50 each commencing at 6:30pm. Members must be qualified for the drawing by consistently entering into the weekly drawing.

Musicwalk will be September 29th 5-8 pm. Visit the Main Street Cultural District for an evening of great shopping set to the sounds of great music at businesses throughout the district. The vast variety of musical genres will please guests of all ages. Stop into the Post and check out our musician!!

## Bits and Pieces

The Story County Council will hold a joint meeting hosted by the Ames Post and Unit on September 17.

Ashley Spencer, winner of a bronze medal in the Olympic 400 meter hurdles event is the daughter of Indianapolis American Legion employee Demetrius Spencer.

The Legion Riders Legacy Run left Indianapolis on Sunday, August 21 for their fundraising trip to the National Convention in Cincinnati. The 2015 Legacy Run raised over \$1,000,000.

Texarkana, AK Post #58 won the Legion World Series. They beat Rowan County, NC 8-6 in 12 innings.

If elected at the 2017 National Convention, leading candidate Denise Rohan from Wisconsin would be the first female National Commander of The American Legion. Iowa has had one female Department Commander, Betty Andrews of Cedar Rapids in 1987-88.

Amy Gardner, Ames first Department Oratorical champion, judged the National finals this year in Indianapolis.

## Presidential Candidates to Address Convention

The American Legion National Convention will feature addresses by the major party candidates for President. Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton will address the delegates at 12:30 on Wednesday, August 31. Republican Donald Trump will appear for his address at 9:00 on Thursday, September 1. Times are subject to change.

Clinton vows to "maintain the best-trained, best-equipped and strongest military the world has ever known". Clinton also promises to reform VA health care and block any initiative to privatize the VA.

Trump proposes to "make our military so big, powerful and strong that no one will mess with us". His proposal for VA reform includes increasing funding for mental health resources for veterans, better care for women veterans and

modernizing all VA centers with better 21st Century state of the art technology.

Clinton's complete position is available at [www.hillaryclinton.com/issues](http://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues). Trump's position on VA reform can be found at [www.donaldjtrump.com](http://www.donaldjtrump.com). You can find the Legion's brochure Our Pillars Your Platform for comparison with the candidates positions at [www.legion.org/publications/233150/our-pillars-your-platform](http://www.legion.org/publications/233150/our-pillars-your-platform). Other convention information can be found at [www.legion.org/convention](http://www.legion.org/convention).

Many of the events at the National Convention including the candidate's remarks will be livestreamed. The sessions begin at 8AM, August 30 on [www.legiontv.org](http://www.legiontv.org).

The American Legion Auxiliary convention will be live-streamed at [livestream.com/americanlegionauxiliary/events/6174305/](http://livestream.com/americanlegionauxiliary/events/6174305/).

### CLUBROOM COUPON

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

## Time for Nut Orders



You will find the 2016 Nut Order form as an insert

in this bulletin. All of your old favorites are there as well as some new items.

This fundraiser has been very popular in past years and pre-ordering assures that you get what you want. This sale helps the Unit fund their programs. It is a win-win for you and them. If you have questions, contact information is on the order sheet. Be sure and ask your friends and neighbors if they would like to place an order also!

## Membership

Welcome to the following new Post Members: **Michael Bennett, Jon Logterman; Fred Brunner and Anthony Perdue.**

You may have seen the Legion tent at the Saturday Farmer's Market. We are out there looking for new members but it is also a great place to renew. Stop by and say hello while you are doing your shopping. We are there twice each month.

## Kudo Korner



Well done and thank you to the following Post Family members this month: Dennis Vincent for spear-

heading the Post's Main Street Bike Night efforts and to all whom have assisted to date; Ann & Dave Rehbein, Pat & Jammie Phillips, Sharon Bellinghausen, Kathy MacCrea, Dennis Vincent, Denny Krogh, Tammy Hyer, Sandy Deacon and the ladies of the Auxiliary for organizing, preparing and hosting the dinner reception for the National Commander; Megan McEnany, Rich Evans, Sandy and Mike Deacon for helping with Burger Night.

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	Find us on Facebook at <b>American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37</b>			1 DOLLAR DOG DAY	2 FIREBALL FRIDAY  MUNCHIES NIGHT	3 STEAK DINNER 5:30—7:00
4 FUN DAY SUNDAY  BINGO	5 LABOR DAY  LEGION RIDERS 6:30	6 TATER TOT TUESDAY  AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30	7 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY  BINGO	8 DOLLAR DOG DAY  LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	9 FIREBALL FRIDAY  MUNCHIES NIGHT	10 INDOOR TAILGATE NOON-9PM
11 FUN DAY SUNDAY  BINGO	12 RIDERS RIDE & DINE 6:30	13 TATER TOT TUESDAY  SAL REGULAR 6:30	14 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY  BINGO	15 DOLLAR DOG DAY  STORY COUNTY JOINT MEETING 7:15	16 FIREBALL FRIDAY  POW/MIA DAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	17 INDOOR TAILGATE NOON-9PM
18 FUN DAY SUNDAY  BINGO	19 RIDERS RIDE & DINE 6:30	20 TATER TOT TUESDAY  PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 7:00	21 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY TENDERLOIN BASKET 5-6:30  BINGO	22 DOLLAR DOG DAY  SOCIAL 6:00 OPERATIONS 6:20 CENTENNIAL 7:00	23 FIREBALL FRIDAY  MAIN STREET BIKE NIGHT	24 INDOOR TAILGATE NOON-9PM
25 FUN DAY SUNDAY  BINGO	26 RIDERS RIDE & DINE 6:30	27 TATER TOT TUESDAY  BONUS DRAWING NIGHT 40&8	28 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY  BINGO	29 DOLLAR DOG DAY	30 FIREBALL FRIDAY  MUNCHIES NIGHT	