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AMERICAN LEGION POST 37

4th of July

GRAND REOPENING

July 4, 2012

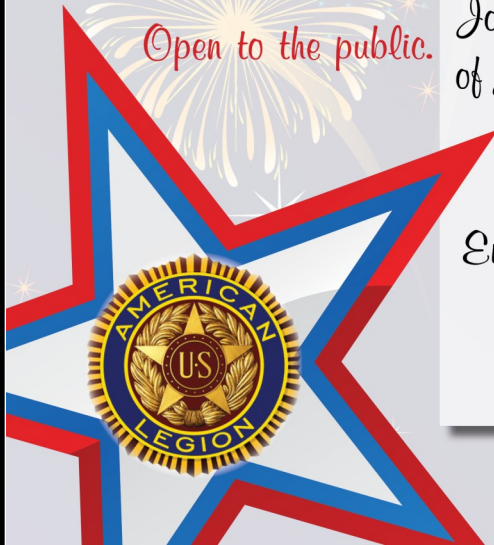
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225 Main Street, Ames

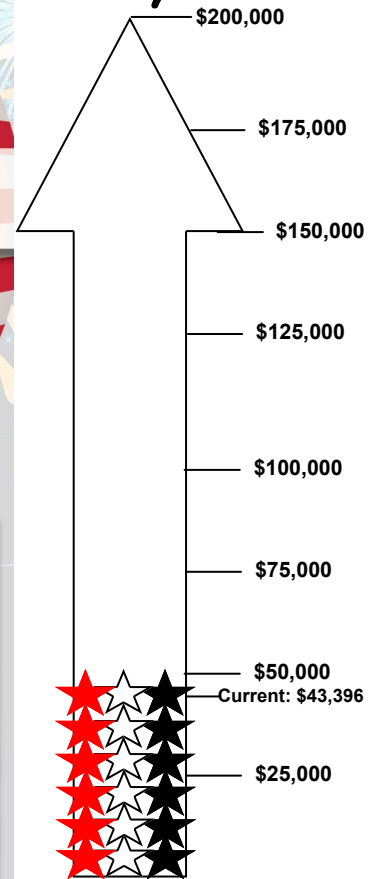
Open to the public.

Join us to celebrate the 4th of July and the reopening of our remodeled Post!

Enjoy drinks, food, fun and a great view of the 4th of July parade!



Our Goal



*Honoring Tradition
Investing in our Future*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EVENTS

July is a busy month at the post. Volunteers are needed for a number of events. Come on down and pitch in. Your help is needed.

July 4: Downtown flags go up at 7AM and come down at 5PM.

July 13: Downtown flags up at 7AM

July 14: Setup for beer garden 3PM

July 14: Barricade guards for parade, 5-7PM

July 14: Food servers during and after parade 4 till ?.

July 15: Downtown flags down at 5PM

Choose one time or several but come join our convention attendees on Saturday downtown for the parade, concert at the Bandshell and food and fun at the Post. Help us make sure our visitors feel welcome.

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Post Commander Jim's Comments

The Post Remodeling Project is complete and the post has once again reopened for Bingo and Business. The actual Grand Reopening for the Post is scheduled for July 4th. I hope everyone will come down to the post home on that day and take part in the festivities. At least come down and see how beautiful the post looks. I am sure you will be impressed. You may also want to make a donation to the project, as fundraising efforts will continue to be held.

Many things will be happening during the month of July for which volunteers will be needed. See the article on the front page for a list. The more volunteers we have to help, the shorter amount of time the work will take.

Thank you to those who helped put up and take down the flags on Flag Day, June 14th. There were enough volunteers that it only took 15 minutes each

time.

During the past year, information has been disseminated concerning the American Legion State convention coming to Ames July 13-15. This is the first time Ames will be hosting this event. Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Riders will be coming to Ames that weekend. The Legion Family of Ames Post 37 want to make sure everyone who comes that weekend will be welcomed and enjoy their stay in Ames.

In order for this to happen, many volunteers will be needed at various times that weekend. We will once again be putting up flags along Main Street and Fifth Street at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, July 13 and taken down at 5PM on the 15th. Again, the more people we have to assist in this effort, the shorter it will take.

On Friday night, I am sure many at-

tending the convention will be visiting our newly remodeled post home. We may need help that night.

Saturday, July 14 will be the day we will need the most help. Saturday, about 3:00 p.m., we will need volunteers to set up fencing in front of the post where people can sit outside and socialize and watch the convention parade. We also need volunteers to be stationed at barricades along the parade route Saturday evening from 5:00 to 7:00. Two volunteers will be needed at each barricade. During and following the parade, volunteers will be needed to help serve food. Assistance will probably also be needed in the post during the night to help clean up.

By all working together, we can make the weekend of July 13-15 an enjoyable and memorable one and show off our Post.

Unit President Pat's Comments

It's that time of year again election of officers was held in June the new officers for 2012-2013 year are

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| President | Pat Kyle |
| 1 st Vice President | Jan Anderson |
| 2 nd Vice President | Jan Schmidt |
| Secretary | Sandy Deacon |
| Treasurer | Marilyn Nervig |
| Chaplain | Sharon Mott |
| Historian | Sharon Bellinghausen |
| Sgt-at-Arms | Kelli Hitsman |
| Executive Board: | |
| Delores Ball | Judy Demarest |
| Kay McVey | Lois Poppe |
| Connie Rasmussen | |

There will be a joint installation of offi-

cers with the Legion and SAL on July 10th at the Post. Congratulations to all and I hope we have another Great year!

We are happy to report that Lauren Wingert and Kylie Spencer had a great time at Jr. Camp. We look forward to having them at our August meeting to tell us all about their adventures. We would also like thank the family of Bettejean Barnhouse for their generous donation to our children and youth fund. Bettejean was the Chairman of that committee for many years and always did a great job.

Dues for 2013 are now due. Please if you can pay your dues early we would

like a big turn-in at State Convention it will be held here in Ames July 13-15. The meetings will be held at the Gateway Hotel if you have a chance please try and attend you can always learn something new about our organization.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Poppy Days without you it would not be a success. I would like to give Doug Hill a special Thank You. He was out with Poppy's for 13 hours.

As always we need 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.

Squadron Commander Mike's Comments

Happy 4th of July everyone, I hope that your summer thus far has been Great.

Election of Officers was held in June.

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| Commander | Michael Deacon |
| 1 st Vice Commander | Randy Freel |
| 2 nd Vice Commander | Open |
| Adjutant | Keven Brace |
| Finance Officer | Steve Malmquist |
| Chaplain | Jim Valentine |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Doug Hill |
| Historian | Open |
| Executive Board | |
| Jim Tillie | 2 Open Spots |

As you can see we are not full, so if you are interested in any of the open posi-

tions, or you might have an interest in one of our committees, please contact me.

Membership stands at 168. Remember there is a new key system at the post, all you have to do is buzz in and show your current card to the bartender so you can be issued a new key fob.

Remember that Ames will be hosting the American Legion Family Department Convention, for the first time ever. We want to show the rest of the Posts across Iowa just how Nice our Post and Our Town are. Please let us know if you are available to help with any of the plans. Convention dates are July 13th

thru 15th. Please show your support.

The joint Legion Family Installation will be held on our monthly meeting night, July 10th at 7:00pm. We will hold a short meeting to make any plans for upcoming events, at 6:30pm. I have asked PNC Dave Rehbein to be our Installing Officer. Everyone is invited to attend, I would ask that all members being installed wear a white shirt and tie.

We always need volunteers to help work bingo and when we start Dinners again, your dues are important to the squadron to help keep us going, but your involvement in our projects would be priceless.

Clubroom News

Happy Independence Day to all!! We hope that everyone is well and having a fabulous summer. We invite all of our members to join us for the 4th of July parade beginning at 11am. The Clubroom will open at 10am for our Grand Opening. The open house will be from 11-3pm. We will also be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs, and chips. We will have excellent viewing spots available for our members in front of the post.

Wednesday, July 20th is Tenderloin Basket Night. Tenderloins will be served from 5-6:30pm. Cost of the meal is \$5.00 for these 7oz giants and served with all the fixins' and a side of fries. We will look forward to seeing you. Don't forget that you can also get them to-go!!!

Points of interest:

The appetizer of the month will be Cheddar Breaded Cauliflower. Try them for only \$2.75. Remember that every Tuesday this summer is free hot dogs and chips. Look for new and exciting specials in the club room beginning in July!!

Sign Up Now!!!

The Annual golf outing is scheduled for August 25th at the Story City Golf Course. Sign up is available now in the clubroom. The outing is a 4-person best shot and is \$28/person. The day includes 18 holes of golf with cart, door prizes, goodie bags, and a luncheon at the post. This is a great deal and your opportunity to help a worthy charity!!!

Membership Renewal Notices Coming



So you've been asking just what are these fob things that we have

been saying will replace the keycard that you get each year when you renew your dues. The blue oval that you see in the picture above on my keychain is a fob.

There is a magnetic chip inside that is unique to each fob. To use it, a member holds it near the sensor on the front door, the system will check if that person's dues are current and if so, will unlock the door. No slot to stick the card in, only one hand required and it

lasts forever, we just need to change the expiration date each year when you renew.

Speaking of renewing, if you haven't seen a renewal notice in your mailbox yet, you soon will. That notice should arrive about July 1. You can mail your renewal check to the post or better yet, bring it in because coming in is the only way to get a fob.

July 4 would be a great time to stop, renew your dues, get your fob, enjoy the reopening festivities and watch the parade downtown. We would like to be able to turn in a big stack of dues at the state convention the next weekend.

Renew your dues, get your fob, have a fun day and see some old friends.

National Commander, State Convention to be in Ames



An honored guest at the Iowa American Legion convention to be held in Ames is National Commander Fang Wong. He will arrive on Friday and depart on Sunday. His address to the Legion family members will be

during the joint session on Friday evening.

This will mark the first time that Ames has hosted the convention in the nearly 100 year history of the Legion. For those not

familiar with the convention, these are the main business sessions for all three organizations.

There will be a joint session Friday evening to hear from our State and National officers that are present. Saturday will see separate sessions for the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders. Those sessions will consist of committee reports summarizing the past year's activities and other business. Detailed information on the Saturday sessions can be found in the Iowa Legionnaire. An electronic version is available on the Iowa American Legion website,

<http://www.ialegion.org/>.

Activity will shift downtown Saturday afternoon for the convention parade beginning at 6, a concert at the Bandshell by the Iowa Veterans Band at 7 and fun, food and drink at the post all evening. This would be a great time for you to meet Commander Wong.

Sunday morning will see the election of new Legion officers and consideration of resolutions to set policy for the coming year. Any Legionnaire interested in the direction of the organization should attend that session.

CLUBROOM COUPON

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

Fundraising Events

Purchase a Flag Card: Available at Hy-Vee, Fareway and Post. 37. Cards will be proudly displayed in the store windows. Make a donation of \$1.00 or more to add your name to a flag card. The cards will be available for purchase until the end of July

American Legion Racing Jacket Raffle: Tickets are available for purchase at the Post. Drawing will be on July 14th. Cost: \$1.00 for 1 ticket or \$5.00 for 6 tickets. Need not be present to win. Limited Edition Jacket. One of two in the state. You don't want to miss this raffle!

Buy a Casey's Pizza Card: \$15.00 for the card, which allows you to purchase any large specialty pizza and receive a medium single topping pizza free. There are 10 punches on the card for a total of 10 free mediums! Cards are redeemable at 1,600 Casey's General Store locations in 11 states. Get yours before they are gone!! Available at the Post.

Best of Country Cookies Cookbook: The Legion Riders are selling this cookbook for \$10.00. To purchase yours contact Stan Hyer at (515)232-0062 or via email at: hyerwoodworking@q.com.

All proceeds benefit the Post remodeling project. Pledge form is also available through post website.

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| 1 BINGO | 2 LEGION RIDERS | 3 NO AUXILIARY MEETING THIS MONTH | 4 INDEPEND- ENCE DAY GRAND REOPENING BINGO | 5 SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:00 LEGION BOARD 6:30 | 6 MUNCHIES NIGHT | 7 |
| 8 BINGO | 9 | 10 JOINT INSTALLATION CEREMONY 7:00 | 11 BINGO | 12 NO LEGION MEETING THIS MONTH | 13 DEPARTMENT MUNCHIES NIGHT | 14 CONVENTION PARADE & CONCERT |
| 15 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION BINGO | 16 BUILDING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE 6:00 | 17 | 18 TENDERLOINS 5:00-6:30 BINGO | 19 | 20 MUNCHIES NIGHT | 21 |
| 22 BINGO | 23 | 24 40&8 | 25 BINGO | 26 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00 | 27 MUNCHIES NIGHT TEXAS HOLD-EM 7:00 | 28 |
| 29 BINGO | 30 | 31 | | | | |