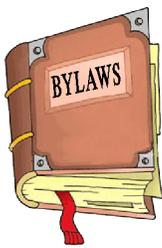


## By-Laws Change Proposed

The Post began work on an update and change to our Post By-Laws at the August meeting. The major impact of this proposed change would be to remove the monthly Executive Board meeting from the post agenda.

That seems a simple enough thing to do but it is more involved than just not holding a meeting. The Executive Board has a number of responsibilities, some of which possibly should not be delegated.



Making the change is also not an easy process. The recommendations for changes must be proposed to the Executive Board. If the Board recommends that the proposed

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changes be presented to the General Membership, the proposal is presented at that meeting.

Following approval by that group to continue the process, the proposed changes must be presented to the entire membership and then considered for a second time at the next monthly meeting. This issue of the newsletter constitutes notification to the membership that changes are being considered.

The Post By-Laws are eight pages long. Beyond the change to the Executive Board meeting and responsibilities, changes are proposed in the process to call special post meetings, the criteria for being elected to

a post office, compensation for the Post Adjutant, hiring of clubroom employees and correction of typographical and punctuation errors.

Including all those changes in this newsletter would be very unwieldy. We are making the proposed changes available to every member in printed form at the Post and electronically through the website,

[ameslegionpost37.com](http://ameslegionpost37.com).

The proposed changes will receive second consideration at the September general membership meeting. Anyone interested should attend that meeting. The September Executive Board will still be held as normal.



This is a major change for the Post. Please read the changes.

## JSSP Club Receives New Rifles



Emma Lien of the Cyclone George Junior Shooting Sports Rifle team receives one of the new Daisy M599 air rifles from Sergeant-at-Arms Doug MacCrea as Commander Jennifer Monserud observes.

Three new compressed air rifles were exchanged for three of the Daisy 853 hand-pump rifles that the club has been using. Brock Lemer, another club member was also present to help with the exchange. Along with coaches Randy Lien and Cort Pahl. The club is sponsored jointly with the Ames Izaak Walton League. Two of the new rifles were the result of specific donations from generous donors.

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## Post Commander Jennifer's Comments

The new membership year has begun, and the post had seven fewer renewals at the end of July than we had the same time last year. I am writing this in mid-August, and we are ten renewals behind the end of August last year. I do not want to fall behind this early in the year; we cannot grow if we are not exceeding last year! Send your dues in now and you will not receive any more annoying notices this year! Enroll as a Paid Up For Life member and you will not ever receive any more notices!!

If you need assistance due to the August storm, covering temporary housing or food and clothing the National Emergency Fund may be able to help. Qualifying Legionnaire's or SAL members can receive up to \$3000 but you must apply within 90 days of the disaster. Go to <https://www.legion.org/emergency/apply> for more information and to download an application or call Department Headquarters at 800-365-8387.

Many members are participating in the national #100MilesForHope campaign and there is still time for you too! Walk, run, bike, or motorcycle 100 miles between now and Veterans Day and support the American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation. You can do this as an individual, a couple, with your family, or as part of a group. Sign up online at <https://emblem.legion.org/100-Miles-For-Hope-Registration/productinfo/100MILES/>. We will be holding an informal walk around downtown around American Legion Day which is September 16<sup>th</sup>. Watch our Facebook page and the weekly update emails for more information.

POW/MIA Recognition Day occurs the third Friday in September annually, this year it is Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please take a moment on that day to think about what these service members have done for us and to remember those still missing. Servicemember

remains are being identified every day, we cannot allow these brave individuals to be forgotten.

We have begun the process of updating the Post By-Laws, if you are interested in the changes we are making please see the article elsewhere in this newsletter. Many of the updates are basic housekeeping items, changing punctuation and capitalization but there are some more substantial changes too.

Soon we will be looking for an outstanding police officer, firefighter, EMS, and emergency dispatcher to nominate for an award in each category. If you know of someone that you think should be nominated please send their name, where they work, and why you think they should be nominated to me at [Jennifer.Monserud@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.Monserud@gmail.com).

I hope you are all healthy and continue to be so as we head into fall. Take care of yourselves and when you are ready, I'll see you at the post!

## Unit President Sandy's Comments

August was a challenging month to say the least. If you need help with clean up, please reach out to your American Legion Family. You can contact the Auxiliary at [amesunit37@gmail.com](mailto:amesunit37@gmail.com)

We will be finalizing our 2020-2021 budget at the September 1<sup>st</sup> Auxiliary meeting. This has been a difficult few months and several of our fundraisers have been cancelled. If you have ideas on fundraising, we would certainly welcome them. Also, if you have a project to support our mission of taking care of veterans and their families, children and youth and our community, please let us know so we can discuss adding it to our

budget.

Dues notices for 2020-2021 will be sent out mid-September. Please pay your dues promptly so we can continue to support our mission.

September 18<sup>th</sup> is National POW MIA Recognition Day. We will be holding a remembrance service at our meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please join us for this touching ceremony.

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Ames Legion Riders will be hosting a Bike Night at R Place, 1 mile west of Kelley, Even if you don't ride, this is an opportunity to support our Riders. There will be a

raffle, prizes and fun. We will also have membership materials for all facets of the Legion Family available.

September would normally be the month of our Homeless Veterans Stand Down in Des Moines. The Stand Down has been cancelled, but we will be collecting winter clothing, including coats, sweat pants and hooded sweatshirts to distribute to our homeless Veterans. Sizes XL and above are most needed. These can be gently used, so go through your closets and watch for more information on our Facebook page and the weekly update.

## News from Riders President Cliff

The Ames Riders would like to say first that we're thankful that everyone in our Legion family is safe. Property can be fixed and freezers restocked but life is precious. Let's all take a moment to look around, be grateful for what we have, and lend a hand to our neighbors and friends if needed. It could have been so much worse.

With the students returning this fall we've again seen a large increase in traffic, not only in Ames, but the surrounding areas as well. Keep your head on a swivel and be cautious riding and driving. We may have forgotten how crazy it gets since the students left in March, but families in a rush getting

their students settled means that they may not be looking as closely as we'd all like.

New for this year we are proud to announce that the Riders have arranged for Service Branch wreaths to be posted at Ames Cemetery for the upcoming Christmas holiday. Wreaths Across America will be providing the wreaths and we will be holding a ceremony on Dec 19.

As the saying goes, more details will follow.

One last reminder that the Riders will be the sponsoring group for the Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> Bike night at R Place Pizza in Kelly. This will be our main

fundraiser for the Chapter for 2020. We would love to see everyone come out and show your support of the Legion Riders as well as supporting a local business that continues to do so much for the local community, the Legion Riders.

Our next meeting will be September 7<sup>th</sup>, at the post.

There's still lots of riding weather left and early fall is one of my own favorite times to ride.

Until then, let's all continue to ride safe, Cliff B.

President

## Clubroom News

Greetings from the clubroom! I can't believe that it is almost September. This summer has just flown by. There is still a lot of uncertainty with what is going to happen with school and the upcoming football seasons.

The clubroom is still operating with shortened hours but will open when/if there are games on. We still have all of our tables spaced out and limited number of chairs at the bar to allow for social distancing. So if you feel like venturing out come and see us.

Our Curbside Wednesday meals have continued to be a hit so we will keep those going through the month. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy and we hope to see you soon!

Call the Post any time after 2pm to order and pick up behind the Post between 5-6:30pm. You may also message me your order anytime through Facebook.

Curbside Meals for September:

Wed. Sept 2-Burger Night \$6

Wed. Sept 9-Tenderlion Night \$7

Wed. Sept 16-Spaghetti and meatballs served with garlic bread and salad \$7

Wed. Sept 23

Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy and corn \$8

Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes & gravy and corn \$8

Wed. Sept 26

Pork Loin, baked potato, green beans \$8

6oz Sirloin baked potato, green beans \$10

6 butterfly fried shrimp, baked potato, green beans \$8

Thanks to everyone for their continued support!!



Thanks to all the great volunteers that help make the Wednesday meals happen and help out around the clubroom: Tom Fowler, Russ and Vicki Belz, Sandy Deacon, Ken Woodley, Julie Rinard, Jamie Barker, John Schomaker, Bill and Addison Donovan.

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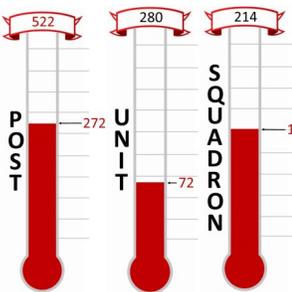
## Riders Provide Escort

Sgt. Roy Young served four years in the Marine Corps attaining the rank of Sergeant E-5. His primary specialty was Artillery Scout Observer and he earned the Rifle Expert Badge and Pistol Expert Badge. He was later honored to be on a Freedom Flight in 2015.

The American Legion Riders (ALR) of Ames Post 37 organized an escort from Grandon Funeral Home to the Ames Municipal Cemetery to honor a member of the Ames American Legion Post 37, Mr. Roy Young. President Cliff Barker invited the Story City ALR and the Patriot Guard Riders as well as all Iowa ALR to join the escort and 36 motorcycles led this procession on a bright Saturday morning.

Just before the escort, Roy's family requested the ALR as pallbearers and 6 members of our Riders quickly took formation alongside Roy's nephew who was wearing Roy's ALR vest. The Ames American Legion provided the honor guard, the flag ceremony and the playing of TAPS graveside. Our Post 37 family came together on short notice to assist in providing an honorable funeral for our fallen family member and his family was very appreciative.

## Membership Gets a Good Start



The membership thermometers are beginning to move up quite nicely. The Post and Squadron are already at or over 50% of their 2021 membership goal. The Unit has not reached that level but then the Auxiliary's first renewal notice won't come out for a couple weeks yet. Almost 25% of their membership has renewed without even needing a notice. That is loyalty. I hope we all have that kind of loyalty.

We had a great year last year. When you look back on the achievements of the Ames Legion family, not just in membership but really in programs and services, it is no

wonder that our membership was so good. Let's keep it up and have another great year this year. If you haven't renewed, do it now. Don't wait for a reminder.

## Honor Guard Members Wanted



If you are a Legionnaire or Son and would be interested in and available for being part of the Post Honor Guard, please contact Post Sergeant-at-Arms Doug MacCrea at 515-450-0773, via e-mail at [Dgraeme@aol.com](mailto:Dgraeme@aol.com), or drop your contact information off at the Post.

The Honor Guard represents the Post in providing final honors to deceased veterans, presenting the colors at various community events and ceremonies and marching in local parades when possible.

We are seeking new members to replace those whom are no longer able to participate and to meet the increasing demand for their services.

Please read the article above from the Riders and you will understand the honor or you would be helping to provide. The Guard will supply heavy winter coats for when that time comes.

If you have any questions, please contact Doug.

## Legion's Memorial Database



Are you looking for something to do while we all remain socially distant? Would you have believed that Iowa has 47 Veteran's Memorials scattered in towns around the state? Visiting some of those would be a great weekend trip.

The American Legion has a searchable database at [legion.org/memorials](http://legion.org/memorials) that can guide you to them.

Of course that is 47 that have been submitted to the database. There is no doubt that there are many more. If you find one, it can be entered at the same site on the Legion page.

This is the only database of veteran's memorials that we know of in the US. Let's make it as complete as possible.

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		1 TACO TUESDAY AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30	2 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL BURGER NIGHT	3 DOLLAR DOG DAY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	4 FIREBALL FRIDAY	5
6	7 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	8 TACO TUESDAY SAL REGULAR 6:30	9 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL TENDERLOIN	10 DOLLAR DOG DAY LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	11 FIREBALL FRIDAY	12
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27	28	29 TACO TUESDAY	30 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL PORK LOIN OR 6 OZ SIRLOIN OR 6 SHRIMP	 Find us on Facebook at <b>American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37</b>		