



The Ames Patriotic Council has made the decision to hold the 2021 Memorial Day Ceremony as a virtual event. More information on the ceremony will be available nearer Memorial Day.

The Ames Post Honor Guard will be part of the virtual event but will continue our practice of firing a salute at all the Ames cemeteries. The timing this year will be different; We will begin those salutes at Ontario Cemetery at 9:30, move to Story Memorial Gardens at 10:00 and finish at Ames Municipal Cemetery at 10:30 as part of the virtual event.

Since there is no in-person ceremony this year, there will be no open house at the post. The virtual ceremony will be streamed live there so we invite you to join us for that.

The Legion family will hold a joint Memorial service at the Unit meeting on May 4. That service will honor the members we have lost this year.

### Flags for Memorial Day and Flag Day



The Post and Squadron will take the lead again this year to ensure that

flags fly over the graves of our comrades on Memorial Day and on the streets of the business district downtown.

The Squadron & helpers will be placing flags on the veterans graves in Ames Municipal Cemetery starting at 5PM on May 27. We will be honoring veterans from the Civil War forward. Those flags

will be picked up on Tuesday, June 1.

The Post will be placing flags on the light poles in the downtown area on May 28 beginning at 7AM. Those flags will come down at 5PM on May 31.

While your calendar is out, write down that the flags will go up at 5PM on June 13 for Flag Day and come down at 5PM on June 15.

You can also look for the flags on July 4 as we celebrate the birthday of the independence of our country.

### BINGO IS COMING BACK

It has been over a year since COVID-19 forced the closure of the Post Bingo game. Thanks to the generosity of our members and our hard-working volunteers, we have been able to continue our programs and continue to serve the community. Now it is time and safe for our game to resume.

We will begin with one night each week, on Sunday. The first session will be Sunday, May 2. Our committee has put together some initial rules. They will be working out the program of games as the date gets closer.

In order to keep our players and workers safe, we are instituting some new rules.

- Room will open at 5PM, sales start at 5:15, play at 6
- No seat saving except at your own table
- Players must take the next sheet off the top of the stack, no choosing sheets
- No self-serve or poured coffee or water, beverages will be available from the bartender at the window
- Popcorn will be available at the bar window only
- Absolutely NO outside food or drink
- We strongly encourage social distancing and wearing a mask

We look forward to welcoming our friends back to the bingo game. Please be understanding as we work to have fun but keep everyone safe.

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## Post Commander Jennifer's Comments

Hello!

I am happy to announce the return of BINGO! As you have seen elsewhere in this newsletter, we have adjusted the rules due to the pandemic but we are excited to bring back this event weekly for now! All the rules and information will be posted on our Facebook page and website if you need a quick reminder!

Memorial Day ceremonies this year will be virtual, those are planned by the Ames Patriotic Council. We will still be performing salutes at the Ames Municipal Cemetery, Story Memorial, and Ontario. Times will be announced on our Facebook page. Please join us at one or all the cemeteries!

We have formed our Nominating Committee and are actively looking for those that want to participate in the running and planning of the post. We have a

position for everyone whether you are just starting out or a seasoned Legionnaire. Please come to the May or June meeting and let us know of your interest!



Membership has been more difficult this year, even with that difficulty we are sitting at the same number as we were at the end of April last year. We currently have 35 members from last year that have not renewed this year, if you are one of those members and cannot afford your dues, please let us know! We can assist you in continuing your membership! We do not want to lose you! If you would like to gift a membership to one of these veterans,

please call the post and leave a message!

I want to thank all our Adopt-A-Month donors, we can continue the programs of the American Legion because of your generosity. Many people have stepped up and donated time and/or money in the last year to help us survive the pandemic and the challenges it has brought! Ames truly has wonderful members and a wonderful veteran's community! Thank you all!!

I hope you are all starting to make more trips out and have stopped at the post for a drink or to pick up a Wednesday night meal. We enjoy seeing all the faces we have been missing over the last year! When you are ready, please stop by!

Take care and stay healthy!

## Unit President Sandy's Comments

May is the month we remember. We remember and celebrate the awesome women who gave us life on Mother's Day. We remember the sacrifices of our Veterans as we offer our beautiful red poppies on Poppy Day. We remember and celebrate the lives of all of our wonderful Veterans on Memorial Day. Take a few minutes, and remember.....

We will be conducting our annual **Ames Legion Family Memorial Service on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.** Every one is invited to take a few minutes to remember and celebrate those members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion who died this past year.

Thanks to all who turned in volunteer hours, dollars and miles driven for our Annual Report. The numbers were down some, but those that were reported are very important to our mission. Start keeping track now for next year. Just write on your calendar and bring to the meeting each month, or email to [amesunit37@gmail.com](mailto:amesunit37@gmail.com)

**Congratulations** to 6<sup>th</sup> District Junior President Sadie Breyfogle. Sadie conducted her District Junior Conference like a pro. So proud of our awesome young lady. Also proud of Sara Frank who stepped up to be Acting Secretary. The future of our organization is in good hands.

**Congratulations** to Jamie Barker and

Joyce Elliott on their election to 6<sup>th</sup> District offices. Jamie will be the 6<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain and Joyce will be the 6<sup>th</sup> District Treasurer.

Nominations are open for all offices in our Unit. If you are interested in an office or committee appointment, please email [amesunit37@gmail.com](mailto:amesunit37@gmail.com) and I will get that information to the Nominating Committee.

Take care of yourselves, and be good to one another. Sandy

## Squadron Comments

Squadron Members: It is again time to tell National what we have done between June 1, 2020 and May 31, 2021 to help promote

- 1) Americanism
- 2) Children & Youth
- 3) Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
- 4) Veterans Employment & Education
- 5) Internal Affairs (anything not included in the first four).

Anything that you have done, both donations and time volunteered in the above categories, is what we need to know about. This information is reported through The American Legion to



Congress. The numbers show what we have done and help justify the monies spent and the monies the VA requests.

If you are a dual member (Legion and Sons), this information should be submitted to both the Squadron and the Post.

Information can be dropped off at the Post (225 Main St.) or given to Squadron Adjutant Keven Brace. His telephone is 515-231-5861 or mail directly to him at 23530 566th Avenue, Ames, IA 50010.

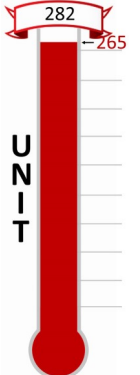
Please have your submission to him by May 10, 2021. Thanks for all you do.

## Post Reporting

The Post is also collecting information on our member's and post's activities for submission on our Consolidated Post Report. That report will be combined with others to tell the story of our state and everything The American Legion does nationally.

You may have noticed two pages in every Legion magazine that talks about activities around the country. Those stories and numbers come from the reports each post submits.

If you do volunteer work anywhere, it counts on our report. If you make donations anywhere, that counts. Send that information to Adjutant Dave Rehbein at [davidrehbein@msn.com](mailto:davidrehbein@msn.com).



## Clubroom News

Happy May! The weather is getting nicer and we are starting to see more faces around the clubroom. Things are not back to normal yet but there are a few things starting back up. I have heard from a lot of people that have gotten vaccinated and feel more comfortable getting out and about. We know some people are not ready for that yet so we will continue offering our curbside meals and any suppers we do will be offered as curbside. I can't thank everyone enough who has supported us with the curbside Wednesday's. They have kept us afloat. Thanks to all that order, donate money and volunteer to make these nights such a success.

**Friday, May 14 is Tenderloin Basket Night.** Come join us for this Iowa favorite. Get sandwich with all your favorite fixings and fries for just \$7. Tenderloins are served from 5-7pm.

Here are our Curbside Meals for May:

May 5-Steak Night

May 12-Chicken Fried Steak \$8

May 19-Lasagna \$7

May 26-Meatloaf \$7

Check our weekly emails and Facebook for full menu each week.



### Poppy Days



The American Legion Auxiliary will hold Poppy Days on Memorial Day weekend. The dates are Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will distribute poppies at various locations around Ames from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm on Friday, and from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm on Saturday. The distribution of poppies must be outside of the store

### Check out our awesome daily specials:

Taco Tuesday's-Enjoy a walking or soft shell taco for just \$3 with all your favorite toppings.

Winesday Wednesday-try one of our many fine wines, whether you like a dry red or a sweet white or somewhere in between we have a wine for you. Just \$3 a glass!

Thursday's-Enjoy Dollar hotdogs, your choice of plain, Jalapeno or Cheddar sausage. Wash them down with \$2 Domestic bottles.

**THANK YOU**



Thanks to all that volunteered to help make our Curbside, Fish Fry and Tenderloin night's a great success!! We could not do them without all the help. John Schomaker, Phil Harris, Lynn Sellmeyer, John Sellmeyer, Chris Duncan, Bill Donovan, Addison Donovan, Ken Woodley, Sandy Deacon, Paul Madsen, Megan McEnany, Maria McEnany, Julie Rinaud, Tom Fowler, Russ and Vicki Belz.

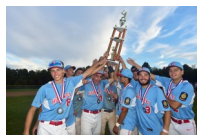
- 6 feet away from the door. We need volunteers to help with this. Any donations received will be used to help veterans and their families. If you can help, please sign up at the Legion or contact Jan Schmidt, Chairman at 515-290-5444. My email address is [jansch2929@gmail.com](mailto:jansch2929@gmail.com). Thank you!



## Ames Hosts Baseball Tournament



On May 2, one of six baseball teams will host the trophy declaring them to be the Department Champions for 2021. That trophy will be hosted this year on the diamond at Ames High.



at the Ames High and Gilbert High diamonds.. The top teams from those games will play for the championship on Sunday May 2 on the Ames High diamond.

Post #37 is hosting the Department tournament this year. As the host, both of the teams we sponsor, Ames and Gilbert, will be entered in the tournament. They will compete against four other teams from around the state that qualified from one of the area tournaments.

The tournament schedule is not yet set but we know that three teams will play round-robin games on Saturday May 1

Hosting games on two diamonds means we will need extra volunteers. We will need people charging admission, recording pitch count, announcing the games and other duties. Please email [Jennifer.monserud@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.monserud@gmail.com) and we will be in touch.

Most of all, we need people to come enjoy some really good baseball. These players work hard, let's celebrate their accomplishments and root them on.

### CLUBROOM COUPON

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

## Legion Riders

### Breakfast Rides

The 3rd Saturday of the month. Leave from the Ames Theisen's parking lot, KSU at 8am.

May 15 - Ankeny Diner, 133 SE Delaware Ave. Ankeny, IA

June 19 - JA-MAR Drive in, 325 South 25th St. Ft. Dodge, IA

### Dinner Rides

The 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.. Leave from the YSS parking lot behind the post, KSU at 430pm.

May 9 - Mother's Day, traditionally we have let the Mothers pick the destination.

May 23 - 30 Yd. Line, 806 Hwy 30 East, Grand Junction IA

## Auction Update

Thank you to everyone who made the Ames American Legion Family auction a success. We could not have achieved our goals without donations and workers. A big thank you to those who supported the auction by bidding and encouraging others to bid. The auction will benefit programs and activities of the Ames American Legion family and this would not be possible without YOU. Our children and youth, community, state and national organizations will be better for your participation. Once again, thank you, you're the best!

## Nominations Needed

The committee to assemble a slate of candidates for the offices of the Ames Post has been appointed. The committee is Stan Elliott—chairman, Doug MacCrea and Jay Sisco.

They are charged with identifying qualified, willing candidates for the various post offices and for the five positions on the Post Executive Committee. The 2020-2021 officers are listed at [Ames-legionpost37.com](http://Ames-legionpost37.com). Click on the Legion emblem for a list.

Chairman Stan can be reached at [sdejae@gmail.com](mailto:sdejae@gmail.com) if you are interested.


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<b>2</b> DEPT BASEBALL TOURNAMENT BINGO	<b>3</b> LEGION RIDERS 6:30	<b>4</b> TACO TUESDAY JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30	<b>5</b> WEDNESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL STEAK NIGHT	<b>6</b> DOLLAR DOG DAY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	<b>7</b> FIREBALL FRIDAY	<b>8</b>
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