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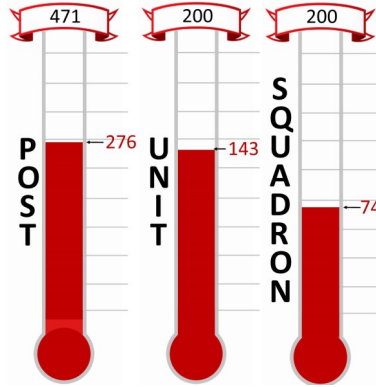
Ames Legion Family In Action

BE AN EARLY BIRD—SUNDAY BRUNCH—NOVEMBER 10

An old tradition in the Ames Legion is returning this year but slightly different. For many years, Early Birds (those who renewed their dues early) were invited to a free dinner at the post.

The tradition is returning, only in the form of Sunday brunch. Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 10. Whether your membership card is Legion, Auxiliary or SAL, if it says 2025, **BRUNCH IS FREE!**

Even if your membership doesn't say 2025 YET, you still have plenty of time to renew. You can even come in that morning and renew then for the free breakfast. Our membership people will be there to give you your card.



Now you are asking, what is on the brunch menu.

Scrambled eggs, Pork Loin & Sausage Links, Hash Browns, Pancakes, Cinnamon Rolls, Fresh Fruit, Orange Juice, Milk, Coffee and Tea.

In addition, the bar will be open if you would like a Bloody Mary or Mimosa with your breakfast.

What about guests? The nonmember adult prices is \$9 with children 12 and

under \$5. Of course, if your nonmember guest is eligible for membership, that morning would be a perfect time for them to enroll.

We need to thank the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation for their donation of the pork loin for the event. They are helping organizations celebrate Veterans Day. You will see other items from them at breakfast.

We also have some door prizes that will be given away. Texas Road House has been generous with gift cards that we will give away that morning to attendees along with packages of the pork loin.

All attendees will be eligible for a door prize even if they have already left. Come join us.

38 Years of Academic Award Recognition

November 12 will mark the 38th year that the Ames Legion family will take part in the awarding of Academic letters to the top students at Ames High.

The program will begin at 6PM in the Ames High Auditorium. Members of the sophomore, junior and senior classes that currently hold a 3.5 GPA will be awarded an Academic letter with the lamp of knowledge.

We anticipate that around 300 students from the student population of 1,400 will have reached that status and will be recognized that evening.



This is the 38th year for this recognition to occur. It began as a conversation about recognizing athletes that were also good students and then became recognition simply of good students.

Associate Principal Nicole Patton, herself a recipient of an Ames High Academic letter will be with us for the ceremony. We hope you can join us to recognize these outstanding students.

In 38 years, our Legion family has presented these letters to over 8,500 students. Come join us and thank them for their hard work.

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Post Commander Cliff's Comments

Happy November, the start of the craziest season I think I can have. Steak dinners are rolling now, starting the first Saturday of each month. Turnout has been building and business is steady.

The Story County VA has the Veterans Supermarket on Saturday November 9th. If a you or a Veteran you know needs any help, this event puts as many Veteran Organizations together as possible under one roof at one time. It's free to attend. They encourage everyone to stop by and see what it's all about.

We have an Early bird brunch in the works for the whole post, where everyone having their dues paid by or on

November 10th, you get breakfast on us.

On Veterans Day the following day will have the traditional ceremony at the City of Ames Auditorium. Then we roll into a couple volunteer days for the SAL and the Riders working the free leaf days in town. The funds the SAL raises will go to the Junior Shooting Sports program.

Riders recently made several donations to the post and the causes they support. November has the birthday for the USMC and the presentation of the Academic awards at Ames High also.

Like I said, there's a lot happening all of a sudden. Our post is doing alright, but

there's no denying we could use more volunteers, and more members, just to spread some of the workload around. The Ames Legion is often times in a position to make a difference in many lives and almost every day there are chances to do something for our community or our veterans. We can't do it all, but be certain, we do what we can. That being said, I know there are so many of you who work very hard behind the scenes and I would like to give each of you a shout out, I see you, and I know that so much would just never happen or even be possible without you. I'm thankful for you all.

Have a great Thanksgiving, and keep on doing what we do best.

Unit President Jamie's Comments

Greetings from your Auxiliary! We have a busy month ahead as we think about Veterans Day and what that means to all of us. For some of us, we ARE the veteran in our lives. For some of us, we have loved ones who are the veterans in our lives. And for still some, we are only able to recognize our veteran's sacrifices and cherish the life they had. To each of us, Veterans Day is a special day. Veterans Day is always the 11th of the 11th Month (November) to signify the ending of WWI fighting which ended the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The Patriotic Council will hold their annual program at City Hall at 11am that day. As a reminder, our membership goal is to have 75% of our membership dues paid by Veterans Day. Help us make that goal and be

sure to come for your free brunch for our paid members on Nov. 10th which is also coincidentally, the Auxiliary's Birthday!

Please plan to VOTE on November 5th. What you do, makes a difference. We don't discuss politics in our Legion post and our voting is all up to ourselves and our private voting booths, but no matter who you are voting for, exercise your right!

Thanksgiving is coming and I'm thankful for our Legion Family. We have friends and family all around us, so please just take a moment to look around and be grateful for our nation and our friends and particularly, our current service members. Do you know a service member who is deployed and who

might appreciate a care package? Please let me know!

As we turn to the winter holidays, please be sure to call an auxiliary friend, see how they are, spend a few minutes checking in on them and wishing them well. We will be looking for a family to adopt for Christmas soon as part of our VA & R programming, so be on the lookout for more information on that soon! December 14th will be the annual Cookie Fair and we will need your help with baking! We plan to have a very full day of SAL sponsored biscuits and gravy breakfast, the ALA Cookie Fair and the ALR Wreaths Across American ceremony, so we hope to see you at many of these events

Squadron Commander Cort's Comments

We are in the final quarter of 2024, but this time of year always seems to have the most going on for the Squadron. Steak Dinner Planning, Legion Bingo, Junior Shooting Sports Program (JSSP), Academic Awards, Merit Awards, and Legion Membership Breakfast Planning are just some of the topics we've been tackling. I'm proud of the Squadron and the Legion Family for the hard work it puts in on behalf of members and the Ames community.

In October we saw preparations completed for this year's Merit Award application, which will soon be available. Please help get the word out on this opportunity for graduating seniors in the

Ames and Gilbert School Districts. We had one of the best responses in terms of submitted applications last year. It would be great to continue the upward trend this year.

The Squadron sponsors November's Steak Dinner, which is November 2, 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Mark the date in your calendar and come on out! Thank you to all who have volunteered to help.

The Legion family is hosting a membership appreciation breakfast November 10th. Details are in this newsletter. The Squadron will be helping serve breakfast and Steve Malmquist will be

there to process your SAL membership renewal if you haven't renewed by then.

November is the Squadron's turn to run the 50/50 raffle. Our Junior Shooting Sports Program has been chosen to be the beneficiary of raffle proceeds. Please participate in the raffle every chance you get and support a thriving and important Legion program this month.

Finally and importantly, November's SAL meeting will be held Monday, November 11 at 6:30pm. November 12 is the Ames High School Academic Awards Ceremony and all Ames Legion Family organizations will be there.

SUPERMARKET OF VETERANS BENEFITS

Saturday, November 9, 9:00AM to Noon at the PLEX, 5501 George Washington Carver Ave, sponsored by Story County Veterans Affairs. Information will be available on benefits and services along with Free Coffee and Doughnuts and Free Haircuts.

Clubroom News

I can't believe it is almost November. This Fall has just been flying by. We have lots of fun things going on in the clubroom from now until the end of year. We hope you are able to join us. Looking for some where to catch some football action? Cheer on those Cyclones with friends for this wonderful season they are having. The clubroom will be open a half hour before game time if it falls before regular hours.

Music Bingo is moved a week this month because of the holiday. Join us Friday, Nov 15 from 7-9pm. Come earlier and enjoy a nacho bar.

Our Wednesday meals have still been a popular night and we are so thankful for that. I would like to note that if you want to make sure you are going to get the meal you want please order ahead of time and then you can make sure you get it. Thanks for all your support!

Curbside Meals:

Wed. Nov 6-Meatloaf \$8

Wed. Nov 13-Creamy Tuscan Chicken \$8

Wed. Nov 20-Grilled Pork Chop \$8

Wed. Nov 27-Burger Night \$8

Call the Post anytime after 2pm on Wednesday to place your order for pickup. 232-9870. You may also message us on Facebook or order in the clubroom earlier in that week.

Friday, November 15-Nacho Bar 5-6:30pm and Music Bingo 5-7pm

Thursday, November 28 Clubroom Closed- Happy Thanksgiving!!

Friday, November 29 the Clubroom opens at 3pm.



This month's Kudo's: Russ and Vicki Belz, Mike and Sandy Deacon, Ken Woodley, Julie Rinard, Bill Donovan, Addison Donovan, Ella Rogotzke, Greg Hobbs, Gary Freel, Tom Fowler, Colten Christiansen and Rodger VanVoorhis.

JSSP Update from Coach Cort

Our JSSP club is in full swing, holding weekly practices on Sundays, 12:15pm to 3:00pm. 16 of 17 youth participants returned this year, with 8 new members added. The club is a beehive of activity. As I have mentioned previously, our club co-sponsor, Ames Izaak Walton League, gave us permission to hold practices in the upstairs main meeting room. This is a large room that doubles our capacity for firing stations. However, in order to take advantage of this new space, we needed to purchase additional equipment to "pellet proof" the room. The club secured funds from the Ames Post and Squadron, as well as private donations, to purchase a ballistic curtain backstop and materials to construct ten new target stands.

Many thanks to Randy Lien of Lien Woodworking for designing and leading the effort to assemble these stands. He donated his time and our cost was only materials. Thanks also to Legion Post member and JSSP coach John Baldwin for assisting Randy in the assembly process! The ballistic curtain was sourced from a shop in Williamsburg, Iowa, allowing us to support an Iowa business. Our club also will be purchasing 5 additional used air rifle and shooting mats from a sister club in Swisher, Iowa. These additional rifles are needed because of the clubs growth over the last couple of years. We don't mind visitors, so if anyone is curious about what the club does, feel free to stop out during our practices.

Past Commander Jay Update and Thanks

I asked for some space in this month's newsletter so that I could update you on Barb's condition and let you know our plans.

We've been to the Mayo Clinic on two separate occasions. Barb's official diagnosis is moderate stage Alzheimer's disease. Not the best diagnosis, but it's good to know what we're dealing with. We will be moving (sometime in November?) to Edencrest at Tuscany in Altoona, an independent/assisted living

facility where Barb and I can continue living together, and she'll get additional care and have daily activities while I continue working. We'll keep our membership in Ames for the time being but you won't be seeing us much come November.

I've already thanked you for your support during my time as Post Commander. Now I would like to thank you for what you've all done for Barb. You've watched out for her and have continued

Legion Riders

November and the leaves are falling and there seems to be less and less time to ride. I am one of those that will take full advantage of the warmer December days to get out and put some miles on the bike so I tend to keep the bikes with a full tank of fuel. I add one ounce of fuel stabilizer to every 2.5 gallons and the full tank will keep moisture from building up and rusting the inside of the tanks. I turn the fuel off or drain the fuel out of everything else and make sure to let them idle until they shut off on their own.

Your Riders are in full preparation mode for the upcoming Wreath Day, this year it is on December 14th because of the holidays. Each year I say this and each year it becomes more and more true. We could not possibly do this without all of your support. From the Riders to the Post families, the support we get all through the year makes this one of the premier events the city of Ames has. It's an honor to be part of it, and the WAA committee deserves all the praise they get. I know there is a lot happening on Dec. 14th, I hope there is time in everyone's schedule to come out to Ames Cemetery. Looking back to our first year, in 2020 we were still reeling from all of the changes taking place around us. We planned a small ceremony of just ceremonial wreaths, not really sure who would actually show up. In the cold and the snow, on the frozen stage with the blasting north wind, we looked out and saw that yes, people really did want to be part of this. If you all could see what we see, I tell you, it's humbling. Now lets get on to 2024!

Nominations are open for any of the Riders positions. I will be handing the gavel over to the next leader. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Legion Rider, let us know, we are always looking for new members and supporters. There's still a lot of fun and good times to be had in between the projects and the commitments.

to make her feel welcome and comfortable. I can't thank you enough for letting me know when she showed up at the Post and was obviously upset and confused. You have all truly shown what Legion Family means. We will miss being at the Post, but we'll cherish the memories and friendships we've made and will come back to visit on occasion. Thank you all again for your friendship, care, and concern, it has meant a lot to both of us. We wish the Ames Legion Family all the best going forward.

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YOUTH AIR RIFLE 1-3 AT IZAAK WALTON		Find us on Facebook at American Legion Family of Ames, IA Post 37			1 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	2 STEAK DINNER 5:00—7:00
3 BINGO	4 WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 5:30 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	5 TACO TUESDAY AUXILIARY REGULAR 6:30	6 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL MEATLOAF	7 \$2 DOG NIGHT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	8 FIREBALL FRIDAY MAIN ST FLAGS UP 7:15AM MUNCHIES NIGHT	9 VETERANS BENEFITS SUPERMARKET @THE PLEX 9-12
10 ALA BIRTHDAY EARLY BIRD BRUNCH 9-12 BINGO	11 VETERANS DAY MAIN ST FLAGS DOWN 4:30 PM SAL MTG. 6:30	12 TACO TUESDAY ACADEMIC AWARDS @ AMES HIGH 6:00	13 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL CREAMY TUS-CAN CHICKEN	14 \$2 DOG NIGHT LEGION REGULAR 7:00	15 FIREBALL FRIDAY NACHO BAR 5:00—6:30 MUSIC BINGO 7:00—9:00	16 PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 10:00
17 BINGO	18 VFW POST MEETING 7:00	19 TACO TUESDAY	20 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL PORK CHOPS	21 \$2 DOG NIGHT SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:00	22 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	23
24 BINGO	25	26 TACO TUESDAY	27 WINESDAY WEDNESDAY CURBSIDE MEAL BURGER NIGHT	28 \$2 DOG NIGHT THANKSGIVING CLUBROOM CLOSED	29 FIREBALL FRIDAY MUNCHIES NIGHT	30