

MEMORIAL DAY IN AMES

*"We cherish too, the Poppy red
 That grows on fields where valor led
 It seems to signal to the skies
 That blood of heroes never dies."*

This verse helps to symbolize the month of May as Americans pay tribute to those men and women who have served our great nation and have passed away. We cannot, and should not, forget their sacrifices and we should cherish the opportunity to gather, as a nation, to pay tribute to their memory, whether they perished on the field of battle or after a long life raising a family and contributing to the community.

Originally called Decoration Day following the end of the Civil War, it was a day set aside to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers (and sailors) who died in that terrible conflict. Memorial Day has now been expanded to honor all Americans who died in all wars and conflicts since that time. With the start of the War on Terrorism, Americans also started to honor the memory of those first responders who have given their lives to protect and serve others. Many cities and towns, like Ames, also use the day to recognize those veterans who have passed away throughout the year. Let us not be deterred from taking the true intent of the day to heart and pay tribute to the men and women who have passed on after making the sacrifice to ensure our safety and freedom and to ensure that the principles of justice, freedom and democracy



are maintained. I hope that you join in one of the many events in the area as we remember and pay tribute to our fallen heroes.

On May 14th our Legion Family will join together at the Post at 6:30 PM as the Auxiliary leads us in our annual Memorial Service to honor the members of our Post Family who have passed away during the year. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a Legion Family to remember them and honor their legacy.

The Ames Patriotic Council will lead the commemoration here with the ceremony at Municipal Cemetery at 11AM on Memorial Day. Be alert for more information on the parade and ceremony.

The Post and Legion family will put up flags in the downtown area at 7AM on May 24 and take them down at 5PM on May 27. We will provide a color guard for the parade and firing squad for the ceremony at the cemetery. The honor guard will also fire a salute at Ontario cemetery and Story Memorial Gardens in honor of the veterans buried there.

Lunch will be served at the Post following the ceremony at the Municipal cemetery. We invite everyone to join us. Volunteers for the flags, lunch or color/honor guard should contact Commander MacCrea by calling the Post at 232-9870.

Mothers Day Brunch



Sunday, May 12, the Post would like to invite you to our fabulous Sunday brunch. Brunch will be served from 11am-1pm. Brunch will include turkey, 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.

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Post Commander Doug's Comments



In April we recognized several Post Members on achieving significant membership milestones. Congratulations to Merlyn Brown on 70 years of membership and to John Litzel, Charles Swaim, Greg Clawson, Richard Hall and William Pyle on 50 years of continuous membership. Litzel, Swaim and Clawson are shown with Commander MacCrea. Mr. Pyle and Mr. Hall could not be with us. Their certificates will be sent to them. Sadly, Merlyn Brown passed away just a few days for the meeting. His family will receive his certificate.



It was also our honor to recognize Brett Fuller of the Ames Community School District as our Educator of the Year and to recognize 17 Cadets and Midshipmen of the Air Force, Army and Naval ROTC Units at Iowa State for their military and scholastic excellence.

As I write this article, our Legion Baseball Team is in the midst of their regular season and will compete for a spot in the Department Tournament the weekend of 4-5 May to represent the Department in the Legion Regional Baseball Tournament starting in August.

This month we will start receiving the reports of our Nominating Committees

identifying candidates for the various Post offices throughout the Legion Family for the upcoming year. I would like to thank the members of the Nominating Committees for their time and effort in identifying candidates to fill our Post Officer positions and encourage you to consider filling a position in the Legion, Auxiliary or Sons and help guide and lead the efforts of those groups in the months ahead.

In closing, the month of May will be as busy for the Post as any previous month with lots of events planned, including our now traditional Mother's Day Brunch and Memorial Day luncheon in concert with the Ames Patriotic Council. I hope that you will be able to join us at these events.

There are also a number of social events and meals on the calendar. Remember you can't go wrong with food at the post. We can also do meals to go, just let us know if that works best for you. Don't let that keep you away.

Unit President Jammie's Comments

Greetings

April has been very active for the members of Unit 37. We kicked things off on April 3rd with a delivery of 16 cases of Girl Scout Cookies to the Iowa Veterans Home. The members of Unit 37 would like to thank the entire Legion Family for making this project successful. It was a rewarding experience to see the excitement surrounding the donation. The cookies barely made it off the loading dock before they were in transit to the residents.



April 6th was the 6th District Spring Conference. Unit 37 was well represented at this conference with 9 members in attendance. Congratulations to Joyce Elliott on her appointment as Historian for 6th district. We would also like to congratulate Ms. Sadie

Breyfogle – Sadie was recently elected as 6th District Junior Secretary.

Just a reminder, due to scheduling, the Memorial Service for Post 37 Legion Family has been moved to the SAL meeting night. The service will begin at

6:30 on Tuesday May 14th.

Year end narratives are due April 30th to the Department Chairman for the committee. I would like to thank each of the committee chairmen that have served with me over the last two years. Each of you has a passion for this organization and its mission of helping veterans. Thank you for everything you do; you are what makes this Unit great!

The next Unit meeting is at 6:30 on Tuesday, May 7th. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Jammie

Squadron Commander Mike's Comments

As May approaches, we will have our last Steak Dinner on May 4, for the Sons of The American Legion. Please come out and help the Sons have a successful dinner to finish off the year. We hope that it will be warm, and therefore a good night to come down to the Post.

At our meeting in May, we will have the Memorial Service with the American Legion Auxiliary. It will be a service to honor the veterans that have gone to Post Everlasting during the last year. Please attend to help honor the memories of our members that are no longer here.

Our Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast was

well attended, and I want to thank everyone that came out and continues to help us support our programs.

At the April Meeting, nominations for the Squadron Officers for the following year are as follows:

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

These are just nominated and anyone

can show up to the meeting in June during elections and run for an office. We can also have another member on the Executive Board if anyone is interested.

We are still always looking for people who want to volunteer at the Post for events. These include things like the Steak Dinner, or Bingo, or joining the Honor Guard to provide services at funerals of Veterans.

Membership is still 194 of 193 which is 100.52%. The Squadron is the first one of the Legion family to make the 100%, and again I can't say how proud of all of you that I am for the hard work that went into this endeavor.

Clubroom News

Winter seemed to be never ending this year but we have finally had some great weather days. We hope as you are getting out and about with the nicer weather you stop into the clubroom. Come check out what is happening and visit with some 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.

Wednesday, May 15 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.

Friday, May 31 is Tenderloin Basket Night. Come join us for this Iowa favorite. Get sandwich with all your favorite fixings and fries for just \$6. Tenderloins are served from 5-7pm.

Check out our awesome daily specials:

Taco Tuesday's-Enjoy a walking or soft

Poppy Days will be held on Memorial Day weekend, May 24 and 25. 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.

Volunteers are needed to help with this annual project. 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 515-290-5444 or by email at jansch1@juno.com.



shell taco for just \$2 with all your favorite 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 night's 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, Denny Krogh, Ken Woodley, Sandy Deacon, Paul Madsen, Megan McEnany, Maria McEnany, Doug MacCrea, Russ and Vicki Belz.



Change for a Cause: Change for a Cause is off to a good start. In March we collected \$43.83 which was donated to the Legion Baseball Team. We are encouraged by the support so far and hope we will eclipse the March collection in April for the Boys & Girls Club of Ames.

Post Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates

The Post nominating committee is seeking candidates for the offices of the 2019-2020 year. All offices except the Judge-Advocate are open for election including five seats on the Post Executive Committee. The Judge Advocate is an appointed position.

The nominating committee is Pat Phillips, chair, Stan Elliott and Jennifer Monserud. They will present their first report at the May meeting. Any interested Legionnaire can contact them through the Post at 232-9870.

Post to Report Volunteer Hours and Dollars

The American Legion compiles the volunteer hours and money donated by members during the year for a report to Congress. Even though the hours that you donated to worthy causes may not have been done as part of an American Legion project, those hours should still be credited to the Legion since you are a Legionnaire. The same holds true of financial donations.

A binder at the Post is being used to record those numbers. Take your volunteer list there and get them written in the book or just leave your list in the book. You can also send your numbers to Post Adjutant Dave Rehbein at davidrehbein@msn.com. He will compile the data.

Our Post is one of the more active American Legion Posts in the state but we know that we miss many thousands of hour and hundreds of dollars donated by members that may not be active in the Post. We need those donations to report also.

Your time in uniform taught you that service is important. We need you to tell us about the service you perform, whether it is in Ames or another community far away. It is that service that makes the US a better place to live. It is that spirit that makes people want to come to the US because they know we work to make our country better. Don't hide that service, let us know and report it.

CLUBROOM COUPON

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

Legion Riders

Breakfast Rides are the 3rd Saturday each month, Dinner Rides are the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. Destinations are shown below.

Breakfast Ride

May 18—Uptown Café, Jefferson. Kickstands Up: 8AM, Theisen's Parking Lot

Dinner Rides

April 28-Nite Hawk, Slater. Kickstands Up: 4:30, Post 37 Parking Lot

May 12—Papa's Pizza, Polk City. Kickstands Up: 4:30, Post 37 Parking Lot

May 26—A&W, Jefferson. Kickstands Up: 4:30, Post 37 Parking Lot

THE AMERICAN LEGION



Two young men have been selected to attend the 2019 session of American Legion Boys State. Wren Bohr of Ames High School and Elijah Stahr of Gilbert High School interviewed with the committee and will be attending Boys State on June 9-14. Elijah's brother Joel attended Boys State in 2017.

We look forward to having them at a Post meeting later this summer. Watch for that announcement.

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5 BINGO	6 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	7 TACO TUESDAY AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30	8 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY BINGO	9 DOLLAR DOG DAY LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	10 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	11
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