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Ames Legion Family In Action

BUILDING REMODEL FUNDRAISING

Now that the remodel is complete we will still need your support. Here are ways you can help:

Helping Plan and Staff Events:

We need ideas and volunteers. Now that the remodel is complete, we have a mortgage to pay off. That takes fundraising events and volunteers to staff those events. Do you have an idea for a fundraiser we can sponsor? We don't want to just have dinners, we want fresh ideas and new events. Maybe you have an idea. If you do, jot it down and get it to Jill Goodale in care of the post. Maybe you need to talk to her instead of just writing down your idea. That will work, leave your name and phone number at the post and she will get in touch.

Beyond ideas, we need helpers. We will be having events, hopefully each month. It would be very helpful if we had a list of people to call on so that no one had to work every event. Jill is the contact point for that list also. Call the post and give us your name and contact information. Jill will be in touch to get you on the list.

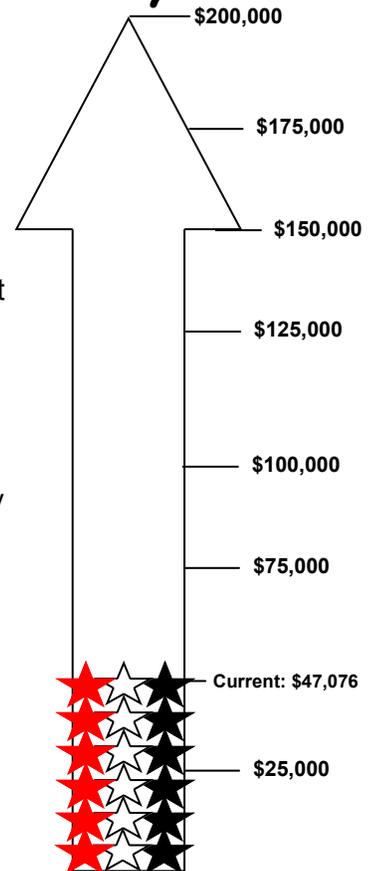
Now that that remodeling is done, if you are looking for a nice place to have a smaller wedding or anniversary reception, a retirement party, a Christmas or holiday party (Yes, it is coming) or just a family gathering, don't forget the post. Call us (232-9870) and let's talk.

Contributing to this worthy project:

- 📄 The Pledge form is available at the Post or on our website at: www.ameslegionpost37.com
- 📄 You can drop your donation off at the Post or mail it to: American Legion Post 37, 225 Main Street, Ames, IA 50010, ATTN: Building Remodel Fund.
- 📄 **Building Fundraising events:** All proceeds benefit Post 37 remodeling project costs.
- 📄 **Casey's Pizza Card:** There is a Limited supply left. Purchase your card at the Post for \$15.00. Get one before they are gone!!
- 📄 **Best of Country Cookies Cookbook:** The Legion Riders are selling this cookbook for \$10.00. Cookbooks are available at the Post or contact Stan Hyer at (515)232-0062 or via email at: hyerwoodworking@q.com.
- 📄 **Congratulations to Melvin Gosler on winning the American Legion Racing Jacket .** This raffle raised \$285. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

Watch for upcoming building fundraiser events.

Our Goal



*Honoring Tradition
Investing in our Future*

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Post Commander Doug's Comments



Post 37 Family –

It is a sincere honor to have been nominated and elected by the Legion Membership to be the Post Commander for the upcoming year. I promise to do my utmost to continue to promote our Post

and our Legion Family, ensure continued Post operations and to support our veterans and the community.

Many of you are wondering just who I am. I retired from the Navy after 30 years of service. I joined the American Legion when I came back to Ames in 2004. I have been married for 34 years to my wonderful wife Kathy and we have two grown children, a son-in-law, and a grandchild on the way. Jim is a digital media specialist now living in Charlotte, NC, and our daughter Erica and her husband Ryan, a Navy Lieutenant, are in the process of moving to New London, CT and are expecting their first child any day now.

By now I hope that you have picked up on one of the concepts that I truly believe in and will continue to promote

throughout the year – our Post 37 Legion Family – for we are truly a family. We need to continue work together as Legionnaires, Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion to ensure the long term well-being of our Post. United we stand and we succeed – divided we will struggle and risk failure. I would like to extend a sincere thanks to everyone at the Post who helped with the State Convention last month. By all accounts it was a tremendous success and we received many laudatory comments about our Post home, our hospitality and our efforts in hosting the Convention.

I look forward to seeing and meeting all of you at the Post in the weeks ahead.

Unit President Pat's Comments

Thank you, to Ann Rehbein for installing our new officers. Wow, another year has come and gone. I look forward to another exciting year. I have been to many meetings this year getting ready for State Convention that was held in our Post home town. I am proud to say that we did get a great turn out. There were 220 American Legion Auxiliary members signed in at convention. Our Unit got several awards

Lois Poppe and Jan Schmidt received President's Poppy Awards.

Sharon Bellinghausen was awarded 1st place & Presidents Award for History Book.

Kay McVey & Sharon Mott received an Award for Children & Youth.

Sharon Mott received the Chaplain Award & President Award.

I was proud to say we have 85 members signed up for 2012-2013. Lois Poppe and I were given Heart Pins for new members we turned in.

We were honored to have National President Kris Nelson report to us at Saturday's meeting. One of her reports was on homeless female Veterans with children. There are a few places where they can go and our ALA members are helping with this.

Thank all of you who helped at the Post

during the convention. We heard a lot of great comments of the way our Post looks. Thank you to Sarah and all at the Post for making our visiting members feel welcome. I heard several like our friendly atmosphere, maybe they can visit again real soon.

It is that time of year to pay your dues, please get them in early. I am going to National Convention in late August and would really be grateful to say we are close to GOAL or a good percentage.

As I close again I am asking for Bingo workers. It's not a hard job. If you have a few hours on Sunday or Wednesday night please consider volunteering, it would help a lot.

Squadron Commander Mike's Comments

Hello All, well we are looking at the end of summer and hopefully some relief from this Heat.

I wish to thank everyone that helped with Department Convention. The Kitchen and Upstairs Crew did a Fantastic job as they served over 200 Smoked chop dinners and over 20 Tenderloin Baskets. Everyone that attended seemed to rave about the new Post home and the way that our members worked to make them feel at home. A big thank you to the Riders that manned the barricades for the parade, I'm sure that they would have preferred to be riding in the Parade.

We still have openings for the following

offices: Historian, 2nd Vice Comm., and 1 Executive Board spot. There are also Committee openings. Please come to the next meeting and let me know if you would like to step up and get involved. Legion Commander Doug MacCrea has informed me that the Operations Committee will now include representatives from the Auxiliary, Sons, and the Legion Riders. This shows how committed he is to making this a True American Legion Family Post.

Those of you that were unable to attend Detachment Convention, I believe that it went very well. Our new Detachment Commander is Michael Blanchard from Muscatine, and one of the Detachment

Vice Commanders is our own Jim Valentine.

We will be hosting the joint Department American Legion Family Reception for the Department Commander, Department President, Detachment Commander, and the Junior Auxiliary President. This will take place on the 12th of August, which is before our next meeting. Everyone is invited, so please attend.

Please plan on attending the August meeting, so that we can start making plans for our next fund raiser. Your input is very valued

Till next till next month, Stay Safe and most of all, Please Pray for Our Troops.

Clubroom News

Summer is flying by and can you believe that it's State Fair time again? The Clubroom is the perfect place to beat the heat. Don't forget that besides great libations we also have a great menu available every day.

Here's what we have planned in August:

Friday, August 10th is \$2.00 Burger Nite. Burgers are served from 5:30-7pm. Eat them here or take them to go!! Add on a side of fries or an appetizer to make it a meal. You top your burger your way with all the freshest

garden fare.

Wednesday, August 15th is Tenderloin Basket Night. Tenderloins will be served from 5-6:30pm. A Jumbo Tenderloin with French fries is only \$5.00 and topped with all your favorites.

August 24th is Texas Hold-'Em. Play begins at 7pm.

The appetizer of the month is Breaded Dill Pickle Chips. Something new to the Clubroom menu we want you to try in August. Check out this appetizer for only \$2.75.

Commander Jim Says Thank You



The Department Convention is over, but the weekend could not have turned out as well as it did without the help of the Ames Legion Family. While there were some who did more than others, it took

everyone working together to make it happen. **THANK YOU ALL** for everything you did. The good comments given to me on your behalf meant that we had done a good job. I do not know when we want to try this again, but I know that they want to come back.

My two years as Commander of Ames Post 37 are over. While there were times when things were tumultuous, there were many good times. Again, I owe you my **THANKS** for all your help and support when I asked for it. It meant a lot to me when I knew I could count on your help. I hope you will give that same support to Doug during his term as Commander.

Iowa American Legion Raises Dues—Renew Early

At the Department Convention held here in Ames last week, The American Legion considered and approved an increase in the organization dues of \$5. That increase will go into effect January 1, 2013 and means that for each membership that the post sends to the state organization after January 1, we will need to send \$5 more than we do now.

No action has been taken by the Post yet but it is hard to see how the Post could absorb this increase without passing it along to the membership. We have done our best at controlling costs, the electronic newsletter delivery being one of those measures but finding that extra \$5 per person will be nearly impossible.

You can do one thing to help us with this problem, pay your dues early, in fact, pay them now. Every renewal and every new member that comes in be-

fore January 1 will be at the current dues amount.

All the organizations in the Legion family have begun their dues renewal. Unless you are one of the PUFL Post or Unit members, why wait. Renew now and save us needing to contact you.

Why should you renew? All the things that we do in the Ames community to help make this a better place to live and help the youth of this community. Boys and Girls State, the Ames High Academic Awards, the SAL scholarships, the help that Poppy funds provide.

Every time you hear the firing squad you know that you have been a part of honoring our comrades. Every time you see the flags on the light poles downtown, you know that you have been a part of keeping patriotism alive in Ames.

Renew now, the Legion family needs you!!

CLUBROOM COUPON

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

Annual Golf Outing



Join us Saturday, August 25th for the American Legion #37 annual golf outing. This year we will be golfing at River Bend Golf Course in Story City. This outing is \$28 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, luncheon, goodie bag and prizes. The day will begin with an 8AM shotgun start, and the luncheon and prize ceremony will follow at the post. Proceeds will benefit Camp Sunnyside. Sign up in the Clubroom or call Sarah at 232-9870 for further details.

Freedom Flight Fabulous Fete



Thanks to everyone who donated food, time, money or merchandise to the Freedom Flight Dinner held on June 30th. The evening was a huge success with our own maître d and sommelier all in one to greet guests as they arrived. From hors de oeuvres to chocolate fountain, the meal was outstanding.

Mr. Cable and Mr. Goodale coaxed a goodly amount of cash from the auction attendees and the poker tournament rounded out the night.

And here's the best part! Over \$5200 was raised to help send Story County Veterans on the Freedom Flight to Washington, DC this October. You can still be a part of this fabulous event by sending or leaving a donation at the club rooms at 225 Main earmarked for the Story County Freedom Flight. Thanks again for your generous support.

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 Find us on Facebook at American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37			1 BINGO	2	3 MUNCHIES NIGHT	4
5 BINGO	6 LEGION RIDERS	7 AUXILIARY REGULAR 7:00	8 BINGO	9 LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	10 BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7:00	11
12 RECEPTION FOR NEW DEPARTMENT LEADERS BINGO	13 BUILDING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE 6:00	14 SAL REGULAR 6:30	15 TENDERLOINS 5:00-6:30 BINGO	16	17 MUNCHIES NIGHT	18
19 BINGO	20	21	22 BINGO	23 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	24 MUNCHIES NIGHT TEXAS HOLD-EM 7:00	25 GOLF OUTING STORY CITY SHOTGUN START @ 8AM
26 BINGO	27	28 40&8	29 BINGO	30	31 MUNCHIES NIGHT	