

Ames Legion Family In Action

THOUGHTS FROM THE COMMANDER FOR THE NEW YEAR

At the State Convention in Sioux City last month, our Post was recognized as having one of the best Children and Youth Programs in the State. While this is an all Post award, the lion's share of the credit goes to the Auxiliary for leading the Post in the day-to-day execution of these diverse undertakings that are a pillar of the American Legion. My thanks to everyone involved in making our Post shine at convention.

This month we start putting an emphasis on membership renewals for the coming year. Membership is an essential element to the ability of the Legion to function, not only to the Post, but to the entire Legion Family. Membership is everyone's job! With strength in membership numbers - in the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders, we are able to have a strong and more supportive Legion Family which ultimately leads to a better Post. This, then, enables us to provide more effective community outreach programs to our veterans and their families, have a stronger voice in both state and national concerns as well as increased revenues to fund those programs and the Post.

Did you know that there are an estimated 21.5 million veterans in the United States! How many are Legion members? Not even 10 percent. We owe it to them to inform them of the positives of membership.



2013-14 Leaders Installed on July 9

Newly elected State Commander Jim Demarest, from our Post, has made increasing membership across the Legion Family a key priority this year. As a Post, we need to identify and reach out to those veterans who are not members of the Legion, or family members eligible to join the Auxiliary or the Sons, and get them to join. I know that this is a lot easier said than done, but if we don't try, then we will surely fail. I encourage each and every member of the Legion Family to reach out to potential Legion Family members and encourage them to consider becoming a part of the best veteran's organization in the Nation.

And when you are asked to renew your current membership, please don't put it off. The sooner you renew your membership for the coming year, the better our programs will be and our voices heard.

As we start to roll into a new business year for the Post, we will continue to look at making

more common sense changes that will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our post operations. We made some good strides last year and I have every intention of continuing that forward movement this year. Some good ideas have been brought forward for consideration regarding these changes.

Many of the changes we need to make are ones that take time to develop and implement, while others are relatively easy to implement and are transparent to most members. Some disagree with some of the proposed changes and deserve to have their opinions heard. Our goal is to make those changes that will improve the Post and our membership.

It promises to be another good year for the Post and I am excited by the possibilities. I hope that you are excited about the coming year as well. It all starts with membership followed by participation in Post activities.

I hope to see you at the Post in the weeks ahead.

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 ★ *It's Not The Price You Pay To Belong That is Important* ★
 ★ *It's The Price You Paid To Be Eligible* ★

Who Are The Legion Riders



WHO ARE WE?

We are members of the

American Legion Riders, composed of members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion, who are collectively known as THE LEGION family. We are a program formed to promote the aims and purposes of The American Legion through family oriented motorcycling activities.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Current member of The American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons. Must possess a current driver's license with motorcycle endorsement and own a properly registered, licensed, insured, street legal

motorcycle of at least 350cc of any manufacturer.

WHAT DO WE DO?

We have led parades, led funeral processions, funeral flag lines, helped put up and retire Mainstreet Flags, volunteered at the Iowa Veterans Hospital Carnival in Marshalltown, escorted the Freedom Flight to and from the Des Moines Airport, raised money for the Post remodeling project, participated in the Legacy Run, donated money to the Bataan Memorial Death in March 2013, attended and participated in the Iowa Motorcycle Safety Program and weekly programmed dinner rides, just to list a few

HOW BIG ARE WE?

Chapter 37 members: 59

General meeting participants: approximately 30

Dinner ride participants: 13-15

Unit President Sharon's Comments

Hi everyone,

First thing I would like to thank all those who helped this month with Bingo and Luncheons, we couldn't do it without you. I would like to thank all the new and old officers for helping me get started as President this year. If there is anyone that would like to be on a Committee, please let me know. Lois Poppe has decided to retire from the Poppy Committee. Lois, thank you from all of us for all the hard work and dedication you put forth for so many years. Thanks again for a job well done.

The officers for the American Legion Auxiliary are:

President	Sharon Bellinghausen
1 st Vice President	Ann Rehbein
2 nd Vice President	Judy Demarest
Secretary	Sandy Deacon

Treasurer

Marilyn Nervig

Chaplain

Sharon Mott

Historian

Pat Kyle

Sgt at Arms

Kelli Hitsman

Executive Board

Dee Ball

Kay MacVey

Kathy MacCrea

Jan Anderson

Jan Schmidt

A group of ladies went to the State Convention in Sioux City. We will report to you at our next meeting, so please come. We will also have the girls who went to camp come and talk to us about how much fun they had.

Ladies, we need workers for Bingo for August. We will have the sign-up sheet at the meeting in August. I hope I haven't forgotten anything or anyone. I apologize if I have. Let's all work together and make it a great year. Ladies remember we need new members. See you at the Post

Squadron Commander Steve's Comments

Hello all, we are getting another year started, and it was great to see the Post, Riders and Squadron members that helped put up flags on the 4th. And everyone that showed up for the joint installation.

We still have openings for the following offices: Historian, 2nd Vice Commander, Sgt. at Arms, and Exec Board. There are also Committee openings. Please come to the next meeting and

let me know if you would like to step up and get involved.

For those of you that did not make Detachment Convention, Michael Blanchard from Muscatine is our Commander, and one of the Vice Commanders is our own Jim Valentine with Mike Deacon serving next year as Judge Advocate.

Congratulations to Jim Demarest on being elected Department Commander. He will have a homecoming at the Post

Demarest Elected at State



Jim Demarest, a member of the Ames Post was elected as the 2013-2014 Department Commander at the recent convention in Sioux City. Jim will serve in that office for the next year, providing leadership to the Iowa Legion.

A reception to honor Jim will be held at the Post on August 11 beginning at 1PM. Everyone is invited. We expect many guests from around Iowa to attend that day as Jim has made many friends in his years of serving The American Legion. We hope many of our members will be there to welcome those guests and to honor Jim on his election to this leadership post.

Jim is the first member in the 95 year history of the Ames Post to serve in that position. He is extremely well qualified for his new position having not only served in a volunteer capacity beginning with Ames Post Commander and working up through District Commander and Department Vice-Commander but Jim also served the staff side of the Legion having been Department Adjutant for a number of years.

As Commander MacCrea stated in his front page article, Dept. Commander Jim has made growth of membership the theme of his year. As his home post, we hope the membership of the Ames post will take that theme to heart and show the other posts in Iowa that we are proud of Jim's election and that we are showing that pride by working hard to achieve his objective of growth. The state cannot grow unless the posts do. Let's have Ames lead the way.

on August 11th, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.. We could use a few people to help out with this to show all the guests a good time. But if you can at least come down and say hello to all the guests that will be at the post.

In August the 18th will be \$100 bingo night, come on down and join in the fun.

Till next month God Bless Our Troops and God Bless America.

Clubroom News

Summer is flying by and can you believe that it's State Fair time again? The Clubroom is the perfect place to beat the heat. Don't forget that besides great libations we also have a great menu available every day, and a special home cooked meal every Wednesday.

Here's what we have planned in August:

Friday, August 9 is \$2.00 Burger Nite. Burgers are served from 5:30-7pm. Eat them here or take them to go!! Add on a side of fries or an appetizer to make it a meal. You top your burger your way with all the freshest garden fare.



Friday, August 16 will be a Munchie Contest. Everything is better

with bacon therefore that will be the mandatory ingredient. Members may enter anything from savories to sweets, but remember the bacon. Winner will be decided by popular vote.

Wednesday, August 21 is Tenderloin Basket Night. Tenderloins will be served from 5-6:30pm. A Jumbo Tenderloin with French fries is only \$5.00 and topped with all your favorites.



Friday, August 23 is Texas Hold-'Em. Play begins at 7pm.

Remember that every Thursday this summer is Dollar Dogs. Stop down anytime on Thursday for a 1/3 lb. hot dog and chips for only \$1.00.

CLUBROOM COUPON
Any Tuesday in August
Present Coupon to get
2 drinks for the price of 1.
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Sunday Brunch
 Sunday, August 25, the Post would like to invite you to our fabulous Sunday brunch. Brunch will be served from 11am-1pm. Brunch will include a wide variety of breakfast and dinner fare. We invite everyone to come and enjoy. Don't miss out on the wide variety of fresh homemade baked goods!!
 If you have never been to Sunday brunch at the Post, you are missing out. Bloody Mary's and Mimosas will be available in the Clubroom. This event is a free will donation to benefit the building remodeling.

Legion Riders Activities

The Legion Riders held their monthly meeting on July 1. We discussed doing a Nursing Home ride for Rolling Green in Nevada on Aug 12 during our dinner ride. We are also organizing a Freedom Flight ride on July 20th meeting at Zylstra's. We discussed spacing, hand signals and general safety while riding. Dustin Dolton gave us a brief description of his experiences after returning from Afghanistan. He was presented with 2013ALR yearly paid dues and a Visa card for him and his family.

Many of the American Legion Riders helped put up and retire the downtown flags on July 4th. They also participated in the Nevada 4th of July parade at 10am and then returned to Ames and led the 4th of July parade at 11am.

It was mentioned at our meeting that we now have 59 members. We would like to thank Ron Russell, TJ Adams, Larry Eastman, Jim Moreland, Tony Van Cannon, Joshua Duchene, Taryn Randall-Duchene, Denny Moreland, Ole Skaar, Tom Wiarda and David Donnelly

for joining the American Legion Riders. Our dinner rides are every Monday except the first which is our meeting. August events are:

- Aug 5 Meeting at Legion 6:30pm
- Aug 12 Aztec Ames and will give rides at Rolling Green Nursing Home
- Aug 19 Jimmy Johns at Ankeny
- Aug 26 Smoked meats picnic at Don Williams Park.

All rides start in the parking lot behind the Ames Post. Kick stands up at 6:30pm

Snedden E. Winter Identified

In the June 2013 issue of this newsletter, we discussed one of the mysteries of the Ames Post that dates back to our formation in 1919. If you remember from that newsletter, the temporary charter for the Ames Post contains the name of Snedden Winter as the name of our Post. Mr. Winter's name was removed with the issuance of our permanent charter in 1922.

The questions many of us have asked are 1)"Who was Snedden Winter?" and 2)"Why was his name originally on the Post but then removed?". The first of those questions now has an answer.

First let me apologize for misspelling his name. His last name is Winter not Winters. He was one of seven Ames resi-



dents killed in WW I. They were members of the 168th Infantry Regiment, part of the 42nd "Rainbow" Division, so-named Rainbow because their divisional shoulder patch was a rainbow.

Pvt. Winter was a member of Company I of the 168th and was killed on July 15,

1918 by an artillery explosion on the Champagne front.

We are still researching the other six men. They were Frank C. Allen, George W. Clark, Ray V. Clark, Harry T. Corbin, Ray R. Craun and Ira S. Telham. There may be others from Ames killed in WW I but these seven are those we know of.

Still unanswered is the question of why his name was not included on the permanent charter. We are researching Ames newspapers from the period and may obtain that answer there.

The 168th Infantry was originally the Third Iowa Infantry of the Iowa National Guard. They were activated for service from Aug 5, 1917 to May 17, 1919.


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4 BINGO	5 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	6 AUXILIARY REGULAR 7:00	7 BINGO	8 DOLLAR DOG NIGHT LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	9 \$2 BURGER NIGHT	10
11 JIM DEMAREST RECEPTION BINGO	12 BUILDING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE	13 SAL REGULAR 6:30	14 BINGO	15 DOLLAR DOG NIGHT	16 MUNCHIE CONTEST "BACON"	17
18 BINGO	19	20	21 TENDERLOIN 5:00-6:30 BINGO	22 DOLLAR DOG NIGHT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	23 TEXAS HOLD-EM 7:00 MUNCHIES NIGHT	24
25 SUNDAY BRUNCH 11-1 BINGO	26 ←	27 NATIONAL CONVENTION-HOUSTON 40&8	28 BINGO	29 DOLLAR DOG NIGHT →	30 MUNCHIES NIGHT	31