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Ames Legion Family In Action



Join us for a Centennial Celebration November 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.



The American Legion Auxiliary is celebrating a Century of Service and Ames Unit 37 is having a Party! Join us for a night of fun as we step back in time and transform the meeting hall into a Speakeasy.

Where: 225 Main Street, Ames, IA 50010
When: November 9, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

RSVP by November 1st:
 Email (AmesUnit37@gmail.com) or Mail to the above address
 Attention: Unit 37 Centennial Committee

Family Affiliation: (Circle One) TAL AUX SAL Post/Unit: _____

Name (s): _____ Attending: _____

Did you know? On November 10th, 2019 The American Legion Auxiliary will be celebrating its Centennial. That is 100 years of service to Veterans, to Children and Youth, and to the Community.

In honor of this milestone, The American Legion Auxiliary – Ames Unit 37 will be hosting a party. We will be transforming the meeting hall into a 1920's Speakeasy.

The party will be held on **Saturday, November 9th** with festivities beginning at **7:00 p.m.**

Unit 37 would like to invite all our Ames American Legion Family to join us in the celebra-

tion. There will be music, there will be dancing, there will be appetizers and period appropriate drinks.

We would love to have you join us to celebrate the American Legion Auxiliary Centennial. There is no charge for this event but a R.S.V.P. is required. You can email your R.S.V.P. to AmesUnit37@gmail.com or you can drop it off at the post to the attention of Unit 37 Centennial Committee.

Please consider this your invitation to join in the fun and dress up in your best 1920's garb (not required) as we celebrate a Century of Service!



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Post Commander Jennifer's Comments

Hello! I want to begin by thanking SAL member Steve Jones for his work to repair the basement floor! Job well done and THANK YOU!

A very generous American Legion member and ISU alum has donated several sets of football tickets and a parking pass to the post. The first set was for the September 21st game, each family member that had paid their 2020 dues was entered to win.

We also have tickets to the Oct. 5th TCU and Oct. 26th Oklahoma State games, those tickets will be raffled. Tickets are \$10 each and sold separately for each game.

Our last set of tickets is for the November 23rd Kansas game. This last set will also be a membership drawing, pay your dues by November 2nd 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! November 2nd is also our membership dinner, if your 2020 dues

are paid or you pay at the dinner you will receive \$2.00 off your meal! This applies to American Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members.

Annually we hold a Fifth Grade Flag Essay contest, to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation for the United States Flag. The rules are simple submit a one-page document, 300 words or less, double-spaced, 12-point font reflecting the student's perspective on what the flag represents to them using facts from the US flag code. Have your fifth grader send their entry to me at the post, be sure to include contact information! \$50 will be awarded to a local winner and the essay forwarded to the Department for judging.

Recently we became aware of some out of date contact information for some members, if you have moved recently or changed your phone number make sure you let us know so we can update our records. Also, if you are a snowbird and receive your bulletin by mail let us know when you leave and plan to return so we can make sure your bulletins

reach you! You can email amespost37membership@gmail.com or call the post.

We plan to present the baseball MVP trophy at the October meeting, please join us in honoring this young man! The meeting starts at 7:30.

Membership is coming in steadily, but we are behind this time last year, nationally as well as locally membership has been decreasing for years. Your dues are important to continue our advocacy on behalf of veterans across the nation. In Iowa they help pay the salary of the American Legion service officers that represent veterans during VA claims. Locally they help us fund the honor guard, teach flag etiquette, and sponsor boys to American Legion Boys State. The American Legion needs your dues to be the voice for those veterans that cannot speak for themselves. Help us be their voice!! Renew and recruit today!

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

Unit President Sandy's Comments

Hello Ames Legion Family!

Congratulations and welcome to Mike Monserud and Kyle Broer, our first male members of the Ames American Legion Auxiliary. Mike is a triple member (Legion, Auxiliary and Sons) and Kyle is a dual member (Auxiliary and Sons).

THANK YOU to all who made our first goal of our 100th Anniversary Celebration possible. We collected 106 school supplies which have been delivered to the Ames Public Schools by our Education Chairman, Dee Ball.

Our second goal is to ask our members to volunteer 100 hours during the month of October. Hours can be for any of our

Auxiliary programs. I know that many of you are volunteering in our community and for our Veterans. Keep track of those hours and email them to me at the end of October: sdeacon818@msn.com. I will need to know dates, how many hours you volunteered and for whom you volunteered.

And that brings us to November. **Save the Date!!** November 9th, 2019 Unit 37 will be hosting a party! In celebration of the 100th Birthday of the American Legion Auxiliary

The meeting hall will transform into the 1920's and become a Speakeasy.

There will be music, there will be dancing, there will be appetizers and period appropriate drinks. Best of all.... there will be fellowship as the American Legion Family gathers together to celebrate the American Legion Auxiliary Centennial. Period dress is encouraged but not required. RSVP's will be required so stay tuned for more information.

The Auxiliary will be in charge of the November Steak Dinner on November 2nd. We need volunteers in the kitchen to cook and do dishes. We need volunteers upstairs to take money, wait tables and pour coffee. Let me know where you would like to volunteer.

Squadron Commander Bob

My thanks to all who have helped me to settle into this position as Commander.

In reading up on the S.A.L. I came across two basic programs of the S.A.L. Those programs are the Ten Step Program for pre-teens and the 5-Star program for older members. This month I'll introduce the 5-star program. It consists of Patriotism, Citizenship, Discipline, Leadership, and Legionism. Further discussions of these programs will be held at the next meeting on October 8th.

The Sons will be hosting the October Steak Night on October 5th. Have a Happy Halloween.

SAL Member Wins First Set of Tickets



Squadron member Todd Moore is shown with the four tickets and parking pass that he won in the drawing for the first of four sets.

Commander Monserud's column talks about the generous donor that gave four sets of tickets to the post to use to promote membership and programs. The tickets are in section W near the 50-yard line with a parking pass for Lot C5.

Todd won the first set simply by having his SAL dues renewed for 2020. The

next two sets for the Oct. 5 TCU game and the Oct 26 OSU game will be raffled to raise funds for our programs. Tickets are available at the post and are \$10 to enter each raffle.

The last set of tickets will be awarded to someone like Todd who has their Legion family dues renewed for 2020 by Nov 2. Those tickets are for the Nov 23 KU game. If you are a dual or triple member, you will get one entry for each set of dues.

Recruiting a new member will also get you an extra entry. Renew and recruit and then enjoy a free game.

Clubroom News

Welcome to the fabulous colors of fall!! The Clubroom has kicked off football season with a bang. The post is the best place to enjoy all your favorite games along with great drinks, food, and friends!! Don't forget that we have great specials for every ISU game. Halloween is just around the corner and it's one of the top favorites around here. Check out the Boo-tiful décor in the clubroom, and the spooktacular events this month in the clubroom:

There is something going on everyday in the Clubroom and we are adding some new and exciting things!!

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

Taco Tuesday- It's the last month of tacos before winter hits. Stop in and get your \$2 tacos.

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 or bring in some friends and share a bottle of our new Carletto wine for \$12.

Thirsty Thursday- Featuring \$1 Hot Dogs and \$2 Domestic bottles of beer

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

Wednesday, October 9-Burger Night 5-6:30 pm. These 1/3 pound burgers are served on a toasted bun and you can dress them how you like with all your favorites, for only \$5.00.

Friday, October 18-Tenderloin Night 5-7pm. Enjoy an Iowa staple! Tenderloin sandwich with fries just \$6.

Do you love a great home cooked meal? Every Wednesday the Post serves up a special for only \$6.00 Sup-

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per is served from 5-6:30pm. Check it out. There are always plenty of fun things happening in the clubroom; Hope to see you soon!!



Thanks again for everyone who helped around the clubroom this month!! Tom Fowler, Sandy Deacon, John and Lynn Sellmeyer, Chris Duncan, Vicki Belz, Andrea Groneau, Ken Woodley, Bill Donovan, Doug MacCrea, John Schomaker, and Rodger VanVoorhis.

Unit Nut Sale Begins



Enclosed or attached you will find the annual nut fundraiser information. The Unit will only be ordering to fulfill these orders and will not have extra nuts as in past years. Please order everything you might want now so you won't be disappointed later. You can also order online anytime at

<https://AmeslowaUnit37ALA.terrilynncares.com>.

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser. It is greatly appreciated and the funds will support our programs

Academic Awards Ceremony

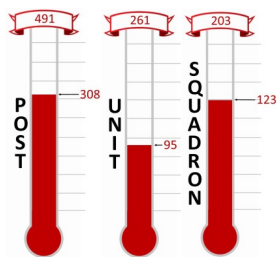


The Ames Legion Family and the Ames School District are combining for the 33rd annual Academic Awards Ceremony. The event will be held October 28 beginning at 6PM in the cafeteria at Ames High.

This convocation recognizes the juniors and seniors at Ames High School that have excelled in the education they are receiving. Each of the approximately 225 students to be recognized will have been in the Ames School System at least one year and currently have at least a 3.5 Grade Point Average on a scale of 4.0.

Our Legion family leadership will co-host the ceremony with the Principal of Ames High School. We expect a full house of parents and friends of the students that day. A large turn-out of Legion family members will show our respect for the work that the students have done and the support from their family and friends. In addition, a good turn-out of Legion family members will demonstrate our support for education in Ames.

Renew Your Family Membership Early



Membership progress for each of the three Legion family members is at the left. Both the Post and the Squadron have exceeded 60% of their membership goal for 2020. The Unit is below that level but their membership renewal program is just getting started. We have faith that their members will respond and that they will quickly get to the up even with the Post and Squadron.

Don't forget that there are some extra incentives this year. Everyone who is renewed by November 2 will receive a \$2 discount at the November steak dinner. Also everyone who renews will automatically be entered in the drawing for that last set of football tickets on November 23.

We need each of our members to take a look at the contact information we have for you, particularly telephone and email. All we had for Mr. Moore to tell him he had won the tickets were a mailing address and a long outdated telephone number. Fortunately he lived close enough that a note could be delivered since time was very short.

Legionnaires can check their record through MyLegion.org and follow the prompts. Auxiliary members can go to ALaforVeterans.org and log in. In both cases, if you don't have an account you will need your membership number. SAL members currently don't have the ability to check their record online. If you believe that your record is out of date, use amespost37membership@gmail.com to get the correct information to the Squadron adjutant.

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