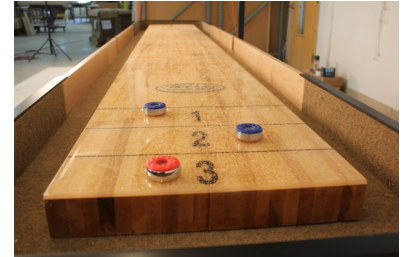


# Ames Legion Family In Action

## Ames Family Play Day—January 11, 9:00 AM to Noon

We want the Ames American Legion Post to be a place where the families of Ames are welcome and can come to have fun as a family and with friends of all ages..

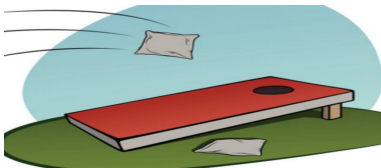


games and fun. All members of the Legion family and the general public are welcome.



On January 11, Commander Monserud will be leading the Post to host a family play day, a day when parents and children can come to the Post and enjoy time together playing games and just being with each other.

There will be board games, card games, shuffleboard, Wii, bag toss and maybe even Bingo!



We will be open for all the families of Ames to bring their kids and grandkids and enjoy a morning of

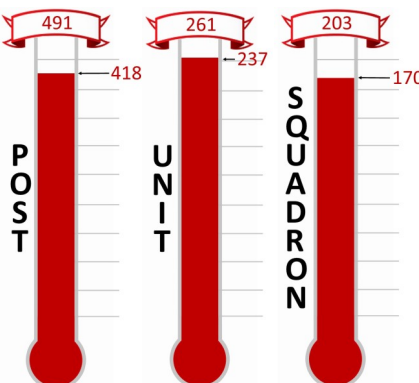
We are planning a coloring and craft table for

some of the younger kids and will have people at the post for lessons on some of the games like Wii bowling and shuffleboard.



This is a free event so bring your family and your favorite game or come play one of ours! Stay for an hour or all morning. Burn off that cabin fever and have a fun family morning at the post! Snow date will be January 25<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be available for purchase.

### Who Will Reach 100% First?



You see the progress that is being made in membership. All three organizations are gaining with the Unit in the lead right now. Time to step up and help. Are your dues renewed? If not, do that and get your organization one step closer. If you have renewed, then find someone who is not currently a member and recruit or renew them. Lets get finished.

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## Post Commander Jennifer's Comments

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had an enjoyable holiday season!

Our post is hosting a family play day on January 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon. All members are welcome, and this is open to the public, bring all your friends and kids or grandkids. There will be board games, card games, shuffleboard, Wii, and maybe even Bingo! This is a free event so bring your family and your favorite game or come play one of ours! Stay for an hour or all morning. Burn off that cabin fever and have a fun family morning at the post! Snow date will be January 25<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be available for purchase.

Legionnaires and other veterans from across Iowa will gather at the Capitol for Legislative Day on January 22, 2020, to speak with their Senators and Representatives about the issues confronting veterans and military members in Iowa. They will be discussing three main priorities with their legislators.

1)The Military Homeownership Assistance Program: This program has run out of money during the first quarter in the last several years. An appropri-

ation needs to be made to eliminate the waiting list and return this program to its intended purpose.

2)Veterans Treatment Courts: A statewide system of Veterans Courts, a hybrid drug and mental health justice program for veterans needs to be created and funded.

3)Licensing and Certification: Barriers in occupational licensing and certification for servicemembers, veterans and spouses must be identified and removed

There will be an orientation meeting at Department Headquarters at 9:00 a.m. that morning. From there, Legion family members will proceed to the Capitol for a program at 10 a.m. in the Capitol Rotunda and visit with their legislators

If you cannot participate at the Capitol that day, contact your Senator and Representative and send them a copy of the Iowa American Legion legislative priorities. Every Senator and every Representative need to hear from their veteran constituents. More information will be available at <https://www.ialegion.org/legislative/>

We are still accepting 2020 membership dues. If you aren't paid you are now delinquent and any benefits you may be eligible for like the National Emergency Fund have expired. Renew now to reinstate your benefits!

We are always looking for additional members for the post honor guard. It is getting difficult to gather enough folks sometimes, especially during the winter months. If you are interested in helping out please contact us at [amespost37membership@gmail.com](mailto:amespost37membership@gmail.com) and we will pass your name on to the coordinator. No experience is necessary, we will train you. If this aviation-sailor can learn, so can you!!

I'd like to thank all those members that work behind the scenes keeping our building going and taking care of the little things, beer deliveries, replacing locks, coming to the post while vendors are working. I want you to know I see you, I appreciate what you do, and we all thank you.

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

## Unit President Sandy's Comments

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** to everyone in our American Legion Family. January starts a new decade for our family. Let's start it out right with all of our organizations making goal. The Unit is only 27 members away from making our goal. If you haven't paid your dues – why not? Just think about the veteran who gave you your membership eligibility and how you feel about that veteran's service and sacrifice for our freedom. Honor that veteran again by paying your dues. Do it today! Senior

### Squadron Commander Bob

My thanks to all of the Sons that assisted with the annual Sons of The American Legion Biscuits and Gravy breakfast on December 7<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas or a Happy Holiday. I wish everyone will have a great New Year and that The American Legion Family expands and grows during the New Year and that our great nation heals from the pain of the last few years. I also hope that the ten ideals of the Sons of the American Legion: Patriotism, Health, Training, Knowledge, Honor, Faith, Helpfulness, Courtesy, Reverence, and Comradeship spread throughout the country. My best wishes to all and Happy New Year.

members (over 18) pay just \$30.00 and Junior members pay only \$5.00.

The Auxiliary is in charge of the Steak Dinner on January 4<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't signed up to work, please email me and let me know that you are willing to help. There are lots of jobs to do, and I'm sure we can find the right fit for you.

As we continue our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, I remind you that one of our goals is to volunteer 100 hours per month. Those hours can be things you do for veterans and their families, our community and our children. I'm sure each member does something every month for someone else. Please keep track of those hours, and when you get ready to turn the calendar page each month, email the hours to me. I need your name, the type of service you performed, how many hours, and if you donated money, we want that too. If we all take a couple minutes to report our volunteer hours, just think of the numbers we will end up with at the end of the year.

Mark your calendar now for Mid-Winter

Conference to be held February 14-16, 2020 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. There will be lots of interesting workshops and a chance to network with Legion Family members from all over the state. If you can't come for the whole conference, plan to drive down for 1 day. Details of the program are available on the Department Legion website, [www.ialegion.org](http://www.ialegion.org).

Thank a Veteran every day, and say a prayer every day for our service men and women who are protecting our freedom all over the world.

All Legion Family members are invited to our meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Members of the "Bombshell Patriots" will share information about their organization. Bombshell Patriots mission is to break the stigma of female veterans and public servants through camaraderie and education, as well as, providing support to military spouses and each other as a whole.

Sandy Deacon  
Unit President



## Clubroom News

Happy New Year to all!! We hope that everyone had a joyous Holiday season. December was very busy in the Clubroom and we want to thank everyone for your continued support. Thanks to everyone who volunteered, we can't do it without you!! We have lots of events going on in January so we hope you can join us.

Bring it on!!! We want you to bring down your very best chili for our **Annual Chili Cook-off**. You may drop off your chili on the 31<sup>st</sup> or the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup>. We also encourage those not competing to bring a snack to share. There are prizes for first, second, and third place. As a bonus, the winner has bragging rights all year long. Of Course, all are welcome to come in and sample all the delicious entries and watch some football. Please have your chili here by noon.

Don't forget that the post is the ultimate place to enjoy all your favorite sports events. Come join us and cheer on your team with us!

**Wednesday, January 8 is Burger**

**Basket Night.** Burgers are served for 5 -6:30pm and as usual only \$5 served with all your favorite toppings and French fries. Stop in and enjoy one or get it to go!!!

**Friday, January 17 is Tenderloin Night.** Join us for an Iowa staple from 5-7pm. You can get a tenderloin and fries for just \$6.

**Friday, January 31-Fish Fry** 5-7pm. It's time for another fish fry! Stop down to the post to share a great meal with friends.



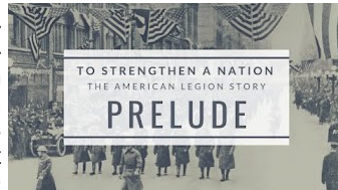
Thanks to all that made the events happen this month and made our burgers with Santa event happen. Ken Woodley, Andrea

Gronau, Mike Deacon, Sandy Deacon, Tom Fowler, Megan McEnany, Maria McEnany, Joyce and Stanley Elliott, Bill Donovan, Vicki and Russ Belz, Steve Jones

## To Strengthen A Nation

The Centennial Video Project "To Strengthen A Nation" is continuing with Episode 6: Americanism recently released. This video series is excellent for anyone who wants to know more about the formation, history and traditions of The American Legion and why those traditions still matter today.

There have been seven episodes filmed to date with more to come. Jeric and Lorna, two young Legionnaires, narrate the series as they discover the "Why" behind The American Legion and all we do.



For those receiving this issue by email, you can click [here](#) and go directly to the Americanism episode. Others can go to [Legion.org](#) and enter "To Strengthen a Nation" in the search box.

If you have not seen any of this series, you have missed a great tool to learn more. The episodes run between 6 1/2 and 12 minutes. The entire episode listing is [here](#) for those using email. For others find the episode labeled prelude and begin there. You can also go to [youtube.com](#) and search for "To Strengthen A Nation".

## The Impact of Your Membership

A new year is beginning and with the new year comes New Year's Resolutions. We hope one of your Resolutions is to remain a member of the American Legion family.

That Is a good resolution simply because of the great things your membership helps achieve, the impact that your membership has on this community, this state and this country.

There are now a year's worth of membership impact reports on the National Legion website. They tell the stories of the impact your membership has.

Those reports can be found at [le-gion.org/membership/impact](#).

Those reports are not just because of The American Legion. The whole Legion family is responsible for the work being done that is reported in those reports.

We resolve to keep that work happening. Will you resolve to continue to support that work with your dues? Not just this year but every year. There is a century of work behind us but another century of work in front. Make your resolution.

### CLUBROOM COUPON

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

## Legion Riders Update

Looking back several new members joined the Legion Riders and we had our first Show and Shine to benefit the Veterans Home in Marshalltown. Watch these pages for the information on the 2020 Show and Shine, we hope to see even more of you there.

The Ames Riders were also proud to team up with the Story City Riders chapter and the Patriot Guard to escort Cpl. Bennett home to Ames. This will remain one of the best memories of ours for some time.

The Riders elections installed a full slate of officers for 2020 at our December meeting. Congratulations to Sandy Deacon (Membership) and Mike Deacon (Chaplain) for serving as first time officers and to Mike Monserud for joining the Riders and becoming the first to become a member of all four parts of the Ames American Legion family.

While we patiently wait for spring and warmer weather some of us will be cleaning up our bikes and some will be traveling to warmer climates, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy 2020!

Cliff Barker

## County To Meet At Ames

Ames Post #37 will host the January meeting of the Story County Council on January 16. With eleven posts in the county we only host a meeting every third year. We need a good turn-out of Ames officers and members to welcome the members of the other Story County Posts to Ames. Come meet some of the Legionnaires from around the county.

## Give Your Post A Gift

This would be a great time to give your Post, Unit or Squadron a gift for Christmas. Remember every donation made to the Legion family is tax-deductible. Help the Legion family with your gift and help yourself with your deduction.

Make your check out to whichever organization you choose and get it to the Post.

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