

NEC Resolution #1—What is Wartime?

The National Executive Committee took a significant step at the Fall meeting last week. They adopted Resolution #1 which asks the Congress and the President to recognize that the United States has actually been at war since December 7, 1941.

The resolution details the combat and non-combat deaths and wounds during the 12 currently unrecognized periods beginning with the Greek Civil War from 1946-1949 where six members of the US Armed Forces lost their lives through the Persian Gulf convoy operations in 1987 and 1988 where 39 members of the US Armed Forces were killed and 39 wounded.

The resolution also recounts the history of the Korean War where since the official “end” of that war, 100 acti-

vated US military personnel have been killed and another 132 wounded. On April 27, 2018 South Korean President Moon Jae-in and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un pledged to formally end the Korean War giving their formal recognition that the Korean War has gone on since 1955.

The resolution is four pages long and will not be reproduced here. It can be accessed by going to the Legion webpage, clicking on the About droplink and then clicking on Resolutions. The address for the resolution itself is too long to post here but for those receiving this issue by e-mail, you can [click here](#).

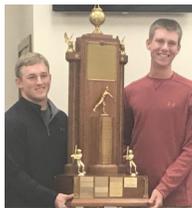
A second resolution was also passed that would extend membership eligibility to the same period, December 7, 1941 to the present by requesting Congress and

the President to pass legislation amending our federal charter.

While that second resolution would be easier to have passed, it was pledged that our legislative efforts would be concentrated on Resolution #1 to obtain war-time benefits for those who served during the currently unrecognized periods. This is after all why we were founded, to ensure benefits were available to those who served in war-time. Benefits must come first and then worry about membership eligibility.

There are those who will say this should have been done a long time ago. They may be right but any time spent discussing that point takes time away from where it is needed, getting benefits to those who served in war-time, especially under the new proposed definition.

Baseball Most Valuable Player Award



Chris Fowles (l) and Kaden Peterson are shown at the October Post meeting with the Howard Mullica

Baseball Most Valuable Player Trophy.

Chris and Kaden were named co-MVPs for the 2018 American Legion season. Each also received a smaller personal trophy to recognize their accom-

plishment and outstanding play.

Ames High baseball coach Brett Fuller also recognized and congratulated Ames Post baseball Bart Fowles for his outstanding work as team coach. Post #37 had a young team this year and while the team record may not have been seen as a successful year, Coach Fuller congratulated Fowles on the player development on this year’s team.

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Post Commander Doug's Comments

Greetings!

One hundred years ago, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, an Armistice was signed ending the Great War, the first global conflict, that was also the deadliest and most horrific conflict the world had ever experienced.

The end of the Great War, or World War One, stirred the interest of several prominent members of the American Expeditionary Force to ponder the future on many different fronts, among them how to support the millions of service members who sacrificed their future for freedom, and especially for those who made the ultimate sacrifice and how their families would cope and survive in the years ahead without them. As we now know, the American Legion was created just a few short months later to help address those concerns.

On November 11th, we celebrate Veteran's Day; a day we come together as a nation to honor and pay tribute to the men and women among us whom sacrificed their time, temporarily put aside their dreams, and some who gave their lives, to ensure our safety and the free-



doms we hold so dear. Whether you served for only one week or thirty or more years, let me say thank you to our veterans and their families - thank you for your service, thank you for your dedication and thank you for your sacrifices. We not only honor you but are humbled by your service.

As our Preamble states, the goal of the Legion is to, among other things, "... support and defend the Constitution of the United States" and to "foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism" On November 6th, we get to fulfill those principles by exercising one of our fundamental constitutional right as Americans - to vote. I encourage you to get out and vote and make

your voice heard. Look past all of the ugly campaign rhetoric and take a hard look at each candidate; evaluate their record and what they are standing up for and then cast your vote for the individual or individuals that you truly believe will effectively maintain our hard fought rights and benefits, promote what you believe in and act in the best interests of us all at the local, state and national level.

Finally, to close the month, on November 22nd we take time to celebrate and give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy as we gather for Thanksgiving. It is a special time and I hope that you and your families and friends have a wonderful day together.

November is also traditionally seen as the start to the Holiday Season. The Post has lots of events planned and we can use your support as a participant in those events. These events, for the most part, are not only for our Legion Family, but offered as part of our commitment of support to our community, our veterans and their families, and those less fortunate.

I look forward to seeing you around the Post in the weeks ahead.

Squadron Commander Mike's Comments

I hope by the time that you read this, that it has finally stopped raining. Our fundraisers are full speed ahead. November third is the Steak Dinner that the Sons are responsible for. I have a good list of workers, but I encourage everyone to come and support the Squadron. We will have our first Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast on December 8 from 7 am to 11 am. That day the Auxiliary will also be hosting a Cookie Fair, so come on down for some breakfast and cookies.

At the October meeting we reviewed our Constitution and By-Laws along with our Standing Rules. Our Constitution and Standing Rules were voted on

and approved. The By-laws had some corrections made and the final draft will be voted on at our November 13 meeting.

Our National Commander, Greg Gibbs has a recruitment pin that will be awarded to anyone who recruits 3 new members to the Sons of The American Legion. I am the National Central Region Membership Committeeman, so please contact me for the form and I will submit it for you.

Our Squadron is currently at 30% of membership goal, so let's keep it up to meet our goal of 193 members. Your membership helps fund our programs, but most important, it honors the veter-

an who made you eligible to be a member of the Sons of The American Legion.

I encourage everyone to see the calendar at the end of the newsletter. Your post puts on a lot of different events throughout the month. Remember by supporting these events you are supporting the post. You have a great quiet place to come and relax to enjoy yourself. We have all of these events to support the post and the programs we participate in. So stop on down for Burger Night, Steak Night, or any of the specials we have, and help us support our veterans.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day will be celebrated at the Ames Public Library this year. Due to Veterans Day occurring on Sunday, the ceremony will begin at 1:30 rather than the usual 11:00. The presentation will also celebrate the centennial of The American Legion and focus on the accomplishments of the Ames American Legion Post during those 100 years.

Flags in the downtown area will be put up for Veterans Day at 7AM on Saturday, November 10 and be taken down at 5PM on Monday, November 12. Volunteers are needed to help with that task. There will not lunch at the Post this year due to the change in the celebration time.

Post History Being Published

A series of articles is being published in the Ames Tribune celebrating the centennial of The American Legion and based on the accomplishments of the Ames Post and its members over that 100 years. The first of those articles was published July 2, 2018 with two others on September 3 and October 2. We plan to have another article on the first Tuesday each month.

The articles are also available on the Post Website, <http://www.ameslegionpost37.com/>. Check them out. You will be as surprised and proud of the accomplishments of the Ames Legionnaires as we were when we began researching this history. The next article will bring us up through 1932.

Clubroom News

The Holiday season is fast approaching and the post is gearing up for many great activities. Now is the time that we all can focus on being thankful; for our health, our friends and family, and those little moments everyday that put a smile on our faces. We have lots of fun events planned in the upcoming months so we hope to see you around the clubroom.

Events in November:

Friday, November 2-Fall Birthday Bash-Come celebrate fall birthdays with us. Bring a munchie to share and have a good time with friends. 4:30-close

Friday, November 9-Fish Fry. We will be serving from 5-7pm. Enjoy fried cod, French fries, hushpuppies and coleslaw for just \$8. Snow Magic is kicking off tonight as well so after you eat enjoy lots of other events happening around downtown.

Thursday, November 22 Clubroom Closed- Happy Thanksgiving!!

Friday, November 23 the Clubroom opens at noon. Take a break from your black Friday shopping, or join us for a football game or two. The Clubroom offers the perfect location for food, drinks, and more. Let's munchie all day long!! Bring in your best leftovers sweet or savory.

Saturday, November 24-Vendor Fair 9am-4pm-Shop small at the legion. We will have some of your favorite vendors set up in the reception hall. Come get some shopping done and then relax with some lunch in the clubroom. We will have lots of your favorite vendors; Avon, Pampered Chef, Thirty-One just to name a few. Watch our Facebook page for more Vendors.

Don't forget that we have a little something for everyone!!

Monday- Weekly Drawing- Once a week, drop your dollar into the wishing well and enter for a chance to win up to \$500.

Toasted Cheese Tuesday- Enjoy a

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

grilled cheese sandwich and cup of soup for just \$3

Wineday Wednesday-Stop in and check out our new selection of wines. We have red and whites varying from sweet to dry. Enjoy a glass for \$3.

Thirsty Thursday-Featuring \$1 Hot Dogs all night and \$2 Domestic Bottles

Friday-munchie night!! After a hard week, it's great to sit back with your friends and have a snack and beverage.

Stop in and take advantage of the last ISU game day specials. Enjoy \$1.75 pints of Busch Light, buckets of beer for \$11, and Bloody Marys. Don't forget to bring a munchie to share!!

Unit President Jammie's Comments

Greetings Ladies!

October was busy, but as the Holidays approach we all know it is about to get even busier. No matter how busy we get we should all take a little time to reflect and be thankful. This time of year is made for reflection, gratitude and giving. Giving – as members of the world's largest women's patriotic service organization we are keenly aware of the practices of gratitude and giving. Our members start young and this year our 6th District Juniors (including Unit 37 Juniors) are collecting books, puzzle books, puzzles, decks of cards and small games to take to the Mar-

shalltown Veteran's Home, VA Hospital in Des Moines or other community care centers to distribute to Veterans. If you are able to help with by giving to this project please reach out to either myself (jammie.phillips@yahoo.com) or Unit Junior Chair Rachel Breyfogle (randsbrey@aol.com).

At the October meeting I issued a challenge to all the members who were present to take the ALA 101 course. You can find the course by accessing the ALA National Website and going to the ALA Academy. The ALA Academy offers a great opportunity for us as members to learn. We can all learn

more about WHO WE ARE as an organization, WHAT WE DO and most importantly, WHY WE MATTER. If you need more information on how to access the ALA Academy please feel free to reach out to me (email above) and I will be happy to help.

I look forward to seeing everyone's certificates at the November Unit meeting.

Speaking of our next Unit meeting – it will be held Tuesday, November 6th, at 6:30 p.m. As always I look forward to seeing you all there!

Thanks! Jammie



MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY



Ladies and Gentlemen,
 The American Legion was once over 3 million members strong, Ames post 37's all-time membership high was nearly 900 members. We have lost nearly 37% of those members to death, and more importantly, to non-renewals. In the last 30 days only 11 members have renewed their American Legion memberships.

Our organization is getting smaller and it will soon become time to begin to decide what programs we can no longer afford. The loss of our programs is followed by the loss of our ability to advocate for veterans. Our centennial year cannot mark the beginning of the end. Please, renew your dues. Ask your friends and neighbors to join or rejoin. The American Legion and American Legion Family must grow if we are to be able to take on the challenges of the aging WWII, Korea, and Vietnam veterans and support OEF/OIF veter-

ans and veterans of future conflicts.

Membership is due now, you are delinquent in just two months.

The American Legion advocated for the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, the forerunner to the VA. We wrote the Flag Code and the GI Bill, fought for the recognition of the effects of Agent Orange; all these accomplishments start with your annual dues.

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1st Vice Commander/Membership Chair

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	Find us on Facebook at American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37			1 \$1 HOT DOG DAY	2 FIREBALL FRIDAY FALL BIRTHDAY BASH 4:30	3 STEAK DINNER 5:00—7:00
4 BINGO	5 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	6 TOASTED CHEESE & SOUP AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30	7 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	8 \$1 HOT DOG DAY LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	9 FIREBALL FRIDAY FISH FRY 5:00-7:00	10 DOWNTOWN FLAGS 7AM
11 VETERANS DAY 1:30 @ LIBRARY BINGO	12 DOWNTOWN FLAGS 5PM	13 TOASTED CHEESE & SOUP SAL REGULAR 6:30	14 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	15 \$1 HOT DOG DAY COMMITTEES SOCIAL 6:00 OPERATIONS 6:15	16 FIREBALL FRIDAY COUNTRY DANCE NIGHT 9:00PM-1:00AM	17
18 BINGO	19 VFW POST MEETING 7:00	20 TOASTED CHEESE & SOUP PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 7:00	21 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	22 \$1 HOT DOG DAY THANKSGIVING CLUBROOM CLOSED	23 FIREBALL FRIDAY CLUBROOM OPEN @ NOON LEFTOVERS TO SHARE	24 VENDOR FAIR 9:00-4:00
25 BINGO	26	27 TOASTED CHEESE & SOUP 40&8	28 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	29 \$1 HOT DOG DAY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	30 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	