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Iowa Represents at Boys Nation

At the conclusion of The American Legion of Iowa Boys State, two representatives are selected to go the Nation's Capitol as Boys Nation Senators on behalf of the State of Iowa. This year was not exception with two outstanding Boys State Citizens, Jack Lauer and Adam Laubenthal. Lauer, sponsored by Pleasantville American Legion Post #108, is from Pleasantville and attends Pleasantville High School. Laubenthal, sponsored by Davenport American Legion Post #26, is from Davenport and attends Davenport Assumption. We are very proud to have sent these two as representatives of Iowa and The American Legion of Iowa Boys State.



Above: Jack Lauer (left) and Adam Laubenthal (right) pose for a photo with National Commander, and Iowa Native, Denise Rohan.



Above: Newly elected Department Commander, J. Scott Moline, and outgoing Department Commander, Mike Etzel. (Photo by Don Arns)

Passing the Mantle: Moline New Department Commander

The 100th Annual Meeting of The American Legion Department of Iowa concluded with a newly elected Department Commander, J. Scott Moline. With extensive leadership experience in the military and law enforcement, Moline hopes to strengthen leadership on the post level by encouraging members to go back to the basics. Not an easy task by any means, however, Moline remains optimistic. "It will be a good year, but fast," Moline stated. "With every challenge, there is great opportunity and I want to be the leader we need to seize every one of them the best we can," he continued.

Moline will continue to carry the parking lot project forward with great expectancy to see it completed under his leadership. Past Department Commander Rochholz started this project and PDC Etzel continued it receiving a very generous catalyst from Marvin Behrens and family. "We're almost there," stated Moline. "There is no reason we cannot see this through during this year," Moline added.

Congratulations Commander and we wish you the best on your year with The Department of Iowa.



Right: Adam Laubenthal (center) places a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with another Boys Nation Senator at Arlington National Cemetery. (Photo by Lucas Carter)



Department Honors Many With Awards

The 100th Annual Meeting of the Department of Iowa held many meetings during the course of the convention. Commissions and committees met to plan and decide what will transpire over the next year as well as what resolutions need to be adopted. While those are important and needed, perhaps the most enjoyable and well worth session attended is the awards ceremony where the Department of Iowa recognized and honored many throughout the State who exemplify the values of the American Legion. Many of these recipients are participants in American Legion Programs who excelled, and as a result, were recognized for their work. Participants in programs have the opportunity to

also receive a scholarship which can be used to further their education after high school. These funds are a gift from the Department of Iowa and Department of Iowa Foundation.

Winners from the programs were invited to receive their award in the form of a plaque and scholarship (if applicable), and also invited to share a few remarks. The Fifth Grade Flag Essay contestants (1st, 2nd and 3rd place) were each invited to read their essays before those gathered. Family, friends and other guests were in attendance to hear how simply yet profound a fifth grader sees and understand what the Flag of the United States of America signifies to them.

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DEADLINES & DATES

- September 3**
Labor Day
Department Offices Closed
- September 15**
Membership Meeting 10:30 AM
Dept. Commander & President 1:00 PM
Department Headquarters
- September 16**
American Legion Day
September 17
Commander & Adjutant Forms Due
Post Officer Forms Due
- September 21-23**
National Children & Youth Conference
Indianapolis, IN
- September 28-30**
National Americanism Conference
Indianapolis, IN
- October 7**
Americanism Meeting 1:00 PM
Department Headquarters
- October 14-18**
National Fall Meetings
Indianapolis, IN
- October 28**
SAL Detachment Conference 9:00 AM
Department Headquarters
- October 28 - November 2**
National Legion College
Indianapolis, IN
- November 6**
Election Day
- November 11**
Veteran's Day
- November 12**
Department Offices Closed
- November 12-17**
National Vice Commander Tour
- November 15**
Boys State Orientation Dates Due
Legionnaire Articles Due
Oratorical District & Area Contest Dates Due
- November 17**
PDC Rally
- November 22**
Thanksgiving Day
November 22-23
Department Offices Closed
- November 30**
Fire Fighter & Law Enforcement Officer
of the Year Nominations Due
- December 7**
Christmas Open House
Department Headquarters
- December 15**
Boys State Board Meeting 10:00 AM
Department Headquarters
- December 31**
Boys State Early Bird Registration Fee Due
\$250 per Delegate

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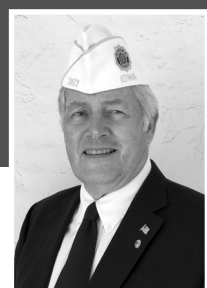
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Department Commander J. Scott Moline

Hello,
 Everyone,
 By way
 of introduction,



I am J. Scott Moline, the Commander of the American Legion, Department of Iowa for 2018-2019. Our state Membership Chair, Don Swan and I, attended eight of the nine district conferences last fall and this spring but only met 450 Legionnaires out of a state population of almost 43,000.

With that said, I am a Professor of Criminal Justice for Purdue University Global, a military veteran of 32 1/2 years for pay in the USAF/IA ANG, and retired law enforcement with nine years with the Cedar Falls, Police Department as an officer and detective and twenty one years in all chairs at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy located on Camp Dodge where all officers state wide receive their basic training and specialized training.

As you know, we face challenges each year in the American Legion. We always will. For the last year or two we have seen steady decreases in our membership as all organization have, nation-wide. However, with dedicated leadership beginning at the POST level, we can address this shortfall with emphasis on renewals, 729 lists, recruitment programs, and other initiatives that will be communicated to you.

We are the leading and largest veteran service organization with fifty state side departments and five outside of the United States. What you all continue to do is truly nation-building and veteran centered with our men and women in the Legion, our wonderful Auxiliary, our Sons of the American Legion, and our Riders. I am humbled to have been elected and installed and will pledge my efforts to support and uphold our Four Pillars as we quickly enter our second one hundred years of service to our veterans, families and children, and our unwavering support of national security for this great nation.

Thank you for all you continue to do as members of the premier veterans service organization that we are. My motto or slogan this year is "Lest We Forget". Stand tall, stay strong, and never forget who you are and what you do for our veterans and our nation.

J.Scott Moline, Commander



Above: Department Commander, J. Scott Moline, leads the Walk for Veterans at the Iowa State Fair along with recent Department Commander, Mike Etzel, fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and Legion family.



Department Adjutant John A. Derner

The 2018 National Convention in Minneapolis marks the beginning of the of The American Legion's centennial celebration. I hope every post takes this opportunity to call to the attention of the communities you serve the achievements and accomplishments of The American Legion in the last 100 years. Those accomplishments include those of your post, county, district, the Department of Iowa and the national organization. As members of The American Legion, we share in the success of this organization on all levels.

The American Legion has selected the theme "Legacy and Vision" for the celebration. Our legacy is 100 years of service to the community, state and nation and our nation's veterans. No matter what year your post was chartered, you are part of that 100-year legacy. From the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau and later the Veterans Administration to the drafting of the GI Bill, we have a shared history.

Thousands of monuments, parks, and community centers have been placed across this great nation. Hundreds of thousands of our nation's youth have benefited from programs such as Boys State, the Oratorical Contest, Baseball, Junior Shooting Sports, and scholarships.

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Parking Lot Project Nears Funding Finish Line

The Commander's Project which began with Past Department Commander Ken Rochholz and continued under recent Department Commander Mike Etzel has received significant contributions. Thanks to the many generous donors and large contribution and matching funds from Marvin Behrens and family, the Department Parking Lot fund stands at just over \$61,000. The project will be fully funded once it reaches \$80,000 and newly elected Department Commander J. Scott Moline plans to see this through to goal.

The parking lot, which has been in desperate need of attention for some time now, will get a complete overhaul once funds have been secured. Moline has set forth a challenge to the Department of Iowa to have each post contribute \$50 in the next month. With the number of posts in Iowa, only 400 need to heed the call. Imagine if a small post of 10 members contribute \$5 each, that post would meet the challenge. Posts with larger membership can easily meet or exceed that challenge. Perhaps there is a member of a post who can cover the cost all together on behalf of their post and meet the challenge.

Any funds beyond the \$80,000 goal will carry over to other building renovation projects around Headquarters.

Thank you to all who will take up the challenge and see this project through to its deserved completion.





National Executive Committeeman Jerry Sebben

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

I would like to congratulate Scott

Moline, Urbandale Post #663, on being elected Department Commander, and his Vice Commanders for the upcoming year 2018-2019. I would like to encourage all the Legionnaires

of Iowa to help make this year a successful one for these fine officers.

The National Convention in Minnesota

will be history when you read this. I am positive it will be another great national convention. I hope many of you were able to attend. Minneapolis is the home of the first American Legion National Convention. It will also be the site of the 100th National Convention, kicking off a 15-month commemoration to

honor our organization's first century of service. The leading candidate for the high office of National Commander is Brett resisted from The Department of Virginia. I look forward to his leadership in the coming year.

As we go forward into our Centennial Year I challenge you to become more involved with your local post. Encourage a fellow veteran to join the American Legion. Become more active as a Legionnaire in our communities. Contact our elected senators and

representatives about the American Legion's priorities. All these things will lead us to be a stronger advocate for veterans for today and for the next 100 years.

The Fall District Conferences are upon us and Alternate National Executive Committeeman Dennis Soppe and I are looking forward to visiting your districts.

For God and Country, Jerry D. Sebben



Department Chaplain Dr. Dan McClure

Fellow Legion Members,

The seventh purpose of the preamble to the

constitution of the American Legion declares we gather for the purpose of making right the master of might. Now, that allows for argument as to who is the master of might and what is right.

One could logically state that being or doing right is the main emphasis of

that seventh purpose but that creates the need for a standard to which we can agree upon, which by extended logic implies

that right is what each of us decides is right. I personally believe that in order to fulfill the seventh purpose we must accept an absolute standard.

Now, for some saying there are absolutes destroys the discussion of right and wrong because for many there are no absolutes rendering right to be a moving target based upon circumstances, societal acceptance, expedience, common morality,

ethics and pizza. We all know the consumption of pizza creates heartburn rendering most discussion of right or wrong to be cloudy at best.

Let's shed some light on this discussion. Speeding is illegal but acceptable to society and frequently done or observed without consequences, therefore it must not really be wrong. Stealing is illegal but if done to feed or clothe the family it's understandable, acceptable and often admired. Loud vulgarity is a first amendment right even when it is unnecessary and offensive.

All this is said to hopefully, cause each

of us to ponder our acceptance of and our open support for the constitution of the American Legion.

Comrades – legal, ethical, moral or normal are all moving targets and man defined. I don't know about you but I find mankind to be wrong as often as it is right it seems and I sure like a static target so I suggest we choose right as defined by someone greater than man.

Right or wrong is uniform and we must and do choose one or the other. Food for thought – God Bless!!!!

Chaplain Dan



Department Service Officer Gary Carter

Well hoping all are enjoying Summer which seems to go by so quickly after the Fourth. The Service

Office has made a few changes to better serve our Veterans. We have a new hire who is being trained, recently attend training at the Legion school in Indianapolis. We have closed our office at the Iowa City VA Hospital and brought the position to the Regional Office in Des Moines due to the increase workload. It is with sadness that the position Gary Golson had filled for so many years with dedication and professionalism has ended. We greatly appreciate his service to our Veterans,

the Service Office, The American Legion, and wish him the very best.

The Service Office has continued to lead in the reputation of serving our

Veterans with the efforts of our County Service Officers, our Legionnaires, and those previously being served through word of mouth. This is encouraging and exciting with the amount of responses coming into the office. Our phones are ringing constantly, our faxes in and out are nonstop, and our walk-ins requiring assistance continue to grow.

The Service Office has also increased the number of hearings conducted due to many disconnects in communication for denials. Each claim that the Veteran submits is unique depending on time of service, if it was a presumptive condition, or have an unexplained chronic injury

resulting during military service. This can also encompass situations where there was an event that happened in your military service, yet you have waited longer to apply for disability. The Veteran Affairs is wondering why you have waited so long to apply and what have you done with this disability since your discharge. Then if you get the opportunity to see an examiner the same questions are reviewed whether the Veteran improved or maybe just didn't happen the way we thought in the military. So, our job is to help the Veteran satisfy what Veteran Affairs asks of them justifying a claim for service connection. So, when we have a physical condition, psychological or emotional conditions we need to tell our stories of life with the conditions being claimed. When the military and medical evidence is weak we strive to help them see by painting a picture of

daily life.

When we put on the military uniform, and took the oath to defend and protect. We did not know at the time that certain events would forever change our physical and mental states. Yet certain individuals made it possible to compensate us because of the conditions we encountered. It is not a perfect process, but the more we continue to advocate, communicate and reach to those still not coming forward for benefits then we cannot make the changes necessary to make it easier for next veteran. Your Service Office accepts these challenges every day. Even as busy as the days keep getting, we continue and will continue to give the best advice, knowledge, and experience that comes with respect, dignity, and honor.

For God and Country, your Service Officer.



Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Alan Schenck

Thank you to all Detachment of Iowa SAL members for showing support

and confidence to elect me as your Detachment of Iowa Sons of The American Legion Commander, 2018-2019. I have some big shoes to fill. My appreciation goes to Past Cmdr Gary Bonesteel for his leadership the past two years! He did an outstanding job! The Detachment ended up slightly short of our 4th "Triple-Nickel." We had 6 new squadrons, 92% renewals, and 101% increase in membership. We were only 4% short of the Award!

My motto for 2018-2019 is "Freedom: Honor our Veterans!" (Note: The Department theme is "Lest we Forget.") Therefore, "Freedom:

Honor our Veterans!" "Lest we forget" which is very appropriate.

Explanation: My Father was a WWII POW for 27 months. He was captured in North Africa by Rommel "The Desert Fox" at Faid Pass. He often related to me the proudest moment of his life was when he saw the American flag flying high across the Elbe as he walked to "Freedom." We must continue to "Honor our Veterans!" and the "Freedom" they gave us. "Lest we Forget." As the Sons Of The American Legion Detachment of Iowa Commander, my goal for the year is to

honor the Veterans, POW's and MIA's who gave us our freedom, including my Father, Earl Schenck. I am proud of them all and their sacrifice, patriotism, and devotion to duty!

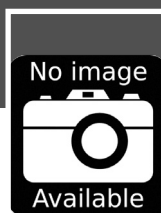
My Charity is "EX-POW/MIA Organization" as my Commander's project. My Symbol is a "Strand of barbed wire." The symbol of freedom for POW/MIA'S. This year's focus will be earning the Detachment a 4th "Triple-Nickel" award!

Other goals include: 1) Working closely with both the American Legion and Auxiliary to further increase our recognition, attendance, community involvement, and membership of the entire Legion Family. The Sons are one of the best kept secrets for helping the Legion reach it's goals. We must change our existing perspective to a

positive one! This will be beneficial to all concerned! 2) Have a Legion SAL liaison and SAL representative from each District (other than Vice-Cmdrs and Chairman)! 3) Have each Squadron be a member of the Iowa American Legion Press Association (IALPA). 4) Have at least one (1) Squadron per county (99 minimum). 5) Have at least one SAL member from each District attend the National Convention.

My address is: Alan E. Schenck, SAL Cmdr, 1527 E. Washington St., Clarinda, IA 51632. My cell is 712.303.7117 and my email is: aeschenck@yahoo.com Let me know how I and the Detachment can help you in any way.

"Freedom: Honor our Veterans!" AES



1st District Commander John Phillips

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED



2nd District Commander Dick Hogan

Hello to the Great 2nd District, You've got me for District Commander another year. First of all, Please plan to attend the Fall District Conference in Dubuque on Oct. 5-6. We are planning a seminar at the conference on post leadership. See the Call to Conference on the 2nd District's Website for full details about registration.

Also, congratulations to the Dubuque County American Legion Baseball Team for winning the Iowa State American Legion Baseball Tournament held in Cedar Rapids, July 30 - Aug. 2.

The past couple of years our three District Vice Commanders and myself have visited nearly all the District's 47 posts, some more than once. I prefer not to call ahead when I'm going to a post's meeting. I want to see what normally goes on at each one. Sometimes it's pretty impressive and sometimes not. Too many smaller posts are struggling trying to boost attendance. I've heard members at a few posts where attendance is poor

say, "If we only had a bar."

I immediately tell them they don't need a bar. Sometimes Legion Posts with bars wind up thinking more about how the bar is doing, instead of concerning themselves with how the post is fulfilling the American Legion's Four Pillars. Helping veterans, young people and our communities is supposed to be our primary purpose. You don't need a bar to do that.

What is needed are more dedicated, forward thinking members who find ways to motivate members to get things done and perhaps have a good time while doing them. You can have your own post home without a bar and have good, solid programs. Or you can meet in rented or donated quarters and accomplish much. A Legion bar can be a nice place to socialize, but it's not a necessity.

We had a very good year in 2017-18 in the 2nd District. We did not make the 100 percent membership goal that I wanted, but we were still tops in the Department, reaching 97.57 percent of our goal. The District received a nice plaque at Department Convention for that, thanks to your hard work.

2nd District was by far tops this past year in submitting Consolidated Post Reports - more than 81 percent. We were recognized at Convention for that also.

Clinton is turning it's post around. Clinton Post #190 won

the Commander Sweepstakes Award at Convention by adding 39 members to their roster. Clinton is also looking at starting Auxiliary and Sons Units. Iowa's largest Post, Marion #298, got larger, posting 1,223 members. Their goal was 1,210.

Based on Consolidated Post Reports, Walcott Post won three nice plaques at Convention for their community and children and youth work.

2nd District also boasted the Department's Firefighter of the Year, Chief Michael Sancot sponsored by the Fairfax Post.

At Boys State, Justin Kluesner, sponsored by Farley Post #656 was elected Lt. Gov., and got a \$500 scholarship; Brett Schoenherr, Wyoming Post #259, was elected Sec. of Ag.; Adam Laubenthal, Davenport Post #26, was selected to attend Boys Nation, with Carter Myers, DeWitt Post #238, and Isaac Johnson, Dubuque Post #6 chosen as alternates. Myers and Johnson each get \$750 scholarships.

Getting a \$1,250 Samsung scholarship was Carter Sport of Center Point Post #297; Harrison Schmidt, Walcott Post #548, \$500 scholarship; Robert Thompson, Springville Post #331, \$500.

Great work all! Let's do even better this year!

For God and Country, Dick Hogan



3rd District Commander Daryl DeVries

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED



4th District Commander Dan Boberg

As I sit here writing this article, I am on holiday in beautiful Lake of the Ozarks and Branson, Missouri.

It is giving me time to concentrate on the things and ideas, that were discussed at the

55th Annual Membership Workshop at National Headquarters. I am looking forward to getting back and sharing the information with my Vice Commanders and Post Commanders.

National Convention is next, and also looking forward to that and more knowledge. After that it is time to put it to work.

My congrats to Bob Onken (4th District) one of five

Department Vice Commanders. Along with his leadership and knowledge we will go places this year.

The District Vice Commanders are the same, with Ron Steege joining our team to take my place.

We will be concentrating and helping on MEMBERSHIP, CONSOLIDATED POST REPORTS and MEDIA. We all need to pull together to make the American Legion a meaningful organization to our veterans and communities.

We will be getting e-mails and letters out to introduce our Vice Commanders to new and old Post Commanders and attending meetings. If you have any questions or events coming up, let us know. We would like to support and help if we can in your efforts. Please feel free to contact me - Cell: 563-419-0459.

For God and Country, Dan Boberg



Photo to the Right: Riders park by the Marshall County Freedom Rock which was dedicated on the grounds of the American Legion Golf Course.

Vets of Valor Ride Raises Funds for Vets and Families

The Department of Iowa's Vets of Valor Ride was held Saturday, July 7th. The ride, which started at Zylstra Harley Davidson in Ames, consisted of 59 registered riders. Kickstands were up at 11 AM and riders made their way to The Marshalltown American Legion Post. Prior to the destination, riders made a stop in Albion to say hello to the Vet's Home.

Between the registrations, raffle, donations, silent auction and golfing, the total monies raised for the event which benefits veterans in financial need was \$5,116.62.

The American Legion of Iowa would like to thank Kyle Lee, the 93.3 KIOA team and Des Moines Radio Group, Zylstra Harley Davidson in Ames, Randy Kessler and the Marshalltown American Legion Post members, American Legion volunteers and all who made this ride and event possible. It is because of you The Department of Iowa can continue to assist veterans and their families during difficult times.

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But celebrating 100 years is not just about looking back. It is also about our vision for the future. Posts are encouraged to develop a plan or vision for how the post will continue to be relevant in the community you serve. The American Legion is first and foremost a local organization.

If your post has not already begun planning your centennial celebration, the time to start is now. Guides and workbooks are available on the national website to help you get started.

Visit www.centennial.legion.org for available resources.



5th District Commander Darrin Alderson

Hello Fifth District,

I would like to say thank you to those who made it to State Convention. We inducted two new officers into the District. Randy Johnson is your new District Adjutant, and Denny Bruns is Zone 7 Vice Commander. Please take time

and reach out to our District Officers.

It was good seeing so many of our posts having numerous actives during RAGBRAI. They received much attention with many riders looking for the Legion Post in Newton, Keswick,

Montezuma, Deep River and all had success during the week. I was able to meet several potential members on this ride, and was able to talk to them about joining The American Legion.

There are posts in our District that are becoming very active as new leaders are emerging. Prairie City Post #271 is gathering momentum as they are recruiting new members. Montezuma Post is working hard and looking for the next generation to pass the knowledge to. Deep River Post is also gaining ground by recruiting new members. Membership is what keeps the American Legion alive and allows us to leverage congress when protecting veterans' benefits.

I would like to recognize Post #68 for the two awards they received based off their Consolidated Post Report. They received an award for Children and Youth and the Step Up Award. Thank you for working hard in your community.

As we prepare for our Centennial Anniversary, please find a member or members in your post to start updating the Centennial Web page. These stories will stay there after our Centennial. What a great way to get your post's story out there for all to enjoy.

Fall Conference is scheduled for September 22 at Unionville Post #407. We would really like to see a member from each post in the District there. We will be changing up the afternoon actives as we start developing new post trainings. The first training we are working on is the Post Consolidated Report, it's benefits and how they are used. If there is a specific topic you would like to see the District cover, please let us know.

Post visit requests are coming in and we are looking forward to seeing everyone. This is a great way for the District to learn the needs of the posts.

For God and Country, Darrin Alderson



6th District Commander Stan Merrell

Hello Legionnaires,

I am Stan Merrell from Cumming Post #562. If you have ever visited our post home, you know our space was a bit small. Well no more, because we have added on to the South and now have plenty of room for our meetings and

events. For example, we held a memorial service for two families that had a member of their family missing in action from World War II and only recently remains were recovered. It was very emotional to say the least.

If you missed the Department Convention in Waterloo last month, you missed another good one and a free sauna. Always so much great information shared. I would like to also say it is a privilege to hold this Office and be part of Department Commander J. Scott Moline's team. I am looking forward to a great year.

I hope you are all having a great summer, getting out and enjoying this fine mid-year Iowa weather although part of it has been soggy and hot. I know I have, especially going to posts all across the 6th District. I still have plenty more to visit this year and am looking forward to it. I especially enjoy hearing of all the Americanism and Community Projects you all are doing, high school scholarships, memorials, Boys and Girls State, Scouts, Shooting Sports, veterans support, – the many more - that is

the American Legion at its finest. Have you sent in your Officers Report? If not, please get it in soon.

Thanks to all the posts that got their CPRs submitted on time. As for the posts that did not provide at CPR for 2017-2018 – please take the time to submit yours for 2018-2019. They can be updated online throughout the year, saved, and submitted by June 15th, 2019. It's a new year and time to get the "snow birds" membership collected before they head South. Also, don't miss out on asking veterans you see while you are out and about, if they are a member of the American Legion. We have to stop the downhill slide. I hope your post is planning some kind of 100th American Legion Birthday event in your communities.

For God and Country, Stan Merrell



7th District Commander Joe Jardon

Dear Pioneer Seventh District Legionnaires,

This year is off to a great start. After attending The American Legion Department of Iowa Leadership School, American Legion Day at Iowa Hawkeye Boys State, I was sworn in as

your District Commander at State Convention. While there, I had the honor of watching Deputy Zachary Buttercase of Sidney Post #128 receive the Law Enforcement Officer of the year award.

Congratulations, Zachary.

The National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, kicks off the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion. I am offering a challenge to all posts in 7th district to host an event celebrating our 100th birthday. Please be sure to invite some non-members. Fall conference will be held at 8:30 am on Saturday, September 22 at Sidney Post 128. The post will host a hospitality night on Friday at 5:30. Fall conference should conclude by 1pm on Saturday.

The district is initiating District Commander Joe's Pick 5 to Stay Alive. This should be a great program and one that will hopefully bring the post new members. The would include, but not limited

to: Sponsoring at least one more student than last year for Boys State; Increase post membership year over year; Start a new program in your post or community; Host a blood drive; Donate to the Foundation; Sponsor a flag retirement; Sponsor a post officer or member to a conference/convention; Have a post officer visit a neighboring post meeting; Have any member of the post complete an online training; or Have an endorsed member run for and successfully fulfill a district office.

I would be honored to attend a meeting at your post. Contact me at 712-370-6071 and by mail at 2747 Dogwood Ave, Red Oak, IA, 51566.

Joe



8th District Commander Carl Anderson

I am Carl Anderson from Severson Post #77 of Kanawha, Iowa. It is a small town of less than 800 people. I am a Marine Corp and Gulf War Veteran having served from 1984 to 1991. I am married to a wonderful woman

of 28 years and Lina is the rock of our marriage. We have four girls and 6 grandchildren. I work full time at Stellars Industries of Gardner Iowa in the Kanawha plant. My hobbies include cycling, fishing, singing at the local choir, and of course spending time with my family and friends. Now for our 2018 -2019 Year I would like to address.

1. The goal for this year: My Vice Commanders and I have set one goal of Membership Retention because it is measureable and attainable. I would like to see us grow, but we also need renewals. If you lose a member because of death or they move, please do your best to find someone to replace them. Without

retention, Congress will find ways to take away our benefits.

2. PTSD and veteran suicide: The rate is way too high in this country for Veterans. We are here for veterans so let us take time to be involved with them. I have listened to all kinds of war stories each with its own set of problems, but all connected. We all served and all wars have some form of PTSD. Please educate yourself with the signs and symptoms of PTSD and how you can help. I would suggest at the very least carrying the National Veterans Crisis Hotline number (800-273-8255) with you and offer that number. Also consider forming support groups, one for the veteran and one for the family as it does effect the family.

3. The American Legion Centennial: Our great celebration year is just upon us, so here is your chance to highlight your post and your town. I would like to hear from you what your post is doing. If you have not started, why not write an article about your the history of your post to your local news? I bet a lot of the posts in District 8 have an interesting charter history which many of the residents of your town do not know.

4. Conferences: In our District we have over 90 posts, yet

we have maybe 10 percent post attendance. I know many of the reasons why and we are addressing them, but I am certain someone from each post could attend. Coming to these functions is important because your voice can be heard. For those with new officers, I would suggest, at the very least, sending them to the Mid-Winter Conference. The Department sets up classes on how to run an effective post and addressing needs. I wish I had attended this conference several times before becoming an officer. It is worth every penny spent.

5. Commander's Project: It seems to me each Department Commanders have a pet project they have set for the year. For the past several years it has been fixing Headquarter's parking lot. I do believe they will get it done this year. My project is to collect funds for The American Legion of Iowa Foundation as it is a passion of mine.

I would like to say how honored I am to be serving as your 8th District Commander for the 2018-2019 year. I look forward working with you all.

Sincerely, Carl Anderson



9th District Commander Chris Niehaus

Greetings to all the Legion Family in the Ninth District. Many of you know me and I'm quite sure, many do not. So by way of a quick introduction: I am a Navy Veteran having earned my eligibility during the Grenada

period. I have been a Legion member for over 13 years in Storm Lake and a PUFL since 2017, Post Commander for 9 of those years, Rider's President for several years, District Vice for 4 years, and now your District Commander. I appreciate the faith you have in me to lead your District in the coming year.

I'd like to thank Commander Pete and his team for bringing the 9th District up the membership standings to 2nd place last

year. Quite an accomplishment, congratulations. I hope to build on their success!

I have laid out an ambitious plan for this year and I enclosed a copy of that plan in every member packet to all posts. I encourage the Post Commanders or Adjutants to share that plan at their meetings. I don't want to spend a lot of time on this right now, but one of the first and best things we can do, is to get everyone we can to renew NOW! It will save The American Legion money that can be used for programs instead of renewal notices. Our main goal is increase membership monthly year over year and this will help accomplish that goal.

By the time you read this, school has started. Be sure to get out there and start thinking about Oratorical Contests, Flag Essays, and of course Boys State. We have seen declining numbers in these essential programs so now is the time to try harder!!!

Sept. 22 is our Fall Conference in Rock Valley. I hope to have

some myLegion training prepared. We will have Major Jill Finken with the National Guard address us at the joint session before the banquet. She is also Mrs. Iowa America 2018 and she advocates for veterans care after they return home. She is a very interesting speaker and I encourage all who can to attend.

I know there is a lot going on with the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion. While that is an awesome accomplishment and we should embrace that and the history of our own posts, I don't want anyone to lose sight of the real reason we are here and why we joined the American Legion; service to our veterans and taking care of them, service to our communities, mentoring our youth in patriotism and honor, and protecting our National Security. After all is said and done, we are still Veterans Serving Veterans! Duty still Calls! We still feel it! We still live it!

God Bless and God bless the United States of America!

The American Legion of Iowa Foundation

This fall is kicking off a revitalization of The American Legion of Iowa Foundation. The Foundation has not engaged in aggressively telling our story or fundraising for the past two years. Two other projects that needed the full attention of the Iowa Legion Family. Those were fundraising for Nicole Clapp's campaign for National President and for the replacement of the parking lot at Department Headquarters.

Both of those projects are coming to a successful conclusion. With that, our focus at the Foundation will be more firmly placed on telling our story and the stories of those we support with grants and on continuing to build the principal of the Foundation.

This year our funds available for grants was \$102,481.78. That is more than in 2017 but only an increase of \$782.97 and just \$4,600 over 2016. We all know that costs increase each year regardless of whether it is our family expenses or those of the institutions we support. If The American Legion of Iowa Foundation is to remain relevant and promote the



David K. Rehbein, President
American Legion of Iowa Foundation

image of The American Legion, our grant amount must continue to increase. That can only happen if our fundraising is more effective. To make fundraising more effective, our donors need to know where the proceeds from the donations are going and for what purpose. Up to this time, we have simply published a list of grant recipients with a few of them coming to Department Convention to speak of their program. That will change.

We are planning an expansion of our website into more of a stand-alone site although it will of course be linked to the Department of Iowa and prominently carry the name and emblem of The American Legion. It will also though be much easier to find and will tell the stories

of our grant recipients and how they are using the funds from our grant to support their program. We anticipate having that website up and available this fall. Look for an announcement in the Winter issue of the Iowa Legionnaire.

We also want to make sure that our grants to being used in the most effective manner to promote The American Legion. A subcommittee of the Board of Directors has been asked to discuss whether we should put a limit on the number of consecutive years that any one recipient can receive a grant. We run the risk of being taken for granted by funding specific programs over a long period of time. Should we place a limit on successive years in order that our grants be spread more widely? We will begin discussing that as a Board during our Midwinter meeting.

Our Directors will be addressing the American Legion family at the Fall Conferences and asking for your support. Please be generous. We have asked for your trust in the past. We continue to ask but over the next year will work hard to be sure you know that your trust is well placed.

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Here is a list of recipients from The 100th American Legion Department of Iowa Annual Meeting:

Boys State Governor's Gavel and Outstanding Citizen - Josiah Jansen; Boy Scout of the Year - Seth Breyfogle; Adult Cub Scouter of the Year - Rebecca Gimzo; Adult Boy Scouter of the Year - Judy Westemeier; Educator of the Year - LuAnn Garvey; Firefighter of the Year - Chief Michael Sancot; Law Enforcement Officer of the Year - Chief Deputy Zachary Buttercase; Oratorical - Patrick Junker; Junior Shooting Sports - Abigail Westfall (Overall and Category 2), Emily Annis (Category 3), Mumm's Jr. Rifle; 2017 Baseball Player of the Year - Rease Synder; Fifth Grade Flag Essay Winners - Cabe Warwick, Lauren Eslick, and Peyton Bose; and Legionnaire of the Year - Lyle Barkley, Peterson American Legion Post #431, Gowrie.

In addition to the programs for the Department, posts received recognition based on their Consolidated Post Reports. The recipients of the Department of Iowa Community Service Awards are:

Fred F. and Norman J. Bruning American Legion Post #607, Breda; West Union

American Legion Post #15; Shenandoah American Legion Post #88, Harvey T. Rimel American Legion Post #141, Glenwood; Edward H. Bitzer American Legion Post #27, Muscatine; Baldwin Patterson American Legion Post #274, Des Moines; American Legion of Iowa Second District; Walcott American Legion Post #548; Williams-Jobe-Gibson American Legion Post #128, Sidney; Blue Grass American Legion Post #711; Glen Pederson American Legion Post #1, Spencer; Russell E. Marshall American Legion Post #68, Corydon; and Dewitt Loustaunau American Legion Post #20, Dedham.

The recipients of the Department of Iowa Children and Youth Awards are:

Wasmer American Legion Post #241, Le Mars (Most Outstanding Overall and Category 3); Walcott American Legion Post #548 (Overall Runner Up and Category 2); and Russell E. Marshall American Legion Post #68, Corydon (Category 1).



IALPA Contest Winners

Nick Lucy, President

Iowa American Legion Press Association

The Iowa American Legion Press Association is pleased to announce the winners of our 2018 Media Contest. Awards were presented at the joint session of the Department Convention in Waterloo on Friday, July 13, 2018.

Category #1: Single Sheet Newsletters

Bellevue American Legion Post #273

Category #2: Multiple Sheet Newsletters

Ames American Legion Post #37

Category #3: E-mail Newsletters

Dubuque American Legion Post #6

Category #4: Website

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Our thanks to all who entered the contest. Congratulations on being an influential voice for American veterans and their families. Special thanks to our judges:

Categories 1 & 2: Print Media

Ann Crawford, Bruce Adams, and Tammy Wright.

Categories 3 & 4: Electronic Media

Tom Hagarty, James Kearney, and Dan "D.J." Hadley.

We encourage all editors and web masters to join the Iowa American Legion Press Association and the National American Legion Press Association. For details on how to become a member or how to participate in the 2019 I.A.L.P.A. Media Contest please go online to www.ialegon.org and click on the Iowa American Legion Press Association page.

Junior Shooting Sports Program



The Department of Iowa's Junior Shoot Sports Program has gained a following since it has been introduced. There is not any reason your post or club in your community cannot be involved with the program. The American Legion offers an affiliation program where posts can affiliate for free and receive information to

participate in matches. Go to the American Legion's Website: www.legion.org and look under Programs for Junior Shooting Sports. Affiliation information can also be found through the Department Website.

Department Chair, Gary Palas, has offered to educate and demonstrate for any post or club looking to be involved. Contact the Department of Iowa and we will get you in touch with Gary and his team.

The Department will again have its 3-Position Air Rifle Match March 16, 2019 at Camp Dodge. Teams or clubs willing to participate can contact Department Headquarters for more information on registering. **Official affiliation registrations must be in to the Department no later than December 31, 2018.**

Shooters wishing to participate at Department Matches need to also register with the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), which is free. Information can be found through www.thecmp.org.

Registration for the Department Match will be made available later in the year. For more information email: programs@ialegon.org or call 800-365-8387.



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Installation for New Department Auxiliary President Mary Sebben

I want to thank Sandy for doing the installations. I would also like to thank Darla and Lou for being my Sgt. of Arms and Asst. Sgt. of Arms; and a thank you to Melinda and Joyce for being my Personal Pages. Sue, thank you for being my pianist as well.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not recognize members of the Woodward Post and Unit 211, Dallas County, and Sixth District members for their support. Would all those present please stand and be recognized?

Little did I know in 2005 that I would be standing before you today as your Department President. Believe it or not, I was a shy, unassuming individual when I first joined this great organization and never in a million years would I have dreamt standing here today. I am proud and humbled to say the least. Would Fran Kirk please stand. Fran has been my mentor from almost day one. Thank you Fran for all you have done to help me in my journey.

I'm looking forward to working with American Legion Commander Scott and SAL Commander Alan this upcoming year.

Did you know that America's wars between 1775-1991 resulted in 41,892,128 of US Military service during wartime and 651,031 in battle deaths with non-mortal wounding of 1,430,290. From these periods of war and peace there are 23,234,000 living veterans and that's not counting the fact that our country is currently in a global war on terror since 9/11. Why am I telling you all this during my installation speech? Well, my theme this year is "Honoring Our Veterans' Legacy" with our great flag as my symbol and I want this to be a year of awareness as to the sacrifices our veterans have suffered for the sake of our freedoms. They have given of their youth, sacrificed their careers and given up time with their families to serve this country. As the song says: All gave some, some gave all. I want this to be the year we see our membership increase because I want to see this great organization around for the 23,234,000--and



counting--living veterans and our current military and their families now and in the future.

In addition to promoting membership, my goal is to promote honoring our flag and giving it the respect it deserves. Information has been handed out to you with regard to the flag. I hope everyone will read it. More on this subject will be addressed by our Legislative Chairman at the Department Leadership Workshop in August. Right now, please listen..... (That Ragged Old Flag)

Our Mission Statement reads: In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

I hope we all keep this mission statement in our minds and hearts as we work the many programs of the American Legion Auxiliary this year.

My projects this year are the Veterans' Creative Arts Festival both at the local level and the National level and our own Gold Club.

Nationwide, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities use the creative arts as one form of rehabilitative treatment to help Veterans recover from and cope with physical and emotional disabilities. Across the country each year, Veterans treated at VA facilities compete in a local creative arts competition. The competition includes 53 categories in the visual arts division. In addition, there are 120 categories in the performing arts pertaining to all aspects of music, dance, drama and creative writing. A national selection committee chooses first, second and third place winners among all of the entries. Select winners are invited to attend the National Veterans

Creative Arts Festival each year. Since 2000, the Auxiliary has played a key role in NVCAF as a cosponsor of the event, along with Department of Veterans Affairs. I hope you will embrace this great program and give generously to this project to support our veterans at the local and National levels.

As many of you already know, this year The Department of Iowa American Legion Auxiliary is co-sponsoring with the Des Moines VAMC the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival here in Des Moines.

I also chose to use the Gold Club as one of my projects as it is always ready and available to give to deserving projects and programs.

My songs this year are Amazing Grace, God Bless the USA and How Great Thou Art. My colors are red, white, and blue so I hope to see a lot of these colors throughout the year.

At this time I would like to introduce the rest of my family who were able to make it today. My husband, Jerry, my granddaughter, Elizabeth, and grandson, Geno. Does anyone have anything to say?

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank all of you for your confidence in me as your Department President and I will try very hard to make you proud. I am committed to this great organization and what it stands for and what it does for our veterans, our military and their families as well as for our youth and in our communities. I look forward to invitations from you to your many events throughout the year and plan on attending as many of the district conferences I can, both in the Fall as well as in the Spring.

Our membership team will be promoting membership under the theme "Our Veterans Are Our Heroes" with the stars of our great flag as the symbol. I want everyone to be a star shining brightly for our veterans as well as our military and their families this year. They sacrificed so much and are still sacrificing for our freedoms today so why can't we search out and find all those shining new stars to join the ranks of our membership in the largest patriotic women's service organization in the world? Let's remember what our Preamble says: "To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy." "To participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of the American Legion."

Our membership team this year is Mary Sypherd, Chairman with Judy Ring and Cassie Harrell as team members. Mary will be responsible for the Blue Team which covers Districts 1, 2, and 4. Judy will cover the Red Team which is Districts 7, 8, and 9. Cassie will be working with the White Team which covers Districts 3, 5, and 6.

MEMBERSHIP TEAM...ARE YOU READY?

Let's continue "Honoring Our Veterans' Legacy" this year and always.





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Iowa Stands Tall With National Vice President Nicole Clapp

member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

My strong sense of loyalty to The American Legion and Auxiliary, which provided me with many opportunities as a child; combined early on with my developing career as a healthcare executive prevented me from following the traditional path of leadership in the American Legion Auxiliary. Those choices did not prevent me from maintaining a strong desire and dedication to serve. I was elected the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Iowa and Honorary National Junior President in 1987. During that extraordinary year, I participated in ALA Iowa Girls State, attended Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge, and competed in The American Legion Oratorical Contest.

At the department level, I served on the Junior Camp and ALA Iowa Girls State Boards in addition to my role as the Education Director for more than a decade. In 2009, Sherry McLaughlin asked me to consider serving on the national level. My professional background in healthcare administration and leadership abilities were recognized at the national level by being appointed the first ever Non-Past National President to the National Finance Committee; along with liaison roles to the National Audit Committee and the ALA Foundation Board. I then

served in the capacity of the National Finance Chairman for 7 years.

Then, the official 4 year journey began...

In the spring of 2016, I was appointed the Children and Youth Chairman. The Gladbrook Unit #127, Tama County, 3rd District, and the Department of Iowa endorsed me as candidate for National Vice President 2018-2019 and National President, the highest office of the American Legion Auxiliary for the centennial year of 2019-2020.

The second step occurred in 2017, when I became the National Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman. While also serving on the national committees of Human Resources, Centennial Strategic Plan, Future Focus, and 100th Centennial Anniversary.

The third year just commenced on August 29th, when I was installed as National Vice President in Minneapolis. This year centers around service to our Veterans and planning initiatives for the ALA during the next year.

The 4th and final year of this journey, is the installation of National President which occurs during the August 2019 Indianapolis National Convention. God willing if elected, I would be very honored, humbled, and flattered to lead the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, during the special centennial year of 2019-2020. Iowa would again have an

opportunity to be showcased for the nation with a homecoming experience centered around Gladbrook, Tama County, and the 3rd District in October, 2019.

Please recall at the beginning of this article, I referenced "life comes full circle". The year of service as American Legion Auxiliary National President would come to a close, when I would preside over the National Convention in Louisville, KY in August of 2020 in the same city, were I presided over my National Junior Convention 32 years ago.

I am excited and honored to represent the Iowa American Legion Family by sharing this once in a life time journey with all of you. I thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement!

~ In Service - Not Self, Nicole



HELP US CELEBRATE!

There will be a reception for the new State Commander Scott Moline, the new State President Mary Sebben as well as for our Honorary Junior President Macie Frambach on Saturday, September 15, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please come and help us celebrate at the Baldwin-Patterson Post 274 located at 2211 East 42nd Street, Des Moines, Iowa.



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2018-2019 Department Executive Board



1st Row - Left to right: Chaplain Jan Schaffer; Vice President Kelly Elliott; Executive Director Marlene Valentine; President Mary Sebben; Alternate NEC Vickie Klinkhammer; NEC Ann Crawford; Historian Doris Jackson; Life Member of the Board Jeanne Carson.
2nd Row - Left to Right: 9th District President Marjorie Burnsting; 8th District President Julie Rosenboom; 7th District President Rose Schoening; 6th District President Elizabeth Mitchell; 5th District President Kathy Harding; 4th District President Mary Mooberry; 3rd District President Shirley Warnke; 2nd District President Helen Hildebrand; 1st District President Kay Calkins.
3rd Row - Left to Right: Life Member of the Board Tooter Baker; Life Member of the Board Mary Jo Berning; Parliamentarian Fran Kirk.

Chaplain's Corner

Welcome to the Chaplain's Corner 2018-2019. As we commence on a new Auxiliary year with new leadership, new Program Chairmen and many new ideas to "Honor our Veterans' Legacy" remember to pray for their success.

We hear in the news of discontent for our Government, alarming reports of missing young people, worry over care for our Veterans and Military and wonder what can we do? President Mary Sebben has chosen some very timely bible verses for her year. For this issue we are going to look to the Bible Verse of Luke 1: Verse 37, "For with God nothing shall be impossible".

These were the words of the Angel to Mary when she was told she would bear the Son of God. Pray for our Government, pray for our Youth, pray for our Police, pray for our Veterans, pray for our Active Duty Military and their Families, and pray for our Organization. Our hands are never tied when it comes to answers for our world's problems and our own. Prayer works, God is our refuge and strength.

Other Bible Verses for the year are Matthew 22:37-39 and 1 John 4:7. This is our year to profess our love for God, Each other and Ourselves.

Yours in God's Love,

Jan Schaffer
Department
Chaplain



The Search is ON!

We realize the 2019 American Legion Auxiliary year has just begun but it is never too late to start planning for next year. The Nominating Committee is asking for senior members desiring to run for any of the elected offices, Vice President, Historian, or Chaplain to begin the process. The first one is to take the step and come forward, tell someone in your district or/ advise a nominating committee member of your intentions, then proceed the normal way (get endorsed by your unit, county and district). If you have any questions or concerns, just ask, we are here to answer and help out. Have you thought about it? It is not too late to help continue the legacy of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Committee Members: Bev Copple, Lorna Golson and Kim Dixon



Department Auxiliary President's Van in the 2018 Iowa State Fair Walk For Veterans Parade.

Historian

Baby New Year here! I'm sure some of you remember me from Department Leadership Workshop. As the year progresses, Baby New Year will age till finally at next year's Department Convention, Mother Time will hand her office over to the next Historian. I feel very fortunate to be your Department Auxiliary Historian this year.

Each Unit, County, District and Department has its own story and it begins with the year your Unit was Chartered. Each year that history is added to make a detailed story of your Unit, County, District or Department. It is this story that shows us "Honoring Our Veterans' Legacy".

President Mary's scrapbook starts with Department Convention Installation (Baby New Year) and ends with Department Convention (Mother Time) next year. It tells the story of President Mary's year in office. Please send me articles, pictures, events, programs, and news articles as your events happen. Don't forget the WHO - WHAT- WHEN - WHERE. I would also like each historian to send me a photo of your Unit, County, District officers (identified) for President Mary's book.

Please check the Programs Action Plan for history and scrapbook contest rules and deadlines. Remember the History book contains a written story of your Unit and the scrapbook has photos, news clippings, etc.

Doris Jackson, Department Historian
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515-468-1274, mrsj@grm.net



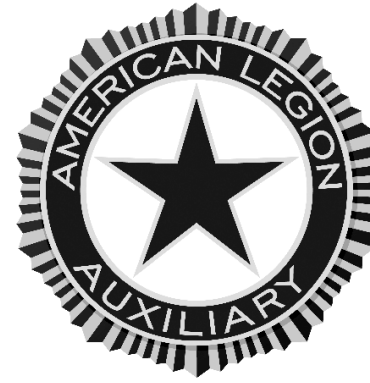
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Public Relations

Donna Flewelling, Public Relations Chairman

I WANT YOU to participate in my Uncle Sam challenge! Why? To spread the news about your meetings and special events that your auxiliary units are having. What do you need to do? Take a picture of yourself, your unit, or a member showing how you post your meeting or events and send them to who? Me, your department public relations chairman this year, Donna Flewelling, 1241 Hancock Ave. Merville, IA, 51039 or email flewcake@wiatel.net. These pictures will be displayed at the Mid-Winter programs fair.

There are many ways you can get the word out about your unit meetings and events. Public relations promotes Who we are, What we do and Why we matter. Facebook, texting, signs/posters, websites, newspapers, emails, and phone calls are great ways to let everyone know what is happening. We need to let the public know that our units are active in the communities so remember to wear your brand loyal apparel at all events and for the pictures. Building brand loyalty is the key to success to be seen as an auxiliary member. Be prepared to answer questions when asked who the auxiliary is, what we do and why we matter when people see you in a shirt with the auxiliary logo, a great promotional tool while we are honoring our Veterans.

Retirement Announced - Position Opening

Marlene Valentine, our Department Executive Director, has announced her retirement. We are now accepting resumes for this salaried management position. Applicants should have the following skills:

- Ability to hire and supervise employees and volunteers
- Be knowledgeable on aspects of operation of daily office tasks
- Communication skills including but not limited to: Newsletters, websites, program information
- Act as secretary to all the committees
- Must have accounting background
- Be able to work with the American Legion Family
- Have oversight of preparations for meetings and programs

Some travel will be required for out of town meetings. We are an equal opportunity employer. Selected applicant will need to pass a mandatory background check. Deadline for cover letter and resume is September 28, 2018, at 5 P.M. Please submit by email to: nclapp@chorus.net.

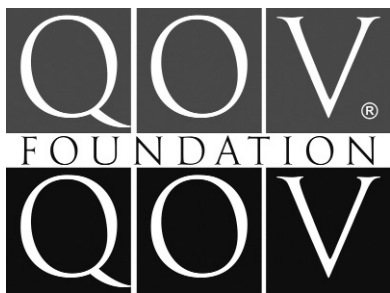


Foundation Donates to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival

Thank you American Legion of Iowa Foundation for graciously donating \$2,000 toward the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. The grant was awarded at the Department Convention in Waterloo. The Iowa Foundation was incorporated Nov. 29, 1978 as the charitable entity of the Iowa Department of The American Legion. It was organized as a mechanism for the Legion to provide financial assistance to promote Americanism, youth programs, veterans rehabilitation and community service in the state of Iowa.

As many of you know, the Iowa American Legion Auxiliary will be co-hosting the veterans' event this year along with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Des Moines VA Medical Center. The funds from this grant will help to supply the hospitality room which will be the Auxiliary's key responsibility during this week-long event.

The event is scheduled for October 29 through November 5. The Art and Writing Exhibition will be held on that Thursday, November 1, at the Capital Square Atrium located at 400 Locust Street, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. The Stage Show will be Sunday, November 4, at 2:00 p.m., at the Hoyt Sherman Place Theater, located at 1501 Woodland Avenue. The Department of Iowa, American Legion Auxiliary, again, thanks the American Legion of Iowa Foundation for their assistance with this important event.



American Legion Family
Quilts of Valor Quilt Retreat and
Award Ceremony
January 4-6, 2019
The Quilted Steeple
2605 90th Avenue, Lone Rock, IA

Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship and food, service to veterans, great food, and a stitchin' good time. Oh, and food. Lots of great food and good snacks! You will love the food.

The Quilt of Valor Quilt Retreat will be held at The Quilted Steeple near Lone Rock, Iowa – a beautifully restored former church and parsonage. Learn about it at www.quiltedsteeple.com. Friday noon to Sunday noon we will be surrounded by the peace and tranquility of rural Iowa.

The fee for the retreat is \$150 which includes your spacious sewing area, lodging with five meals (Friday evening to Sunday morning) and beverages. There is an extra refrigerator in the retreat center for guests who want to bring other beverages, snacks or other food. Day retreats for those living close by would be \$65 for the weekend and will include your spacious sewing area, the Friday night meal, lunch and dinner on Sat. If you can only come for the day, the cost is \$40.

You need to bring your sewing machine, personal tools, favorite patterns and your own fabric if you wish. Cutting tables, pressing tables, irons, and individual lighting at the tables is provided. Some fabric and patterns will be available due to the generosity of the American Legion Auxiliary members or you can bring your own.

Not a quilter? No problem. If you can stitch a straight line we will get you started quilting! Send in your reservation today – spots will fill up quickly. Deadline to register is December 15, 2018

Quilts of Valor Registration Form – January 4-6, 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

_____ \$150/weekend _____ \$65/weekend-no lodging _____ \$40/ one day

Comments: (Diet restrictions, mobility issues) _____

Send Registration form and fee to: QOV Retreat, American Legion Auxiliary, 720 Lyon Street, Des Moines, IA 50309.

Questions? Contact Ann Rehbein - amrehbein@msn.com. Registration deadline is 12/15/18. No refunds issued after 12/15/18.



Department Membership
Donald Swan, Chairman

Greetings fellow Legionnaires, it is a pleasure to continue to work with you this year and I am planning on us having a great year! This will be the year to break the cycle of falling membership. If we all work together to stop the decline it will happen. To accomplish growth, we must first have our membership committees at the posts concentrate on membership renewals. By starting out this membership year renewing all our members we then would know how many new members to recruit to meet our membership goal.

To make your post grow you need to always be on the lookout for Veterans that could qualify for membership. There is a need to recruit Veterans that will help our posts grow and be more diverse and robust. That would help us have Legionnaires at the posts to help us run our programs. At the Fall Conferences we are planning on rolling out another potential source of potential members. So, please plan on attending your Fall Conferences for details.

For now, we are almost two months into our membership year, so I will be watching to see how the renewals are going. Do not forget to look into 729 and DMS transfers by having your membership team doing search for members by zip code.

Let's get going and get our renewals, 729 and DMS transfers and watch our posts grow. We are behind you 100% and will here to help you succeed. If you have questions do not hesitate to contact Marcia or myself.

For God and Country, Donald Swan



Above: Don Swan and Nicole Clapp (lower right corner) converse, surrounded by fellow Legion family while waiting in the staging area before the Walk for Veterans Parade at the Iowa State Fair.

Membership Memos

Here we are, embarking on a new membership year, and as every year I am trying to get the membership processed as quickly as I can.

I do need the help of the people at the posts that process the membership and send it to me. If a member pays online, DO NOT send their card in to me because they are already paid. If you are unsure if a member has paid on-line you can check on myLegion.org if you have access or if not, you can call me, and I can verify it for you. Also, when sending in cards for deceased members, I ask that you do not mix them in with the cards you are paying for. They can be mailed in the same envelope but separate them from the ones being paid for.

Finally, remember to include a completed Membership Transmittal Form whenever you are sending in membership. There are 3 things to include in your mailing of membership, they are (1) Transmittal form, (2) Check and (3) cards for members you are being paid for.

Let's concentrate on renewals as a priority this year and not loose members from non-renewal. We all benefit by retaining our members and recruiting new ones. Let's have a good year.

Marcia Hoch
Department of Iowa Executive Secretary

Sweepstakes Winners

This year's Department Sweepstakes winners are as follows:

Robert Erdmann - Wickenburg, AZ
La Moyne Baer - Brandon, MS
James Howell - Columbus Jct., IA
Melvin Randall - Webster City, IA
Frank Van Waes - Lowden, IA
Merlin Brockmann - Carroll, IA
Gene Albers - Pleasant Hill, IA

There were many entries. Congratulations to all who won. Thank you to everyone who participated by purchasing tickets.



Above: Sweepstakes winner R.E. Erdmann (Wickenburg, AZ) holding his prize check.

Pistol Winner

Congratulations to Ron Woodard (Woodward, IA) from Waukee American Legion Post #737 upon winning the commemorative 1911 pistol which was on display during The Department Convention. The Centennial Pistol tickets are available for purchase (\$20). Please contact Department Headquarters for more information.

District Membership Standings



| STANDING | DISTRICT | 2019 GROWTH GOAL | CURRENT MEMBERSHIP | PERCENTAGE |
|------------------|----------|------------------|--------------------|------------|
| First | 6th | 5,092 | 1,128 | 22.15% |
| Second | 2nd | 6,847 | 1,379 | 20.14% |
| Third | 3rd | 5,545 | 1,094 | 19.73% |
| Fourth | 5th | 3,062 | 584 | 19.07% |
| Fifth | 1st | 4,179 | 692 | 16.56% |
| Sixth | 7th | 3,599 | 524 | 14.56% |
| Seventh | 8th | 4,128 | 571 | 13.83% |
| Eighth | 9th | 5,734 | 773 | 13.48% |
| Ninth | 4th | 4,278 | 405 | 9.47% |
| DEPARTMENT TOTAL | | 43,201 | 7,150 | 16.55% |



The 50% membership target date is September 12.
Transmittals must be at Department two days prior for processing.

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| This report reflects membership recorded as of August 16, 2018. | | | | 639 | ELDRIDGE | 75 | 18 | 723 | GARNAVILLO | 57 | 22 | 180 | SEYMOUR | 50 | 20 | 227 | AVOCA | 78 | 0 | 130 | FT. DODGE | 179 | 42 | | | |
| | | | | 347 | LECLAIRE | 81 | 10 | 373 | GUTTENBERG | 67 | 24 | 40 | WAYNE | 179 | 29 | 556 | CARSON | 36 | 0 | 431 | GOWRIE | 78 | 18 | | | |
| | | | | 548 | WALCOTT | 121 | 32 | 305 | MARQUETTE | 44 | 0 | 0 | DISTRICT 5 TOTALS | 3062 | 584 | 2 | COUNCIL BLUFFS | 488 | 140 | 699 | HARCOURT | 14 | 0 | | | |
| Growth | | | | | SCOTT COUNTY | 1191 | 109 | 267 | MCGREGOR | 78 | 0 | 0 | | | | 720 | HANCOCK | 17 | 0 | WEBSTER COUNTY | | | 357 | 60 | | |
| FIRST DISTRICT | | | | | DISTRICT 2 TOTALS | 6847 | 1,379 | 519 | MONONA | 23 | 10 | 0 | SIXTH DISTRICT | | | 648 | MACEDONIA | 1 | 0 | 21 | BUFFALO CENTER | 64 | 0 | | | |
| 104 | BENNETT | 49 | 0 | | | | | 388 | ST. OLAF | 57 | 0 | 464 | ADEL | 116 | 36 | 437 | MINDEN | 43 | 0 | 121 | FOREST CITY | 98 | 0 | | | |
| 286 | CLARENCE | 80 | 32 | | THIRD DISTRICT | | | 218 | STRAWBERRY PT. | 50 | 0 | 49 | DALLAS CENTER | 29 | 0 | 330 | NEOLA | 53 | 0 | 235 | LAKE MILLS | 71 | 20 | | | |
| 430 | DURANT | 263 | 160 | | | | | | CLAYTON COUNTY | 496 | 56 | 419 | DEXTER | 46 | 6 | 187 | OAKLAND | 0 | 0 | 539 | RAKE | 9 | 0 | | | |
| 366 | LOWDEN | 64 | 0 | | | | | 582 | COLESBURG | 22 | 3 | 717 | GRANGER | 46 | 0 | 725 | TREYNOR | 67 | 0 | WINNEBAGO COUNTY | | | 242 | 20 | | |
| 309 | MECHANICSVILLE | 63 | 32 | 170 | BLAIRSTOWN | 150 | 0 | 160 | DELHI | 34 | 7 | 99 | MINBURN | 53 | 0 | 422 | WALNUT | 44 | 0 | DISTRICT 8 TOTALS | | | 4128 | 571 | | |
| 348 | STANWOOD | 22 | 12 | 475 | GARRISON | 17 | 0 | 436 | EARLVILLE | 46 | 0 | 85 | PERRY | 65 | 10 | POTTAWATTAMIE CO. | | | 827 | 140 | | | | | | |
| 123 | TIPTON | 45 | 0 | 107 | KEYSTONE | 56 | 0 | 566 | GREELEY | 23 | 0 | 261 | REDFIELD | 61 | 0 | 707 | DEFIANCE | 37 | 0 | NINTH DISTRICT | | | | | | |
| 514 | WEST BRANCH | 118 | 0 | 177 | MT. AUBURN | 55 | 18 | 311 | HOPKINTON | 36 | 0 | 403 | VAN METER | 84 | 0 | 615 | EARLING | 27 | 0 | 299 | ALBERT CITY | 59 | 34 | | | |
| | CEDAR COUNTY | 704 | 236 | 167 | NEWHALL | 52 | 17 | 45 | MANCHESTER | 182 | 0 | 737 | WAUKEE | 79 | 23 | 322 | ELK HORN | 45 | 12 | 498 | ALTA | 21 | 6 | | | |
| 52 | BURLINGTON | 189 | 0 | 234 | NORWAY | 64 | 32 | 692 | RYAN | 76 | 12 | 211 | WOODWARD | 74 | 23 | 150 | HARLAN | 75 | 0 | 367 | LINN GROVE | 19 | 3 | | | |
| 243 | MEDIAPOLIS | 39 | 0 | 166 | SHELLSBURG | 88 | 0 | DELEWARY COUNTY | | | 419 | 22 | DALLAS COUNTY | | | 653 | 98 | 601 | PANAMA | 26 | 0 | 12 | MARATHON | 23 | 0 | |
| | DES MOINES COUNTY | 228 | 0 | 264 | URBANA | 64 | 5 | 623 | ALPHA | 0 | 0 | 158 | EARLHAM | 48 | 15 | 547 | PORTSMOUTH | 43 | 0 | 193 | NEWELL | 74 | 3 | | | |
| 58 | MT. PLEASANT | 107 | 0 | 148 | VAN HORNE | 61 | 0 | 219 | ARLINGTON | 40 | 0 | 184 | WINTERSET | 156 | 40 | 240 | SHELBY | 28 | 0 | 394 | SIOUX RAPIDS | 67 | 0 | | | |
| 626 | OLDS | 14 | 8 | 57 | VINTON | 168 | 16 | 375 | CLERMONT | 70 | 0 | MADISON COUNTY | | | 204 | 55 | SHELBY COUNTY | | | 281 | 12 | 115 | STORM LAKE | 45 | 4 | |
| 94 | SALEM | 40 | 11 | BENTON COUNTY | | | 1022 | 149 | 352 | ELGIN | 48 | 0 | 505 | BUSSEY | 22 | 0 | 164 | BEDFORD | 103 | 0 | BUENA VISTA COUNTY | | | 308 | 50 | |
| 401 | WAYLAND | 6 | 0 | 237 | CEDAR FALLS | 134 | 62 | 339 | FAYETTE | 53 | 12 | 168 | KNOXVILLE | 125 | 40 | 443 | BLOCKTON | 16 | 0 | 390 | AURELIA | 46 | 10 | | | |
| 643 | WINFIELD | 37 | 0 | 636 | DUNKERTON | 26 | 0 | 312 | HAWKEYE | 30 | 0 | 632 | MELCHER | 73 | 33 | 97 | CLEARFIELD | 17 | 0 | 230 | CHEROKEE | 52 | 13 | | | |
| | HENRY COUNTY | 204 | 19 | 714 | GILBERTVILLE | 233 | 61 | 245 | MAYNARD | 33 | 0 | 89 | PELLA | 143 | 0 | 578 | GRAVITY | 24 | 12 | 486 | CLEGHORN | 16 | 0 | | | |
| 76 | MARENGO | 143 | 29 | 207 | LAPORTE CITY | 101 | 25 | 9 | OELWEIN | 224 | 0 | 108 | PLEASANTVILLE | 100 | 31 | 250 | LENOX | 66 | 19 | 670 | LARRABEE | 18 | 0 | | | |
| 521 | MILLERSBURG | 14 | 0 | 138 | WATERLOO | 363 | 98 | 691 | ST LUCAS | 31 | 0 | MARION COUNTY | | | 463 | 104 | 300 | NEW MARKET | 10 | 0 | 517 | MARCUS | 31 | 6 | | |
| 488 | NORTH ENGLISH | 22 | 0 | 738 | WATERLOO | 23 | 0 | 631 | WADENA | 32 | 14 | 682 | ALTOONA | 52 | 0 | TAYLOR COUNTY | | | 236 | 31 | 398 | QUIMBY | 44 | 5 | | |
| 369 | PARNELL | 14 | 0 | 730 | WATERLOO | 11 | 0 | 189 | WAUCOMA | 36 | 15 | 42 | ANKENY | 206 | 53 | DISTRICT 7 TOTALS | | | 3599 | 524 | 283 | WASHTA | 11 | 0 | | |
| 54 | VICTOR | 126 | 0 | BLACK HAWK COUNTY | | | 891 | 246 | 15 | WEST UNION | 80 | 0 | 396 | BONDURANT | 86 | 0 | EIGHTH DISTRICT | | | | | CHEROKEE COUNTY | | | 218 | 34 |
| 228 | WILLIAMSBURG | 26 | 0 | 653 | DENVER | 171 | 44 | 92 | WESTGATE | 32 | 0 | 731 | DES MOINES | 96 | 25 | | | | | 194 | DICKENS | 3 | 0 | | | |
| | IOWA COUNTY | 345 | 29 | 522 | JANESVILLE | 55 | 13 | FAYETTE COUNTY | | | 709 | 41 | 659 | DES MOINES | 191 | 97 | 56 | BOONE | 200 | 36 | 414 | EVERLY | 45 | 0 | | |
| 667 | BATAVIA | 22 | 8 | 472 | PLAINFIELD | 17 | 0 | 174 | CHARLES CITY | 101 | 0 | 60 | DES MOINES | 19 | 0 | 63 | BOXHOLM | 5 | 0 | 10 | PETERSON | 25 | 0 | | | |
| 47 | FAIRFIELD | 58 | 0 | 223 | SUMNER | 126 | 41 | 387 | MARBLE ROCK | 18 | 0 | 274 | DES MOINES | 201 | 67 | 341 | MADRID | 13 | 0 | 248 | ROYAL | 19 | 0 | | | |
| | JEFFERSON COUNTY | 80 | 8 | 356 | TRIPOLI | 14 | 0 | 449 | NORA SPRINGS | 50 | 0 | 374 | DES MOINES | 205 | 101 | 55 | OGDEN | 16 | 0 | 1 | SPENCER | 233 | 0 | | | |
| 721 | CORALVILLE | 139 | 0 | 176 | WAVERLY | 122 | 27 | 338 | ROCKFORD | 18 | 8 | 577 | GRIMES | 30 | 0 | 16 | PILOT MOUND | 12 | 0 | CLAY COUNTY | | | 325 | 0 | | |
| 17 | IOWA CITY | 180 | 29 | BREMER COUNTY | | | 505 | 125 | FLOYD COUNTY | | | 187 | 8 | 728 | JOHNSTON | 51 | 0 | BOONE COUNTY | | | 246 | 36 | 371 | LAKE PARK | 53 | 16 |
| 457 | LONE TREE | 104 | 0 | 253 | ALLISON | 11 | 0 | 135 | CRESO | 128 | 51 | 155 | MITCHELLVILLE | 43 | 18 | 510 | FARNHAMVILLE | 39 | 0 | 384 | MILFORD | 118 | 46 | | | |
| | 1976 NORTH LIBERTY | 26 | 0 | 360 | DUMONT | 86 | 0 | 597 | ELMA | 79 | 12 | 232 | POLK CITY | 119 | 13 | 31 | LAKE CITY | 61 | 0 | 23 | SPIRIT LAKE | 81 | 0 | | | |
| 537 | OXFORD | 98 | 0 | 268 | GREENE | 85 | 0 | 545 | LIME SPRINGS | 21 | 0 | 689 | RUNNELLS | 24 | 0 | 368 | LOHRVILLE | 9 | 8 | 432 | TERRIL | 25 | 0 | | | |
| 460 | OLON | 225 | 79 | 660 | NEW HARTFORD | 26 | 0 | 605 | PROTIVIN | 46 | 0 | 663 | URBANDALE | 407 | 138 | 204 | MANSON | 33 | 0 | DICKENSON COUNTY | | | 277 | 62 | | |
| 671 | SWISHER | 204 | 0 | 285 | PARKERSBURG | 131 | 22 | HOWARD COUNTY | | | 274 | 63 | 620 | W. DES MOINES | 112 | 37 | 105 | ROCKWELL CITY | 10 | 0 | 364 | BATTLE CREEK | 42 | 0 | | |
| | JOHNSON COUNTY | 976 | 108 | 393 | SHELLROCK | 69 | 0 | 641 | ORCHARD | 14 | 0 | POLK COUNTY | | | 1842 | 549 | CALHOUN COUNTY | | | 152 | 8 | 454 | GALVA | 44 | 19 | |
| 474 | DONNELSON | 66 | 15 | BUTLER COUNTY | | | 408 | 22 | 278 | OSAGE | 191 | 10 | 37 | AMES | 507 | 141 | 694 | ARCADIA | 132 | 0 | 225 | HOLSTEIN | 137 | 36 | | |
| 82 | FORT MADISON | 79 | 12 | 183 | HAMPTON | 131 | 17 | 244 | RICEVILLE | 56 | 0 | 233 | CAMBRIDGE | 37 | 0 | 607 | BREDA | 94 | 0 | 61 | IDA GROVE | 199 | 0 | | | |
| 41 | KEOKUK | 163 | 0 | 658 | LATIMER | 29 | 0 | 358 | ST. ANSGAR | 123 | 0 | 81 | COLLINS | 23 | 0 | 7 | CARROLL | 218 | 110 | IDA COUNTY | | | 422 | 55 | | |
| 668 | WEST POINT | 111 | 54 | 277 | SHEFFIELD | 35 | 11 | 569 | STACYVILLE | 58 | 0 | 139 | COLO | 28 | 0 | 357 | COON RAPIDS | 81 | 33 | 704 | ALVORD | 19 | 0 | | | |
| | LEE COUNTY | 419 | 81 | FRANKLIN COUNTY | | | 195 | 28 | MITCHELL COUNTY | | | 442 | 10 | 249 | MAXWELL | 58 | 14 | 20 | DEDHAM | 182 | 0 | 476 | DOON | 17 | 0 | |
| 100 | COLUMBUS JCT. | 154 | 57 | 131 | BEAMAN | 7 | 0 | 266 | CALMAR | 38 | 0 | 334 | MCCALLSBURG | 54 | 0 | 386 | GLIDDEN | 75 | 0 | 404 | GEORGE | 71 | 0 | | | |
| 112 | MORNING SUN | 43 | 7 | 681 | CONRAD | 118 | 29 | 163 | DECORAH | 54 | 0 | 48 | NEVADA | 166 | 49 | 22 | MANNING | 98 | 0 | 310 | INWOOD | 24 | 0 | | | |
| 489 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Post Everlasting reflects members from 5-16-2018 to 8-16-2018.

SPENCER POST #1
EVERETT AMIS
JACK EASTER
DONALD HEITER
G NORRIS
RICHARD SCHALLAU
COUNCIL BLUFFS POST #2
JACK BAUMAN
JOEL BOUCHER
RICHARD HANNY
ARTHUR MCENEARNEY
OTTUMWA POST #3
VERNON DEWITT
LARRY EAKINS
DON KIRCHNER
FRED SONGER
DAVID SWAINEY
JOSEPH TENO
CHARLES TOWNSLEY
DUBUQUE POST #6
WILLIAM BAILEY
DAVID BARRY
VINCENT BRIMEYER
ROBERT JOCHUM
ED KLAAS
JACK KOWALSKI
JOHN LUHER
GLEN MILLIGAN
CARL OSUCH
ROBERT SCHAUER
CARROLL POST #7
ARTHUR REICKS
DENISON POST #8
FLOYD JOHNSON
ROY KING
MEARL LUVAA
LEO REMMES
OELWEIN POST #9
EUGENE HELDT
GERALD LUCKEROTH
JEFFERSON POST #11
WILLIAM KENDALL
HAROLD PETERSON
ANAMOSA POST #13
HOWARD CARPENTER
TIMOTHY WATTERS
WEST UNION POST #15
DUANE LANGERMAN
IOWA CITY POST #17
DAROLD ALBRIGHT
DAVID BRENNEMAN
MAURICE OCKENFELS
JAMES ONNEN
DWIGHT SHAFFER
POCAHONTAS POST #18
DENNIS FITZGERALD
GEORGE FRANCIS
ROBERT GRUVER
JAMES PERRY
MELVIN POWERS
DARYL WOOD
SIGOURNEY POST #19
HERBERT MOHR
BUFFALO CENTER POST #21
ROLLIN KIEWIET
MARVIN WESSELS
DAVENPORT POST #26
GLENN CURRENCE
MAURICE DALTON
GERALD DESCHEPPER
DAMON FRISON
GARY HEUERTZ
GUY HOARD
CHARLES MISSEL
RALPH SCHNEIDER
MUSCATINE POST #27
MICHAEL ESMOIL
VIRGINIA GUCK
WASHINGTON POST #29
RICHARD ALLISON
ROBERT MILLER
WESLEY MULLIKIN
INDEPENDENCE POST #30
DAVID WESSELS
OSKALOOSA POST #34
WILLUS DEGOEY
REX GIBBONS
RANDOL HACKETT
DONALD SCHULTZE
AMES POST #37
CHARLES BELL
DELBERT LOWE
JAMES MEEK
BELLE PLAINE POST #39
LORENZ PETERSEN
KEOKUK POST #41
RICHARD AITKEN
LEE HOWREN
ANKENY POST #42
THOMAS PILCHER
MARSHALLTOWN POST #46
JACK GAUNT
ROBERT HARTWIG
EARL STEWARD

FAIRFIELD POST #47
DON ANGSTEAD
JAMES KURKA
NEVADA POST #48
AUGUST NELSON
BURLINGTON POST #52
KENNETH CAMPBELL
ORVILLE KINDIG
BOONE POST #56
ROBERT NELSON
VINTON POST #57
LARRY FETT
DAVID SCHIRM
MT. PLEASANT POST #58
VERN PETERSON
STORY CITY POST #59
EMMETT OLSON
BERNARD REINSCH
IDA GROVE POST #61
ALBERT HINRICKSON
GLENN KONRADY
DON MURRAY
JOHN WEST
WAUKON POST #62
KIRK MOWAT
DALE RADEMAKER
ROBERT STOCK
RANDY SWEENEY
SIOUX CITY POST #64
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LLOYD PIPPETT
RICHARD SCHULDT
MIKE WIGGS
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LLOYD HAYNES
TAMA POST #73
EARL HEISHMAN
SABULA POST #74
DAVID SMITH
MAQUOKETA POST #75
ALVA HUSMANN
DENNIS JOHNSON
KANAWHA POST #77
VERLYN FRIEDOW
BLOOMFIELD POST #78
KENNETH COLYER
LISCOMB POST #87
CLIFFORD GIFFORD
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WILLIAM LLOYD
PELLA POST #89
JOHN KLYN
ALGONA POST #90
DEAN SCHLAPIA
ESTHERVILLE POST #91
LARRY SUNDALL
PAULLINA POST #95
JOHN BARNES
GLEN WEIDAMAN
CLARINDA POST #98
THOMAS HARPER
MYRON VARLEY
COLUMBUS JCT. POST #100
ALFRED BOHLING
WARREN LEWIS
RANDELL TEEL
MASON CITY POST #101
DELOS COOK
EDWARD ZILLY
CHARITON POST #102
LEE HARRINGTON
BILLY WILLIAMS
BENNETT POST #104
HOWARD LAUSEN
PLEASANTVILLE POST #108
CARROLL PHILLIPS
JACK RICHARDS
NEWTON POST #111
FRANCIS BRINDZA
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HUMBOLDT POST #119
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LOWELL FEVOLD
AUDUBON POST #120
KENNETH OLSEN
KENNETH SEARLS
STATE CENTER POST #122
WILLIAM VANEVRY
GUTHRIE CNTR POST #124
ROBERT BAILEY
ROBERT VANMETER
MERRILL POST #125

WILLARD SCHINDEL
GAYLON TEVIS
GLADBROOK POST #127
GEORGE GOOS
RAYNARD LANGENBAU
DONALD MOONEY
GARY LEE MORGAN
HERBERT OETTCHEN
FT. DODGE POST #130
RAYMOND AULT
FRED BLANCHARD
WILLIAM FLETCHER
CHARLES GIRARD
LUTHER NAHNSEN
CRESCO POST #135
DONALD BURKE
JOSEPH FERRIE
JOSEPH GARRISON
BRIAN GLICK
JAMES HEROLD
BENJAMIN JACKSON
RICHARD LLOYD
WAYNE OLLENDIECK
HARRIS WEMARK
DYERSVILLE POST #137
MELVIN LANGEL
MARVIN TAUKE
WATERLOO POST #138
VERLE BUCK
RICHARD MCCALLEY
KINGSLEY POST #140
LEVERN MONTANGE
STANLEY NILLES
GLENWOOD POST #141
RON BALES
DONALD CASHATT
DALE DINGMAN
JEAN SELL
CHESTER SIMMONS
A TRASK
SHELDON POST #145
JERRY KUNNEN
ELMER VANKEKERIX
STUART POST #146
WALTER HICK
HARLAN POST #150
VERNON HOLDSWORTH
BETTENDORF POST #154
ROBERT QUINN
MITCHELLVILLE POST #155
TERRY PRATT
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EUGENE COLES
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EUGENE SCHLEIFFARTH
CARL TAYLOR
DECORAH POST #163
ROGER ANDERSON
LEO BERG
MARVIN KLOCKE
BEDFORD POST #164
BRYAN CROSS
FARRIS GRAY
F BOYD MELLOTT
LAVERNE PETERS
CLARENCE SCHAUB
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INDIANOLA POST #165
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BILL KOPPEN
WINTERSET POST #184
JACK DABNER
GLENN FREASE
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GLENN YARBERRY
AKRON POST #186
MARVIN HITZEMANN
DENNIS HULTGREN
VERNOLD OLSON
IA FALLS POST #188
KENNETH CHAPLIN
DAVID DIRKSEN
RICHARD SMITH

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HERBERT FELDT
BYRON HARRIS
RICHARD HERRITY
DAVID PHELPS
RAY THOMAS
HAROLD WILKINSON
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DEAN WILLIAMS
NEWELL POST #193
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RICHARD OGRADY
SUMNER POST #223
TOM RICH
HOLSTEIN POST #225
GLEN BAUER
STANLEY CRUM
JAMES KASTNER
CHEROKEE POST #230
RALPH GODFREY
FARMINGTON POST #231
JUNIOR MCKINNEY
POLK CITY POST #232
GENE HYLER
LAKE MILLS POST #235
MANISE ERICKSON
LEO SCHMIDTHUBER
DEWITT POST #238
GEORGE ELWOOD
RUSSELL PAULSEN
SHELBY POST #240
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LEMARS POST #241
ROBERT BECKER
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JERRY DUFEL
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FONTANELLE POST #247
RICHARD WELSCH
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ROBERT REYNOLDS
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DONALD TROST
VILLISCA POST #251
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ACKLEY POST #252
FRED FEIKES
WILLIAM SCHACHTERLE
HAWARDEN POST #254
HAROLD PRY
JOHN VANDERHELM
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MARK MEAD
WAYNE PENCE
DALE PETERSEN
GALE WILLIAMS
SLATER POST #260
HOWARD HAMMOND
MILO POST #263
LEROY THOMPSON
URBANA POST #264
DUANE KRAMER
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DON THOMPSON
CALMAR POST #266
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ERWIN RUFF
CHELSEA POST #269
EARL JOHNSTON
ED JOHNSTON
CRAIG MUSEL
BOYDEN POST #272
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2018-2019 Americanism Programs

The American Legion Department of Iowa begins a new year promoting its values among the youth of our communities. The Americanism programs provide resources and education in Americanism and patriotism. For many of these programs, a scholarship may be awarded. Posts will be receiving a letter to provide you with the information and materials you need to promote these programs within your community.

Here is a list of the programs under Americanism:

American Legion of Iowa Boys State
High School Oratorical Contest
Fifth Grade Flag Essay Contest
American Legion Baseball
Junior Shooting Sports
Boy Scouts

In addition, posts can participate in nominating outstanding citizens within their community such as:

Educator of the Year
Fire Fighter of the Year
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
Eagle Scout of the Year
Adult Cub and Boy Scouter of the Year

Information and chairmen contacts regarding any of these programs can be found on The Department's website.

2019 Boys State Reservations

Department Headquarters will begin to take post reservations for the 2019 American Legion of Iowa Boys State Program. The dates next year have been set for Sunday, June 9 through Friday, June 14, 2019. Posts are highly encouraged to:

1. Take advantage of the early reservation price break.
2. Reserve spots online for delegates.

Online reservations make for a cleaner administrative process. If your post does not have a computer, find someone who does and ask them to help. If for some reason that is not at all possible, green sheets will be available.

The cut off for the early bird reservation price break (\$250) is December 31, 2018. As long as the post's reservation is made online by the December 31 deadline, checks will be accepted for the early bird price. In the mean time, posts can be actively searching for qualified candidates. Please direct any questions to your Post or District Chairmen concerning the process.

TIMETABLE AND DEADLINES

September - Reservations open and accepted. A Chairman's Guide will be made available online to help you begin the candidate selection process.

December 31, 2018 - Early Bird Reservation Deadline.

January 1, 2019 - Reservation fee increases to \$300.

January 15, 2019 - Delegate registration letters will be sent out to posts. Posts are to deliver them to candidates for registration. **Samsung Scholarship Applications** will be made available through the Department Website.

April 1, 2019 - Post Refund Request Deadline - Requests must be received in writing (letter, email preferably) by 11:59 PM. No exceptions will be honored afterwards.

April-May - Delegates and parents will receive a copy of the Boys State Handbook. District Orientations will take place (see Department website for more details).

June 9-14, 2019 - The American Legion Boys State Program held at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa.

June 11, 2019 - Legionnaire's Day at Boys State

Any further inquiries may be directed to
 Department Headquarters:

boysstate@ialegion.org | 800-365-8387 | www.ialegion.org

2018-2019 Fifth Grade Flag Essay Contest



Left: 2018 Fifth Grade Flag Essay Runner Up, Lauren Eslick of Dayton, pictured with Youth & Children Chairman D.J. Hall (left) and Recent Department Commander Mike Etzel (right). (Photo by Don Arns)

General Information:

The purpose of The American Legion of Iowa Essay Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation for the United States Flag on the part of elementary level students. Other objectives of the contest include the ability to gain knowledge of flag etiquette and respect for the flag.

Awards:

Each of the three Department finalists will be recognized in the same manner as other youth champions and the top three winners will be invited to read their winning essay at the Department Convention. First, Second, and Third Place winners will receive \$500, \$300, and \$200, respectively, from The American Legion of Iowa and Iowa Foundation.

Contests:

Local contests will be conducted and judged by the local sponsoring Legion Post, and the winning essay, along with certification form completed, will be forwarded as follows:

1. Individual Legion Posts will forward one winning entry to their District Children and Youth Chairman, with signed Participation Application, postmarked by January 2, 2019.
2. District entries will be judged by the respective District Children and Youth Chairman, and sent to Department Headquarters, postmarked by January 22, 2019.
3. Department Children and Youth Committee will judge the nine District entries at Mid-Winter Conference, immediately following the Americanism meeting.

Essay:

The written essay will be no more than 300 words and will be limited to one full page, double-spaced, typewritten, 12-font, and must be the original effort of the contestant. The subject will pertain to personal interpretation of what the United States flag represents to the individual, based on facts from the United States Flag Code.

Eligibility:

Participants shall be citizens of or lawful permanent residents of the United States. All contestants must be students enrolled in the fifth grade in a public, parochial, military, private or state accredited home-school.

Further inquiries may be directed to Department Headquarters.

Right: 2018 Fifth Grade Flag Essay Third Place Winner, Peyton Bose of Jesup. (Photo by Don Arns)



2018-2019 High School Oratorical Contest

The Oratorical Contest will be underway very soon comprising of Local, County, District and Area Contests. The Department Finals will be held Sunday, February 3, 2019 in Des Moines during Mid-Winter Convention. The Department Finalist will advance to the National Contest April 5-7, 2019. Each contest champion will have the opportunity to receive a scholarship. For more information regarding the contest, rules & regulations, applications, dates and deadlines, visit the Department Website.

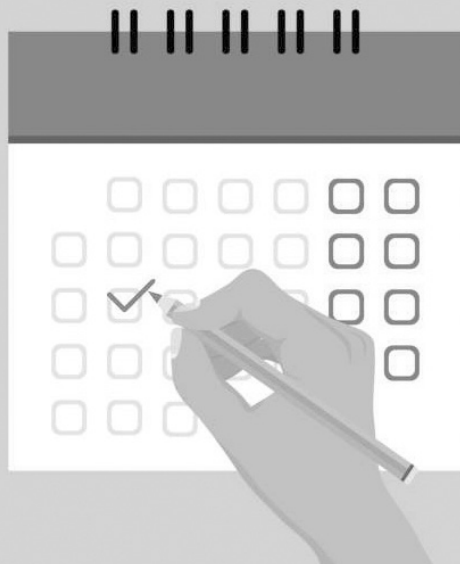
Completion dates for the contest are as follows:

- Local Contests must be completed by December 2, 2018.
- County Contests must be completed by December 16, 2018.
- District Contests must be completed by January 6, 2019.
- Area Contests must be completed by January 20, 2019.

PLEASE NOTE: These contests DO NOT have to take place on the completion dates (Sundays).

Hosts, dates, location and time will be made available through the Department Website once know. For further information, please see your local post or District Chairman. Any further inquiries can be directed to the Department of Iowa Headquarters:
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SAVE THE DATES



District Fall Conferences

September 22, 2018

District 3 - Gladbrook

District 5 - Unionville

District 7 - Sidney

District 9 - Rock Valley

September 29, 2018

District 6 - Pleasantville

October 6, 2018

District 2 - Dubuque

October 13, 2018

District 4 - Cresco

October 20, 2018

District 1 - West Liberty

October 21, 2018

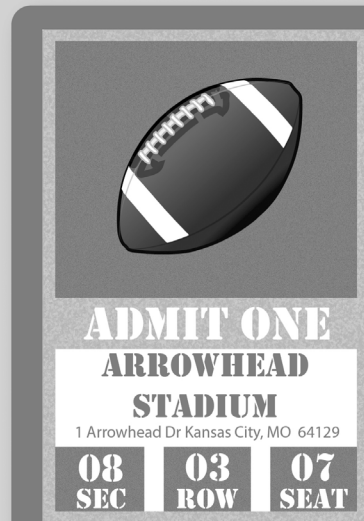
District 8 - Breda

October 28, 2018

SAL - Des Moines

2019 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE January 31 - February 3, 2019 (EARLIER THAN NORMAL)

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Purchase any number of special discounted tickets for the 2018 Kansas City Chiefs games listed above, and a portion of each ticket sold will support The American Legion, Department of Iowa.

THE NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER TOUR

The National Vice Commander tour will be held the week of November 12 thru 16 with the PDC Rally on Saturday November 17.

Details have not been finalized as yet. Any posts interested in hosting an event during the tour should let department know by September 14 so the Membership Committee can use the information when determining the route. The location for the Rally is yet to be determined.



Articles are due November 15, 2018 in order to be considered for the next issue of The Iowa Legionnaire and Auxiliary Communique.
Please email submissions to programs@ialegion.org



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Baseball State Champions Move On to Regionals and The World Series

American Legion Baseball has been around since 1925 and continues its efforts to instill the importance of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship. These values were evident by the young players during the double elimination Department of Iowa's State Tournament held July 30 - August 2 in Cedar Rapids. The tournament, hosted by Perfect Games, was shared between Daniels Park, Mount Mercy with the final two games played at Veterans Memorial Stadium, home of the Cedar Rapids Kernels. In what turned out to be seven exciting innings of American Legion Baseball, Dubuque County pulled off the win over last year's champions Johnston Dragons.

Below:

Legion members line up to celebrate with their winning team.



Team Manager Mike Gehl described his team's effort as "Unbelievable, they never gave up." Being excited of course for what is ahead, Gehl commented regarding Regionals by stating, "I can't see why we can't win it, we got a great team this year, a great bunch of kids." Head Coach Rob Hoerner shares similar sentiments. "I'm excited and happy...most of all for these young men." Hoerner giving credit to his coaches, player and the support of families and the five sponsoring posts from Dubuque County: Cascade Post #528, Dubuque Post #6, Dyersville Post #137, Epworth Post #650 and Farley Post #656.

Sharing some of the experiences along the way, Hoerner paused to reflect upon the way his players conducted themselves, especially towards a fan from Cedar Rapids the team adopted. He stated, "American Legion isn't all about baseball." He continued, "It is about the little things that these guys [the players] learn through being together and what American Legion Baseball want to do,"



referring to the values instilled. The games of baseball most certainly enjoys wins on the field, but when those wins translates off the field to the community and how others are treated, this program really deserves a hand. If not for those coaches who get this point most of all, the program would not matter.

Johnston Dragons, sponsored by Johnston American Legion Post #728, were favored as they were the returning champions from the 2017 tournament. The Dragons did an excellent job showing why they won last year, coming into the championship game undefeated. Griffin Hatten, Johnston Head Coach shared his thoughts on what was a frustrating outcome to competition. "Overall, we felt really good [coming into the game] ...and we had some confidence given we'd beaten them the day before," Hatten stated. "We expected to win...but hats off to DC [Dubuque County] for putting the ball in play," he added.

Two of the three Proctor brothers, Steve and Tim, were in attendance making this almost 60 consecutive state tournaments. The Proctors had the privilege of awarding the MVP trophy for this "very exciting game" to the player they think best exhibits not only talent, but sportsmanship and character. This year's MVP trophy went to Wil Courtney (No. 25) from Dubuque County.

Iowa Chairman Richard "Dick" Meiners, continues to do an outstanding job to the best of his abilities and experience. If not for Legionnaires like Dick whose love for baseball and instilling that love and values of the American Legion to players, this program would cease to exist.

Appreciation and gratitude go out to the coaches who continue to make these games about the players and do what they can to see this program continue. A special thank you goes to the American Legion Posts who do what they can to support and sponsor these teams and players throughout the season. Without the American Legion Posts, the season and tournament would not have the traction it has. We would like to encourage more posts who are able to sponsor teams in their

community or area and grow the program with more teams. For more information, contact the Department of Iowa and we will get you in touch with your District Chairman (800) 365-8387.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Dubuque County went on to play the Central Plains Regional Tournament in Dickinson, North Dakota. After leading the tournament with a record of 5-1, Dubuque County won the Central Plains Regional over West Fargo 11-0 and advanced to the American Legion Baseball World Series. Sam Goodman of Dubuque County was chosen as the Most Valuable Player at regionals, having been the winning pitcher in 3 out of Dubuque County's 5 wins.

THE WORLD SERIES

After a 26 year hiatus, Iowa was again proudly represented amongst the Legion Baseball Family at The American Legion Baseball World Series held in Shelby, North Carolina August 16-21. Dubuque County was one of eight teams in the whole United States. Amongst the competition who represented their regions, were Braintree, MA Post #86; Wilmington, DE Post #1; Randolph County, NC Post #45; Gonzales, LA Post #81; Midland, MI Post #165; Meridian, ID Post #113 and Las Vegas, NV Post #40.

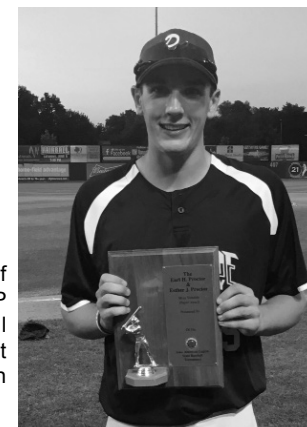
Dubuque County, while excited to play in the big show, unfortunately suffered a tough loss for their first game against Delaware. Chairman Dick Meiners, who followed the team to North Carolina, shared, "The boys played a great game and should be proud." As Chairman for the Baseball Committee in Iowa, Dick has not had the opportunity to see a team in the World Series. "This was the opportunity of a lifetime to not only be at the games but to support a team from our state who worked hard to get here," commented Meiners. Dubuque County won one of the three games they played.

Congratulations to Dubuque County American Legion Baseball on a great season and outstanding tournament play. We look forward to seeing more of Iowa represented in the future.

For photos and recaps from The World Series visit: <https://www.legion.org/baseball/photos>.



Left: Proctor brothers, Tim (left) and Steve (right) prepare to announce the MVP of the tournament.



Right: Wil Courtney (No. 25) of Dubuque County holds his MVP award. There were a handful of well deserving players from different teams who could have easily been awarded MVP.

Left: Veterans Memorial Stadium, home to the Kernels, in Cedar Rapids.