

Ames Legion Family In Action

TIME TO PAY IT FORWARD?

Every one of us in The American Legion wore the uniform of the United States during wartime. I think it is safe to say that many of us thought about combat and how our lives might end. When you thought about that, did you also think about that military burial service - the flag, the rifle salute and Taps. So often that service means so much to the family that remains behind, receiving that flag and the empty shell casings and hearing that trumpet. Will your family want that for you?

The day may come when a family will request those services from our Post only to be told that final tribute honors cannot be performed, not because the Post doesn't want to continue to provide them, but because we no longer



have enough Legion family members who have volunteered to be part of that Honor Guard. Will your family be the one to hear those sad words?

You can help prevent that only by making a commitment and paying it forward now. The Honor Guard exists because Legion family members are making that commitment and paying it forward now, some of them are SAL members who aren't eligible to receive those honors but understand how important those honors are to the families of many veterans. Each day

that goes by, though, those that stand in the Honor Guard get older and one day they won't be there any longer.

When that day comes, will there still be an Honor Guard available to provide military honors? Only if new volunteers continue to step forward to be part of those services. We need those who are willing to pay it forward by volunteering now. Are you one of them? Contact Honor Guard Coordinator Doug MacCrea at 515-450-0773 or Adjutant Dave Rehbein at 515-231-3685. Pay it forward now and set the example for those who follow us. Those families - your family - will be grateful you did when the time comes.

Post Nominating Committee Reports

The committee charged with finding nominations for Post Officers for the 2018-2019 year reported their results at the May meeting.

Commander	Open
First Vice-Commander	Jennifer Monserud
Second Vice-Commander	Anthony Perdue
Adjutant	Dave Rehbein
Finance Officer	Randy Freel
Historian	Stan Elliott
Service Officer	Bob Bellinghausen
Chaplain	Ricky Thompson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Open
Executive Committee (Elect 5)	Randy Breyfogle
John Schomaker	Roger Lawrence
Phil Harris	Open

Those positions listed as Open will be filled by floor nominations at the June meeting. Please come to that meeting if you are interested.

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Post Commander Pat's Comments

Greetings Legionnaires! Finally, a beautiful May came home after a long winter. No spring, but that's ok with me. As the summer is upon us, we have quite a few events coming our way for the end of May and in June. I hope you can join us for the festivities and memorials

First, we have Memorial Day to remember those veterans that have gone before us. Your Post will be participating in the parade with our traditional Honor Guard and the Legion Riders. Following the parade and ceremonies at the cemetery, we will have a meal at the Legion open to the public.

Next on the list is the 4th of July celebration and the start of the Legion's centennial year. We will have an ice cream social free to all who come. We will



also be having a coloring contest for the kids to make Birthday Cards for the American Legions 100th birthday.

We will be having elections for your

Post's leadership at the June meeting on June 14th at 7:30 PM at the Post. If you want to serve or wish to participate in the election, please show up and make a difference.

We also will be hosting a hamburger and corn on the cob feed for the RAG-BRAI riders on the 24th of July from noon to close. We need lots of help, so if you can afford the time to help, come on down.

My tenure as your Commander is coming to a close after 2 years of service. It has been an honor and privilege to serve our membership during this period and I hope that we have made important progress to keep our Post active and viable to continue our mission....serving veterans. Again, thank you for this honor.

Unit President Jammie's Comments

Greetings Ladies!

We have a lot coming up in late May, June and July. A few of the larger events will be: Memorial Day Weekend and the annual distribution of Poppies, Memorial Day Parade ending with the Memorial Day Services at the cemetery. July 4th will hold the Parade; immediately followed by the Ice Cream Social intended to kick off the Centennial celebration for the American Legion. Also, as many of you may already know July 24th RAGBRAI will be coming to Ames and the celebrations that evening will be held down on Main St. There will be multiple opportunities for you to get involved in the festivities and we will need all hands on

deck. Please keep an eye out for your weekly bulletin and/or the Legion Family Facebook page for information on these events and more.

In April we established the nominating committee for 2018/2019 Unit Officers. The committee reported at the May meeting and there are still a few positions remaining. If you are interested in getting involved, please feel free to reach out and I would be happy to put you in contact with one of the ladies on the nominating committee. I would also like to remind everyone; we have multiple unit committees able to suit a wide variety of interests. Please reach out to me if you are interested in being involved on a committee. Let me know

what interests you and I bet together we can find a committee that would incorporate that interest.

Our next Unit meeting will be Tuesday, June 5th. Elections of the new Unit Officers will be held at this meeting. As of May 20th Unit 37 is at 261 members. This is 81.56 percent of our 320 membership goal. We still have one month remaining in the 2017/2018 membership year. If you know of someone who hasn't renewed or know someone who may be interested in membership please reach out to Joyce Elliott as she is still able to get those submitted.

Thanks! Jammie

Squadron Commander Mike's Comments

Well my Friends, it has come the time that we have all been waiting for, My Last Bulletin Article.

It has been my Honor and Privilege to serve as Squadron Commander this past year. I have had many events that I will never forget and be thankful for, but as they say, Time Marches On.

June brings us to our election of new officers and with the slate that we have so far, I believe that we have a Bright Future. The new Officers will continue to take this squadron on the road that it was established for, to help take care of Our Veterans and their Families, to Promote Americanism and to work for the Greater Good of Our Community,

State & Nation.

The new officers will bring to completion the updating of our Constitution and By-Laws as well as trying our best to develop new ways to get members more involved in what The American Legion Family really stands for. We must promote Ourselves throughout the community to let them know that we are here to help out in any way possible.

I am Sure that the New Commander will guide us in that direction. He is a Leader and would never ask any member to do anything that He would not do himself to get the job done. I am asking all of you that have supported me over the years that I have been involved here to

Please step up and do the same for Our Leading Candidate for Squadron Commander Michael Monserud.

At this time, I would like to Congratulate one of our squadron members for not only winning the Merit Award that the squadron presents to a Senior at Gilbert or Ames High but for going Above and Beyond. Seth Breyfogle has received an Appointment to The Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. We know that he will be Successful in this Career and remind him that no matter where his Journey takes Him, Ames American Legion Family will Always be His Home.

See You around the Club.

Clubroom News

Welcome to summer!!! I know that we are all grateful that it is here. We have some new bartenders in the clubroom, welcome Stephen Krogh, Rachel Murray, and Alyssa Mechler. Stop in and say hello.

Friday, June 22 is Tenderloin Night. Tenderloins will be served from 5:30-7pm. These Tenderloins are the best in town and you get to dress them however you like them!! This great meal is only \$6.00 and served with a side of fries.

Wednesday, June 13 is Burger Basket Night. Burgers will be served from 5-6:30pm. This 1/3 lb burger is served with a side of fries and comes with all your garden favorites for only \$5. Join your friends at the post or get them to go.

Tuesday, June 26-Quarterly Drawing Night-Drawings start at 6pm.

Check out our awesome daily specials

Taco Tuesday-Enjoy a walking or softshell taco with all the fixins 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. \$2 Domestic bottles all day as well. It's a great time to bring in some friends and enjoy a baseball game!!



Thanks to all that helped around the clubroom this past month! We couldn't do it without you. Sharon and Bob Bellinghausen, Pat and Jammie Phillips, Sandy and Mike Deacon, Steve Jones, John and Maggie Schomaker, Delores Ball, Scooter, Michelle Sime, Bill Donovan, Ken Woodley, Jack Cottrell, Paul Madison, Megan McEnany, Hank Goettsche, Randy and DeAnn Freel.

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Legion Family Volunteer Opportunities

The Post Commander and Unit President both spoke about some upcoming events in their columns. This will be a very busy summer .



July 4—The downtown flags will be up for the holiday. We will participate in the Fourth of July parade and there will be an ice cream social event at the

Post after the parade..

We will have a float in the parade and will invite anyone who participated in one of the Legion family youth programs to be in that parade with us.

July 24—RAGBRAI will be in town overnight. The Legion family will be serving burgers and sweet corn to the bikers coming through and will have the clubroom open for them to enjoy some cool air after their long ride.

If that sounds like a lot, it is and it won't be possible without volunteers to step forward and help. WE know that many of you are not that interested in coming to meetings but here is a was that you can really help.

We will have more in the July newsletter with specific jobs and who you should contact to volunteer. For now, put those dates on your calendar. Remember, many hands make light work. Give us your hands and help with the work. Let's make our Legion family even better known in the community.

We have begun in the last year or two making a strong effort to get out into the community to tell the story of the Legion family in Ames. This summer will be the next step in that process. In order to do that though, we will need our members to step forward and work alongside the Post, Unit and Squadron officers. We know you are proud to be members of the Ames Legion family. Come help us tell our story.

Our summer work began in May. We had a booth at the Main Street Farmers Market on May 26 before Memorial Day. That same weekend was poppy distribution on Friday and Saturday.

You will have seen the grave flags in the Ames Municipal cemetery on in the downtown area over Memorial Day. That was the Legion family at work.

There are several dates in June and July when we will need your help;

June 30—We will be back at Farmer's Market

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

Honor Guard Meeting

The Honor Guard will meet at 6:00 on June 7 for a combination meeting and training session. Our members come from the various services with different traditions.

If your name is on the list to help with funeral honors, please come to the post that night. The Ames Post has a long tradition of providing final honors to our comrades. We want those honors to be worthy of the service that was given to our country. Thank you for being part of this valuable service we provide.

Legion Riders

This month the Riders will meet Monday June 4 and upcoming Legion Rider events are always open to members looking to get out. We'd love to have you join us! Dinner rides begin in the lot behind the post and kickstands are up at 6:30pm, and breakfast rides begin in the Theisen's parking lot at 8am.

- June 4 - ALR Monthly Meeting
- June 11- Dinner ride to Brick City Cafe in Bondurant
- June 18 - Dinner ride to the A&W in Jefferson
- June 21 - Breakfast ride to Uptown Cafe in Jefferson
- June 25 - Dinner ride to Gridiron Grille in Webster City

The American Legion's Legacy Run will be coming through Iowa this year on the way to the National Convention in Minneapolis. The Run will leave from Hutchinson, KS on Aug 19 and end in Anoka, MN on Aug 23. Spencer, IA Post #1 will be the dinner stop on the second day.

Legion Riders from all across the country will be on the Run. You can register at <https://www.legion.org/riders>. Deadline for registration is August 11.

Ride safe, and God bless.

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