

Ames Legion Family In Action

April Events—Pick One or Do Them All

The Ames Legion family will be involved in a number of events in April. There is no doubt that something on this list will interest you, whether it be helping one of ours be elected to District office, watching one or more of the Youth programs, dancing to some great country music, taking care of some shopping or enjoying a great meal. In April, we have all of that for you. Pick One or Do Them All.

On April 6, the Sixth District Conference will be held at Des Moines Post #731, 1511 S. Union with the Auxiliary meeting at Des Moines Post 659, 1813 SE 1st.

This will be more than just another District meeting though. Our own Pat Phillips is campaigning for the office of District Commander.

We do not anticipate any problem with Pat's election

as he is the only candidate to date. It is important though that we show support with a good turnout of legion family members. The meeting starts at 9AM.

April 6 is also the next steak dinner. This dinner will be hosted by the Unit. We have had good crowds for the last couple of dinners. It is a great meal for a price that you can't find anywhere else in Ames. Come join us, serving starts at 5.

One of the Legion's Youth programs will crown a National Champion on April 7 and you can watch. The final round of the National Oratorical contest will be livestreamed beginning at 9AM CDT. The finals will be live at [facebook.com/americanlegionhq](https://www.facebook.com/americanlegionhq).

We will be sponsoring two baseball teams this year. The game schedules are being finalized now and will

be posted at the clubroom as well as published in the weekly update.

On April 27, we will be hosting one of the four regional tournaments to begin the process of selecting the Iowa champion to go to the national tournament.

More great food will be available with burgers served on April 17 and tenderloins on April 26. In both cases, if your group can't all make it to the post, we also make orders to go.

Mike will continue the Country Dance Nights on April 19. Come in and show off your footwork or maybe learn some new moves

On April 27 the Post will host a Vendor Fair with several of your favorite small vendors ready for you to come in and do your shopping. The fair starts at 9AM.

Centennial Proclamation Signing



On March 19, a large delegation of Legion family members looked on as Governor Reynolds signed a Proclamation honoring the centennial of The American Legion. The resolution that resulted in the proclamation originated at the Ames Post.

The Ames Legion family was well represented by Doug and Kathy MacCrea, Pat Phillips, Dave and Ann Rehbein, Jim Demarest, Stan and Joyce Elliott and Anthony Perdue. Prior to the Governor's signing ceremony we witnessed passage by the House of Representatives and Senate. We will be receiving a copy of the proclamation for the Post to display.

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Post Commander Doug's Comments

Spring is in the Air! Hooray! I'm sure that you are as ready as I am for the warmer weather and brighter skies.

On March 19th I had the honor of representing our Post before the Iowa House and Senate and again in Governor Reynolds Office as they announced, approved and signed a Proclamation recognizing the period between March and September 2019 as the 100th Anniversary of the founding of The American Legion in Iowa. Our Post drafted the Resolution that became this Proclamation and the entire Post family can be very proud of that accomplishment.

We also celebrated the Legion's 100th Anniversary on March 14th to a full crowd. I extend my deepest thanks to Dave Rehbein, who was our guest speaker at this event and provided some interesting bits of knowledge about the history of the Legion and the

Ames Post. Dave also took this opportunity to donate a limited edition framed print (copy #37) of a painting that depicts the Legion's 100 years of service. That print is now hanging on the wall between the clubroom and Party Room. I encourage everyone to stop by and enjoy the beauty of this marvelous painting.

We have been a successful and vital part of the Ames community for 100 years and on June 6th we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the signing of our Post Charter. We have been a successful force in the community because of our Post family members and our advocacy, as an organization, for our community and our veterans and we should be proud of those accomplishments and celebrate them.

This month also starts the Legion Baseball season. We are sponsoring two

teams this year, one from Ames and the other from Gilbert. We will also be one of four Posts sponsoring a regional tournament the end of April to help identify who will represent Iowa at the Legion's Midwest Regional Tournament in late July. If you recall last year, the team from Dubuque made it to the American Legion World Series in North Carolina. I do not think the schedule will be ready in time to print in the Newsletter, but we will post the schedule when it is available and announce games in the Weekly Update. I hope that you will be able to attend one of the home games at the Ames High School or Gilbert High School Baseball fields and support the team.

In closing, Kathy and I wish you all a Happy Easter and Passover, and we hope that we will see you at the Post soon.

Unit President Jammie's Comments

The Story County Spring Conference was held Thursday, March 21, 2019. I would like to congratulate Sharon Bellinghausen. Sharon was endorsed by Unit 37 for the position of Story County President. At the Story County Spring Conference she was nominated and installed as County President. I would also like to congratulate Joyce Elliott; Joyce was nominated and installed as Story County Secretary during the Story County Spring Conference. Best of luck ladies for a successful and productive 2019/2020 year.

The Unit 37 Nominating Committee was

formed at the March Unit meeting. These ladies are looking for the Unit leadership for next year. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity let me know and I will be happy to put you in touch with one of the committee members.

The next Steak dinner will be Saturday, April 6th. This is the Auxiliary's night to host and we look forward to seeing everyone. If you are an Auxiliary member and you would like to help during steak night, please reach out to me. April 6th is also the 6th District Spring Conference. The Auxiliary will be meeting at

the Belizzi MacCrae Post in Des Moines.

Our current membership is at 255. That brings us to 79.69% of our 320 goal for the 2018/2019 membership year. Do you have any ideas on how we can increase our membership? If so, please reach out to me or anyone of the Unit Executive Board Members, we would love to talk to you!

The next Unit meeting is at 6:30 on Tuesday, April 2nd. All members are welcome and encouraged to bring a guest or two. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Squadron Commander Mike's Comments

As the end of winter appears to be upon us, it is time to start thinking about spring activities in and around the Post. As it gets warmer, the activities begin to pick up. We have things like Boys and Girls State, American Legion Baseball, and Scholarships. These youth activities are what the Sons really try to promote, as Children and Youth is one of our four pillars.

Scholarship deadline will have come and gone by time this is printed, but it never hurts to remind people that we do offer that program. March will have been a good month for the Sons, with Bingo doing well, a Biscuits and Gravy fundraiser, and Scholarship Applications wrapping up.

At the April meeting I will select a Nominating Committee to begin the process of asking members who would like to hold an office in the Sons for the up-

coming year. If you are interested in helping out, please come on down to the April meeting on April 9. Also at the May 14 meeting, we will be holding the Annual Memorial Ceremony for members who have passed away during the last year. This will be with the Legion and Auxiliary. So all are invited to come help us celebrate those who have gone to the Post Everlasting.

As far as our membership for the Squadron goes, we are at 194 of 193, which means we made and surpassed goal. I could not be more proud, and excited for this. For the Squadron to be at this number already at this time of the year, I am beside myself. You all have done the hard work, and believe in the mission of the Sons and what they stand for to have a number like this.

The all-time high membership for the Squadron was 197 members. I would

like to try and not only achieve this number but exceed it. We still have members who have not renewed, and we are always accepting of new members. We still have time.

As a member of the Sons of The American Legion, you are entitled to such relief programs as the National Emergency Fund. If you or any member in good standing that you know, was affected by the flooding, please get a hold of me, and we can get the process started on rebuilding and getting back to where they need to be. This is a good selling point when you are thinking of whether to renew your dues or not, or you are trying to convince someone to join this great organization.

Thank you all again for all of the hard work that you have done these past few months.

Clubroom News

It is finally starting to feel more like spring! After a long cold, snowy winter we are ready for some better weather! We have a lot going on in the clubroom this month so hopefully you can join us for some of our events. Stop in and check out our happenings to find out what all we have going on. Here is what we have going on during the week.

Taco Tuesday-Enjoy a soft shell or walking taco with all your favorite toppings for just \$2

Winesday Wednesday gives you the chance to try any of our wines for just \$3 a glass.

Thursday is a great night to stop in. We have regular, jalapeno or cheddar sausage dogs for just a dollar. It's also \$2 Domestic Bottles all day

Friday, April 12 Fish Fry-This will be our last fish fry for the season.

Come join us for fried cod, French fries, coleslaw and hushpuppies for just \$8. Fish will be served from 5:00 -7:00 pm.

Wednesday April 17 is Burger Basket Night. Burgers will be served from 5:00 -6:30pm. Come try the best burgers in town for just \$5 with a side of fries.

Friday April 19 is Country Dance Night. Come wear your boots out from 9pm-1am! If you need a little refresher come early for some lessons starting at 8pm.

Friday, April 26 is Tenderloin Basket Night. Tenderloins will be served from 5:00-7:00pm. Stop in and try this delicious sandwich with fries and all the fixins for just \$6. If you can't make it in to eat, give us a call, we can always do them to go. The music walk is also going on during this so stay downtown and check all the musicians.

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Change for a Cause



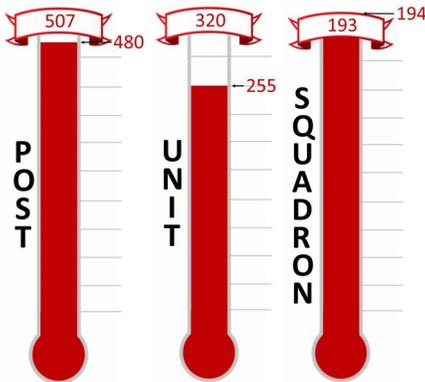
Change for a Cause is in full swing and the monthly charities are guaranteed to receive a minimum donation of \$25.

April's designated charity is the Boys & Girls Club of Ames.

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Squadron First to Reach Goal

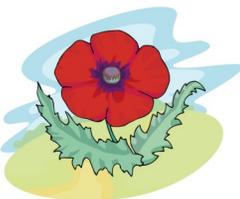


The membership work for the Squadron has really paid off with them being the first member of the Legion family to reach their membership goal. Not only have they reached their goal but they are one over and are looking forward to reaching a new All-Time-High in membership. Four more members are needed to reach that milestone. Do you know someone that could be a member of the squadron? Get them enrolled and lets get that new All-Time-High.

The Post and the Unit still have work to do to match the success the Squadron is having. We know that it is getting late in the membership year but it is never too late to renew

someone's dues or sign up that new members. We can join that Squadron and reach our goals, it just requires work on our part. How bad do we want to reach that goal?

Poppy Days Coming in May



The American Legion Auxiliary will hold Poppy Days on Memorial Day weekend. The dates are Friday, May 24th and Saturday,

May 25th. 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. All of the funds raised through this program go toward the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation work of the

Unit. Last year's donations supported a number of causes to help veterans.

Two veteran's families had a much brighter Christmas thanks to these funds along with help from the Post and Squadron. 125 boxes of Girl Scout cookies went to the Iowa Veterans Home from those funds. Donations were made to Wreaths Across America and Soldiers Wish.

Those are the kind of programs that you will be helping by volunteering to help with the poppy distribution. 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.

Save the Date

We will be serving brunch on
Mother's Day, May 12.
Mark Your calendar now!!!

Kudo Korner



A big thanks to everyone that helped with events around the clubroom. We have had some great crowds and your hard work is very much appreciated. Sandy Deacon, Mike Deacon, Bill Donovan, John Schomaker, John and Lynn Sellmeyer, Chris Duncan, Phil Harris, Paul Madson, Megan McEnany, Maria McEnany, Ken Woodley, Tom Hadaway, and James Hoffman. A big thanks to Terry Keagley and family for all the hard work on the Turkey and Noodle dinner. It was a big success!

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	1 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	2 TACO TUESDAY AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30	3 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	4 DOLLAR DOG DAY	5 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	6 6th DISTRICT CONFERENCE STEAK DINNER 5:00—7:00
7 BINGO	8	9 TACO TUESDAY SAL REGULAR 6:30	10 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	11 DOLLAR DOG DAY LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	12 FIREBALL FRIDAY FISH FRY 5:00-7:00	13
14 BINGO	15 VFW POST MEETING 7:00	16 TACO TUESDAY PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 7:00	17 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BURGER BAS- KET 5-6:30PM BINGO	18 DOLLAR DOG DAY SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:30	19 FIREBALL FRIDAY COUNTRY DANCE NITE 9PM-1AM	20
21 BINGO	22	23 TACO TUESDAY 40&8	24 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	25 DOLLAR DOG DAY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	26 FIREBALL FRIDAY TENDERLOIN BASKET 5-7PM	27 BASEBALL REGIONAL VENDOR FAIR 9AM-4PM
28 BINGO	29	30 TACO TUESDAY		Find us on Facebook at American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37		