

Ames Post to Celebrate Centennial of Chartering

Early in June 1919, 15 veterans of the “War to End All Wars” gathered in Ames to sign their names to an application for a temporary charter for a post of The American Legion. Those 15 WW I veterans were: Geo. E. Corson, Russell F. Rogers, Earl M. Hart, Wesley E. Shull, O. B. Peterson, Clay W. Stafford, E. B. Bush, Anson Marston, J. H. Warburton, Datus E. Proper, Jas. B. Kelley Jr., Atlee B. Hart, Jos. B. Gerbracht, R. W. Harry and Benjamin G. Dyar. That application was granted and the 37th Post of The American Legion in Iowa came into being on June 6, 1919.

On June 6, 2019, exactly 100 years after the forming of Ames Post #37, we will be celebrating that centennial with a celebration of the Ames Post on that chartering date. Traditionally, these celebrations are dinner followed by speeches. We decided instead to create a set of displays celebrating the accomplishments of the Ames Post #37 over those 100 years. Those accomplishments are many and varied but there is no doubt that those 15 veterans would be proud of the service that The American Legion Post they started has performed for the community, state and nation.

Join us at 7:00 PM on June 6, 2019 to view those accomplishments and learn some of the history of the Ames American Legion Post. We are inviting dignitaries from the city, Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau and Downtown Business District. We hope to have Mayor Haila with us to sign a proclamation honoring the Post’s centennial.

A snapshot of some of those achievements is being printed in this issue but there is more to each story. Join us on June 6 and learn why we should all be proud of what those 15 veterans started. Their start has been added to by what each of us has done as Legion family members. Our century of service will make you proud.

Xmas Toy Shop



Read the story of the Toy Shop during the dark days of the depression in the 1930’s. The Ames Post led the effort to ensure that every child in Ames received Christmas presents throughout the Great Depression. That tradition continues today in a smaller version.

Aid to Police



Learn how the Ames American Legion Post contributed to the installation of lights on police cars in Ames and eventually throughout Iowa. The effort grew out of a report that connected deaths on Iowa’s highways to WW I and may have led to a driver’s license test becoming a standard practice and then the law in Iowa.

Flags Downtown will fly in honor of Flag Day.

They go up June 14 at 7AM and come down Jun 16 at 5PM
Volunteers are needed

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Post Commander Doug's Comments

On June 6th, we celebrate our Post's Centennial. I cordially invite and encourage the Post Family to join us at 7:00 PM on June 6th to help us celebrate our Post's 100th Anniversary.

As you can see the major emphasis of this month's Newsletter focuses on this monumental achievement. We would not be able to celebrate this important day in our Post's history without our valued members throughout the years. Equally important are the contributions and efforts of Dave Rehbein, who as the Legion's Centennial Celebration Committee Chairman, has brought enthusiasm, focus and ideas to the Post on how we can effectively celebrate this milestone in our Post's history. To all of you, and especially, Dave, thank you for your efforts.

As we enter into the summer months, I would like to remind all our Post Family

members to be extra careful and safety conscious. Statistics show that between Memorial Day Weekend and Labor Day Weekend more Americans are injured or killed in vehicle, water and outdoor activity accidents than the rest of the year combined. I encourage all of you to take the extra time needed when traveling or working or enjoying outdoor activities that the warm weather allows, to ensure the safety of yourselves, your family and your friends. Please be careful – we want to keep seeing you at the Post!

This month we will also elect new officers for the Post, Unit and Squadron. There is, however, still a need for members to fill a few open positions. The time commitment is not big, and the satisfaction of helping guide the Post Family is extremely rewarding. And while the Nominating Committees have

compiled a list of nominees for positions (the slates for the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL are listed in the Newsletter), we will still seek and accept nominations from the floor for each position at our monthly meetings. I strongly encourage and ask that you attend the Legion, Auxiliary or SAL June meetings to cast your vote and have your voice heard on whom you want to lead our Post starting in July.

The Fourth of July will be upon us before we know it, and this year, as part of our Centennial Celebration, we will be entering a float in the Parade. I am looking for help in designing, building and riding on our float. So please, if you can help out and lend us your time and expertise for just a few minutes this month, please let me know.

Have a great month and I hope to see you at the Post!

Unit President Jammie's Comments

The May Memorial Service for the Unit, Post and Squadron was held Tuesday, May 14th. It was a lovely service and I would like to thank Rachel Breyfogle, Sharon Bellinghausen and all the Legion Family Members that worked to bring the program together.

I would also like to thank Kelli Hitsman and Sharon Bellinghausen for working together to plant the flowers at the Veterans Memorial. The garden looks beautiful, ladies. Thank you to Jan Schmidt for stepping in and holding the May meeting while I was out of town. Finally, I would like to send a really big THANK YOU, to all of you ladies that chip in, step up and help out when the need arises. You are the reason we are able to fulfill its mission of service to our

Veterans and the community.

Our next Unit meeting will be Tuesday, June 4th beginning at 6:30 p.m. I would like to invite the whole Legion Family to attend the opening of this meeting. We will be presenting Junior Auxiliary Member, Sadie Breyfogle with a much-deserved Good Deed Award. Sadie will be receiving this award due to the projects she developed benefiting the Iowa Veterans Home. Please join us in recognizing Sadie for her hard work and good deeds.

The June meeting will also hold elections for the 2019/2020 Unit Officers. In April we established the nominating committee for 2019/2020 Unit Offices. Their report is below with a few positions remaining.

President - Open

1st Vice President - Ann Rehbein
2nd Vice President - Kelli Hitsman
Secretary - Sandy Deacon
Treasurer - Marilyn Nervig
Chaplain - Rachel Breyfogle
Historian - Open
Sergeant at Arms - Jamie Barker
Executive Board - Jan Schmidt, Joyce Elliott, Ruthann Wrobel, Sharon Mott, Judy Demarest

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. The June meeting will also include the nomination and election of delegates to the Department Convention in July.

Squadron Commander Mike's Comments

Well last month I made the statement that I was thrilled and proud that we met the goal of membership, and we are now at a Squadron all-time high in membership according to Detachment Headquarters. We have not stopped, and now the Squadron membership is at 199 members. This puts us at 103% membership. The Sons lead the way with membership. Our renewal rate for membership is at 92%, which is also really good, and we have recruited a lot of new members. I will have to say that membership this year has been a great success.

With Memorial Day coming up at the end of the month, I want to encourage

everyone to attend a Memorial Ceremony somewhere, and if you are staying around, you can come to the one at the Ames Cemetery, with lunch being served at the Post following the Ceremony.

The Steak Dinner for the Sons was on May 4th, and all things considered with the good weather, it was a well-attended event. I want to thank all who were able to work the Dinner, as I was out of town.

We have a good list of Candidates for the upcoming year for the Squadron offices. Just because there is someone running for the certain office, does not mean you cannot show up to the meet-

ing and run for the office also. I encourage anyone who wants to get more involved to come to the meeting on June 11, and run for an office. The following candidates have declared for the Squadron offices:

Commander- Bob Bellinghausen
1st Vice Commander- Mike Deacon
2nd Vice Commander- Doug MacCrea
Adjutant- Keven Brace
Finance Officer- Randy Freel
Historian- Doug MacCrea
Sgt-At-Arms- Russ Belz
Chaplain- Roger Elliott
Executive Board: Pat Phillips, Mike Monserud, Cort Paul

Clubroom News

Welcome to summer!!! I know I am happy about this weather and all that summer brings. Don't forget to stop by the clubroom and enjoy some of the great specials that we have going on.

Friday, June 21 is Burger Basket Night. Burgers will be served from 5-7pm. 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 25-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.

Legion Riders

Breakfast Ride: 6/15—MC's Café, Carroll, KSU @ Theisen's-8AM

Dinner Rides: KSU @ Legion Lot 4:30

6/9—Lucky Pig, Ogden & 6/23-B Fabulous BBQ, Slater,

Ames Post #37 Through the Century

Tradition of Leadership



Beginning in 1920 when E. B. Bush was elected Alternate District Executive Committee member, the Ames Post has supplied leadership to the District, Department and National American Legion.

That tradition continues today with Stan Elliott being endorsed for Department Commander. Come read the list of leaders from the Ames Post including those that have worn the red cap of a National Officer.

Youth Champions

Ames Post is proud to have the James Mullica baseball Most Valuable Player Trophy, donated in 1948 by his sons. One of those boys, Howard Mullica, coached American Legion baseball including the 1961 state Champions.

Come see the trophy and read the list of great Legion baseball players, including one who went on to Major League Baseball. Another name will be added to that trophy later this summer.

Ames has also sponsored three students that were crowned State champion in the Oratorical speech contest. Come find out who they were.

Academic Awards



For the last thirty-one years, the Ames Legion family and the Ames School District have recognized Ames High School students that have demonstrated success academically. Learn how that program started and discover how many hundred students have been recognized during that ceremony.

Pure Heaven Color Guard



In 1981 a group of Ames American Legion Auxiliary members made the decision to enter The American Legion's color guard contest at the state convention. From there they learned of a similar contest at the National Convention.

Come hear their story and learn how they came to dominate that National Competition Several of the original members of Pure Heaven are members

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THANK YOU Kudos: Thanks to all that helped around the clubroom this past month! We couldn't do it without you. Sharon and Bob Bellinghausen, Doug and Kathy MacCrea, Sandy and Mike Deacon, Jan Anderson, DeAnn Freel, Randy Freel, Delores Ball, Scooter, Michelle Sime, Bill Donovan, Ken Woodley, and Tom Fowler.

of the Unit today and will be with us to celebrate the centennial of the Post's chartering.

Airport Is Kept Alive

In the late 1920's, the Ames Airport nearly closed as the operators moved on to other interests. Learn how the American Legion Post #37, veterans that learned the importance of flying, took over operation of that airport and kept Ames on the map as air transportation and recreation grew. Letting it close would have meant much more work to get it established later. Come learn the story and see the major role played by the post

Post Officer Nominations

The Post nominating committee has reported the following list of candidates for the offices of Ames Post #37. Additional nominations will be taken at the June meeting prior to election.

- Commander – Jennifer Monserud
- 1st Vice-Commander – Anthony Perdue
- 2nd Vice-Commander – Mike Monserud
- Adjutant – Dave Rehbein
- Finance Officer – Randy Freel
- Chaplain – Rickey Thompson
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Derek Kraayenbrink
- Historian – Stan Elliott
- Executive Committee – Phil Harris, Chris McClure, Randy Breyfogle, Everett Freel, Keven Brace, John Schomaker

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