

POST MAKES DONATIONS

Thanks to a resurgence in the bingo game at the Post during the first quarter of 2018, the Post was able to make some donations to help both veterans and the community of Ames. The list of donations is:

National Headquarters:

- Operation Comfort Warrior -\$200
- National Emergency Fund—\$150
- Legacy Scholarship Fund—\$150
- Child Welfare Foundation—\$100

Iowa:

- Iowa Veterans Home—\$400
- Department Headquarter Parking Lot Project—\$200
- Nation of Patriots—\$250

Ames:

- Ames Boys and Girls Club—\$100
- Beloit Lutheran Services—\$100
- Youth and Shelter Services—\$100.

In addition, we were able to prepay \$1,000 against the next insurance premium.

These donations are possible because of the dedicated volunteers that operate our bingo game each Wednesday and Sunday. They have our thanks but better than that, they have the thanks of all the recipients of these donations.

Memorial Day Activities

The Ames Legion family will be heavily involved in Memorial Day activities again this year. We can use volunteers for any or all of the things we do.

The Squadron will be placing grave flags at Municipal Cemetery on May 24 at 5PM with pickup scheduled for May 29 at 5PM.

The downtown flags will go up at 7AM on May 25 and be retired on May 28 at 5PM.

The main activities of the weekend will be the parade and program. The Ames Patriotic Council is organizing those activities and will be

publicizing that program but you can plan on the program beginning at Ames Municipal Cemetery at 11AM.

The Post will provide a color guard for the parade and fire a salute during the cemetery program and sponsor lunch and an open house. The honor guard will also salute those buried at Ontario and Story Memorial cemeteries that afternoon.

Please consider being part of one or more of those activities. The Legion family is a big part of Memorial Day but need you to help.

QUILTS OF VALOR



Quilts of Valor were awarded to four veterans at the April Post meeting. Those four are (L-R) Benjamin Wogsland, Marvin Holmgren, John Eidemiller and Lloyd Lee to honor their service to our country in the US military and to say thank you for giving part of their lives in that sacrifice.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation was started in 2003 by the mother of a soldier serving in Iraq. Their mission is "to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor".

To date nearly 185,000 quilts have been awarded nationwide, in Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan. The quilts are made entirely by volunteers and are given at no cost.

Nomination of someone to receive a quilt can be done through www.qovf.org.

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Post Commander Pat's Comments

Greeting Legionnaires! Hope you have had a great month. It is FINALLY warming up and time to spend some time outdoors. I think we all suffered from a bit of "Cabin Fever" this year with such a long winter. Your Post 37 has had a busy month with all of the dinners and meetings this month and we are gearing up for a great summer to keep our mission of serving veterans in our area.

Membership continues to be a constant mission for our Post. We are currently 30 members short of our goal for 2018. We have 494 members signed up and need 524 to meet our goal this year. When I meet a Veteran who is not a member of the Legion, my approach is a bit different.

Try this. I tell them not what the Legion can do for them, I let them know what the Legion has done for me. Relating a story from a personal viewpoint is much more powerful than letting them know the "What ifs". Reach out this month and recruit 1 member and we will succeed!

One of the shining stars in our Post is the Marketing Committee, headed up by Jennifer Monserud. This group has done an excellent job of "getting the word out" about our Post. They are using Social Media at a level we have not seen before. In addition, they are reaching out through different events such as the upcoming RAGBRAI in July where we will be serving Hamburgers and Corn on the Cob to the cyclists

spending the night in Ames. If you are online with Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, take a look at our updates.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone about the upcoming elections for the leadership of your Post. If you are interested in serving in any capacity on the Executive Committee or any other Committees, let me know and I will put you in touch with the people who can make it happen.

Here's hoping you have a great Memorial Day and enjoy the sunshine.



Unit President Jammie's Comments

Hello Ladies of Unit 37...

It has been an eventful year for our Unit, more so than I think any of us notice normally. The executive board and committee chairman got together recently to accumulate data and prepare to complete the year end impact reports. Ladies we do a lot of good things to support not only Veterans, but also our community and area youth. I would like to say thank you to each of you that took the time this year to volunteer. I would especially like to thank each of you who volunteered to serve as an officer or committee chairperson. It is only with your help that we are able to accomplish all of these amazing feats.

At the April Unit meeting we established a nomination committee for the 2018/2019 offices. 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 these ladies. If you are not especially interested in serving at the officer level but would still like to be involved; we have multiple committees with a wide variety of interests. Let me know what interests you and I bet we can find a committee that would incorporate that passion.

The May Steak Dinner is (Saturday May 5th). This will be the last dinner of the season and will be sponsored by the

SAL. The 6th District Spring Conference will be held Saturday, April 28th at Lutheran Church of Hope, 305 NE Dartmor, Waukee, IA. Registration starts at 8:00 and the meeting starts at 9:00. If you are interested in learning more about what the ALA does at some of the higher levels this is a great opportunity for you to learn. As of April 20th Unit 37 is at 258 members. This is 80.63 percent of our 320 membership goal. We still have some time left in the 2017/2018 membership year. If you know of someone who hasn't renewed or know someone who may be interested in membership we can still get those submitted.

Squadron Commander Mike's Comments

Here's hoping for NO MORE SNOW!!!

Well Gentlemen it is getting to be that time of Year when we elect the New Officers to Guide Our Squadron into the next year. Our Nominating committee has done a Very Good Job in filling positions, but we are still a few short. We are still in need of members to serve on the Executive Board which helps to guide us in-between meetings so we can stay focused on Our Goals. We could also use a Historian to keep records of the Squadron's accomplishments thru the year and so we have a History to pass on to the next generation of members, so they can see what we have done. Please consider getting involved.

We are still working on The Squadron Constitution and By-Laws. We have to announce these 3 times so that all of

the members can have an input in what goes on. WE have copies of the changes and if you wish to see them you may come to the May meeting. Speaking of May, not sure if you will get this before the first Saturday in May but the monthly Steak Dinner is the Sons Responsibility, it is also the Last dinner for the summer, we will start up again in September. If you cannot help, please come down and have a Great meal and support the Legion Family.

Looks like we will have a busy summer, starting off with Memorial Day. The squadron will be putting Grave Flags out at the Story Memorial Gardens on South Duff on Thursday May 24 starting at 3:00 pm and then we will meet at Ames Municipal Cemetery at 5:00 to place those Flags out. It takes a while because we do not want to Miss any of Our Fallen Veterans. If You come to

Story Memorial, the ground is sometimes very hard there, so if You have a Cordless Drill it helps so we don't break off the Flag Shafts.

There are many more happenings this summer so Keep an eye out for upcoming information. We are still trying to find out what You as members of this Squadron want to see us get involved in to better serve Our Community and Our Nation. Please let us know what you think. We have asked members to bring a list of 5 things that they would like to see us do, so if you have some Ideas and can't come to the meeting just drop them off at the Club room and have them put in the S.A.L. Mailbox.

Till Next Month, PLEASE Remember Our Service Men and Women Stationed around the World Helping to Keep Peace. We Owe Them So Much More then we can Ever Repay.

Clubroom News

Winter has been hanging on way too long this year but it looks like we may be finally might have some spring like weather. We hope as you are getting out and about it the nicer weather you stop into the clubroom and see us and enjoy good times with your friends.

The summer golf league will begin soon if the weather holds, if you'd like to get involved there is still time to join. Just stop in and get signed up.

Join us for **Cinco de Mayo**, we will be having drink specials and munchies! The clubroom will be hosting a small fiesta in the afternoon and having lots of fun.

Wednesday, May 23 is Burger Basket Night. Burgers will be served from 5-6:30pm. Cost of the meal is \$5.00 served with French fries and all the fixins'. Don't have time to eat here? You can always get them to go.

Check out our awesome daily specials:

Taco Tuesday's-Enjoy a walking or soft shell taco for just \$2 with all your favor-

ite toppings.

Winesday Wednesday-try one of our many fine wines, whether you like a dry red or a sweet white or somewhere in between we have a wine for you. Just \$3 a glass!

Thursday's-Enjoy Dollar hotdogs, your choice of plain, Jalapeno or Cheddar sausage. Wash them down with \$2 Domestic bottles.



Thanks to all that volunteered to help make our Burger, Fish Fry and Tenderloin nights a great success!! We could not do them without all the help. John Schomaker, Phil Harris, Lynn Sellmeyer, John Sellmeyer, Chris Duncan, Bill Donovan, Addison Donovan, Kenna Reddies, Ken Woodley, Sandy Deacon, Paul Madsen, Megan McEnany, Michelle McEnany, Melissa McEnany, Darlene Madsen, Tom Hadaway, James Hoffman and Michelle Sime.

GI Bill Exhibit at Gold Star Museum



The Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge will host The American Legion's exhibit "GI Bill—The Greatest Legislation" for a six week run beginning May 3. This exhibit tells the story of the GI Bill, originally known as the Service-men's Readjustment Act of 1944.

The story begins in December 1943 in the middle of WW II with 75,000 medically discharged GIs coming home each month which prompted PNC Harry Colmery to write the first draft of the

legislation. It continues through the recent passage of the "Harry W. Colmery Forever GI Bill".

The exhibit will continue through June 15 with a program planned for May 15. The program will begin with a social time and provide an opportunity for those whose lives have been impacted by the GI Bill to tell their story. The social time will begin at 5:30

The exhibit will be at the museum through Boys State, giving you a great opportunity to see the exhibit and experience a little of Boys State. The museum hours are 8:30-4 M-F and 10-2 on Saturday. There is no admission.

Camp Dodge is a military facility so everyone entering must have a picture ID.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH



Don't forget that Sunday May 13 is Mother's Day. That would be a great day to bring the Mother that you love to our fabulous Sunday brunch.

Brunch will be served from 11am-1pm and will include ribs, ham, scrambled eggs, fresh baked goodies, just to mention a few items. If you have never been to Sunday brunch at the Post, you are missing out. Bloody Mary's and Mimosas will be available in the Clubroom. This event is a free will donation to benefit the building repairs fund.

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

Legion Riders

As I sit here looking out the window in Mid April, it's snowing. Again. April. Snow. Ugh.

But a glance at the calendar tells me it HAS to get too warm to keep snowing eventually. Your Legion Riders are more like Legion Drivers going to the dinner rides for now but it won't be long and we'll be able to get our knees in the breeze. This month the Riders will have a booth at the DOT Safety Forum in Des Moines on the 11th, and we'll be working with the Waterford Care Center in spring landscape cleanup in May as well.

Upcoming Legion Rider events are always open to members looking to get out, we'd love to have you join us!

- May 7 - ALR Monthly Meeting
 - May 14 - Dinner ride to Papa's Pizza in Polk City
 - May 21 - Dinner ride to Rusty Duck in Dexter
 - May 28 - Dinner ride to 209 Main in Paton
- Ride safe, and God bless.



Poppy Workers Needed



Poppy Days: The American Legion Auxiliary will hold Poppy Days on Memorial Day weekend. The dates are Friday, May 25th and Saturday, May 26th.

Volunteers will distribute poppies at various locations around Ames from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm on Friday, and from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm on Saturday. We are in need of volunteers to help with this. Any donations received will be used to help veterans and their families. If you can help, please sign up at the Legion or contact Jan Schmidt, Chairman at 450-5058 or cell phone 515-290-5444. Her email address is jansch1@juno.com.

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		1 TACO TUESDAY AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30	2 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	3 DOLLAR DOG DAY	4 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	5 CINCO DE MAYO STEAK DINNER 5:30—7:00
6 BINGO	7 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	8 TACO TUESDAY SAL REGULAR 6:30	9 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	10 DOLLAR DOG DAY LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	11 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	12
13 MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH 11-1 BINGO	14	15 TACO TUESDAY GI BILL EXHIBIT OPENING PPP 7:00	16 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	17 DOLLAR DOG DAY SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:00	18 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	19
20 BINGO	21	22 TACO TUESDAY 40&8	23 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BURGER BASKET 5-6:30 BINGO	24 DOLLAR DOG DAY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	25 FIREBALL FRIDAY POPPY DISTRIBUTION DAYS MUNCHIES NIGHT	26
27 BINGO	28 MEMORIAL DAY	29 TACO TUESDAY	30 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	31 DOLLAR DOG DAY		