

Legion Family's Youth Programs Kick-Off

Fall is the kick-off of the Ames Legion Family's Youth Programs for 2017-2018. The first of those will happen October 23 at Ames High when the Legion Family joins with Ames High School to award academic letters to the top students in the junior and senior classes.



Juniors and Seniors at Ames High with at least a 3.5 GPA and one year of residence at Ames High have been receiving these letters for 31 years with this year's event.

This is a program that is unique to Ames in the state and possibly in the country. The costs are paid completely by the Ames Legion Family with equal contributions from the Post, Unit and Squadron.

Again this year, approximately 200 students will be honored. The ceremony will be held in the cafeteria at Ames High beginning at 6PM.

We need our Legion Family members to attend to hand out programs and simply to show our support for the education system in Ames. The cafeteria will be full of family members.

The American Legion family has always supported and valued education of our children. We need to be there in strength to show them that we care more than just writing a check.



Along with the Academic Awards, we will be spreading the word about Boys and Girls State and beginning to look for candidates

for those programs.

Students that are currently in their junior year are eligible but must demonstrate good citizenship, leadership and academic ability. Candidates will be nominated by the guidance counselors at Ames and Gilbert High Schools but we also take nominations from our members and others. If you have an eligible family member or neighbor, please get their contact information to the Post in care of Adjutant Dave Rehbein.



Later this year, the Squadron will be looking for candidates for their scholarships. Last year they only had one applicant for the budgeted \$1000. We know there are deserving students out there. Keep your eyes open for that announcement.

Have You Renewed? - Free Dinner on Oct 21 if You Have



The Ames Legion Family is returning to an old tradition, the Early Bird Membership Dinner. This is a free meal for anyone that has their dues paid for 2018 whether it be to the Post,

Unit or Squadron. You can also pay that evening.

There is more in the works than just a free meal but details are not available right now. We will publish that in the weekly update and have fliers in the post.

Menu for dinner will be: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Beans, Rolls and Salad. Dinner will be served beginning at 5 until 7. Mark your calendar and enjoy a free meal.

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Post Commander Pat's Comments

Greeting Legionnaires! I hope this short note finds you well and happy. Good things have been happenings at YOUR Post and I hope you take the opportunity to come and see what's new. September is our annual get back in gear time at the Post with Steak night starting back up, ISU Football (best seat in town) and watching your favorite Pro Football team on Sunday. (GO PACK GO....sorry).

A few new items to report include the new Marketing Committee that was stood up this year. It is chaired by Jennifer Monserud and have been meeting quite often. The charge of this committee is to find new avenues of outreach to our community and surrounding areas to help find not only new members, but veterans and their families that might be in need of what the Legion has to offer. Veterans helping Veterans. They are off to a good start so if you have any questions or suggestions, let

the committee know about it.

Next, you will see in this newsletter that we are re-introducing the "EARLY BIRD DINNER" this year. It has been a number of years since we have had this event. If you have paid your 2018 dues or need to get them paid, come to the FREE dinner and show us your 2018 card or pay your dues at the door. Dinner is planned for October 21st at 5 PM and we are finalizing what type of entertainment we will have. Don't miss this!!!!!! Look for the flyers coming out this week at the Post and on our Facebook and Webpage for the Post.

Our Honor Guard has been training and performing numerous services for our veterans recently. Doug MacCrea has taken the helm of this group and done a great job. If you are interested in joining our ranks in the Honor Guard please let us know.

Start looking in future issues for our

preparation for the American Legion 100th Anniversary in 2019.

Check the calendar in this issue for the ton of fun happening in October. I look forward to seeing you there. Have a great month.

At the September meeting the Post approved two donations for worthy causes within The American Legion. Our Department Headquarters badly needs to have the parking lot repaved. The Post approved a \$1,000 donation for that project.

Our comrades and fellow members in Texas, Florida and now Puerto Rico have been hit hard by hurricanes this year. The National Emergency Fund exists to help in situations like that. The post will be presenting a check for \$500 to that Fund at the Fall NEC meetings.

Personal donations can be made to either project through Department and National Headquarters.

Unit President Jammie's Comments

Happy October!

As predicted September has been a busy month for everyone. The District Leadership Conference was informative and the Ames Unit was well represented. I'm looking forward to passing along some excellent information to those of you who have chosen to chair a committee. Also, the Auxiliary Nut Sale is in full swing! You can pick up your order form(s) and brochures at the Legion. Please have all orders turned in by the October 3rd meeting.

This is going to be a great year for Unit 37. We have already had several members propose new ideas and new projects. Projects like sponsoring arts and

crafts at the Ames Farmers Market, presenting Flag Etiquette to youth at the Library, and donating school supplies to local schools are all great examples of taking the mission of The American Legion Auxiliary out into our local community. I look forward to hearing more ideas on how to support our Veterans and how to bring our community together to show its support.

We have the 6th District Fall Conference on Saturday October 7th. This also happens to be Steak Night at the Ames Legion and the Unit is responsible for this month. Thank you everyone who has already agreed to help.

The Ames High Academic Awards will

be held at Ames High School on October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. These awards are sponsored by the American Legion Family and the event is a great opportunity to promote education and its importance in our organizations.

October 27th will be Trick or Treat on Main Street and the Auxiliary will be passing out goodies to all the little goblins that come in for a visit.

Remember to bring in a box of tissues to the October meeting, we will be donating these items to the teacher closets at area schools. Thank you ladies for everything and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on October 3rd (6:30 p.m.)

Squadron Commander Mike's Comments

I would like to start out this article and give a BIG Thank You to Our Squadron members Bob Bellinghausen and Cliff Barker for their Untiring Effort in Helping OUR Veterans at the Homeless Veterans Stand Down in Des Moines this past Month. Your Work was Highly Appreciated by All. I Look forward to working with You next year.

We Need you, Our Members, to share your thoughts and Ideas with us. We need to know what is important to You and what you feel that we need to be involved in. If you have a particular interest that concerns Our Community then I would like to hear about it. We are here for Our Veterans and Their

Families, Our Community and Our Nation. The Sons of The American Legion is here to Help out with The American Legion Programs and that is Our Reason for Existence.

I will be going to Indianapolis the first weekend in October and will hopefully be able to bring back new information on the National Programs and membership Updates. Remember, anyone can go on The Sons of The American Legion web site, www.legion.org/sons and look over information and upcoming dates.

Remember that we will be in charge of the November Steak Dinner so make plans to be there to help. Please come

to our October meeting and let us know if you can be of assistance. If You can't help, come on down and enjoy a Great Meal anyway.

I would like to Invite anyone that would like to attend to come to the Ames Academic Awards Night at Ames High on October 23rd, it is a Great Night and the Families really appreciate it. Come and see How Your Squadron is involved with this Great Community.

Check the weekly update for Post Happenings and come be a part of them

Hoping to See You around the Post, till next time, May God Bless You and May God Bless America.

Clubroom News

Well it's getting to be our favorite time of the year in the clubroom. Stop in and enjoy our Spooktacular decorations throughout the month. There are lots of things to enjoy around the clubroom in the upcoming weeks. We will be throwing an indoor tailgate party for all ISU football games so grab your friends, bring a munchie and come cheer on the Cyclones with us!

Burger Night Wednesday October 11. Burgers will be served from 5-6:30pm. Come in and enjoy our fantastic burger basket for only \$5. These 1/3 lb. burgers are served with all your favorites from the garden and a side of

fries. Eat them here or take them to go!!

Fish Fry Friday, October 27 5:30-7pm. It's Fish Fry time again. Join us for fish, fries, hushpuppies and coleslaw for just \$8.

Spooktacular Munchie Contest Sunday, October 29 1pm-Bring your most "Spooktacular" munchie into the Post for a fun Halloween contest. Come on down and vote for your favorite. Please have your munchie here by 1pm. Come spend your Sunday with us.

Stop by the clubroom and check out our Happenings for the month's appetizer special, birthdays, and events.

Membership Renewal-Now is the Time

Membership work in the Ames Legion Family is in full swing this fall. Reinstatement of the Early Bird Dinner is announced on the front page.

Last year the Post and Squadron reached their membership targets. This year we want all three Legion family organizations to achieve that goal. We know that we will need to recruit some new members to replace those that pass away during the year or decide to transfer but we don't want to have to replace anyone simply because they don't renew their membership.

We won't attempt to give you a list of everything the Legion family in Ames has accomplished in the last year. That list would be much too long. All you have to do is think back over the newsletters that you received in the past 12 months and you will see that you belong to a very active group, one of the most active in the state of Iowa.

We are fortunate to have so many members but we are very fortunate and very proud that so many of our members have chosen Legion family programs as a way to give back. The Legion family nationally talks about service to the community, state and nation. In Ames, we don't just talk about it, we live service to the community, state and nation.

Many of our members don't have the chance to come to the clubroom or a meeting during the year. That shouldn't stop them from knowing that they have made a contribution to everything we do. Your dues helps with the Legion family programs and keeps us possibly the best Legion family in Iowa.

Have you renewed? If you have, THANK YOU. If not, why not today? You served in uniform or by supporting someone who wore the uniform. Continue to serve now and renew for 2018.

USAA Drawing to Help Local Post



USAA has been a supporter of The American Legion nationally for a number of years. In order to extend that support to the local level, USAA will be awarding

\$20,000 to a Legion Post the week of Veteran's Day 2017. The prize will actually be won by an individual who will then designate a post to get the money. No purchase is required.

The sweepstakes can be entered at www.usaa.com/talgiveaway from now until October 31.

Both existing USAA members and non-USAA members can enter the sweepstakes. To enter the drawing, non-USAA members need to complete USAA eligibility by going to www.usaa.com/talgiveaway and creating a username and password.

If you are already a USAA member, go to www.usaa.com/talgiveaway and login with your USAA username/password. The drawing will be held in early November and the winner will be able to select a local post to give \$20,000 towards post improvements.

That \$20,000 would go a long way to our remodeling loan and some other needed improvements.

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

Legion Riders

The Legion Rider Nation of Patriots Poker Run is scheduled for 10/14/17. Registration is at Inis Grove Park parking lot from 9-11 AM. The cost is \$20.00/hand.

Everyone is welcome to go on this run, motorcycles, cruisers, family cars, whatever you want to ride or drive. We are stopping at 5 County Freedom Rocks for our stops. Then back to the Ames Post for burgers and chips and announcement of the winners.

At our November 6th meeting we will have a special guest, Sean Taylor, who is Boone DMACC's suicide prevention specialist for the ROTC and student there. He is a veteran and a very dedicated young man, should be quite interesting. More on this next month.

District Meeting: Oct 7

The Fall Sixth District Conference will be held October 7 at Southeast Warren High School hosted by the Liberty Center Post and Unit.

Anyone that is interested in attending can contact Commander Pat or President Jammie for more information or to inquire about a ride. This meeting will describe the District's plans for the year and is well worth attending.

Stay Informed

The Department of Iowa American Legion publishes an electronic newsletter to help keep our members informed on programs, legislation, meetings, awards, etc. around the state of Iowa.

If you want to know more about the things happening in Iowa, that newsletter is a great way. It is published though e-mail on the 1st and 16th of each month.

You already receive the Iowa Legionnaire newspaper four times each. The e-newsletter is much more timely and will keep you up to date. Special issues are also published when necessary for legislative issues and other important news. You can subscribe by visiting the Iowa website at <http://www.ialegion.org/signup.htm>.


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1 BINGO	2 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	3 TACO TUESDAY AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30	4 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	5 DOLLAR DOG DAY	6 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	7 SIXTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE STEAK DINNER 5:30—7:00
8 BINGO	9	10 TACO TUESDAY SAL REGULAR 6:30	11 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BURGER BASKET 5-6:30 BINGO	12 DOLLAR DOG DAY LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	13 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	14 POKER RUN FOR NATION OF PATRIOTS
15 BINGO	16	17 TACO TUESDAY PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 7:00	18 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	19 DOLLAR DOG DAY SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:00	20 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	21 EARLY BIRD MEMBERSHIP DINNER 5PM
22 BINGO	23 ACADEMIC AWARDS AT AMES HIGH 6:00	24 TACO TUESDAY 40&8	25 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	26 DOLLAR DOG DAY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	27 FIREBALL FRIDAY FISH FRY 5:30-7:00	28
29 SPOOKTACULAR MUNCHIE CONTEST BINGO	30	31 TACO TUESDAY		Find us on Facebook at American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37		