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Network Employment Event

We are working with the Story County VA, and IowaWorks, to hold a Vetworking event at R-Place in Kelly on March 2nd from 5:30 to 8:30pm. If you, or a Veteran you know, or someone in their family is looking for employment, or looking to change careers, this event is something to attend.



It will be an informal meeting where we can just gather and chat and start making those all important connections. There will also be other resources available as well, and as always this is a family friendly event.

R Place is located at 1790 Giddings St, Kelley

JSSP Club Members to Shoot State Match



Sadie Breyfogle, Nathan Baldwin, Suriana Hansen and Aubrie Hansen have registered for the Iowa Junior Shooting Sports match on March 19. The match will be held in Miller Armory at Camp Dodge. This match is a 3X20 match. The competitors will shoot 20 targets in each of three positions, prone, standing and kneeling. They have a specific time limit to shoot each of the positions. Other club members may still register to shoot. The deadline for registration is March 1. Once that deadline passes, the

competitors will be assigned a time for their relay. Shooters from throughout Iowa will compete for the Department Championship in the sporter category. The top three shooters overall will receive scholarships of \$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,000. Trophies will also be awarded for the top shooters in each of three age categories. Legion family members are encouraged to attend. Specific information will be available through the weekly update. If you do attend, remember a picture ID is necessary for everyone that wants to enter Camp Dodge.

SAL Scholarship Application Deadline

One final reminder; Applications for the 2022 SAL Merit Award are due at the post no later than March 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm. If you have encouraged a current graduating senior to apply for the award, you may want to follow-up with them to make sure they don't miss the deadline. If you have thought of someone to encourage, it is not too late.

More information, and the application can be obtained at the post, or on our website, ameslegionpost37.com, or on Facebook at [American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionFamilyofAmesIAPost37)

The deadline for applications is Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Thank you, for helping to spread the word. Lets make sure some deserving students gets recognized.

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Post Commander Jay's Comments

Greetings! Once again, I screwed up and I'm getting this to the editor late. Therefore, it will be short.

I hope this finds everyone doing well. If you're aware of a member who is not doing so well, please let the Post leadership know so we can reach out to see if there is anything they need or that we can do to assist. Buddy checks were a main theme at the recently completed Mid-Winter conference and we will be looking to revamp our program to reach out to any member who may need assistance, i.e., a ride to an appointment, picking up groceries, or needs someone to talk to who will just listen. If you're someone who would be willing to pick up the phone and reach out to another member, please let me or someone in the Post leadership know. It's not something that will take a lot of time and you will probably find it very rewarding.

As I mentioned, the American Legion Department of Iowa Mid-Winter Conference was held February 11-13. The Ames Post was well represented. At the conference we had the opportunity to meet crew members from the new USS Iowa (SSN-797). If they are any indication of the quality of the entire crew, the boat is in good hands. The finals of the Department Oratorical contest were also held and my wife and I had the opportunity to serve as escorts for the eventual winner, Olivia Scott from Cedar Rapids. She now moves on to the National competition in April with the chance to win a \$25,000 scholarship. Have a high schooler in your family or know of one that might be interested? The contest is open to students in grades 9-12, again let the post leadership know and we will get them the needed information for next year's contest which actually starts in the fall.

Finally, I would like to ask for your help. While I understand that membership dues and getting new members is the life blood of the Post and the Legion as a whole, I would like to get more members involved in the Post. I'm open to suggestions on how we can do that. I assure you any/all suggestions that are submitted will be considered. I won't guarantee they will be implemented. You can submit your suggestion anonymously, just write it down and give it to one of the bartenders and ask them to put it in my box.

Thank you and I hope to see you at the Steak Night on March 5! Until then take care and stay safe.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all those members of Irish decent!

Unit President Rachel's Comments

Happy Spring! We've made it through the dark days of winter. The birds are chirping and it's getting warmer! Thank you to everyone that helped out and attended our steak night last month.

Our Junior members have a busy month ahead.. They will have their 6th District Conference on March 26th, 9:00 am at the Veterans Hall in Waukee. Save your pop tabs and bring them to the Post before then and our Juniors will take them to their Conference for the Ronald McDonald House.

We need your help! Operation Birthday Box is a way to help children, whose parents are deployed, celebrate a birthday. Members are asked to bring items to the Post to help make a box by March 19. Cake mix, frosting, candles, balloons, birthday signs, plates, plastic

silverware and other items to make a birthday memorable.

One of our Junior members is selling Girl Scout cookies to benefit the Iowa Veterans Home. All boxes sold March 1-8 through this unique QR code will be donated to these veterans.



Get your kitchens ready! The Unit will be having a bake sale in conjunction with Squadron's Breakfast on April 9th. We need a variety of baked items to make this a success. We haven't been able to have many fundraiser's the past 2 years, so now's the time to step up and help raise money to support our veterans! Did you also know that for every 1 hour you volunteer, you are also supporting our veterans? The

American Legion Auxiliary receives credit for approximately \$28 per hour volunteered for programs that help our veterans. Unit members are asked to bring their volunteer hours for Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation to the March meeting.

We'd like to get as many members to the March meeting as possible. We have a couple important items that input and possible action upon. It will be hard to do if we don't have a quorum, which results in a delay to help our veterans. Please plan on attending our meeting March 1. We're inching closer on our membership goal. Notices for renewal have recently been sent. Please renew so you won't keep getting these notices.

Squadron Commander Doug's Comments

This month we will celebrate the Legion's birthday. As members of the Sons of the American Legion, we should all take a few minutes to reflect upon the sacrifices that the Legionnaires - our fathers and grandfathers - and those whom we pledge to support and pay tribute to, made to protect the freedoms and liberties we hold so dear. Thank you Legionnaires and Happy Birthday!

March is also the month that we start reviewing applications to determine who will be awarded one of our annual merit awards for post-secondary education. If you have a relative or know of the rela-

tive of a veteran that is planning on working towards a post high school degree, tell them about our Merit Awards and encourage them to apply. The deadline for applications is March 15th and applications are available at the Post or e-mail me at dmac-crea@gmail.com to request an application.

We will be a busy group the next few weeks as we sponsor the March Steak Dinner and then host the Spring Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast on April 9th. So, save the date on your calendars and we hope to see you at these events. If you are available and interested in helping

us, please let me know because we would love to have your help.

In closing, I hope that the luck of the Irish shine upon you this month (well, okay, every month) and remember that one of the tenets of our Preamble is "our devotion to mutual helpfulness" for not only our Legion Family, but our veterans and their families and the community as a whole. Let us all make a pledge to renew our efforts in that regard and help where we can, when we can, and make a difference in someone's life these next few months.

Clubroom News

March is almost here so Spring is hopefully just around the corner. We are excited about warmer weather and more sunshine! We have lots of fun events going on the clubroom this month with a fish fry, our Wednesday curbside meals and more! Don't forget you can catch all the college basketball tournament action in the clubroom. If Iowa State plays an early game for any tournament we will open so you can watch the game here. Watch our Facebook page for any updates! We hope to see you soon!

Here are the Curbside Meals for March:
 Wed. March 2-Burger Night
 Wed. March 9-Roasted Chicken
 Wed. March 16-Corned Beef and Cabbage
 Wed. March 23-Pork Loin
 Wed. March 30-Meatloaf

USS Iowa Funding Update

Two bills are making their way through the Iowa Legislature to provide funding for the commissioning of the USS Iowa.

Both bills would allocate \$200,000 to assist with the commissioning. The House version allocates that money from the General Fund while the Senate version would draw it from the Veterans License Plate Fund.

The American Legion believes that the population of Iowa should fund this appropriation, not just the veterans of Iowa and support the House version. If you speak with your Senator or Representative, please tell them to support the House version of this appropriation with funding coming from the General Fund.

Weekly Bonus Drawing Night. Saturday, March 26 is the first bonus drawing night of the year. Drawings will commence at 5:00pm. Members must be qualified for the drawing by consistently entering into the weekly Monday drawing.



Thanks to all that helped with events and maintenance around the post in the last month. It is really appreciated. Paul Madson, Megan McEnany, Maria McEnany, Bill Donovan, Sandy and Mike Deacon, Colten Christensen, Ken Woodley, Russ and Vicki Belz, Julie Rinard and Tom Fowler. Special thanks to Tom Box for great night of good music and funds raised!

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NY Strips Are Back

Join us the 1st Saturday of each month for our steak dinners. The 8 oz NY Strip is back on the menu both as a stand-alone and a combination with three shrimp.

New York Strip	\$12.00
New York Strip Combo	\$15.00
Ham	\$ 8.00
Ham Combo	\$11.00
Shrimp (5 piece)	\$ 8.00
Soup, Salad and Potato	\$ 7.00

All dinners include soup, salad and choice of potato.

We start serving at 5:00 and close the dining room at 7:00. Come join us for a great meal with your friends.

Legion Riders

Sunshine... The flaming ball of gas in the sky is slowing pushing winter to a memory finally.

This last month the Riders have started planning our summer dinner rides, doing a little bike maintenance, and we've got the Wreaths picked up after mother nature straight up buried them the day before we were supposed to pick them up the first time.

Some items on the calendar to mention, First, go back and read the front page if you haven't already about the VetWorking employment event we are doing.

Some exciting news for the whole of the 6th District. Your Riders are planning a District Ride to raise funds for the American Legion Legacy Fund. We are challenging each post to donate \$25 per Legion Family to be used directly for the Legacy Fund. In June we will ask that those donations be brought to one of 5 posts in the district we will ride to so that we can collect these donations and deliver 100% of the proceeds to the Department Commander at the State Convention. From there we will take those donations to National convention and present them on the national stage. To go even further, we have also challenged all of the other 8 Iowa Districts to do the same.

On a larger scale, I and all of the Riders of Iowa were given a challenge as well. Chief of the Boat, Master Chief Hartley, from the USS Iowa SSN797 attended the Riders meeting at Mid-winter and took the time to speak to our group since he's a motorcycle guy himself after all.

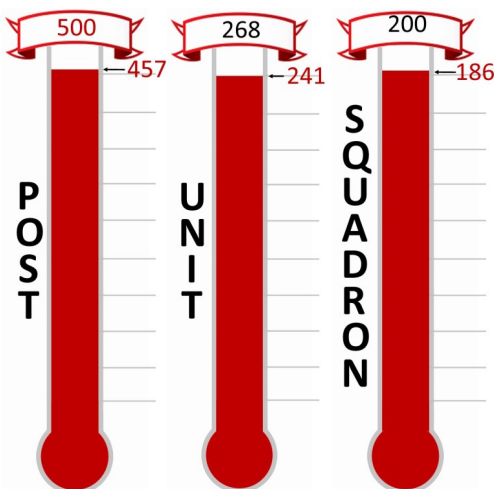
The challenge? Organize a ride to go towards the outfitting costs of the State of Iowa's namesake vessel, bring it to the commissioning, and he would not only ride along with us, but he would see that the Iowa Legion Riders Patch and vest would be framed and mounted on the boat. After a quick show of hands of all 33 Riders in attendance, I'm happy to report that yet again, the Legion Riders are doing good things for great reasons.

We are enrolling supporting members who would like to become a part of what we do. You don't need to have a motorcycle, just a want or desire to help out.

February is a short month, so this is a short article as well.

Remember the roads may be dry but there is still sand and debris in the corners, take care if you go for a ride, and as always, ride often.

Membership—It's A Dead Heat



We are getting close to the deadline date for membership and it is a dead heat. While we all want the three Legion family groups to be successful, we all want our group to get there first. Right now the standings are;

Post #37	91.4%
Unit #37	89.9%
Squadron #37	93.0%

Are you one of that last 10%? Renew now and let's get everyone over that goal.


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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
YOUTH AIR RIFLE 1-3 AT IZAAK WALTON		1 TOASTED CHEESE & SOUP AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30	2 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL BURGERS	3 DOLLAR DOG DAY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	4 FIREBALL FRIDAY FISH FRY 5:00-7:00	5 STEAK DINNER 5:00—7:00
6 BINGO	7 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	8 TOASTED CHEESE & SOUP SAL REGULAR 6:30	9 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL ROAST CHICKEN	10 DOLLAR DOG DAY LEGION REGULAR 7:00	11 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	12
13 BINGO	14	15 TOASTED CHEESE & SOUP AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY	16 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE	17 DOLLAR DOG DAY STORY COUNTY NEVADA SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:00	18 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	19 DEPT JSSP MATCH PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 10:00
20 BINGO	21 VFW POST MEETING 7:00	22 TOASTED CHEESE & SOUP 40&8	23 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL PORK LOIN	24 DOLLAR DOG DAY	25 FIREBALL FRIDAY 40&8 CHILI & SOUP DINNER	26 DISTRICT JUNIORALA CONFERENCE QUARTERLY DRAWING 5:00-7:30
27 BINGO	28	29 TOASTED CHEESE & SOUP	30 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL MEATLOAF	31 DOLLAR DOG DAY	 Find us on Facebook at American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37	