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Ames Legion Family In Action

MAY—THE MONTH OF REMEMBERING

The Ames American Legion family will be remembering our comrades that have left us during the last year.

We will begin that month of remembrance with a joint memorial service at the Unit meeting on May 7.

Our charters will be draped in black in memory of those members that passed away since last May. Those Legionnaires that have transferred to Post Everlasting are: Ray Huston, Archie Wierson, Kenneth E. Lee, John Fleig, Kenneth Kelley, Paul J. Skarda, Bill Hockman, Clement H. Marsden, Edward J. O'Conner, Jerome M. Skeers, Hal E. Briley, H. B. Hudson, Lynn G. Christian, Dennis Krowski, John B. Sheeler, Kenneth L. Davis and Dale V. Bowers.

The Unit will remember:



Patricia Hoff, Sylvia Stemm, Peggy Chitty, Eva Mae Tett and Sandy Arrasmith.

Thankfully there were no deaths in the ranks of the Squadron this year.

The Legion family will also participate in Memorial Day ceremonies this year as always. The Squadron will be placing flags on the veterans' graves in the Ames cemeteries on May 23.

The Post will post and retrieve the flags in the down-

town area with the flags going up at 7AM on the 25th and coming down at 5PM on Memorial Day. We will also march in the parade, fire a salute during the ceremony at the Municipal cemetery and also fire at the Ontario and Story Memorial cemeteries that afternoon. We will be at Ontario at approximately 1:15 and Story Memorial at 1:45.

The Legion family will host a lunch at the Post following the ceremony at Ames Municipal Cemetery that is open to the public.

We hope you can join us for one or more of these events. All these things only happen because volunteers care enough to make them happen. Regardless though take a few minutes at 11AM on May 27 to remember those we have lost.

Boys Staters Chosen

Four young men will be attending 2013 American Legion Hawkeye Boys State this year. They are Carl Meese and Ben Hurd from Ames High and Harrison Cook and Noah Branson from Gilbert High.

They were nominated by the guidance counselors at each school and selected on the basis of interviews with the Boys State committee. All four young men have shown not only aca-

demic success but are involved in other activities in their school and community as well as participating in sports.

The tuition to Boys State is split by the Post and Squadron. Boys State will be held June 9-14 at Camp Dodge. We will be inviting the boys to a Post and Squadron meeting after they return. Watch for that announcement and come hear about their experience.

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Post Commander Doug's Comments

*"We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies."*



This verse, from the poem "On Flanders Fields", helps to symbolize the month of May as Americans pay tribute to those men and women who died while serv-

ing our great nation in the Armed Forces. It also serves as the foundation for the American Legion's Remembrance Poppy Program which was started in 1920 as a symbol of the sacrifices on the field of battle many brave men made so far from America's shore. Originally called Decoration Day following the end of the Civil War, it was a day set aside time to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers (and sailors) who died in that terrible conflict. Early in the 20th century, Memorial Day was extended to honor all



like Ames, also use the day to recognize those veterans who have passed away throughout the year. With the start of the War on Terrorism, Americans also tend to honor the memory of those first responders who have given their lives to protect and serve others. Let us not be deterred from taking the true intent of the day to heart and pay tribute to the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our safety and freedom and the principles of democracy are maintained. I hope that you join in one of the many events in the area on May 27th as we pay tribute to our fallen heroes.

April was a very busy month and was highlighted by the very successful Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast sponsored by

Americans who died in all wars, especially following the end of World War II. Many cities and towns,

the Sons, the Bake Sale sponsored by the Auxiliary and our annual Race Party. My thanks and appreciation to everyone involved in those events and their efforts to showcase our Post within the community.

We also had the opportunity to recognize 17 Cadets and Midshipmen at the Air Force, Army and Naval ROTC Units at Iowa State for their military and scholastic excellence. These young men and women have demonstrated exceptionally high standards of excellence throughout the year and it was with great pleasure that our Post recognized them for their effort.

In May we will start receiving the reports of our Nominating Committees naming candidates for the various Post offices in the year ahead in preparation for elections during our June meetings. I would like to thank the members of the Nominating Committees for their time and effort in identifying candidates to fill our Post Officer positions.

In closing, the month of May will be as busy for the Post as any previous month with lots of events planned, including lunch at the Post on Memorial Day and a free will donation brunch to support the Building Remodeling Fund. I hope that you will be able to join us at these events.

Squadron Commander Mike's Comments

They say that April Showers are supposed to bring May flowers. Well if that is the case there should be Flowers "Everywhere". Bring on the warm weather.

We had 10 applications this year for the two, \$500.00 Scholarship's that the Squadron awards each year to Ames or Gilbert High School Seniors. This is a vast increase over previous years. I know that the committee will have a tough time, but will welcome the challenge.

I would like to thank everyone that helped with our Biscuits and Gravy breakfast. We did not make as much as we had hoped, but every little bit helps. I do know that all that attended said that the food was great and there was plenty of it. Thank you all for supporting our programs. Remember the next one is the December breakfast that is held the same day as the Auxiliary Cookie Fair.

The May Steak dinner is the responsibility of the Sons, so if you can help please give me a call at 712-221-9127 and we can get things lined up for May 4th. If you can't help at least come down and enjoy a good meal.

Membership stands at 184. If you know of anyone that has not renewed their membership from last year, please convince them to do so. Membership is the life blood of any organization and we really need to increase the active members in Our Organization. The same people seem to be doing all the work. Please stop by a meeting and express your views.

Speaking of next meeting it is that time of year when we need to get new officers to lead the Squadron. Every office is open and you would not be thrown into it without any support. We want The Sons to be a successful part of the American Legion Family. New thoughts and Ideas can always help make us

better. Those new thoughts and Ideas need to come from the members that do not come very often because we have used all of ours up.



Remember, Memorial Day is fast approaching and there will be much to do. Please try to help with the placing of Grave Flags the Thursday before Memorial Day when the Squadron does the cemeteries in town. Check the weekly update or stop down to the Post home and see what is planned.

Clubroom News

Greetings from the Clubroom!! Thanks to a generous donation from Ed O'Connor, the Clubroom was able to purchase new tables. They are beautiful and we would really like you to come and enjoy them.

The summer golf league will be starting Thursday, May 2. Also on Thursdays, the clubroom will be offering a 1/3lb Bahama Mama Hot Dog and Chips for only \$1. You need not be a golfer to enjoy.

The Clubroom is offering a new appetizer perfect to share. We are introducing the new Mac & Jack Bites. This snack offers a tasty pepper jack mac and cheese with bacon surrounded in a beer batter. Come in and try them today!! Watch out for more new appetizers coming this summer.

Wednesday, May 22, is Tenderloin Basket Night. Tenderloins will be served from 5-6:30pm. Cost of the meal is \$5.00 served with French fries and all the fixins'.

Friday, May 24 is Texas Hold-Em. Poker begins at 7pm.

Sunday Brunch



Sunday May 19, the Post would like to invite you to our fabulous Sunday brunch. Brunch will be served from 11am-1pm. Brunch will include fresh to order waffles, ham,

scrambled eggs, fresh baked goodies, just to mention a few items. 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 project.

The first thing I need to do is congratulate one of our Junior members. I missed the toddler Poppy Corsage 1st place winner Rachel Elliot. Congratulations, Rachel.

Well we are happy to announce our young ladies going to Girls State are Melissa Osanya and Molly Luzbeck. Our Junior members going to Junior camp at Dayton, IA are Kylie Spencer, Lexi Wirth, and Lauren Wingert.

I also want to thank SAL member George Kyle and Jr. member Melody Kyle for bringing in pop tabs.

We had 9 members attending 6th district meeting at Dexter, IA. Our Unit received the Show your Colors Award for Mem-

bership GOAL 100%. Well ladies, thank you but don't forget our new year starts in 3 months so get out there and talk to your friends and family, we will be starting all over. The dues for 2013-2014 are \$25.00 for Sr. and \$5 for Jr. Members. Sandy Deacon, Lois Poppe and I each signed up 1 new member this year hopefully we will have many more in our new year.

Thank you to everyone who baked goods for our Bake Sale, it was a great success. You all did a great job and we can't do things like this without you.

Remember that May is Poppy Days. We will be distributing poppies around town on May 17 and 18 and could use your help. If you are willing to work a

Freedom Flight

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Ames American Legion Family will be holding a fundraiser for the Story County Freedom Flight on June 16- 22, 2013. It will be an all week event with a dinner and auction on the 22nd. We need your help in procuring items for the auction. We have an experienced auctioneer lined up and are hoping to get top dollar for our items. If you are a business owner and would like to donate to the auction or your employer will donate items, please call Ann Rehbein at 515-232-9299 for pickup.

The Story County Freedom Flight will be on October 1, 2013 and will take almost 200 WWII, Korean and Viet Nam vets to Washington, DC to tour their memorials and also Arlington National Cemetery. Please help us make our donation to the flight a significant one. Watch for the details in the June bulletin for the week long events culminating in a 50's themed dinner and events.

CLUBROOM COUPON

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

Legion Riders



The American Legion Riders held their monthly meeting on April 1. Flyers were

distributed for the Iowa Motorcycle Safety Forum being held on April 26th in Des Moines. Anyone can register online at www.iowadot.gov/mvd/ods/motorcycle. Our post ALR will have a booth at the forum.

This month will be the Christian Motorcycle Assoc. Blessings of the Bikes at Dublin Bay in Ames on April 21. On April 20th is the Iowa Veterans Home VA Spring Carnival in Marshalltown. We are looking for volunteers to help with games from 1PM to 3PM. Contact Randy Jons at 515-450-1562.

The club's motorcycle rides will begin May 13th and on Monday's thereafter. We also want to give a BIG welcome to new members since the beginning of the year: Kim and Michelle Harris; Bob and Kim Ohge; Bryan Boyd; Ron Borrich; Jim Moreland and David Donnelly. Our next meeting is May 6 at 6:30 PM. We will have a presentation from those that participated in the Bataan Memorial March in White Pines NM.

Unit President Pat's Comments

couple hours on this great project to help our veterans, please call Lois Poppe at 232-6940 or Jan Schmidt at 232-1699. We will be arranging work times at the May Unit meeting. Let Lois or Jan know if you have a preference. This opportunity is open to Legion and SAL members also.

Judy Neal is the new Chronicle Reporter so if you have something you want in the Chronicle send it to her at 1260 190th St. Earlham, IA 50072 or e-mail her at judyneal1967@yahoo.com.

I wish to thank the ALA members that have been helping with Bingo and ask that more of you if you have the time please HELP us out. We really need you.

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			1 BINGO	2 SOCIAL COMMITTEE 6:00	3 MUNCHIES NIGHT	4 STEAK DINNER 5:30—7:00
5 BINGO	6 LEGION RIDERS 6:30	7 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY \$2 AUXILIARY REGULAR 7:00	8 BINGO	9 LEGION BOARD 6:30 REGULAR 7:30	10 MUNCHIES NIGHT	11
12 BINGO	13 BUILDING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE	14 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY \$2 SAL REGULAR 6:30	15 BINGO	16	17 POPPY DAYS MUNCHIES NIGHT	18
19 BRUNCH 11AM-1PM BINGO	20	21 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY \$2 PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY 7:00	22 TENDERLOIN 5:00-6:30 BINGO	23 GRAVE FLAGS IN AMES CEMETERIES OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 6:00	24 TEXAS HOLD-EM 7:00 MUNCHIES NIGHT	25 DOWNTOWN FLAGS UP 7AM
26 BINGO	27 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY DOWNTOWN FLAGS DOWN 5PM	28 TOASTED CHEESE TUESDAY \$2 40&8	29 BINGO	30	31 MUNCHIES NIGHT	