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Nominating Committees Report

The Post, Unit and Squadron nominating committees gave their initial report at the May meetings. The candidates that they reported are below. The committees will give their final report at the June meetings prior to election. Nominations will also be taken prior to election for anyone who makes a late decision to be a candidate. Please consider an office, leadership in the Ames Legion family can be a very rewarding experience.

Post Candidates	Unit Candidates	Squadron Candidates
Commander Pat Phillips	President Jammie Phillips	Commander Open
1st Vice Commander Doug MacCrae	1st Vice President Jan Schmidt	1st Vice Commander Keven Brace
2nd Vice Commander Phil Harris, Jennifer Monserud	2nd Vice President Kathy MacCrae	2nd Vice Commander Mike Monserud
Adjutant Dave Rehbein	Secretary Sandy Deacon	Adjutant Mike Deacon
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 Hitman	Judge Advocate Marion Eacret
Sergeant-at-Arms Howard Kyle	Executive Board (5 to be elected) Sharon Mott, Dee Thompson, Jan Anderson, Judy Demarest, Pat Kyle	Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Bellinghausen
Executive Board (5 to be elected) Keith Harvey, John Schomaker, Everett Freel, Denny Krogh, Mike Monserud		Exec. Board (3 to be elected) Open



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If you are getting this by e-mail and you want to check out the flag bookazine on the third

page, that link is active. Click on it and you will go there. If not, then you have to type the address into your browser.

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Will You Help Honor Our Comrades?

The American Legion performs many services for our comrades. We authored the GI Bill during WW II and continue to advocate for educational benefits for our comrades.

We provide trained service officers at no cost to help our comrades through the disability claim process with the VA. We provide volunteers in the VA hospitals and CBOCs to help our comrades get the healthcare they need.

We provide a place for our comrades to come together with others who understand what they have been through in the military during wartime.

Every year we advocate at both the National and State levels to ensure the funding is provided for the benefits that our comrades have earned through their service.

Lastly and maybe most importantly, we provide military honors at the services for our comrades as they transfer to Post Everlasting. Of all the things that we do and all the services that we provide, that is the one thing that most touches the families of our comrades.



We have dedicated volunteers to provide that service, people who take the time out of their daily lives when the time comes for that final honor. Not everyone can be there every time though and we need to replenish their ranks at times. Would you join them?

We ask that our Honor Guard members wear a white short-sleeved shirt and a Legion tie in summer with navy blue pants. In cooler weather, a navy blue blazer joins the uniform. We have Le-

gion emblems that are worn on the breast pocket of the blazer.

When winter comes, the Post supplies a heavy coat for honor guard duties with a hood. We ask that members supply their own Legion cap.

In addition to funeral honors, the Honor Guard supplies a Color Guard for parades and as requested for posting of colors at meetings in Ames.

The only pay that the Honor Guard receives is the satisfaction that comes when a family member comes to say Thank-You after a service. That is more than enough pay for the right people.

We only see the Honor Guard when we go to the cemetery or when the parade passes by but without them, a vital service would not be performed.

If you are interested in joining them, call the Post at 232-9870 and leave your name and phone number in care of Commander Phillips, Sgt-at-Arms Kyle or Bob Larson. We will be in touch. This is one of the things that The American Legion was formed to do.

Comments from the Unit

A touching Memorial Service was held before our May meeting. Thank you to all who participated. The audit report was given with everything found to be in order. Membership is always everyone's job, we are at 284 and need 36 more.

The nominating committee gave a slate of officer's, if you are interested in running for an office, please let Ann Rehbein, Jan Schmidt or Kathy McCrea know.

The Past Presidents Parley met in May and new officers were elected. President is Sharon Bellinghausen, Sandy Deacon is Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer is Joyce Elliott and Ann Rehbein is the Chaplain. Thank you all for you do.

Memorial Day is coming up, please plan to attend the parade and service at the Ames Municipal Cemetery. Wreaths will be laid by the Auxiliary, Past Presidents and Juniors.

At our June meeting we will be electing our new officers and delegates to the Department Convention in July.

July 10 will be the Joint Installation. (We voted that if necessary, we would have a short meeting after installation.)

We would like to thank all of the Past Presidents who stepped up and filled the job each month. Everyone has done a great job. Thank you to all the members for putting up with us!

Squadron Commander Roger's Comments

It's official. The Ames S.A.L. missed our membership goal this year by 6. It is unfortunate, but it was not too surprising since we had a few members relocate to other squadrons closer to their homes. As we discussed what can be done in the future at our last meeting, I got to thinking about family-time. As a father of 4 girls, we did things that they enjoyed. When they wanted to become girl scouts, my wife and I both became a girl scout leaders so that we could experience everything the Girl Scouts had to offer together. One of the truths I learned during those years was that every child needs at least 3 positive role models in their life besides their parents. When I look at the S.A.L., I see great potential for fa-

thers (or grandfathers) to have quality time with their sons in a positive environment as we seek to serve and honor our veterans. If you have a son or grandson, why not sign them up in the S.A.L. and then get them involved by attending meetings and working events together? There are lots of opportunities to see positive role models in action.

Memorial Day is quickly approaching and we are again asking for your help to honor the veterans who are no longer with us. On Thursday, May 25th, we are seeking volunteers to help place flags at the graves of veterans in the Ames Municipal Cemetery and then to also help remove those flags on Tuesday, May 30th. Both events will start at 5

PM. Please come out and help for whatever amount of time you can donate. With adequate help, we could have the whole cemetery done in an hour.

Lastly, as you know, we will soon be voting for officers to serve this next year. For most of the positions, we have found volunteers who are willing to serve. But we still have a few vacancies. Please review the list and then let me know if you are willing to fill one of the vacancies or if you know of someone whom we can solicit to serve. As I have stressed multiple times over the last couple of years, we can always use fresh eyes and new ideas to find new ways of serving.

Clubroom News

Hooray for warmer weather!! Stop into the clubroom and try one of our seasonal summer beers while watching your favorite baseball teams. Please welcome Rebecca Wallace to our clubroom staff. Stop in a say hello.

Friday, June 2 is the Downtown Art-walk. Please stop into downtown and tour all the business that have opened their door to artists. This event is 5-8pm. The American Legion is happy to host the exhibit Creatively Jorja. Jorja Kemp will have an exhibit of her Portrait and Alcohol Inks. Stop in and check it out. The Ames Community Arts Council will also bring a craft for the kids. Fun for the whole family!!

Wednesday, June 21 Join us for Summer Grill Out. Let us do the grilling for you. We will be grilling brats and

burgers from 5-6:30pm. Get them in a basket with chips and pasta salad for just \$5.

Check out our awesome daily specials

Taco Tuesday- Choose between a walking or soft shell taco with 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 or share a bottle of one of our Carletto Wines for only \$12.

Thursday Dynamic Duo Day- Offering Dollar Dogs all day, your choice of Plain, Jalapeno & Cheddar, or Cheddar. 5-close we have \$2 Domestic Bottles. It's a great time to bring in some friends and enjoy a baseball game!!

Legion Riders

The Nation of Patriots Flag is headed to Ames from Waukon on Sunday May 28, 2017. A group will be going to HD in Waterloo probably about 11:30 and if not able then another group headed to Marshalltown Vets Home about 1:30 to escort the Flag into Ames. We will send out more specific details as we get closer. On Tuesday May 30th we will take the flag to Mason City, leaving Zylstra's HD at 2 PM. There is also a silent auction at Zylstra's Monday afternoon May 29th to raise money for NOP.

The Memorial Day Parade will start from Ames City Hall at 10:30AM. Parade participants should begin gathering at 10:00AM on 5th St. between



Clark and Pearle or in the parking lot on the east side of City Hall, 515 Clark. The parade will proceed north along Clark and then east along 9th Street to the Ames Municipal Cemetery.

The Memorial Day program will take place at the Ames Municipal Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. The main speaker will be Aaron Rosheim of Ames. Mayor

Campbell will give the city's welcome. Afterwards, American Legion Post #37 will provide lunch at the post, 225 Main Street in Ames.

In case of rain, the parade will be cancelled and the program will move indoors to the Ames Municipal Auditorium at 11:00 a.m.

Veterans Choice Phone Line Imposter

The VA is distributing a fact sheet dated April 27, 2017 warning of a phone line impostor in the Veterans Choice Program, VCP.

The phone line has been set up by an unknown party to potentially "mimic" the VCP phone line. This imposter phone line may be intended to reach Veterans who inadvertently dial the VCP number incorrectly. VA wants you to know that they are taking this seriously and will work to keep you aware of the steps they are taking.

The phone line established to "mimic" the VCP phone line is 1-800-606-8198.

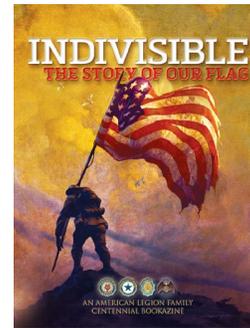
You know you have reached the wrong VCP phone line when:

- The phone line offers callers a \$100 rebate if the caller provides a credit card.
- The phone line does not state the caller has reached U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or the VCP phone line. The correct VCP phone line is 1-866-606-8198. This line is for Veterans to check their eligibility for the VCP and ask questions about the program. If you are unsure if you have reached the correct phone line, hang up and dial 1-866-606-8198 again.

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Indivisible-The Story of Our Flag



National Emblem Sales has the 2nd printing of the Book-A-Zine titled **Indivisible—The Story of our Flag.**

This item was very popular and the first printing sold out quickly.

This is an American Legion Centennial tribute to our nation's colors, exploring the flag's meaning, the price paid for all it symbolizes, and the special place it occupies in our culture and conscience. This collectible bookazine, beautifully illustrated, succinctly tells the story of the U.S. flag from the American Revolution to the global war on terrorism.

Go to emblem.legion.org to order. The price is \$9.95 plus shipping. The item number is 755.915.

Kudo Korner



Thank you so much for all that helped and donated items to help make our Mother's Day Brunch a success!
Jan Hansen, Mag-

gie and John Schomaker, Sharon and Bob Bellinghausen, Dee Ball, Andrea Gronau, Sandy and Mike Deacon, Bill Donovan, Hank Goetsch, Anthony Perdue, Michelle Sime, Bernie Banker, Deann Freel, and Doug and Kathy MacCrea.

Special thanks to Martin Escobedo for donating his time to fix our gas pipe connections. Thanks to Rodger Van Voorhis for making us a new table to store items and catch our mail

Also thank you to Sandy Deacon, Jan Schmidt, Everett and Marilyn Freel, Sue Jones, Ann Rehbein, Doug and Kathy MacCrae and Pat and Jammie Phillips for their regular help with the newsletter.

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4 BINGO	5 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	6 TACO 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
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18 BINGO	19	20 TACO TUESDAY	21 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY SUMMER GRILL-OUT NITE 5:00-6:30 BINGO	22 DOLLAR DOG DAY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	23 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	24
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