

Commander Doug—Goals for the Year



I am once again honored to have been nominated and elected by the Legion Membership to serve as the Post Commander for the year. As your

Commander, I pledge to do my utmost best to continue to promote and serve our Post and our Legion Family.

We have made a lot of progress as a Legion Family since I was first elected Commander in 2012 and I am excited about where we are today, as well as where we are headed as we start our second hundred years. However, we cannot afford to be complacent or satisfied with where we are as an organization or with our ongoing efforts to help veterans and their families. There is always room for improvement and there will always be veterans and their families who will need our ongoing support. We must continually renew our pledge as a Post family to continue to do our best in support of those efforts.

In the coming year I intend to continue pro-

moting one of the concepts that I truly believe in and that this Post is a true Legion family - for we truly are a family and within that family lies our true strength. As I said six years ago when I was first elected Commander – “United we stand and we succeed – divided we will struggle and risk failure” and that remains true to this day.

The year ahead is full of promise and events to showcase our Post and activities. There are several key things I want the Post to focus on this year.

First and foremost is celebrating our Centennial – not only as a Post, but as the American Legion (and in 2020 celebrating the Auxiliary’s centennial of service), with our family members and the community.

Second, I want to continue to promote the American Legion Family in the community, to include the use of social media to “get the word” out.

Those Legion Family members that have gone before us have contributed so much to the Ames community, with little fanfare, that no one really knows the true extent of the contributions our members have made to the Legion, our Post, area service organizations or the community. We have a chance this year, as we celebrate our Centennial, to tell our story

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Renew Your Membership Now

Membership renewal for the Post is off to a good start. Our membership chairman reports that 218 members have renewed for 2019. We know we will be asked to become larger next year than we were this year. That means a goal of at least 507.

This year we will be showcasing the Ames Post with a monthly article in the Ames Tribune highlighting the activi-

ties of the Post over the century of our existence. The first article was published on July 2 spoke of the formation of the post and out early members.

Those articles will help you understand why you should renew. We have a great Post, make sure you stay a part of it.

You can renew at the Post, by mail or at www.legion.org/renew.

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and we will, both to ourselves and to the Ames community.

I also want our Post membership to reach out, welcome and recruit the new generation of veterans and their families into our Post Family, as they are the folks that will continue the legacy of our first hundred years into the future; I want to continue making our Post "family friendly" with activities throughout the year for our families and youth to participate in, and, among other items; to continue the ongoing efforts to improve our Post home so that we have a place to congregate, celebrate and socialize into the next two decades and beyond.

To do that, it will take all of us, from promoting the work of the American Legion Family to our friends and neighbors, to participating in and volunteering to assist in Post events, to continuing your membership (it is not too early to

renew your membership for 2019!). We have shown ourselves capable of doing that in the past and we are fully capable of doing it again this year.

I would like to hear from you with your ideas about achieving the goals I have laid out for the year. E-mail me at

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with your thoughts and ideas or leave a message for me at the Post. Better yet, attend a meeting of the Legion, the Auxiliary or the Sons and throw out your thoughts and ideas out at a meeting. I assure you that I will hear about it.

In closing, as summer starts to wind down, I wish everyone a relaxing and fun-filled August and ask that you be ready to hit the ground running once we enter into September when our calendar of events for the year start in earnest.

I look forward to seeing you at the Post.

Ames Members Lead

At the close of the Department convention, all the newly elected offices of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion began their year of leadership for the post, Unit and Squadron.

Four members of the Ames Legion family also began a year of leadership at the District and State level. Joyce Elliott will continue her service as Sixth District Treasurer, Jennifer Monserud will serve the Legion in the District Historian position, Pat Phillips will serve a second year as Legion District Vice-Commander and Mike Monserud was elected to a year as SAL Detachment Vice-Commander and Devin Von Querner as Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms..

The Ames Post has a history of providing leadership above the post level. We congratulate those who are serving this year.

Unit President Jammie's Comments

Greetings Ladies!

As you are reading this the 4th of July and RAGBRAI events are tucked safely away in the History books. I would like to thank everyone that donated both time and resources to help make these events a success. A lot of work goes into the planning, set up and running of these style of events. It takes a team (sometimes multiple teams) to make it all come together. The main committees that worked on these events are the Operations and Marketing committees and I would like to recognize both of those groups for the outstanding job they do every day for our American Legion Family.

The Department convention was well attended by members of Unit 37. I would like to recognize Sandy Deacon and Dee Ball on their outstanding reporting and the rewards they received at Department Convention for a job well done. Sandy as VA&R chairman took the top award for her VA&R report in addition to receiving the President's award. Dee took 2nd place for her History Narrative. Congratulations to both these ladies and thank you for your commitment.

Our next Unit meeting will be Tuesday, August 7th. A few other events to have on your calendar: Aug 4th, Department Leadership Workshop; Aug. 18th 6th

District Leadership Workshop; Aug. 21st Unit Budget Meeting. Finally, I would again like to say thank you to all of the ladies that have signed up to serve with me next year either as an officer and/or committee chairwoman. I am looking forward to working with each of you.

Thank you to the eighteen volunteers from the Legion family who distributed poppies on Memorial Day weekend – May 25 and 26. Thanks to their hard work, along with the cans in locations around Ames, we raised over \$4000. This money will be used to help veterans and their families. THANK YOU ALL!!! Janet Schmidt & Kathy MacCrea

Squadron Commander Mike's Comments

Well July has been a busy month for the Squadron. First thing is that fellow Squadron member, Ken Merkley from Gilbert was involved in an atv accident, and I, along with the officers would like to wish him a speedy recovery, and we hope to see him at the post soon. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts.

The 4th of July parade was led by the Post Color Guard. Good food and Ice Cream were served, and I hoped you were able to stop by. We also had a lot of help putting up and taking down the flags. I want to thank all who showed up and helped.

July 13-15 was our Summer Conven-

tion held in Waterloo. During the Convention Allen Schenck from Bedford Squadron 164 was elected as our Detachment Commander. Ames was well represented, I was re-elected Detachment Vice Commander, Past National Commander Mike Deacon was appointed Detachment Judge Advocate, and Devin Von Querner was elected Detachment Sgt.-At-Arms.

Our National Convention is in Minneapolis, Mn, Aug. 24-31. The Son's portion is the first 3 days, so if you are interested in attending the Legion's 100th Convention, please contact Legion Headquarters in Des Moines.

I would like the members who are pay-

ing dues for younger members, to explain to them why you are paying their dues. Let them know what a great organization we have, and why they should continue to support the Son's in the future. If they do not know that they belong, they are missing out on things; Scholarships, Boy's State, and Legion Baseball to name a few. We are the male decedents of the Great Wars, and our membership is how we honor them.

The next meeting is Aug 14 at 6:30 pm at the post. Remember I have an email address to voice your concerns if you can't make the meeting.

It is amessquadron37@gmail.com.

Clubroom News

I can't believe how fast summer is flying by! The clubroom is a great place to come in and cool off and meet with friends. We have some great daily specials you don't want to miss out on. Remember on Wednesday night's we have a special home cooked meal available. Interested? Call ahead and find out the menu and order ahead of time. They are available to eat in or take home.

Wednesday, August 15 is Burger Basket Night. Burgers will be served from 5 -6:30pm. Burger Baskets are \$5 and served with side of fries. Don't heat up your own kitchen, let us do the cooking for you!

Don't forget about our great Daily specials:

Taco Tuesday. Choose between a soft shell or walking taco and then add all your favorite toppings for just \$2.

Winesday Wednesday-try one of our

many wines for just just \$3 a glass.

Thursday Dynamic Duo Day-Dollar Dogs all day and wash them down with a \$2 Domestic bottle of beer.



Thank you to the following Post members for their volunteer efforts at the Post: Leonard Springer, Tom Fowler, Ken Wood-

ley, Randy Freel, Hank Goettsche, Jammie Phillips, Ann and Dave Rehbein, Bill Donovan, Mike & Sandy Deacon, Joyce Elliott and Jennifer & Mike Monserud for the Fourth of July Barbeque and Ice Cream Social, and; Tom Fowler, Denny Krogh, Vicki Belz, Addison Donovan, Ken Woodley and Bill Donovan for a successful Burger Night.

Ames Team to Department Tournament

The Ames American Legion Baseball team will enter Department Tournament play on July 30 in Cedar Rapids at Daniels Park, 940 Oakland Rd NE. Their first game will be at 4:30 against the Linn-Mar Lions.

The tournament is double elimination with play at Daniels Park and Mt Mercy University. The championship will be played at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Teams in the tournament are Ames, Carroll County, Dubuque County, Johnston, Cedar Rapids Kennedy, Linn-Mar, Ottumwa, Swisher and Woodbury County.



The game schedule can be found through the Perfect Games website at www.perfectgame.org.

Select Iowa in the Find An Event dropdown at the top right and you will see the entry for the Iowa American Legion tournament.

Win or lose, Ames will play a second game on August 1. The tournament championship will move on to Dickinson, ND to national play.

The teams will be honored at the Cedar Rapids Kernels game on July 29 before the tournament.

We wish them the best and thank them for a great season so far. If you can be with them for a game or two, please go and support our team.

KC Chiefs Tickets Available



Discounted tickets are available for purchase to several exhibition and regular season Kansas City Chiefs games this fall.

The games available are Houston—8/9, Green Bay—8/30, Jacksonville—10/7, Cincinnati—10/21 and Arizona—11/11.

Tickets can be purchased through the web address www.chiefs.com/ticketfundraiser and using the Promotion Code IALEGION.

Tickets are first come, first served with a

limited number of tickets available.. The ticket price is \$30 with \$10 of that amount being donated back to the Iowa American Legion.

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Eagle Scout

Seth Breyfogle was named the Iowa American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year at the 2018 Department Convention. Seth's name was placed in nomination for that honor by the Ames Post.

Seth will receive a \$1,500 scholarship jointly from Department of Iowa and the Iowa American Legion Foundation. Seth is a also 2017 Boys State delegate from the Ames Post.

Seth could not be at the convention to receive his award as he is currently in his first summer as a cadet at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. His younger sister, Sadie, accepted the award in his place and presented a few remarks that Seth had written.

We are proud to have nominated Seth for this honor and particularly proud that we have been able to assist him in his quest for the Air Force Academy appointment. We know he will do well.

Tax Refund on Disability

The Department of Defense has identified more than 130,000 veterans who may be eligible for a refund for taxes paid on their disability severance payment.

Veterans who are eligible for a refund for taxes paid on their disability severance payment can submit a 1040X Amended U.S. Individual Tax Return for their reimbursement. The department began mailing notices to veterans July 9.

These are veterans with a combat-related disability that had taxes withheld from their compensation. The disability does not have to have been incurred in actual combat but in conditions took place while the member was engaged in extra-hazardous service; took place under conditions simulating war, including training exercises such as maneuvers; or was caused by an instrumentality of war.

More information can be found by visiting www.irs.gov and searching for "combat injured veterans".

If you know of someone that fits this category, please make sure they are aware of this benefit.

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