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Ames Legion Family In Action

VETERANS DESIGNATION ON DRIVERS LICENSE

The last step of the process described below with the DOT can only be done at license renewal time. At this time, a current license cannot be changed to include the veteran designation.

A new Iowa law will allow veterans to have a "veteran" designation put on their driver's license (DL) or nonoperator identification card (ID). The Iowa Department of Transportation is implementing the law Jan. 15, nearly six months earlier than is required, to demonstrate the state's support for its veterans.

Governor Branstad signed Senate File 2112 into law on April 19, 2012; it requires the veteran designation provision of the law to be implemented by July 1, 2013. The designation on Iowa DLs and nonoperator IDs is a voluntary initiative designed to assist Iowa veterans.

"There are thousands of businesses throughout Iowa and the United States, including

restaurants, hotels and even home improvement stores that give discounts to veterans.

Some of those businesses require proof of veteran status. Iowa legislators responded to the veterans' needs and authorized the DOT to include veteran status on DLs and nonoperator IDs so they don't have to carry official military papers to prove their veteran status," said Iowa DOT Motor Vehicle Division Director Mark Lowe.

To get the designation, an honorably discharged veteran must present a copy of their DD 214 or applicable discharge document to their county Veterans Affairs office. That office will complete an Iowa DOT form and confirm the applicant's veteran status, which authorizes the Iowa DOT to place the designation on the individual's DL or nonoperator ID. The veteran must then take the completed form to any Iowa DL issuance location and request that the

veteran designation be added to his or her DL or nonoperator ID card.

Veterans may expedite the process by bringing a completed application form with them to the county Veterans Affairs office, along with a copy of their DD 214. The form is available online at: <https://va.iowa.gov/>.



PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

A proposed change in the By-Laws of the Ames Post has received initial approval from the Executive Committee and general membership. This proposal changes the duties of the Post Service Officer and will be proposed for final approval at the February 14 Post meeting. This notice constitutes official notice to all Post members of the proposed change.

The new Post Service Officer Du-

ties in Article IV, Section 10 would read: "The Service Officer shall be the Post Advisor to veterans, or their surviving spouses or dependents in filing claims for benefits. The Service Officer shall keep up to date on all veterans benefits. Working with the County Veterans Affairs Officer and the Department Service Officer to ensure that their claims are properly filed."

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Post Commander Doug's Comments

It is hard to believe that I have been your Post Commander for six months. The time seems to have flown by and upon reflection I realize that I have learned a lot about the operations of the Post, Auxiliary, SAL and Legion Riders. I also realize that I have a lot more to learn. At the start of my term, I "made the rounds" by attending the Auxiliary, SAL and Rider monthly meetings as well as the various committee meetings. It is time for me to do that again so I can continue to gain a better understanding and appreciation of our Post and its operations.

As you read this Newsletter, several of us will be attending the Department Mid-Winter Conference in Des Moines. This will be my first Mid-Winter Conference and I am looking forward to



the fresh ideas that may come out of the Department meetings and seminars.

January was a busy month for the Post. We had two successful Building Fundraisers – the Soup Contest and the Brunch. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to those who attended these events and a special thanks to those volunteers who made the soup or donated items to the Brunch and to Sarah and her staff for their efforts in setting up and supporting these events. You may have also heard that we had a rather large (perhaps even a record) turnout for Tenderloin Night, preparing over 80 tenderloins. WOW!

The successes of these different Post events would not have been possible without your interest and participation.

Thank you. I hope that you have enjoyed attending these events and will continue to do so in the future.

Unit President Pat's Comments

We had our January meeting on a Thursday it seemed like the week flew by. I put off putting my Christmas Village, snowmen and Santas away. I know we can always make excuses as to why we don't do the things we should. I'm hoping that those of you who still haven't paid your Auxiliary dues will find the time now and get them in.

We were very grateful to all of you who bought Christmas bulbs to help us give a desiring veteran family a great Christmas. For those of you who didn't know we had Christmas balls on the Christmas tree that said donation, or it had something that a Family member needed like a coat or shoes or clothes. Once you chose the bulb you keep it to

put on your tree and donate what it said to the family. It was a great success this year. Thanks to everyone who helped. We were also able to give to Shop With a Cop, Shoes that Fit and a few other projects this past year with your help I hope this year is even better.

We care about our veterans and our community and are glad we are able to do something for them. That is part of being an Auxiliary member.

Coming up is our Garage sale to be held at the home post on February 9th. If you have any thing you would like to donate, please let us know. No clothes please. But lots of other great things will be there.

Mid Winter Conference will be in Des

Moines February 1st through the 3rd. The meetings are very informative. If you have a chance to come down we would love to have you.

Thank all of you who signed up to work Bingo this last month it really helps when we have a great showing. But remember its not only one month. We have Bingo every month and that means we need you as often as you can help. Please sign up to work when you can. We all appreciate what you do.

The Legion Family had a great turn out for their brunch. Proceeds went to the building fund. There was a lot of great food I would like to thank all the hard workers that made that happen.

Squadron Commander Mike's Comments

Here I sit again, trying to think of what to write that will ignite some interest from our members to get more involved in The Legion Family Programs. I hope that you will please consider coming to a meeting and letting us know what you would like to see us involved in. There are many worthwhile projects, we just can't do them all, and that is why I am asking for your help to decide what we should do.

The January meeting was not one of our better ones. With only 3 people there we could not conduct much business, so things were pretty much put on

hold. We still have plans for a breakfast in April that will also have the Auxiliary hosting a Bake Sale. More information will follow, but we all need help so please plan on being there.

The Sons are responsible for the February Dinner, and as most of us will be at Mid-Winter in Des Moines, Larry and Joan Schoenbaum have volunteered to run the dinner. Please come down for a great meal and support Our Post.

Remember if you have not paid your dues, your key fob will not work and it will cost you \$40.00.

Please remember to support Our Troops, it is never too late to tell a veteran, Welcome Home or to say Thank You for your service. The Faithful Service of these Men and Women allows us to live in The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.

Check the Calendar for Post events and stop on down, you will be glad you did.

We are always looking for Bingo workers, so if you can please help us out.

Hope you have a Happy Valentine's day, so till next month see you around the Club Room.

Clubroom News

Happy Valentine's to all!!! We are officially through the busy holidays so take a break because there are plenty of fun activities here in the Clubroom. What a better way to beat the winter blahs than to stop into the post and see friends and share a few stories.

Winners of this year's chili contest were:

- 1st Place-Gordan Speed
- 2nd Place-Rodger VanVoorhis
- 3rd Place-Bobby Meyers

Thanks to all who entered the contest!!!

Super Bowl Madness- Join us Sunday, February 3 for the ultimate place to watch the Super Bowl. Enjoy the big game on our jumbo 110" TV. Please bring a munchie to share. We will have drink specials, pools, and trivia games, and more!

Friday, February 8 is \$2 Burger Nite. Dinner will be served from 5:30-7pm. This is a fun and informal meal that can be enjoyed right in the clubroom. Stop in for the **best burger** in town. Add a side order of fries or try one of our delicious appetizers.

Wednesday, February 20 is Tenderloin Basket Night. Tenderloins will be served from 5-6:30pm. This meal is an excellent value at just \$5.00, which includes all the fixins' and French fries.

Friday, February 22 is Texas Hold-Em. Play begins at 7pm

Be sure to stop into the clubroom to check out the happenings. It is full of

great information including: birthdays, appetizer and drink specials, events at the post and more.

Building Fundraisers

Thanks to all those who entered our soup contest, it was a great turn out. The winners of the soup contest were:

- 1st Michelle Sime-Minestrone
- 2nd Joan Schoenbaum- Potato
- 3rd Sandy Lawerance-Cheesy Cornbread Soup

This was a really fun event and also helped raise money for the building fund. Thanks again to those who entered and those who enjoyed!!

We would also like to thank everyone for participating in our Sunday Brunch. The post can't function without all of our members who not only came to eat, but those who helped make the day a success.

Friday, February 22 will be a chili feed. Chili will be served from 5-7:30pm. Gordan Speed (the 2013 Chili Contest Winner) will be making his prize winning chili for one and all. Chili will be \$2 a bowl and all proceeds will benefit the building fund.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, March 22 is Jeff's Pizza night. Jeff's Pizza is helping us out with this fundraiser and we hope you will come down and enjoy!! Pizza will be sold by the slice until it's gone. Mark your calendar now!!

Membership Recognition

Unit #37 of The American Legion Auxiliary is recognizing a number of their members who reached milestones in their membership. The Unit values each member but wishes to particularly recognize this group. These ladies have demonstrated the loyalty necessary to keep The American Legion Auxiliary strong and active.

65 Years: Iveta Zeliadt

60 Years: Norma Eggers

50 Years: Marjorie Greene, Connie Rasmussen

45 Years: Judy Demarest

35 Years: Mary Kay Abbott, Pat Bywaters, Bev Davis, Alberta Kennedy, Jennifer Rehbein, Wanda Zenor

25 Years: Darlene Brace, Vesper Brace, Jessa Erickson, Chandra Haak, Naylene Crispin, Maggie Schomaker.

Unit Hosts Garage Sale



Do you have unwanted things at home but just haven't gotten a garage sale organized to dispose of them. We

can take care of that for you. The Auxiliary will hold a Garage Sale on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at the Post (225 Main Street) from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Any articles that you would like to donate would be appreciated. We cannot accept any articles of clothing. Articles can be dropped off at the Legion. Please price whatever you donate!

CLUBROOM COUPON

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

Oratorical Update

We reported last month that the Oratorical contestant representing the Ames Post, Umar Farooq, finished second in the District contest. We are pleased to report that the champion from the Sixth District contest has gone on to claim the championship of Area I and will now compete in the Department finals on Sunday, February 3 during the MidWinter conference.

We have known for some time that the Sixth District Oratorical program was among the strongest in the state. We are very pleased to see that tradition continue and to know that our contestant competed well against the strongest in the state.

Poppy Poster Contest

Poppy Posters for the 6th District need to be at the Post before March 1. The contest is open to students in grades 2 through 12. Please contact Lois Poppe for contest guidelines and poster board. Entries will be judged at the 6th District Junior Auxiliary Conference. Lois can be reached at 232-6940.

Legion Riders Update



American Legion Riders had their January meeting installing officers for 2013.

New officers are: Pres. Stan Hyer, VP Rick Hackett, Sec. Becky Harvey, Treas. Rich Archer, State Advisor Keith Harvey, Membership Chair Sue Jones, Historians Bonita Deaton, Paul Keigley, and Kirt Klomglan, Sgt-at-Arms Gary Freel, Chaplain Lee Herting, Road Captains Leonard Springer and Ken Woods. We also celebrated another year of the Legion Riders with a birthday cake with "Happy Birthday Legion Riders" and a motorcycle on top and all sang Happy Birthday. Next meeting will be February 4th at 6:30pm

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 Find us on Facebook at American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37					1 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE MUNCHIES NIGHT	2 STEAK DINNER 5:30—7:00
3 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE BINGO	4 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	5 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY \$2 AUXILIARY REGULAR 7:00	6 BINGO	7 SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:00	8 BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7:00	9
10 BINGO	11 BUILDING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE	12 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY \$2 SAL REGULAR 6:30	13 BINGO	14 LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	15 MUNCHIES NIGHT	16 AUXILIARY GARAGE SALE 9:00-3:00
17 BINGO	18	19 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY \$2 PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 7:00	20 TENDERLOIN 5:00-6:30 BINGO	21	22 TEXAS HOLD-EM 7:00 CHILI FEED 5:30—???	23
24 BINGO	25	26 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY \$2 40&8	27 BINGO	28 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00		