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Ames Legion Family In Action

AMES RIFLE TEAM COMPETES AT STATE AND NATIONAL

The picture below is of four members of the Ames Cyclone George air rifle team as they competed at The American Legion state championship match in Des Moines on March 16. The members shown are (l-r) Irene Nickerson, Micaela Osuch, Mallory Toresdahl and Cody Toresdahl.

Other members of the team are Luke Neutzling, Luke Grzech, Koen Pahl; and Zak Strohm. The team is coached by Marv Scott, an NRA trained coach and retired Ames High Government teacher.

The team shoots throughout the winter season in the Iowa Junior Rifle League which includes teams from Des Moines

North (2 teams), Lone Tree, Swisher and Muscatine. They shoot a round-robin series of postal matches.

The League results this year had Ames in a three-way tie for second place but losing the tie-breakers to place fourth.

At the state American Legion match, the Des Moines North Marine JROTC team dominated. Ames shooters finished with Cody in 7th, Micaela in 8th, Irene 11th and Mallory 12th.

The National American Legion match is a two-round postal match for teams and individuals with 60 shots to be fired, 20 each in the prone, standing and kneeling positions with the highest

scores qualifying for the second round. Five shooters from the Ames club fired their first set of targets in December for that match.

In March, the club was notified that they had qualified both as a team and Micaela Orsuch as an individual for the second round. Two members of the Post witnessed the team second round on March 19. They will return on March 30 to witness Micaela's second round.

We have been proud to have these young people represent us and thank the Ikes for their help. The post provides the rifles and entry fees for the Legion matches and the Ikes provide a place to shoot. It has been a great partnership.



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Post Commander Doug's Comments

March Madness is over and Spring is officially here (even if the temperatures are not yet). I hope that this edition of the Post Newsletter finds each of you well and eagerly looking forward to the promise of warmer and sunnier weather.

In some respects March has been a quiet month and in other aspects (weather aside) a stormy one. As a Post we continue to make efforts to improve our Post operations, involvement in the community and membership. Each has faced its challenges in the past few weeks, but the Post leadership has learned from each of those challenges and is moving ahead to make our Post even better and stronger.

Starting this month we will be forming Nomination Committees to seek out candidates and volunteers to fill Post Leadership positions among the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. I encourage each of you to seriously consider offering your time and experience and volunteer to



take a leadership position within the Post. I know you will find it interesting, and you will help make our Post all the better through a new or different perspective on who we are and what we do, not only internally to the Post, but what we do to contribute to the community as well.

As the weather gets better, I hope that you will take the opportunity to visit the Post for one of the many recurring or special events scheduled throughout the month. Several of our regular events such as Tenderloin Night and Bingo are enjoying increased participation, and the special events, such as the Building Fund Raiser Free Will Brunch, the SAL Biscuit & Gravy Breakfast and Auxiliary Bake Sale (see the calendar for dates) give everyone an opportunity to stop by the Post and see their friends and neighbors. As a re-

minder, each of these events is open to the public, so encourage your neighbors and co-workers to stop on down, visit the Post and share in some good times. The more participation we can get in these events, the better and stronger our Post becomes, and the more we can try and do to support the community.

One program that we will again be supporting this year is the Story County Freedom Flight. Members of the Post are working with the Story County Freedom Flight Committee to host and sponsor some events to help raise funds for this year's Freedom Flight in October. As many of you know, several members of the Post went on the inaugural flight last October and have indicated that it was a wonderful and fulfilling experience. It is a project we can all support and it is a wonderful way to say thank you to those who gave of themselves to ensure our safety and freedom.

I look forward to seeing you at the Post.

Unit President Pat's Comments

Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. We have a lot going on in April. Please make note that Our Auxiliary meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday April 9th. Hope to see more of you there.

We will be having a BAKE SALE on April 13th anyone interested in making cakes, pies, rolls, cookies, whatever you like to bake we would appreciate all the help you can give. We will take the baked goods on Friday April 12th after 4:00.

The SAL will be having a breakfast on

April 13th also. It is a free will donation and always wonderful so come have Breakfast and buy some great baked goodies.

We want to congratulate Kylie Spencer for winning 1st Place for her Poppy Poster.

In March we had a lot of meetings going on. County Meeting was held in Cambridge, and District Meeting was held in Dexter. We will let you know what we learned at our meeting.

We will be having a dues increase for 2013-2014 year. The Dues will now be \$25.00 a year. Remember our year goes from July to July so it won't be long till we will be collecting again. I am proud to say we made GOAL this year with 34 new Members helping us get there. Some of you who still haven't paid please do so. We need all of you to keep on giving to our Veteran's and community. Again I would like to thank Lois Poppe for all her hard work on Membership.

Squadron Commander Mike's Comments

Happy Spring, I Hope. Wouldn't it be wonderful if it got warm soon? Lots of things going on in the near future, hope you can help out. April 6th is the monthly Steak dinner, this is the Auxiliary's Dinner, but your support is always welcome, even if it is just to come down and enjoy a good meal. Remember this is your post, so come down and meet your fellow members.

April 13th will be our Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast fundraiser, this will be in conjunction with the Auxiliary Bake Sale. We are going to need lots of help, both in the kitchen and helping serve. We do have our April meeting on the 9th to

make any last plans for the breakfast. Please come to the meeting to let us know what you can do to help out.

Membership stands at 182 if you have not paid your dues, please do so. More than your dues, we need your participation, this helps out with every Legion Family Program that we get involved in.

Memorial Day is fast approaching and that is a very large undertaking for the whole community of Ames. We need to remember why we do what we do in the name of our Veterans, they sacrificed for us, so we need to Honor Them and Their Service, For God and Country.

We are Free because of Them.

At our March meeting there was discussion of a possible Nut Fry, "Mountain Oysters", in June, come on down and let us know your feelings. It's time to start thinking about who will be our New Officers for Next year. We need leaders that will help our squadron grow for the good of this Organization and even more for the good of our Country.

Till next month, hope to see you around the Post, remember that no matter what your political views are, We Must Support OUR Troops. One More thing, have a Happy April Fools Day.

Clubroom News

There will be quite a few activities happening in April and we look forward to seeing you. Here is what's happening in the clubroom:

Friday, April 12 is \$2.00 Burger Nite. Burgers will be served from 5:30-7pm. Stop by and try one or two of these delicious burgers. If you don't have time to stay, stop in anyway and let us make you one to go! Burger Nite is the perfect opportunity to try one of our many appetizers, or add a side of fries for a small extra charge.

Wednesday, April 17 is Tenderloin Basket Night. Tenderloins will be served from 5-6:30pm. These 7oz giants are served with all your favorite toppings and a side of fries for only \$5.00.

Friday, April 26 is Texas Hold-Em. Play begins at 7pm.

Saturday, April 27 is the Annual Race Party. This year we will be supporting the TJ Reinsch Youth Hockey Foundation. The party begins at 6pm. There will be tons of food, games, and prizes.

Volunteers Needed!!

The post needs volunteers that are willing to mop the reception room and kitchen floors and/or deep clean the bathrooms once a week. We would like some members that would be willing to do these tasks on a regular basis. Please call 232-9870 if interested.

CLUBROOM COUPON

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

Freedom Flight Event to Come

Mark June 22 on your calendar! The Legion family will be hosting a fundraiser for the next Story County Freedom Flight that day. Tentative plans call for a 50's-60's theme with dinner, auction music and more. More details will be in the May and June bulletins.



Tagline Deadline Near

Earlier this year we announced a contest to determine a new tagline for The American Legion. As years have passed since our formation, the American public has grown less and less familiar with connecting our name "The American Legion" to the many great things we do or even to identifying us as a veterans' organization since the word veteran is nowhere in our name.

It is time to have a short catchy slogan that better captures who we are and what we do. If you have an idea, send it to tagline@legion.org before April 19 to enter. First prize is \$500 as well as knowing that you will be helping define and grow The American Legion during our second hundred years.

Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast and Bake Sale, April 13, 7-11AM at the Post.



Race Party—April 27

Please join us for our annual race party and fundraiser. This year we will be featuring the race at Richmond, Virginia on April 27, 2013.

All the fun and excitement will begin at 6pm. Our event in 2011 for the TJ Reinsch Youth Hockey Foundation was very successful and we are hoping this year will be better yet.

There will be food, games, raffles, prizes, and much more. Everyone in attendance will receive a goodie bag. Race Fan or not, there is something for everyone!!!

2013 Golf League

*Looking for fun a group of people that would like to get together once a week to play golf.

Here are the details:

*Start Day: Thursday May 2nd

*Cost: \$9.50 for 9 holes + Cart

*Sign up: Stop in at the post or call

*Bonus: Free hot dogs and chip afterwards!!

Any Questions call 232-9870

Quilts of Valor Day



The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover all combat service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

A Quilts of Valor quilting day will be held on April 27, 2013 in Des Moines. If possible bring your sewing machine and join us. Everyone is welcome, regardless of talent or ability. We will help you get started if you want to learn. For more information, contact Ann Rehbein at 232-9299.

2012 Golf Update

Congratulations Post Members! We have presented a \$600.00 donation to the Easter Seals of Iowa earmarked for Camp Sunnyside as a benefit of the August Golf Tournament. A big "Thank You" to all those who participated in making the Golf Tournament so successful.

The Golf season is starting soon. Sign up now to get in practice and look for the announcement of the 2013 golf outing to come later this summer.

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	1 LEGION RIDERS 6:30 PATRIOTIC COUNCIL	2 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY \$2	3 BINGO	4 SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:00	5 MUNCHIES NIGHT	6 STEAK DINNER 5:30—7:00
7 BINGO	8 BUILDING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE	9 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY \$2 MEETINGS SAL-6:30 AUXILIARY-7:00	10 BINGO	11 LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	12 \$2 BURGER NIGHT 5:30-7:00	13 BISCUITS & GRAVY BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE 7-??
14 BINGO	15	16 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY \$2 PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 7:00	17 TENDERLOIN 5:00-6:30 BINGO	18	19 MUNCHIES NIGHT	20
21 BINGO	22	23 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY \$2 40&8	24 BINGO	25 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	26 TEXAS HOLD-EM 7:00 MUNCHIES NIGHT	27 NASCAR RACE PARTY & CHARITY EVENT
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