

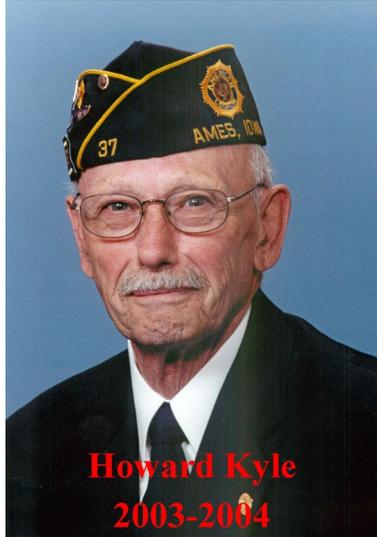
Howard Kyle to Post Everlasting

Howard Kyle, Past Commander, Honorary Life Member and current Sergeant-at-Arms passed away June 11.

Howard was a veteran of the US Air Force serving during the Korean War. He joined The American Legion in 1982 and had just celebrated 35 continuous years of membership.

He was one of only 16 Legionnaires to be designated an Honorary Life Member of the Ames Post and continued to serve after his year as Commander in the Sergeant-at-Arms positions and especially as Commander of the Post Honor Guard.

Post Commander Phillips said of him, "Howard was the epitome of what a Le-



gionnaire should be. His selfless dedication to his duties as Past Commander, Sergeant-at-Arms and leading the Honor Guard reflected his passion for helping Veterans. His passing has left a void in our Post and in our hearts. "

As a demonstration of the

respect in which Howard was held, while the Air Force performed his flag folding and presentation, two members of the Iowa Army National Guard that Howard worked with on many funerals stood at attention, paying their respects.

Howard is survived by his son Mike, daughter Naylene, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and three sisters He was preceded in death by his wife Delores, children Steven and Pamela and a brother and sister.

Howard will be missed by his many friends at the Post and in the city of Ames. His life and service to The American Legion and the honor he paid to his fellow veterans sets an example to all

Ames Boys State Delegates



Three of the four delegates to Boys State for 2017 from Ames shown above after the Tuesday general assembly. Seth Breyfogle, Jason Taylor

and John Howell (L-R) are shown. Joel Stahr was unable to be in the picture.

Of the four, two were in the election for State Senate and two for the House of Representatives on Tuesday night. Results of the elections were unavailable.

We anticipate that they will be reporting on Boys State at the August Post and Squadron meetings. Watch the August newsletter for more details.

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Thoughts from Post Commander Pat

Greetings Legionnaires! Time has really flown this month. As we look back on the 2017 year we were very successful in making our goal as a Post for membership and being part of the ONLY District in the Department to make goal this year. But, it is now a new year and we are beginning to work on our membership for 2018. My request of you is to get your dues paid early this year so we can capitalize on the momentum we created in 2017.

I have decided to run for a second year as your Commander. We made a lot of progress last year, but we did not do it alone. Many members of the Post contributed small and large to help increase not only our membership, but our visibility in the community of Ames. Many lessons were learned this year by yours truly, and I intend to capitalize on these lessons this year to help make even greater inroads to improving our Post. No one does this alone. I truly need everyone to help contribute, both small

and large in the upcoming year to continue our progress.

From a fun standpoint, our Legion Golf league is going great guns. Many thanks to Rodger Van Voorhis for coordinating and keeping tally on this adventurous group.



Additionally, this month the Post did a "Clean-Up" of the Downstairs. Many thanks to Marv Holmgren, Rickey

Thompson, Phil Harris, Geno Janssen, Roger Lawrence, Bob Bellinghausen and Mike Deacon. The basement has not looked this good in 20 years according to some of our members.

The upcoming month has some important dates to remember. June 25th is the Ride to support Nicole Clapp as the candidate for the American Legion Auxiliary National President, July 1 – Farmers Market, Department Convention on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of July. Post Joint installation on Monday July 10th. Check the newsletter for upcoming events in the clubroom as well. Look for the Weekly updates and this newsletter for upcoming events and changes.

Again, thank you for your trust and confidence as I enter my second year as Commander of Post #37. I hope to make this year even more successful than 2017 and I cannot do it without your help and support. Thanks to each and every one of you.

Thoughts from Unit President-Elect Jammie

From the President (to be)

Greetings Ladies! I want to start this article out by saying thank you. I am honored to have been elected President of the Unit and I am looking forward to the adventure. I know we are all eager to get to work and we have a lot of work to do! I am excited for all of the great things we will accomplish in the 2017/2018 membership year, and honestly I hope you are too.

In July your newly elected officers will be installed. However, we are still in

need of a few good women to chair several of the Standing Committees. If you would like to learn more about available committees please feel free to contact me, or any of the unit officers. I would like to thank Sandi Lawrence (Americanism Chairman), Sandy Deacon (VA&R Chairman) and Joyce Elliot (Membership Chairman). Speaking of Membership: please be aware that membership dues for 17/18 have increased to 30.00 for Senior Members. Junior (under 18) dues will remain at 5.00.

July will be a busy month; 4th of July, Joint Installation, and Department Convention. Due to the holiday, the regular Auxiliary meeting will not be held in July. Regular Meeting? In case you didn't know, Unit 37 holds its meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We would love to see you there!

Again, thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. I am flattered to be given the opportunity to lead such a phenomenal group of women.

Squadron Commander Roger's Comments

Can you believe that 2017 is already half over? That means that it is time to swear in our officers for 2017-2018. I would encourage you to attend the ceremony which will be taking place at the Post on July 10th. I also want to encourage you to support the new officers by getting involved as much as your schedule will allow. You can do that by attending the monthly meetings whenever possible and by volunteering to help staff some of our events.

Speaking of support, I want to thank all of you who have mentored, encouraged, and tolerated me over the last 2 years while I was the squadron commander. I had a lot to learn about the

Post since I was a relatively new member myself when I agreed to take on the leadership role. While it was sometimes a challenge, it was also a very rewarding experience.

The Sons of the American Legion, Post 37, has a lot to be proud of. We continue to support several programs that benefit our veterans and their families and we fund some programs for our area youth. But to accomplish these goals, it takes all of us. Please continue to help by volunteering for events, attending fund-raisers, and spreading the word about the good works of the Post. Also encourage your family, friends, and co-workers to consider

becoming members.

In case you have not yet heard, Mike Deacon has stepped forward to once again take the helm as squadron commander. That means that this is my last official newsletter article and he will be providing the articles for the next year. Please give this man your respect and support. He is not new to the position so he will be bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position.

Until we meet again, never forget what the American Legion stands for and do your part to make miracles happen for our veterans.

Main Street Flags Go Up at 5PM on Friday June 30—Workers Needed

Clubroom News

Happy Independence Day to all!! We hope that everyone is well and having a fabulous summer. We invite all of our members to join us for the 4th of July parade beginning at 11am. The Clubroom will open at 10am. We will also be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs, Brats and out front. There will be plenty of activities downtown July 4, come and join in the fun!!

Friday July 14 5:30-7:00pm-

Corn on the Cob and Bologna dinner. Come join us for a wonderful summer treat!

Check out our awesome daily specials
Taco Tuesday- Choose between a walking or a soft shell and top it will all your favorite toppings for just \$2.
Winesday Wednesday-try one of our many fine wines, whether you like a dry red or a sweet white or your tastes are in between, we have a wine for you. \$3

a glass.

Thursday Dynamic Duo Day- Offering Dollar Dogs all day, your choice of Plain, Jalapeno & Cheddar, or Cheddar. 6-Close we have \$2 Bud Brotherhood Bottle time to bring in some friends and enjoy a baseball game!!

Sunday Sunday- Every Sunday the clubroom offers a \$4 Bloody Mary loaded with all the goodies, \$5 Moscow Mules all day long, and \$3 Mimosas, join us for a fun day and added surprises.

Kudos-Thanks to everyone who helped out with the cleaning out of the basement. It looks great! Thanks to all who helped out over the last month. It is greatly appreciated. John Schomaker, Scott Scoba, Michelle Sime, Eric Pfleeger, Sandy Deacon, Mike Deacon, Ken Woodley, Bill Donovan, Hank Goettsche, Melissa McEnany, Michelle McEnany, and Megan McEnany.

CLUBROOM COUPON
Any Tuesday in July
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Thanks for Poppy Help



Thank you to all of the twenty-four volunteers from the Legion Family who helped distribute poppies on Memorial Day weekend – May 26 and 27. Thanks to their hard work, along with the cans in locations around Ames, we raised over \$4900. This money will be used to help veterans and their families. **THANK YOU ALL!!!**

Janet Schmidt and Kathy MacCrea
Co-Chairman

2017-2018 Post, Unit and Squadron Officers to be Installed.

The newly elected officers of the Post, Unit and Squadron will be installed in a joint installation ceremony on July 10 at 7:00. The officers that were elected at the June meetings are listed below. As you can see, the Squadron has two openings yet to be filled, Historian and one position on the Executive Board. Those openings will be filled by appointment at a future date.

Installation of the Ames Legion family officers has been done in a joint ceremony for the last few years. It is a very impressive ceremony and is open to all members. In fact, all members of the family participate since there is a part where the membership is asked to pledge their cooperation with the new officers in their work to lead the Post, Unit and Squadron. Join us at 7PM on July 10 and give these new officers your support.

Post #37		Unit #37		Squadron #37	
Commander	Pat Phillips	President	Jammie Phillips	Commander	Mike Deacon
1st Vice Cmdr	Denny Krogh	1st Vice President	Jan Schmidt	1st Vice Cmdr	Keven Brace
2nd Vice Cmdr	Jennifer Monserud	2nd Vice President	Kathy MacCrae	2nd Vice Cmdr	Mike Monserud
Adjutant	Dave Rehbein	Secretary	Sandy Deacon	Adjutant	Bob Bellinghausen
Finance Officer	Randy Freel	Treasurer	Marilyn Nervig	Finance Officer	Randy Freel
Chaplain	Rickey Thompson	Chaplain	Sharon Bellinghausen	Chaplain	Roger Elliott
Historian	Anthony Perdue	Historian	Dee Ball	Historian	Open
Service Officer	Bob Bellinghausen	Sergeant-at-Arms	Kelli Hitsman	Judge Advocate	Marion Eacret
Sergeant-at-Arms	Howard Kyle	Executive Board	Sharon Mott	Sergeant-at-Arms	Doug MacCrea
Executive Board	Roger Lawrence	Dee Thompson	Jan Anderson	Executive Board	Bill Wirth
Mike Monserud	John Schomaker	Judy Demarest	Pat Kyle	Pat Phillips	One Position Open
Everett Freel	Marion Eacret				

2018 Membership Year Beginning—Renew Early

The 2018 Membership Year begins with the delivery of the new membership cards. The Post has their new cards in hand and the renewal notices will be out soon after July 1. New cards for the Unit and Squadron will be available soon. Don't wait to renew. We want all three to reach their goal this year. You can help by renewing early. Dues are \$45 for the Post, \$30 for senior Unit members and \$5 for junior members and \$45 for Senior Squadron members and \$10 for junior members (under age 21) and dual members (Post and Squadron).

Main Street Flags Come Down at 5PM on Tuesday July 4—Workers Needed

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2 BINGO	3 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	4 TACO TUESDAY JULY 4 PARADE & GRILLING OUT FRONT	5 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	6 DOLLAR DOG DAY SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:00	7 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	8
9 BINGO	10 JOINT INSTALLA- TION 7:00 DINNER RIDE LEHIGH	11 TACO TUESDAY SAL REGULAR 6:30	12 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	13 DOLLAR DOG DAY LEGION BOARD 6:30	14 FIREBALL FRIDAY SWEET CORN & BOLOGNA 5:30-7:00	15
16 BINGO	17 DINNER RIDE BONDURANT	18 TACO TUESDAY	19 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	20 DOLLAR DOG DAY	21 FIREBALL FRIDAY DEPARTMENT CONVENTION MUNCHIES NIGHT	22
23 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION BINGO	24 DINNER RIDE STORY CITY	25 TACO TUESDAY 40&8	26 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	27 DOLLAR DOG DAY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	28 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	29
30 BINGO	31 DINNER RIDE ANKENY	 Find us on Facebook at American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37		Come visit the booth at Farmers Market on July 1		