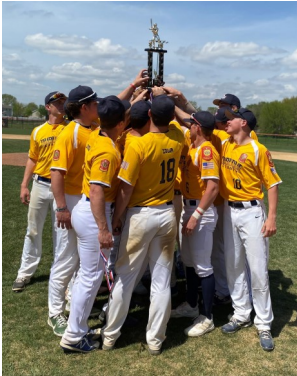


Ames Post Hosts Tournament



Western Dubuque hosted the championship trophy at the Department Baseball tournament on May 2. The tournament was played on May 1 and 2 on the Ames and Gilbert High School diamonds.

The tournament ran very smoothly thanks to the efforts of Ames Post baseball chairman and tournament director Doug MacCrea and the staff he recruited. Department Chairman Dick Meiners complemented Doug and Ames for having hosted one of the best tournaments in recent years.

The volunteer group from the Ames Legion family would take too much room to list here. In addition to the game staff, meals were hosted for the teams, parents and fans at the Post on Saturday evening after the games. Thanks to everyone that helped. The reputation of the Ames Legion family as being a group that gets things done right was once again demonstrated to be true. If you ever want to volunteer somewhere, the Ames Legion family is the place to come.

Lou Gehrig Day in Ames—June 2 at AHS Field



Major League Baseball, Ames High and the Ames American Legion Post will honor New York Yankee great Lou Gehrig with a day in his honor on June 2. A moment of silence in his hon-

or and in honor of all the veterans who have died from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). June 2 is a special day for Lou since the first start in his string of 2,130 games was on June 2, 1925. Sadly,

June 2, 1941 was the day he died. The American Legion is encouraging every post and Legion baseball team to commemorate that day not only in honor of Gehrig but also of all the veterans that have died from ALS. ALS is recognized a service-connected condition as members of the military and veterans are twice as likely to contract the disease as are members of the general public. Ames High will be hosting Des Moines Lincoln for a 5:00 game on June 2. A moment of silence is planned just ahead of the call to "Play Ball". Put on your Legion family gear and join us for that game.

Legion Family Promotes Donation



Thanks to the generosity of Sam's Club and the reputation of the Ames Legion Family for support of veterans, the Iowa Veterans Home was the recipient of \$3,816 worth of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Jamie Barker of the Ames Unit received a phone call from a friend at Sam's Club, Wendy Anderson, that their business had PPE to donate and did the Ames Legion Family knew of a place that could use this donation. Jamie immediately thought of the Iowa Veterans Home. As a result, 500 PPE kits (each kit includes 2 face shields, 2 masks, 1 bottle cleaner, and 1 cloth) and 136 4-packs of face shields were delivered by our Ames #37 American Legion Riders to the Iowa Veterans Home. As well as IVH, the Jewell and Cambridge volunteer Fire Departments also received donations of PPE from Sam's Club. Thanks to Wendy, Jamie, the Riders and all our members for building that reputation for support of veterans. Our comrades at IVH are safer because of them and of you.

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Post Commander Jennifer's Comments

Hello!

June is sneaking up on us and that means elections at the post! The nominating committee is working hard to fill the slate of officers for the upcoming 2022 membership year. There are a couple of open spots this year if anyone is interested in helping lead our post! We are always looking for new ideas and fresh perspectives! A list of the candidates can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Installation of those newly elected officers will take place on July 12th and will be joint with the Auxiliary and SAL. Look for more details on that on Facebook and the next edition of the newsletter!

Membership this year has been doing

well, we are currently at 95% for the 2021 year. July 1st marks the start of the new membership year, if you haven't paid for '21 please do so!! Help us reach 100% two years in a row! We only need about 25 members to renew or join!

I will have the 2022 membership cards in early June so we'll be ready for the July 1st rush, get your dues paid early and you won't get another renewal notice for a year!

This will likely be my last article as Post Commander, it has been two years and I am grateful to everyone for their advice, their confidence, and for their understanding! It has been difficult having to close the post and then navigating the COVID restrictions.

We have had to make some unpopular decisions, but I think we are starting to come through on the other side! People are starting to enjoy more time at the post and Bingo has restarted! Hopefully, our monthly steak dinners can start up again in the fall!

Thank you for sticking with us through it all and returning to the post when you were/are ready! Our members have held us up during these tough times both financially and by taking care of the little things when no one was looking! THANK YOU!!

Thank you again to everyone for your kindness, your support, your generosity, and your encouragement over the last two years!

I'll see you at the post!

Unit President Sandy's Comments

Election of officers for the coming year will be held at our June meeting. The following members have stepped up and agreed to run for office:

President – Rachel Breyfogle
 1st Vice President – Jamie Barker
 2nd Vice President – Kelli Hitsman
 Secretary – Keri Guy
 Treasurer – Marilyn Nervig
 Chaplain – Barb Sisco
 Historian – (Vacant)
 Sergeant at Arms – (Vacant)
 Executive Board – Sharon Mott,
 Sharon Bellinghausen, Jan
 Schmidt, Ann Rehbein, Kathy
 MacCrea

As you can see, we still have a couple offices to fill. Remember, any member can run for any office. If you are interested, please email amesunit37@gmail.com

We will also be electing Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention, which will be held on July 9-11 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. This is an opportunity to hear reports of our accomplishments during the past year. There will also be a 100th Birthday of the American Legion Auxiliary celebration. If you are interested, please come to the June meeting or email amesunit37@gmail.com

As of May 17th, our unit membership was at 267. Our goal is 282. We only need 15 more members to make goal. If you are one of the 25 members who haven't paid your dues this year please send them in today. If you know of someone who might be interested, talk to them about our awesome organization and offer them an application. We are so close. Let's get this done.

Legion Racing at Indy



That picture is The American Legion car that will race in the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday, May 30. The car has been racing in the IndyCar series this year with Jimmy Johnson of NASCAR fame doing most of the driving. Tony Kanaan, past IndyCar champion and Indianapolis 500 winner, will drive the car in the 2021 Indianapolis 500.

Kanaan and the car have been fast in practice and will start the race in 5th position, the middle of the second row.

The logo at left and on the car is the new branding logo for The American Legion. It does not replace the emblem created by our Founders but will be used when a clearer, more recognizable logo is needed, such as a race car moving at 230 mph.

The race begins at 11:45 CDT on Sunday May 30. Coverage is on NBC beginning at 10:00 CDT. You can expect good coverage of the American Legion racecar. Jimmy Johnson has been driving the road courses and discussion of his move from NASCAR has gotten much coverage. There will be commercials for The American Legion during the race.

The Legion car will race the entire IndyCar series this year. Watch for race coverage and results and enjoy the publicity we are getting from this effort.

Squadron Commander Bob's Comments

Welcome to Summer in Iowa.

This means that elections for the Squadron are coming up at the June meeting of the Squadron. The Nominating Committee has identified the following slate of officers for the 2021-22 year:

Commander – Doug MacCrea
 1st Vice Commander – Keven Brace
 2nd Vice Commander – Cort Paul
 Finance Officer – Randy Freel
 Adjutant – Mike Deacon
 Sergeant-at-Arms – Russ Belz
 Chaplain – Roger Elliott
 Executive Board—Stan Elliott, Mike
 Monserud and Steve Malmquist

The elections are still open for anyone who wishes to work within the Squadron's leadership. I hope to see S.A.L. members at the June 8th meeting.

Thank you to everyone who helped place and pick up the grave flags for Memorial Day. We had extra work this year but it is important that the grave of every veteran be decorated for Memorial Day.

Have a great Summer

Clubroom News

We are so excited for the warmer weather and the fact that it is almost summer! Things have started to pickup around the clubroom and it is so great to see so many faces. We have missed you!

Our curbside meals have continued to be very successful so we are going to keep them going. Join us in the clubroom for the meal or pickup curbside.

I was reminded on Facebook this week that we have now been doing these meals for a year. These would not have been possible without all of your continuing to support these meals every week. They also would not have been

possible without our crew of volunteers that come in every week and help me make these meals possible. Thank you so much to all of you for everything you have done to help me and help keep money coming in.

Curbside Meals-please check the Facebook page and the weekly updates for our full menu each week

Wed. June 2-Pork Chop
Wed. June 9-Chicken and Noodles
Wed. June 16-Burger Night
Wed. June 23-Steak Night
Wed. June 30-Ham Balls

These meals are available for pickup or dine-in from 5-6:30pm. Call anytime after 2pm to order.

Legion Riders

Lately the weather hasn't been all that cooperative with riding but we're still managing to get some miles in.

This last month was the Sleeping Angels Fun Run on May 1st. The Ames Legion Riders took a group on a 190 mile long ride out to Templeton Distillery for a tour of the whiskey making facilities. They were very happy to host us and when paired with a lunch stop at Chuck's Grille in Coon Rapids, it was a great day. So, if you're looking for a day trip to one of Iowa's hidden gems, take this trip.

I'll add the one day fundraising total for the Sleeping Angels Foundation Fun Run was an incredible \$53,001. If you'd like more information on Sleeping Angels and what they do, please vis-

it sleepingangelsfoundation.com.

We've started our dinner rides, and most recently ridden in a VFW Veterans benefit ride in memory of Shawn Miller, a fallen WDMPD officer and IANG Veteran.

Our Wreaths Across America Committee is proud to announce they have continued toward the goal of 1500 sponsored wreaths for Ames Municipal Cemetery. Thank you to everyone for making the Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast and the Legion's online auction such a success in fundraising for the Riders and this wonderful cause.

Next up for the Riders is our riding escort for the post on Memorial Day for our cemetery presentations, a Memorial

The committee charged with seeking candidates for the Post offices for 2021-2022 reported at the May meeting. Their report is given below.

Commander	Jay Sisco
1st Vice Commander	Doug MacCrea
2nd Vice Commander	Open
Adjutant	David Rehbein
Service Officer	Robert Bellinghausen
Historian	Barb Sisco
Chaplain	Ricky Thompson
Sgt-at-Arms	Doug MacCrea
Finance Officer	Randy Freel
Executive Board	Phil Harris
Keven Brace	Randy Breyfogle
Frank Andrew	Cliff Barker

As you will see, this is a challenging year to find candidates for the offices of the Post. In the past year, four of our most active Legionnaires have moved or cannot be as active as they were. Those four all had excellent reasons for

their decisions but it leaves a large hole to be filled.

If you have ever thought about becoming more active by holding an office in the Post, now is the time. We have a successful post so the work will be maintaining success rather rebuilding.

You have seen the accomplishments of and awards received by the Post over the past two years. As a member, you had a hand in those accomplishments and awards. As an officer, you would have direct responsibility for the accomplishments and awards in the next year and feel the pride that comes from your post receiving those awards.

Looking back over those two years, we brought home awards in membership, children & youth, communication with our members. We facilitated four donations to the Iowa Veterans Home, three

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Kudos-Thanks to all who helped out over the last month. It is greatly appreciated. Tom Fowler, Russ and Vicki Belz, Paul Madsen, Sandy Deacon, Mike Deacon, Ken Woodley, Bill Donovan, Julie Rinard, Mariah McEnany, and Megan McEnany.

Day drive by parade through Stonebrook in North Ames, and the Second Annual Ride to the Rock on June 5th where we ride out to see the latest painting by Bubba Sorenson on the Freedom Rock in Menlo. We are also sponsoring the June 11th Bike Night at R Place Pizza in Kelly. We encourage anyone and everyone to come out and see what a Bike Night is all about. Free music, drawings and prizes, and of course some fantastic food as always.

The sun will come out someday, I promise, so when you venture out on 2 wheels remember to keep your head on a swivel and pay close attention to traffic, road, and weather conditions.

Ride safe everyone,

Officer Candidates Needed

of snacks for the residents and the fourth of PPE for the staff.

We sponsored an air rifle team and two Legion baseball teams. Every patriotic holiday, it is the Legion family that is in charge of the downtown flags, making sure they are up and then taken down. We annually perform military rites for 20 -30 of our comrades.

There is much more that we do. As an officer, are you expected to participate in everything? No, you commit to attendance at as many meetings as possible and you commit to helping with whichever of our activities that you can fit into your schedule.

You may find that you want to become more active later but that is later. Come to our June election meeting and we can help you get started.


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		1 TOASTED CHEESE & SOUP AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30	2 WEDNESDAY GEHRIG DAY @ AHS FIELD 5:00 CURBSIDE MEAL PORK CHOP	3 DOLLAR DOG DAY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	4 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	5
6 BINGO	7 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	8 TACO TUESDAY SAL REGULAR 6:30	9 WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL CHICKEN AND NOODLES	10 DOLLAR DOG DAY LEGION REGULAR 7:00	11 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	12
13 DOWNTOWN FLAGS 5PM BINGO	14 FLAG DAY	15 TACO TUESDAY DOWNTOWN FLAGS 5PM	16 WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL BURGER NIGHT	17 DOLLAR DOG DAY SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:30	18 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	19
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