

OnLine Auction Planned

Spring Cleaning?? Donate all those items you no longer need or want to the online auction to benefit The American Legion Family of Ames. From toy cars to real cars, check your attic to garage, we'll take it all, almost.



If you are not familiar with online auctions, they have become very popular during COVID-19. Go to iowa.hibid.com to check it out. You can explore the site without entering any personal information. That is only necessary when you are serious about bidding on an item.

Please ensure items are clean and in usable working condition. Sorry, but we cannot accept clothing at this time. You can drop your items off anytime in the reception room of the Post home at 225 Main. Deadline for drop off is April 11 so that tagging and photography can be done. The online auction itself will be run on April 23rd.

You will see all kinds of items being auctioned, housewares, cars, hand and garden tools, too many items to mention. Take a look and you may get some ideas on things you can donate for the auction. You will be able to choose which organization receives the proceeds from your donation.

Many thanks to Katie at Access Auction Solutions for hosting the auction. Have questions? Contact Ann at amrehbein@msn.com or call 515-231-6198.

Most auctions are open for bidding several days. We will provide a link to the auction through the weekly update or you can email Ann when the auction gets closer.

Thank You to Generous Donors

The Adopt-A-Month program got off to a very successful start. We have had donors step forward to make those adoptions nearly through the month of July.



We are beginning to see what we think

- March was adopted by the MacCrea and Patrick families
- April has been adopted by the Rehbein and Monserud families
- May has been adopted by Doug and Linda Ward and Richard Tarman
- June has been adopted by two anonymous donors
- July (the first 19 days) have been adopted by Don Johnson, Mike and Carrie Meyers and James and Linda Wettestad.

may be the light at the end of the tunnel now that the vaccine is being more widely distributed. We are exploring the possibility of reopening the bingo game, our major fundraiser.

We know that not everyone can donate. We know that many of our members experienced as much hardship as did our post. We hope they were able to find the same kind of help that we found among our members.

We can only try to say thank-you and hope that our members realize how much their generosity meant through this very trying time. As life comes back to normal, you will never be forgotten.



You can get your newsletter by email.

Send your email address to davidrehbein@msn.com. Not only will you help your Legion family save some money but you will also get the color version of the newsletter.

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Post Commander Jennifer's Comments

I want to begin by thanking everyone that has donated to our Adopt-A-Month program, thanks to everyone's generosity our programs will continue for several more months!!

Our next fundraiser will benefit the entire Ames American Legion Family! We are holding an online auction this month and we need items to auction! We are asking that you donate your gently used items to the family to auction.

We will take almost anything except clothing. If you have a large item or can't bring your item to the Post, we can work with you, we ask that all other items are at the post by April 11th.

There will be donation receipts for you to fill out at the post and leave with your items. You can designate how the proceeds of your items are split between the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, or Riders on the portion of the receipt you leave with the items.

The auction will close on April 23rd and

pickup/payment day will be at the Post on the 25th. Watch our Facebook page and website for the link to the auction!

Ames has been selected to host the Department of Iowa American Legion Baseball tournament! We are excited to host the best Legion ball teams in the state on May 1st and 2nd.

We will need some volunteers to collect admission, participate in the Color Guard and perhaps help with hospitality that weekend. We hope you can all attend an Ames or Gilbert regular season baseball game this month and join us the first weekend in May for the state tournament. Details on times and specific locations will be on the website and Facebook.

Our Ames American Legion Family website has been completely redesigned thanks to the hard work of Auxiliary member Ann Rehbein. Please thank her for her work and visit the new website soon! Ameslegionpost37.com

District Conference is this month on April 10th, it will be held at the Van Meter Post both in person and on Zoom. If you can't attend, the Zoom link can be emailed to you, contact Jennifer.monserud@gmail.com to sign up to receive the link. I am a candidate for District Commander and I would appreciate your support at conference.

I want to close my monthly column by saying thank you. Thank YOU to everyone that has or will donate to a family fundraiser, to those that come into the post to have a drink or pick up a Wednesday meal, to those that volunteer for the Honor Guard, to those that have led our youth programs.

Each of you has played a critical role in keeping the Ames American Legion active in our community. Our members are the life of the organization, without you we would not be able to continue to serve Ames veterans and the community. THANK YOU!

Unit President Sandy's Comments

Thank you Ames American Legion Family. Because of your generosity we were able to deliver **136 boxes** of Girl Scout Cookies to the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. You have truly made a difference in the lives of our Veterans living there. Good Job!

It's ANNUAL REPORT time and we need your help. I know that there are a lot of numbers out there and we would like to report them. We are seeking your input on hours you volunteered, dollars you spent, and miles you drove. It has been a very stressful year, but I'm sure everyone did something for Veterans, our community, and our children and youth since May 1, 2020. Please send to amesunit37@gmail.com

Did you help a neighbor or friend with

Squadron Commander Bob's Comments

The S.A.L. will be having a Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast on April 3rd from 7:00 to 11:00 AM. It is the first event since 2019 for the S.A.L. so I hope to see a lot of people there.

Any S.A.L. member who is interested in holding office in the 21-22 year please contact a member of the nominating committee. They are Mike Deacon, Cort Paul, and Cliff Barker.

The next meeting of the Sons will be April 13th Have a Happy Easter and hopefully we will have a great year.

yardwork or housework?

Did you donate to our curbside drop-off of snacks for the Iowa Veterans Home last summer? We took over \$10,000 worth of items to IVH.

Did you support our effort to deliver Girl Scout Cookies to IVH?

Did you take a veteran or neighbor to a Dr appointment?

Did you participate in Buddy Check, calling someone you hadn't seen in a while, just to check on them and see if they needed anything?

Did you deliver a meal to a Veteran or friend who wasn't able to leave their house?

Did you sew masks and donate them?

Did you knit or crochet items donated to others?

Did you serve on a Board or Commit-

tee?

Did you deliver Meals on Wheels?

Did you volunteer? Let us know the details.

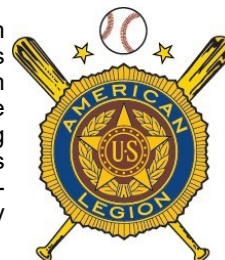
These are just a few of the ways we help. Please take a few minutes and jot down what you did, how many hours you spent, how much money you spent and how many miles you drove. We report this to the Iowa American Legion Auxiliary and they in turn report to National. These numbers are then reported to Congress by our National Commander. We do a LOT of good things, because that's the kind of people we are. We are The American Legion Family.

Spring is here and hopefully we will be able to get outside and enjoy ourselves, after being cooped up all winter. Take care of yourself and be safe.

American Legion Baseball Schedule

We are sponsoring teams from Ames and Gilbert High Schools again this year. The Ames team schedule has been set and the Gilbert team schedule is being finalized. The Ames schedule is below. We will publish the Gilbert games through the weekly update.

The First five games for the Ames team will be played on the Gilbert High School diamond with the last four



played on the Ames diamond. Games will start at noon with doubleheaders at noon and 2.

April 3—Gilbert (1 game)

April 10—Sioux City (dblhdr)

April 11—CR Xavier (dblhdr)

April 17—Milford (dblhdr)

April 18—LeMars (dblhdr)

Come enjoy the games and then the state tournament on May 1-2.

Clubroom News

Spring has finally arrived!! It is so nice to be able to get outside and get some fresh air and sunshine. We have started to see a few more faces around the clubroom and that has been great! If you feel comfortable getting out, we would love to see you.

Our Wednesday meals continue to be a popular night so we will continue those again in April. We start up our Taco Tuesday's this month so keep that in mind when making supper plans. I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe and healthy!

Here's our Curbside meals for April. As always please call the Post anytime, after 2pm on Wednesday's to order for pickup between 5-6:30pm. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and weekly e-mail for updates to the menus.

Wed. April 7-Grilled Pork Chops,

baked potato \$8

Wed. April 14-Chicken Enchilada's \$7, Taco Salad \$8, Southwest Chicken Salad \$8

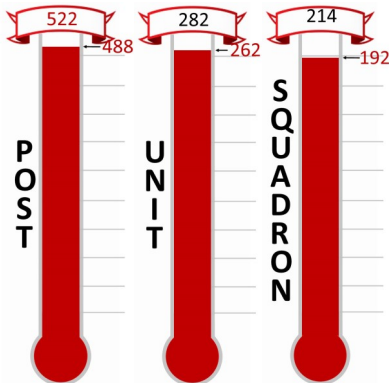
Wed. April 21-Burger Night

Wed. April 28-Ham Balls, Cheesy potatoes \$8



Thanks to all who helped out at the post in the last month!! It is very much appreciated. Sandy Deacon, Mike Deacon, Tom Fowler, Bill Donovan, Russ Belz, Vicki Belz, Addison Donovan, Ken Woodley, Chris Duncan, John Schomaker, John and Lynn Sellmeyer and Julie Rinard.

Legion Family Needs Your Membership



The membership total for the three Legion family groups continue to climb upward toward the goals they are working to reach. They won't be able to reach those goals without your help.

Have you renewed for 2021? If you have, THANK YOU. Please now look around your neighborhood, your place of work, your circle of friends. Odds are there is someone in one of those groups that served in the military or that is the family member of someone who served

We need you to ask that person to join you as a member of the Legion family We would like to be able to ask them ourselves but with the COVID-19 problems still ongoing and the need for everyone

to protect ourselves, making those door-to-door calls is almost impossible.

You are a member now because you are proud of the service that you have given in the military or supporting a family member in the military and the service that you continue to give as a member of the Legion family in Ames. Share that pride, ask someone to join you as a member.

If you were a member in 2020 of the Post, Unit or Squadron and have not renewed for 2021, please do that now. This has been a difficult year for everyone, the Legion family included. We have asked a little more of many of our members, to support us through the curbside meals, to observe some extra rules and restrictions when they visited the post, to make a monetary donation when times were especially tough.

Through that all, we worked hard to keep our programs going and to continue to serve our community. The Academic Awards were presented to nearly 250 students. We are continuing to sponsor baseball and the air rifle team. We made several shipments of snacks to the Iowa Veterans Home and followed that up with Girl Scout Cookies.

We may not have been able to do as much as in a normal year but this was anything but a normal year. Be sure that as the pandemic lessens, we will get back to the activities and programs that have made us the top Legion Family in the state. If you don't have a 2021 card, renew now and be with us. Legion dues are \$45, Auxiliary dues are \$30 or \$5 for junior members and \$20 for Auxiliary members who are also Legionnaires. Squadron dues are \$45 or \$15 for those who are also Legionnaires or under 21. Renew now and be with us as we return to normal Legion Family activities.

CLUBROOM COUPON
Any Tuesday in April
Present Coupon to get
2 drinks for the price of 1.
Cash Purchase Only

Legion Riders

Spring is here and the riding awaits. Gladly leaving 2020 behind us, your Legion Riders are looking forward to the ride and activity schedule for 2021. First up this year is the Sleeping Angels Fun Run on May 1st. The Ames Legion Riders were asked to be among a dozen or so groups to plan and lead our own leg of this benefit ride. Joey Droste and his team at The Sleeping Angels Foundation put this ride together along with several other benefits throughout the year to raise funds and awareness for families in the area that have lost children in infancy. Last year, despite all of the challenges of Covid they raised over \$40 thousand dollars. We are very proud to be a part of such an amazing organization. For more information visit sleepingangelsfoundation.com.

Sadly though, 2021 has brought its own challenges, and on February 28th we unexpectedly lost a Legion Rider and dear friend, Bruce Schuller, to pancreatic cancer. Bruce was a past Riders President, and a long-time Road Captain and will be truly missed. Members of the Legion Riders, the Patriot Guard, and many others escorted Bruce home to Boone on March 6th. His family has announced that a celebration of his life will be held on April 23rd. The celebration will begin at 11 at Seven Oaks in Boone, and an escort will proceed from there to Van Meter Cemetery for a 2 pm service. I'm told that Bruce wanted to wait for "good riding weather", Undoubtedly he was a Rider to the end.

Our Wreaths Across America Committee is proud to announce we have crossed the 20% goal of 1500 sponsored wreaths for Ames Municipal Cemetery. We've been given access to the Veteran's grave list and map from the city so we can plan the logistics of placing the wreaths in December. Thank you to everyone that has already stepped up to make this mission possible.

As always, the riding season is just beginning, so if you venture out on 2 wheels remember to keep your head on a swivel and pay close attention to road and weather conditions.

Ride safe everyone,

Cliff B.



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 Find us on Facebook at American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37				1 DOLLAR DOG DAY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	2 FIREBALL FRIDAY	3 BB GILBERT @ GILBERT FIELD BISCUITS & GRAVY BKFST
4	5 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	6 TACO TUESDAY AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30	7 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL PORK CHOP OR CHICKEN	8 DOLLAR DOG DAY LEGION REGULAR 7:00	9 FIREBALL FRIDAY	10 BASEBALL SIOUX CITY @ GILBERT FIELD
11 AUCTION DROPOFF DEADLINE BASEBALL CR XAVIER @ GILBERT FIELD	12	13 TACO TUESDAY SAL REGULAR 6:30	14 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL TEX-MEX NIGHT	15 DOLLAR DOG DAY SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:30	16 FIREBALL FRIDAY	17 BASEBALL MILFORD @ AMES FIELD
18 BASEBALL LEMARS @ AMES FIELD	19 VFW POST MEETING 7:00	20 TACO TUESDAY PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 7:00	21 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL BURGER NIGHT	22 DOLLAR DOG DAY	23 FIREBALL FRIDAY ONLINE AUCTION	24
25 AUCTION ITEM PICKUP	26	27 TACO TUESDAY 40&8	28 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL HAM BALLS	29 DOLLAR DOG DAY	30 FIREBALL FRIDAY	