

SUPERMARKET OF VETERANS BENEFITS

The Story County Veterans Affairs Office is hosting a Supermarket of Veterans Benefits on Friday, November 15 from 9:00am until 2:00pm. The Supermarket will be held at The Plex, 5501 George Washington Carver Avenue in Ames.

This event is intended to provide a one-stop shop of veterans benefits veterans and their families. All levels of benefit information will be available from local to federal.

If you or a member of your family is unsure whether you should apply for one of the many veterans benefits,

this is a place that you need to be. These are the agencies and organizations that will be present and can speak with you about prospective benefits.

Iowa and Story County Veterans Affairs

Iowa Veterans Home

VA Regional Office, Medical Center and Vets Center

Ebenefits & MyHealthyVet

Homeless Outreach

Shot Clinic

Story County Assessor and Treasurer

Iowa Transition Assistance Advisor

Iowa State University Vet Center

American Legion

Disabled Veterans of America

Vietnam Veterans of America

Major topics include medical and long term care, financial compensation and pension, emergency financial assistance, taxes, transition from the military and burial.

If you need more information, contact Brett McLain at 515-956-2626 or Erin Rewerts at 515-956-2625.

REWARDS FOR BEING RENEWED FOR 2020

Have you renewed your membership for 2020? If not, now would be a great time. We have one benefit that you can only gain by renewing on or before November 2 and another that you will be eligible for if you have renewed by November 15.



That great steak dinner you see here is one of the meals that we will be serving on November 2. If you have your membership renewed on that night, you will receive a \$2

discount on the meal of your choice. That applies to the Post, Unit and Squadron.

Also we will be drawing a winner for the last set of ISU football tickets on November 15. Those tickets are for the Kansas game on November 23. Everyone who has renewed by that date will be entered into the drawing. Again that is Post, Unit and Squadron members. There are four tickets and a parking pass. Check the Commander's column for an extra benefit for membership recruiters.

Centennial Speakeasy RSVP

The Unit Centennial will be celebrated with a speakeasy at the Post on November 9 at 7pm. There is no charge but the Unit is requesting an RSVP if you plan to attend. This event will be one of the highlights of the year for the Ames Legion family.

Don't miss it and then feel bad when you hear about all the fun later. Send your RSVP to AmesUnit37@gmail.com. The deadline is November 1 to RSVP but don't wait until the last minute. Send it now.



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Post Commander Jennifer's Comments

Hello! First, some thank yous. We have a new wheelchair ramp at our alley entrance, thanks very much to those that donated their time to get it installed! Many post and unit members donated time to help host the 6th District Conference at the end of September, thanks to all for making it a successful day!!

We still have one set of ISU football tickets to give away, for the ISU v Kansas game. This last set will be a membership drawing, pay your 2020 Legion, Auxiliary, and/or SAL dues by November 15th and you will be entered. We've added an additional way to increase your chances, if you recruit new members your name will be entered again for each member you recruit! Renew and recruit today, membership makes a fabulous holiday gift!!

This month the Auxiliary will be celebrating their centennial, on behalf of the

post I would like to offer the Auxiliary many congratulations on their first century of service! Without the programs and advocacy that the Auxiliary provides, the Legion could not and would not be what it is today. Thank you and good luck in your second century of service!

The annual Veteran's Day program will be held at the Ames Public Library at 11AM. The post will be hosting lunch again this year after the program. Following lunch the Ames Chamber will present the American Legion with a gift. It will be a surprise to all of us, stick around to see what it is!

The weather will be turning colder soon and when you turn your thoughts towards holidays and family gatherings please remember those veterans that are struggling to make ends meet or may not have any family. Check on your battle buddies and shipmates, if

they need assistance and don't know where to turn start here. The Legion has programs that may be able to help, Story County also has a great VA office here in Ames. Sometimes we are the first to recognize the struggle because we've been there ourselves, the Legion wants to help. Lean on us!

Before I close, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each veteran reading this for their service to our country and wish you all a happy Veterans day! Fewer than 10% of Americans can call themselves Veteran. Thank you for your service, thank you for your sacrifice, and thank you for walking the walk! Whether you were drafted or enlisted on your own, we all stepped up to defend our country and deserve this day of recognition. Enjoy it!

Have a great November, I'll see you all at the post!

Unit President Sandy's Comments

Happy Veterans Day to all who served. We are all grateful for your service and for the freedoms that you defended.

There are plenty of opportunities to have some fun and make a difference in the lives of our Veterans and our Community in November. At our meeting on **November 5th** at 6:30 pm we will finish signing over 100 cards to deliver to Veterans in nursing homes in the Ames area.

On **November 9th** we will host our 100th Anniversary Celebration by turning the meeting room into a Speakeasy. There will be appetizers, beverages, a photo booth with a professional photographer, prizes and more! Come help us celebrate. It's FREE, but you do need to RSVP by November 1st so we can com-

plete our planning.

That's easy. Just send an email to amesunit#37@gmail.com or send a note to the Centennial Committee at 225 Main St. Please include your name, email, phone number and number of people attending. You will receive a note or call from us giving you the special password to enter the Speakeasy.

On **November 11th** you are invited to attend the Veterans Day Program sponsored by the Ames Patriotic Council at 11:00 am at the Ames Pubic Library.

On **November 16th** there will be two opportunities. Starting at 9:00 am at the Clubroom, we will be sewing carpet rags for the Iowa Veterans Home. The Veterans at IVH use a loom and the

balls of fabric to create beautiful and durable rag rugs. Come and join us. Bring your sewing machine, rotary cutter and cotton or denim fabric.

Don't sew? Come anyway as there will be plenty of other things you can do to help. At noon we will take a break and join our Juniors and local Girl Scouts for a program on Flag Etiquette for Kids at the Ames Public Library from 12:00 until 1:00. There will be several stations for the kids to visit, explaining Flag Etiquette, Flag Retirement, a Flag Craft, and it will end with a panel discussion on what it means to be a Veteran. Bring your kids and have some fun.

November 25th is Thanksgiving. As you gather with family and friends, say a special prayer for our military personnel and our Veterans.

Squadron Comments

No Squadron Column this month.

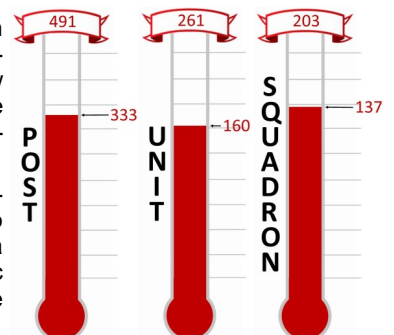


Membership Update—Why We Belong!

The latest membership numbers are in and shown at the Iright There has been quite a change, especially in the Unit's progress toward goal. We knew they wouldn't stay down long, their members care too much about the things the Unit does to not renew.

Speaking about what we do, the Ames Legion family works hard to tell you about the things we do locally. The Department tries hard through the Iowa Legionnaire and Communique and the electronic newsletter and Department of Iowa Facebook page to keep you informed on the activities there.

Now we have a new way to know that the National Organization is doing at least for The American Legion. A monthly membership impact report is published giving us the story of their accomplishments. Go to www.legion.org/membership/impact and you will find a link for each month giving you a summary of the National activities. Take a look!



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:

Wednesday November 6-Burger Night 5-6:30pm: Join us for a burger and fries for just \$5.

Friday, November 15-Potato Bar 5-7pm: Come unwind in the clubroom and enjoy a Potato Bar. For just \$5 you will get a potato and we will have lots of great toppings for you to enjoy.

Friday, November 22-Fish Fry. We will be serving from 5-7pm. Enjoy fried cod, French fries, hushpuppies and coleslaw for just \$8.

Thursday, November 28 Clubroom Closed- Happy Thanksgiving!!

Friday, November 29 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!!

Saturday, November 30-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 lots of your vendors; Avon, Pampered Chef, Crystal and Feather 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 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

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

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!!



Thanks again to everyone who helped around the clubroom in October. We couldn't do it without you!! Tom Fowler, Sandy Deacon, Mike Deacon, Ken Woodley, Bill Donovan, Addison Donovan, Paul Madson, Melissa McEnany, Megan McEnany and Tom Hadaway.

Holiday Treats Reminder



Don't forget, the deadline for nut orders is November 5. You can return your order form to Ann Rehbein, 1505 Douglas, Ames, IA 50010 or you can order online at <https://AmesIowaUnit37ALA.terrylynncares.com>.

Also keep watch for the Unit's annual cookie fair. That is coming in December.

Learn More About The Legion Family

The American Legion and Auxiliary have each created an online educational area where you can go to learn more about your organization. The Legion's educational tool is called Legion Basic Training. The course is available to any member by logging in at <https://www.legion.org/alei>. The course can be taken all at once or over several sessions and is self-paced.

The American Legion Auxiliary's training course is named ALA Academy. It is open to any member at <https://www.alaforveterans.org/ALA-ACADEMY/>. Taking the course requires creation of an account and logging in. Several courses are available with more being developed.



The Ames Junior Auxiliary Unit will host a flag etiquette program at the Ames Public Library On November 16. They will demonstrate folding the flag and other requirements needed to show the proper respect for our flag. Thank you to the Juniors for leading this program.

Zee Kroeschell and three of her guests enjoyed the ISU-OSU game on October 26 as a result of Zee winning the raffle for those tickets and the parking pass. We thank Zee and all those who purchased tickets for that drawing. The drawing for the last set of tickets for the Kansas game on November 23 will be limited to those who have renewed their Legion family dues for 2020. Don't miss out. Make sure you have a 2020 card.




The Veterans Day Celebration will be held in Ames at the Ames Public Library at 11 am on November 11. The celebration is sponsored by the Ames Patriotic Council. Watch for more information as the day gets closer. We will be serving lunch at the Post following the ceremony at the library.

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