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## Meet The Centennial Commander



*From The Office of The National Commander:*

Brett P. Reistad (pronounced rye STAD) was elected national commander of the nearly 2 million-member American Legion on August 30, 2018 in Minneapolis, during the organization's 100th national convention. He has been a member of the nation's largest veterans organization since 1981.

A resident of Manassas, Virginia, Reistad is a life member and past commander of Post 270 in McLean. The Department of Virginia reached an all-time high in membership, while he served as department (state) commander from 2005 to 2006. He retired as a lieutenant with the Fairfax County Police Department after twenty-six years of service and began a second career as a law enforcement services coordinator for the Regional Organized Crime Information Center of the Regional Information Sharing Systems Program, a congressionally funded law enforcement investigative assistance program of the U.S. Department of Justice. He holds a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice from Virginia's Bluefield College.

Reistad's Legion membership eligibility is through his honorable Vietnam War-era service (1974-78) as an active-duty U.S. Army infantryman, where he served with the Presidential Salute Battery of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) at historic Fort Myer, Va. He participated in the Inaugural ceremony for President Carter and other high-profile ceremonies. He has since been honored as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment.

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**National Commander Reistad plans to visit  
Iowa during the Spring of 2019.  
Itinerary in the next issue of The Legionnaire.**

## A Music Hall Commemoration

By Cameran Richardson

As World War I-era music filled the hall of American Legion Post 374 in Des Moines, Iowa, Sunday afternoon, Kathryn Newcomb was reminded of her late father. Upon returning home from serving in Europe during the Great War, he played many of the songs on his harmonica at night while sitting on the back porch of their home in northern Iowa.

"He was a great gentleman, very quiet, very kind-hearted," Newcomb said of her father, Ottis Weltha, who was born in 1889 and passed in 1965. She has his draft card and discharge papers, along with the harmonica that he purchased while in France and played for his fellow servicemen. "I am glad he came back from the war. What he left me was good memories."

Weltha is one of the more than 214,000 Iowans who served in World War I, of which 4,088 lost their lives.

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## Longtime Iowa Legionnaire Honored

Conference Room 111 at The American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis has been renamed to honor a longtime Legionnaire who has dedicated himself to the organization, America's veterans and their families.

During the annual Fall Meetings of the National Executive Committee in Indianapolis on Oct. 17, Resolution No. 27 was adopted, renaming Room 111

The Kenneth D. Danilson National Finance Commission Conference Room.

"I'm very surprised and grateful for this. I had no idea this was going to happen," Danilson said. "Thank you very much."

Danilson is a U.S. Marine combat veteran of the Vietnam War who has been a 49-year member of The American Legion Department of Iowa. He has held numerous offices at the department and post level, and has served on several national committees.

For the past three years Danilson has served as the chairman of the National Marketing Commission; prior to his service on the Marketing Commission he served 27 years on the National Finance Commission. Of those 27 years, he served 17 as chairman – making him the longest serving National Finance Commission chairman in American Legion history.

Past National Commander (PNC) Jake Comer of Massachusetts presented Danilson with a copy of the resolution and the plaque that will be hung outside the conference room. As a PNC, Comer said he has been afforded many privileges in The American Legion and in the NEC Room, "but none of the privileges I ever received is more meaningful to me than to honor a great Legionnaire and friend, and one that has dedicated himself to this building and to this organization."

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Highland Park's St. Luke Episcopal Church Men's Chorus performs during the World War I Benefit Concert at American Legion Post 374 in Des Moines, Iowa, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I.

Photo by Matthew Putney/The American Legion

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## DEADLINES & DATES

<b>December 2</b>
Local Oratorical Contest Deadline
<b>December 7</b>
Christmas Open House - Dept. HQ
<b>December 15</b>
Boys State Board Meeting 10:00 AM - Dept. HQ
<b>December 16</b>
County Oratorical Contest Deadline
<b>December 24-26</b>
Department Offices Closed - Christmas
<b>December 31</b>
Boys State Early Bird Registration Fee Due
Junior Shooting Sports Affiliation Form Due
<b>January 1</b>
Department Offices Closed - New Year's
<b>January 6</b>
District Oratorical Contest Deadline
<b>January 15</b>
Spring Conference Forms Due
<b>January 20</b>
Area Oratorical Contest Deadline
<b>January 21</b>
Department Offices Closed - MLK Jr. Day
<b>January 23</b>
Legislative Day @ The State Capitol
<b>January 31 - February 3</b>
Mid-Winter Conference
Department Oratorical Contest - Feb. 3
Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines
<b>February 4</b>
Department Offices Closed - Mid-Winter
<b>February 15</b>
Iowa Legionnaire Articles Due for Spring
<b>February 18</b>
Department Offices Closed - President's Day
<b>February 23-27</b>
Washington Conference - Washington, D.C.
<b>March 1</b>
Eagle Scout of the Year Nominations Due
Junior Shooting Sports Registration Due
Bowling Reservations Due
<b>March 15-17</b>
American Legion Birthday Celebration
<b>March 16</b>
Department Junior Shooting Sports Match
Camp Dodge - Johnston, IA



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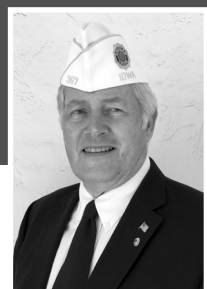
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## Department Commander

### J. Scott Moline

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the well-wishers that



have sent congratulatory comments and accolades to me after my installment, at the reception held with our State Auxiliary President and SAL Commander, and for those kind words and compliments that I continue to receive.

I am truly humbled and honored to have been elected to represent almost forty-three thousand Iowa Legionnaires, and the thousands of Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders members as I continue to uphold and support our "Four Pillars" and fulfill my duties and obligations to the best of my abilities in the great State of Iowa.

With the District Commander's Membership Orientation in Indianapolis, the annual Fall District Conferences, and The National "Fall Meetings" concluded, we now look forward to Thanksgiving with our families and friends looming in the immediate future with Christmas and New Years to follow. Let's not forget the Christmas Open House at Department Headquarters in early December.

As I pen this message to our Legion family, I join NEC Jerry Sebben, ANEC Dennis Soppe, state Membership Chair Don Swan and myself escorting our Midwest Region National Vice Commander (NVC) Steve Sweet from Mississippi on the annual NVC Membership Tour of the State of Iowa. Both the hospitality and enthusiasm demonstrated by the Legionnaires at the posts we have visited is a most gratifying and much appreciated response as we cover our state.

My experience to date as Commander underscores that we are not an organization but a family who selflessly embodies the spirit of our founders in 1919, addressing our veterans and their care, our national security, Americanism and our children and youth and our continual resolve to continue to do so as we quickly approach our second hundred years as the leading veterans service organization.

With that said, I know you all will continue to do the right thing, for the right reasons and most importantly because all you do is for the greater good. Thank you for your support and contributions to our great American Legion and Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

For God and Country,  
 J. Scott Moline, Commander

## Sweepstakes Reminder

Keep an eye out for Mid-Winter Sweepstakes packages in your mailboxes. There are a handful prizes available with a Grand Prize of \$5,000. To be eligible, entries must be post marked, by January 15, 2019. Good luck to all of you!

## IRS Reminder

Under the 2006 Pension Protection Act (PPA), a non-church exempt organization's failure to file IRS Form 990 for three consecutive years will result in the revocation of the organization's exempt status. Under the IRS regulations, all Posts are required to file an IRS Form 990 every year. Forms must be filed by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of the Post's annual accounting period. For more information, visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). You may also get more information by contacting your tax professional.



## Department Adjutant

### John A. Derner

Each year the Department of Iowa Mid-Winter Conference provides our members with an outstanding opportunity to learn more about our organization and to network with Legionnaires from across the state of Iowa. This year is no exception.

With 2019 being our centennial year, we are excited to share with you a special Centennial Exhibit prepared by our national headquarters. The exhibit has five, two-sided, 8'x20' panels depicting the history and accomplishments of The American Legion over the past 100 years. The exhibit will be on display throughout the conference.

A video of a musical and theatrical performance filmed at our national convention in Minneapolis will be shown on Saturday. The 30-minute performance highlights the formation of The American Legion and some of our notable founding members.

Guest speakers at this year's conference include Sons of The American Legion National Commander Greg Gibbs (NY), Auxiliary Central Division National Vice President Teresa Isensee (WI), and candidate for National Commander of The American Legion, Paul Dillard (TX).

There will also be guest presenters from our national staff. Michele Steinmetz, Member Engagement Coordinator of the Internal Affairs & Membership Division, will present on recruiting new members and the Consolidated Post Report (CPR). Jill Druskis, Director of the Americanism Division, will present on how to conduct effective training in your post, county, or district.

Other presenters include staff members from the US Army Joint Munitions Command and the Army Donations Program to provide information on obtaining blank ammunition and maintaining ceremonial rifles.

We are working to improve the Programs Fair this year to provide you with better information regarding the programs of The American Legion in Iowa. Commission and committee chairs are being asked to provide attendees with more information and to provide better guidance to the posts for operating programs.

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### From Centennial Commander on Page 1

Commander Reistad has served at every level of The American Legion. He is a past president and honorary life member of the National American Legion Press Association (NALPA). He recently completed a six-year appointment as chairman of the Department Legislative Committee and two three-year terms as a gubernatorial appointee to the Commonwealth of Virginia's Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations, where he helped coordinate the input of 23 VSOs in crafting veteran friendly legislation and advocating the proposed legislation before the governor and General Assembly. He is also a tenured past department historian and was recently bestowed an honorary life membership by the National Association of Department Historians of the American Legion (NADHAL).

He is a past Legionnaire of the Year from Post 270 and a member of the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 10 in Manassas. His wife, Jessica, and his family, are proud members of The American Legion Family. His theme as national commander is "Celebrating Our Legacy," with special emphasis on the organization's centennial.

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## National Executive Committeeman Jerry Sebben

Greetings fellow Legionnaires, I want to thank all the District Commanders for the welcome and hospitality this fall at their District Conferences. You made Alternate NEC Dennis and I feel very welcome. This past month the National Executive Committee met to consider those resolutions submitted. There was a resolution that I would like to inform you about. Resolution No. 1: Unrecognized

Armed Hostilities Recognition. The American Legion calls on Congress of the United States to declare that the United States of

America has been continuously engaged in a state of war from December 7, 1941 to such date in the future as the United States government may determine that there has been an end to armed hostilities.

That the United States Congress direct the Department of Veterans Affairs to qualify as "war time veterans" all military service personnel who served honorably under federal government Title 10 orders.

This resolution asks Congress to change the dates of eligibility for

membership in The American Legion, it will make eligible all veterans that served honorably from December 7, 1941 to an end to armed hostilities.

This resolution has to travel through both houses and then go to the President for his signature. This could take a couple of years, so we must remain patient.

We are preparing for our National Vice Commanders visit to our great state of Iowa. I hope all of you were able to make one of the stops, and turn in membership. Membership this time of year needs to be all of our responsibilities. If you know of one of our fellow legionnaires who may not have renewed his membership, please ask them to do so. As of January

they will become delinquent and not be eligible for many of the benefits we have as American Legion members.

I hope everyone was able to attend or be part of a Veterans Day observance. We as Veterans cannot do enough for our fellow Veterans, to recognize them for all of their sacrifice. The Title of Veteran is never given, only earned. This day is our day of remembrance.

Mary and I want to wish all our American Legion Family a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a very prosperous New Year.

For God and Country.



## Department Chaplain Dr. Dan McClure

Greetings my friends, We are soon to celebrate Christmas and New Year's after having already enjoyed Thanksgiving. I wish you the best New Year possible and trust each of us are grateful we can still serve.

As I grow older I seem to be more

sensitive to the words, actions, and concepts that divide us as a people. In recent times I seem to notice a rift amongst us

over issues that should not divide but are issues that should unite us as we seek to solve them. Somehow unity has dimmed in the harsh light of diversity.

We are experiencing unprecedented division in our nation and it grows worse as we watch. The Bible records Dr. Luke's statement in the 11th chapter of his book

where he says "every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation". I don't know about you but I wore a uniform of the United, not divided States of America.

The embarrassment forced by the infantile remarks, the inflammatory accusations, the out of control hyperbole and the rhetorical hatred of our day is ridiculous and reminds me of the school grounds during 2nd grade recess. Some of what we see and hear is so skewed it can be called lies but then begin the

arguments.

We are in very real danger of losing our nation; it's already a shadow of its former self, due to our lack of civility, lack of ethics and just plain godlessness.

I pray we soon return to a land where we disagreed and then played a round of golf. Just observing – God Bless!!!!

Have a very Merry Christmas and if you can't I hope things improve soon.

Chaplain Dan



## Department Service Officer Gary Carter

Sir Winston Churchill was a British politician, Army officer, writer, and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. Most

of us remember Churchill, who while serving his country as Prime Minister, led Britain to victory in World War II. But I want to point to one of his writings that closely replicates the daily functions of the Department of Iowa's Service Office. Churchill so eloquently wrote, "Every day you may make progress. Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever-ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and

glory of the climb."

To demonstrate how we'll never get to the end of this journey, let me underscore that our nation has a storied past and a

long history of assisting its veterans. It has one of, if not the, most extensive military veterans' benefits systems of any nation in the world. The current Veterans Administration (VA) can trace its roots all the way back to 1636, when the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony were at war with the Pequot Indians. The Pilgrims saw a need and enacted a law that committed them to support soldiers disabled in defending the colony.

During the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress of 1776 encouraged enlistments by authorizing pensions for soldiers who were disabled. In 1811, the first domiciliary and medical facility for veterans was authorized by

the federal government. In the later 1800s, federal veterans' assistance was expanded to include benefits and pensions not only for veterans, but also for their widows and dependents.

In 1862, the federal government established a system for settling veterans' claims for benefits arising from military service. Following the Civil War, several state veterans' homes were also established. Congress established a new system of veterans' benefits when the United States entered World War I in 1917. Programs were created for compensation, insurance, and vocational rehabilitation for the disabled. In 1930 Congress established the VA to provide services to the Veterans of World War I and earlier wars whose pension programs had been administered by sub-agencies in the War Department.

Yet with all that history as a

background in the VA's comprehensive travel log, the agency continues to face an unusually difficult challenge in its far-reaching journey—it must deliver an extraordinarily wide range of services to highly diverse populations. Some veterans are recovering from catastrophic injuries ranging from mental health issues; spinal cord damage; to amputated limbs; while others are far more minor concerns.

As you speak to, and work with veterans who are considering filing for disability compensation, these veterans need to have a thorough medical examination, get a diagnosis, and have that diagnosis documented in their medical records. To get to that point in their journey this might require of the veteran more than one trip to a primary care provider or to a Compensation and Pension (C&P) clinic.

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## Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Alan Schenck

What's Your "Y"?

Greetings American Legion Family from your Detachment of Iowa

SAL Commander. After 3 months in office and visiting 6 of the 10 Fall District Conferences, I'm pleased to report a lot of great activities and programs are happening in the Department, Detachment and Auxiliary! Commander Scott Moline, President Mary Seeben, and I have witnessed many positive happenings of The American Legion Family of Iowa!

However, even though we are moving ahead positively, we cannot let down our guard or lose our focus. So, I have a question for ALL of

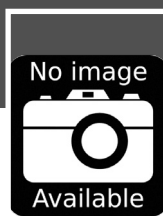
you: What's your "Y"? Why do you do WHAT you do for The American Legion Family? We all want our organization to succeed but "Y" do you volunteer your time and effort to make this happen? I think it's Leadership! Those of us leading know we learned to lead by following, trying, and asking a good leader... A Leader who leads by Position, then, by building Respect, by getting Results, and by Developing People (other leaders) by giving credit to them for

the accomplishments achieved. Finally, someone who can be a Mentor to you and train their skills to you for you to train others!

How do you determine your success as a leader? When have you "arrived"? What are the goals of a great leader? Leaders serve as mentors to their Chairs. They are training their replacements and mentoring constantly. They are setting reachable goals to accomplish, i.e. usually 3-4 measurable items per Committee Chair. They are following up frequently, while encouraging and expecting the results, but letting the Chair "do it their way" as long as the conclusion is reached within the allowable time frame! If a leader is not

mentoring and training his replacement NOW, he can never "arrive"! There will be no one to take his place so he can move up and etc. All the way down the chain of command! Great leaders know fully well they work for their Chairs, and the credit for their success is due to the Chair's total efforts, so praise for accomplishments is paramount, while non performance requires replacement. Leaders know we ALL work for the membership...NOT the other way around. So when a leader finds a Chair only interested in his title, status, ego, etc. Replacement quickly is necessary! One negative spoke makes the wheel unbalanced, to use a parable!

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## 1st District Commander John Phillips

Hello, 1st District Legionnaires. I hope your fall is going well. My first order of business is to formally apologize for missing the last Legionnaire paper. Sorry I did not realize the time to file my report. We had a pretty good fall conference on October 20th. A lot of important

guests were there. Thank you for coming. Also, a big thank you to Manziell Phillips, Post #509; Commander Ken Riley; Post Auxillary Unit President Connie Neipert; and 1st District President Kay Caulkins. They did a great job! Our Mid-Winter Conference will be January 31 – February 3. If you can, please try to make it to Des Moines. If anything, going for one day would be helpful to your Legion post. As you know, we are starting our countdown to our 100th Birthday. I think this is a good time to let your community

know about your Legion post that they might not know. A newspaper article, a special dinner, or a dance or something different would be good. We are responsible to pass the torch to our new generation of warriors. Nobody else can do it except for you and me.

In closing, I would like to wish all 1st District members a Happy Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas.

God Bless,  
John Phillips



## 2nd District Commander Dick Hogan

Happy Holidays to all the Legion Family, and especially the Great 2nd District.

Here's hoping that Santa brings 100 percent membership for our district this year. That's all I'm going to say about membership. You all know the drill.

Much is happening in 2nd District. The Iowa Detachment of the Sons of the American Legion and others have spurred an effort for a popular Iowa Children and Youth Legion program to go national. At the fall SAL meeting in Des Moines, the SAL approved a resolution supporting making Iowa's Fifth Grade Flag Essay contest a national event. The contest is designed to promote youth flag education and patriotism.

SAL Commander Allen Schenck messaged me, stating that the Sons cannot move the proposal forward "due to the fact we Sons cannot tell the Legion how to start programs. However, the Sons, want to support this program and will assist Marion (Post 298) in moving it forward," Schenck wrote.

I took the resolution to Marion Post 298 for consideration and the post membership approved it on Nov. 12. The next step is to present the resolution to the 2nd District Spring Conference in Walcott for consideration. If approved, it goes to Department for possible consideration at the Department Convention in

Des Moines next July. If the resolution wins there, it goes to National for further action.

Marion Post 298 started the Flag essay program in 1987. It was adopted as an Iowa Department program in 2005.

Are your posts going to do something in your community to commemorate the Legion's 100th birthday? It's a great opportunity to show what the Legion is about and touts post importance to your area. Marion Post 298's Centennial Committee has already accomplished a handful of Centennial items. The latest came Nov. 8, when Marion Mayor Nicolas AbouAssaly proclaimed 2019 as American Legion Centennial Year, with a proclamation recognizing the 100th birthday of the American Legion and Post 298.

Ely Post 555 is a busy place. They have the only Junior Shooting Sports program in Linn County, and perhaps the District. The post also has plans more remodeling to better serve functions it holds, like the well-attended Bag Tournaments, or Bean Bag tourneys. The post's home updating done so far, has made it much more inviting to the Legion Family and guests.

Dubuque Post 6 and Davenport Post 26 both stepped forward and hosted National Vice Commander Steve Sweet during his tour of Iowa and its post's Nov. 11-17. District Adjutant Bill Goodman and I would like to thank the 3rd and 1st Districts for their hospitality. Bill and I attended their District Conferences and were warmly welcomed and allowed to speak to their members. One issue raised and approved at 3rd District was to support

choosing a date in April and one in October, and then holding all nine district conferences (separately) on those dates in Des Moines. The reasoning given was that too many districts have conferences on same day, stretching department staff's ability to cover them. It was said that districts not wanting to participate in the one site conferences could continue as is, but not to expect department staff attendance.

I informed the 2nd and 1st Districts at their conferences about the issue. Both decided to oppose it. Word was the issue might come before the DEC in late October, but it did not. The only reference made was in a report that stated more study was needed regarding district conferences.

The 2nd District has also taken the lead in trying to get Department to allocate stipends to any Iowa American Legion Baseball team playing in a National Regional tournament or the Legion World Series. The amount national pays in such instances is generous but falls short of covering costs. Dubuque County's team went to Legion World Series last summer and ended up with \$4,300 in uncovered costs. The stipend discussion is ongoing at this writing. On behalf of the Dubuque County team and the District, a big THANK YOU to Fairfax Post 572 in Linn County. They heard about Dubuque County's extra costs and volunteered a donation of \$100 to the Dubuque team. Also, Fairfax Post member Joe Kell donated \$100 to the Dubuque team.

For God and Country,  
Dick Hogan



## 3rd District Commander Daryl DeVries

Legionnaires,

I would like to introduce myself as your Commander of District 3. My name is Daryl DeVries. I live in Ackley with my wonderful wife, Irene, of 57 years. We have one daughter, DeAnn, and one Godson, Patrick, and

four grandchildren.

My number one goal is to increase our membership to some of our posts who are struggling. With a little hard work, I know we can make this work.

I want to give a big thank you to my Vice Commander and Adjutant for their work and time they are putting in to helping me get this all done.

I want to thank each and every one of you who were able to either participate or attend the Veterans Parade at The State Fair this year. A special thank you to Ackley Post #252

who were in the parade. It would be nice if we could get more posts to do this.

Our Spring Conference next year will be in Waverly and I am hoping a lot will attend.

Lastly, I want to give a big congratulation to Marlin Moeller of Beaman Post #131 for service sixty-six years in The Legion.

For God and Country,  
Commander Daryl DeVries



## 4th District Commander Dan Boberg

Veterans Day is over this year but not forgotten (Lest We Forget).

On 12 November, I was privileged to attend with all my fellow veterans from the district, a Veterans Day celebration.

This event was put on by Lynch Livestocks of Waucoma. Veterans were served a BBQ supper to include a beverage from the bar if wanted. There was (20) \$1000 dollar drawings that would be given to a non-profit organization of their choice.

There was a good representation of The American Legion, thanks to your district vice commander Ron

Steege for reminding them. Nineteen of the twenty were awarded to area Legion posts.

On 11 November I also attended a soup supper for area veterans at Independence Post 30.

After that came a veterans celebration at Jesup post 342. There we had a feast of turkey with all the trimmings and prior to that was a social hour. It was a well organized event, with videos and good speakers. My compliments go out to Fritz Kies (district vice commander and post adjutant) to him and his staff.

I would have liked to make more events but I also had commitments to my home post 339 Fayette.

It is sure nice to see the support and recognition for our fellow veterans.

For God and Country,  
Dan Boberg

### From SAL Article on Page 3

And, it can affect the whole wagon's performance! Leaders do not let that happen. SO, WHAT'S YOUR "Y"?

What are some measurable goals for the 2018-2019 Iowa SAL? 1) Win the 4th "Triple-Nickel" award; 2) Donate \$4500 to the Child Welfare Fund; 3) Donate \$2250 each to the NEF and Endowment Fund; 4) Have 20% of Squadrons join NALPA/IALPA to increase the Iowa Sons visibility in the community!

The Detachment of Iowa SAL has a monthly conference call to keep every member informed and involved! All are welcome to listen in, ask questions, and comment(briefly). You may call in from any phone, anywhere, and listen in as much or little as your time allows. The Iowa SAL conference call is the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 PM Central. Dial in #605.472.5520 Access code: 980374# (at the prompt).

Freedom: Honor our Veterans!  
Alan Schenck, Detachment Commander



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### 5th District Commander Darrin Alderson

Hello Fellow Legionnaires, Fall meetings are behind us and I would like to thank Unionville Post #407 for your hospitality at our District Conference. It was an honor to meet your post family. Mid-Winter will be our next meeting for the district and I look forward to seeing everyone. We have several important items to cover.

There are several posts that I would like to recognize for their membership goals. Prairie City is at 147%, Lovilla at 100%, and Lorimor at 100%. Keep up the good work Legion family as you have set the bar high for the rest of us.

A Veterans golf tournament will be hosted by Post #34 as part of their centennial celebration so be looking for information on this event coming soon.

What celebration is your post planning for The Centennial? Please let the District Commanders know of your post's plan so we can help you promote and attend these events.

The Legion Riders had a great turnout for the Legacy Ride to National Convention. The district riders did a great job this year with all the volunteer work for our veterans. Sons of The American Legion in the district continue to grow in numbers with Kellogg growing the most in the district. Keep up that good work!

We would like to thank everyone for your continued work in your communities and for our veterans. Remember the district is here to help all posts.

For God and Country,  
Darrin Alderson



### 6th District Commander Stan Merrell

Hello American Legion Family, What an exceptional National Convention. Great information shared. If you missed it you can find most of it on YouTube, especially check out the opening. We had a great Fall Conference in Pleasantville. Always worthwhile information that helps us become better Legionnaires. Our host, Post #108, has great accommodations and really fine members that took great care of us. Their Veterans Memorial is something to see. If you missed the Conference and ever have the opportunity to pass through Pleasantville, do take time

to stop by. Thanks Commander Harkin and your great Post and Auxiliary members.

Are you getting our members renewed? We have to stop the decline in membership. Sadly we are losing our WWII members and the vast amount of knowledge they have. We must get out into our communities and recruit new members. There are recruiting tools at our Department Headquarters and online at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). While there, take the time to go through the online basic training course. Remember I am available and so are your three 6th District Vice Commanders if you need assistance with an event or recruiting.

We had a couple memorable days in September, the 16th – American Legion Day and the 21st – POW-MIA Day. I hope you found a way to take a bit of time and observe them. One of the great Americanism programs

of the American Legion is the Oratorical Contest. By the time you see this article the contests should be busy with contestants. All participants are winners because of the time they spent learning our Constitution. It is always a pleasure listening to them present.

Looking forward to Mid-Winter Convention – another great opportunity to learn more about what is going on in our American Legion. I do hope many of you are planning to attend. There will be 100th Anniversary items for sale at Mid-Winter, also at Headquarters. I do enjoy going to your Post meetings and visiting our Legion members, if I haven't been to your Post yet – I will be there before Department convention.

For God and Country,  
Stan Merrell



### 7th District Commander Joe Jardon

Greetings Seventh District Legionnaires. We in Southwest Iowa are small in number but large in heart. I want to highlight Post #120 in Audubon, Iowa, a post of 55 members. Bob Jensen, a member, noticed the articles in the American Legion Magazine announcing the Centennial Legacy Ride on the way to Minneapolis, Minnesota. He noticed Audubon would be the perfect spot for the riders to refuel and take a break along the

route.

Bob contacted Legacy Ride National Chairman Bob Sussan and it was agreed that this would work out well. Bob went into action. A new truck stop, Waspy's, was just about to open on the south side of town with thirteen acres of land which would provide ample room for the motorcycles.

Bob was able to rally the help from his own post, the Auxiliary, and about ten other area posts. Hospitality was abundant.

Other posts helping included Clarinda Post #98, Emerson Post #75, Council Bluffs Post #2, Atlantic Post #43, and Glenwood Post #141. All were in Atlantic to assist getting around the bridge construction.

All these Legionnaires and Auxiliary members worked together to make the riders trip through District Seven as welcoming and supportive as possible despite the rain.

We have the Seventh District Oratorical Contest on January 6, 2019 at the Wilson Performing Arts Center in Red Oak, IA. The contest starts at 2 pm and workers should arrive at 1 pm.

If you have any questions or concerns, my phone number is (712) 370-6071. My mailing address is 2747 Dogwood Ave, Red Oak, IA 51566.

Sincerely,  
Joe Jardon



### 8th District Commander Carl Anderson

Hello my fellow veterans, I will keep this brief and informative. I want to take this opportunity to thank Breda Post 607 for hosting the fall conference, while I was a bit slow at getting information out because of health; I believe it went really well.

At the time of this writing 8th District is sitting

at 5th place for membership. Please send in your membership as soon as you get them if you need more transmittal forms contact me or Department and we will get them to you.

I hope to see a good turnout for Oratorical contest. At the District level it will be held on Jan 29th at 1 pm at the Lutheran Church at 1003 Church Street, Gowrie, Iowa.

Now for the big one, I am asking all that can attend Mid-Winter Conference on February 1st through the 3rd Please do so. It is not just for the leadership of the

post it is for all legion members that are interesting in improving their post or get ideas of how other post do thing, in other words it is a think tank. If your post has new members please consider having them attend. It is held at the Holiday Inn Airport.

Last but not least, If you have an activity that you would like me to attend either send me a text or call me and leave a message and I will get back to you, my phone is 641-512-2594. I would love to attend if I can.

Have a great day,  
Carl Anderson



### 9th District Commander Chris Niehaus

Greetings fellow Legionnaires;

By now Fall Conferences have been put to rest and I must say Rock Valley did an outstanding job putting together the conference for the 9th. We had a great turn-out and was well attended.

Thanks to all who made the trip and a special thanks to Cmdr. Scott for his appearance. Our guest speaker, Mrs. Iowa America 2018, Colonel Jill Finken gave an

excellent talk during the noon banquet.

Now it's time to get into our schools and get ready for the Oratorical contest and solicit candidates for Boys State. Remember to get your reservations for Boys State in before the end of December to get the discount. James Kessler in Lake Park is heading up the 9th Oratorical again this year. He informs us we only have one participant so far. Get a hold of Jim if you need assistance with this program. It's a great opportunity for the kids to gain experience in public speaking as well as possible scholarship monies.

December 7th is the next cutoff date for membership. Many Posts are doing a great job with this but we

are still lagging a little bit this month, so let's hit it hard and do what we can to get the membership in. Again, if this was our cell phone bill or cable TV, we wouldn't hesitate one bit to get it paid. Let's save the Legion a ton of money for running our programs and servicing our fellow veteran community and get that membership in ASAP!

Short and sweet this time, so let's go Folks. We can do this! In the words of a Past Dep't. Cmdr., "Duty Still Calls!"

See you at Mid-Winter the 1st of February.

Chris

## Legislative Day - January 23, 2019 - State Capitol

The Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs invites all The American Legion Family to join us for the annual Veterans Day at the Capitol. You will have an opportunity to meet with your elected officials and discuss key issues affecting our Iowa veterans. A number of veteran-related organizations will be available to make you more aware of the services that they provide. Hope to see you there!

9:00 am - American Legion Family Briefing - Department Headquarters  
 9:00 - 10:00 - Visit vendor tables - Capitol Rotunda - First Floor  
 10:00 - 10:30 - Veterans Day Program - Capitol Rotunda - First Floor  
 10:30 - Locate your elected officials to discuss legislative initiatives  
 Noon - Depart Capitol

### From Music Hall on Page 1

To commemorate the war's end 100 years ago, and to honor the service and sacrifice of those from Iowa and the more than 4 million men and women who served in the war, Post 374 and the St. Luke's Episcopal Church held a World War I Benefit Concert on Veterans Day. A group of 15 post and church members performed several World War I-era songs, as well as the five military branch service songs, all while leading an audience of over 100 Legion Family and community members in song.

"None of those who enlisted 100 years ago are still alive, so I thought it was important to honor their sacrifice because it's so easy to forget and take that for granted," said Post 374 member Jim McLellan, who was instrumental in putting together the benefit concert and also sang in the group. "Plus, something like this always gives a esprit de corps to the Legion post and our church. I was hoping that we would be seen as a leader in making this kind of effort."

The concert got underway with a brief background to the start of World War I by Mike Vogt, curator for the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum at Camp Dodge, followed by everyone standing and singing "America the Beautiful." Once the audience was reminded of the military's 5 a.m. wake-up call with "Reveille" performed on the bugle by East High School student Dominic Morris, veterans stood and saluted when they heard their military branch service sung by the group of 15 men.

Vogt introduced each of the 10 World War I-era songs, starting off with "Over There," which was written by George M. Cohan in 1917 after he learned that America had declared war on Germany. The audience joined in for the refrain, as they did with many of the other songs performed, including "Oh How I Hate to Get Up In the Morning," "It's A Long, Long Way to Tipperary," "Till We Meet Again," "Smiles," "Pack Up Your Troubles In Your Old Kit Bag and Smile, Smile, Smile," which was a British song adopted by American troops serving in France, and "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

"I am so glad we were able to put this program on for our community," said Post 374 member Steve Becker.

Listening to the music was an opportunity for relatives of World War I veterans to pay tribute

to their family's service 100 years ago. Will Page said his great cousin, Leland Page, who is now buried in Arlington National Cemetery, drove an ambulance in France. For Isabella Hurless-Banks, the war saw the service of her grandfather, father and uncle, who were from Scotland. She said her father was just a young teenager but lied about his age and drove an ambulance on the western front. A World War I uniform that belongs to McLellan's brother-in-law's father, Cpl. Frank McKinley Brandon, graced the stage while Becker said his grandfather's first cousin served in the war.

The concert concluded with the reading of "In Flanders Fields" and the playing of "Taps" on the bugle by Morris. Virginia Wallace said hearing "In Flanders Field" reminded her of her late husband, Bob, who memorized the poem in grade school and would recite it by heart every Memorial Day.

"Today was just beautiful. It really was good," said Wallace, a 68-year member of Auxiliary Unit 374. "It brought back good memories."

Refreshments provided by the Auxiliary unit and church were served following the concert. Post Adjutant Colette Ford said the Legion Family and St. Luke's Episcopal church working together to make the concert a reality "has just been a neat partnership."

The concert benefited the Puppy Jake Foundation, a local nonprofit that trains and provides service dogs to veterans living with PTSD, physical disabilities or other service-related challenges. The post raised \$1,034 for the foundation.

"This (concert) was a great idea, it was really nice," said Post Commander Rick Williams, who sang today. "And the fact that we could help the Puppy Jake Foundation too. It's been a good time."

Attendees left with a keepsake that featured the World War I-era songs, commemorated the end of the war and celebrated The American Legion's 100th anniversary.

"I'm so glad that I came," said Norma Hoos. "Just to be a part of it and recognize those that have gone. It was emotional."

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## Junior Shooting Sports Deadlines



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 the Department

Match need to also register with the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), which is free. Information can be found through [www.thecmp.org](http://www.thecmp.org).

Registration forms for the Department Match have been mailed to clubs. If you have not received the form or would like one, they are available for download on the Department Website:

[www.ialegion.org/jssp](http://www.ialegion.org/jssp).

**The deadline for registration is March 1, 2019. All applications must be post marked no later than March 1, 2019 to be considered. Please fill out the forms thoroughly.**

## Val Likens Award

Valore (Val) Likens, distinguished himself as the Department Service Officer for many years. Upon news of his retirement in 1985, Iowa Veterans Home Deputy Director Al McNaughton, recommended an award be named after Likens, as a reminder of all the good that service officers do for the veterans of Iowa. The Department Executive Committee officially passed the motion in July 1986.

Nomination Forms for the Val Likens Post Service Officer Award are available on the Department website or by request from the Department office. Please return the completed nomination by January 30, in time for judging at Mid-Winter Conference. Send nominations to: Iowa American Legion Service Office, Federal Building, Room 561, 210 Walnut St., Des Moines, IA 50309.

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 Happy New Year &  
 Happy Holidays!*

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## Foundation: Small Part Big Role In 2018 Creative Arts Festival



The American Legion of Iowa Foundation received the plaque shown at left as a bronze sponsor of the 2018 National Veterans

Creative Arts Festival. The festival was held in Des Moines with the art and creative writing exhibit on November 1 and the stage show on November 4. The talent exhibited at both shows was nothing short of outstanding.

The veterans that performed in the festival began by entering in local talent competitions that opened on January 1, 2018. All the veterans that entered must have been enrolled at a VA Medical Center BEFORE entering the competition.

VA medical facilities incorporate creative arts into their recreation therapy programs as part of the rehabilitation program for both inpatients and outpatients. This annual competition recognizes the progress and recovery made through that therapy and raises the visibility of the creative achievements of our nation's veterans after disease, disability or life crisis.

The American Legion Auxiliary co-sponsors the festival with the Veterans Administration and provides the hospitality facilities for the participating veterans and caregivers. The Foundation awarded a grant to the Department of Iowa American Legion Auxiliary to help with the costs of the hospitality room and a grant to the Central Iowa VAMC to help with hosting the festival.

One of the performers presented a light show using LED lights in the fingertips of a pair of gloves and using an app on his phone to program the lights. That performer's first name is now Feet since he lost the lower half of both legs in combat as well as suffering severe damage to one arm. He told us that now that he no longer had physical feet, he did not want to go through life without any feet so he had his name legally changed.

His performance was very well done but beyond just his show, he also performs with his 11-year-old son who has an identical pair of gloves. He now has a way to participate with his son in a way that is not hampered by his injuries due to the creative arts therapy at the VAMC providing his treatment. That treatment started with three years at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and continues through the VA.

Sandy Deacon, one of the ALA hospitality volunteers related a conversation with one the

veterans on the day they were to return home. That veteran was despondent on having to leave the group of very close friends made during the festival, friends that very much helped her regain some of the spirit lost due to her injury. Sandy was able to remind her that those friends were not lost, just a little farther away but were still there for her. That veteran left in a better frame of mind from knowing that.

The Foundation is very proud to have been able to play a small part in the Creative Arts Festival, partially for the talent being developed but for the help and comfort that the participating veterans are receiving from the creative arts therapy and the friendships that are made. Our donors make that help possible. Thank you for your generosity.

David K. Rehbein,  
President  
American  
Legion of Iowa  
Foundation



Past Department Auxiliary President (1992-1993) and Past National Historian Betty "Tooter" Baker, receiving recognition and a Pinnacle Program Award for her very generous donation in honor of her husband, Past National Vice Commander and long time Foundation Board Member, Keith Baker.



For additional information on  
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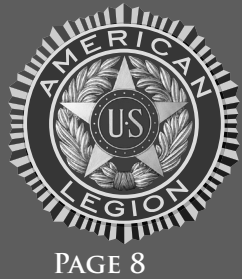
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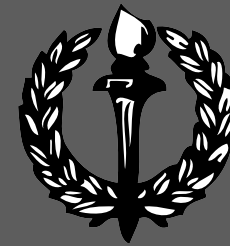
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## 2018 Foundation Grants Awarded

### AMERICAN LEGION OF IOWA YOUTH CHAMPIONS

- \$5000 Donald E. Johnson Scholarship to the Outstanding Boys Stater
- \*\$500 Scholarship for Boy's State Governor (unless wins other scholarship)
- \$750 Scholarships for alternate selectees for Boys Nation Senators
- \*\$2250 Scholarship to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Boy Scouts of the Year
- \*\$2250 Scholarship to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the State Oratorical Contest
- \*\$1500 Scholarship for American Legion Baseball Player
- \*\$ 500 Children & Youth Committee Awards for the Flag Essay Contest
- \*\$2250 Scholarship to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the State Junior Shooting Competition
- \*Matching Grant with the Iowa Department American Legion

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OF IOWA

- \$5000 Scholarship to the Outstanding Girls Stater
- \*\$ 250 Scholarship for ALA Jr. President
- \*\$ 500 Scholarship to Girl's State Governor (unless wins other scholarship)
- \*\$ 750 Scholarships for alternate selectees for Girls Nation Senators
- \$2250 American Legion Auxiliary Jr. Camp
- \*\$1200 ALA Gift Shop at Iowa Veterans Home
- \$2000 ALA National Veterans Creative Arts Festival
- \*Matching Grant with the Iowa Department American Legion Auxiliary

### VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

- \$2000 Americans for Independent Living-complete flooring in the 2nd veteran's transitional home
- \$2000 Iowa Military Veterans Band-Des Moines-To assist with expenses related to the annual Star Spangled Salute concert.
- \$2000 Homeless Veterans Stand Down-Assistance to veterans and their families.
- \$1000 Iowa Veterans Home, Marshalltown-Provide a touchscreen machine to be used by veteran residents and their spouses.
- \$1500 Quad Cities Veteran Outreach Center-purchase a glass door reach in freezer
- \$2000 Clinton Community College-Scholarships for veteran students
- \$2000 DMACC Foundation-Scholarships a for veteran, spouse, or child of veterans
- \$2000 Hawkeye Community College-Scholarships to assist students who have served in the military achieve their educational goals
- \$2000 Iowa Western Community College- Scholarships for veterans
- \$2000 Kirkwood Community College-Veterans scholarships
- \$2000 Loras College-Scholarships to assist veterans in completing their education
- \$2000 Luther College-Scholarship for veterans, spouses or children
- \$1000 Northeast Iowa Community College-Veterans Scholarships
- \$2000 Northwest Iowa Community College-Two scholarships for veterans
- \$2000 Northwestern College-Veterans scholarships
- \$2000 Scott Community College Foundation-Scholarships for veteran students
- \$2000 St. Ambrose University- Scholarships for veterans
- \$2000 University of Dubuque Veterans Center-Scholarships to assist veterans and their family members to complete education goals
- \$2000 Upper Iowa University-Scholarships for Iowa resident students who qualify as a veteran, spouse of dependent child of a veteran
- \$2000 Wartburg College-Veteran scholarships
- \$2000 VA Medical Center, Iowa City – Sponsor blind veterans in TEE Golf Tournament

- \$1000 Iowa City VA Medical-Castaways Disabilities Fishing Event
- \$1000 Sioux Falls VA Medical-Mobile outdoor lift system
- \$2000 YMCA of Greater Des Moines-provide bus passes to homeless Veterans to get to medical & treatment appointments, employment, etc.

### AMERICANISM & CHILDREN & YOUTH

- \$ 600 Big Brothers Big Sisters Cedar Rapids & East Central Iowa-support mentoring for children of veterans, soldiers and their families.
- \$ 500 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa-Purchase books for BBSCI's Kid's room
- \$ 600 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grinnell-success in reading project
- \$ 600 Big Brothers Big Sisters Heart of Iowa-Read & discover project
- \$2500 Camp Courageous-pool roof/solar project
- \$2000 Inspiration Hills-Journey Camp Project
- \$1000 Iowa Academic Decathlon Association-to fund cost of individual medals and team awards
- \$1500 Iowa Odyssey of the Mind-cover cost of certificates, medals and trophies
- \$1000 Central Iowa Division of Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Marshalltown-Fees and Training support for cadets

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

- \$1000 American Legion Post #738-start-up costs for first collegiate post in Iowa
- \$ 625 Area Residential Care-purchase 2 new Hoyer lifts
- \$ 750 Camp Albrecht Acres of the Midwest-Science programming materials
- \$ 600 Exceptional Opportunities, Inc.-purchase ipads or tablets for documenting services provided and medications given
- \$1000 Faith Hope & Charity-purchase of new trikes/bikes and furniture for eight residents of a transition home in Storm Lake
- \$1000 IRIS-continue the production of the program "Iowa Salute 2018"
- \$ 800 Life Skills Training Center, Inc.-provide a safe environment for the 15 individuals with disabilities that participate in the Day Habilitation program
- \$1003 Link Associates-acquire learning and sensory activities for the needs of persons who have intellectual disabilities
- \$1000 Mills County Public Health -Nest Program
- \$ 600 MIW, Inc.-purchase 2 industrial 30" pedestal floor fans and 2 HP office jet all in one printers
- \$1000 NAMI GMV-support to purchase manuals and outreach materials and train one additional instructor
- \$1500 New Hope Village-purchase 3 new sofa sleepers for our community homes with the need to replace the current ones
- \$ 750 Northwest Iowa Mental Health Center, dba Seasons Center-trauma therapy retreat
- \$1090 One Vision (formerly Opportunity Village)-purchase 2 AEDs to be used at the Fort Dodge services site
- \$1000 Parent Share & Support-program support for Parent Handbooks, group supplies and direct service to families
- \$1000 Twilight Acres Nursing Home-Purchase new whirlpool tub
- \$1000 World War I Centennial Committee-improve the settings of the current WWI memorial trees on Capital grounds

**2018 GRANTS AWARDED:**  
**\$96,468**





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### A Word From Department President Mary Sebben



Wow! I'm into the fifth month of my term as your Iowa American Legion Auxiliary President. It has been a great experience and a humbling one as well. I hope everyone enjoyed my installation at Department Convention and that it helped you to rededicate yourselves

to the mission of serving our veterans, our military and their families. As many of you already know, my theme is "Honoring Our Veterans' Legacy" and my symbol is the American flag.

On July 31, 2018, my travels took me to Sidney for its annual rodeo. Rosie Hall was a wonderful hostess and so well-versed on the history of the Sidney Rodeo. I want to personally thank her for a great time. I enjoyed the day with some good people including my husband, Jerry, NEC, Department Commander Scott Moline and Don Swan, TAL Membership Chairman.

Department Leadership Workshop went really well. I'm so proud of all the committee chairmen and their committee members on doing a great job of putting their committee information out to the members present at the Workshop.

There have been many committee meetings throughout this time. That's what helps keep our organization flowing well and on the right path to serving our veterans, our military and their families.

National Convention in Minneapolis was really special with the excitement of seeing Nicole Clapp installed as our National Vice-President for 2018-2019.

I want to personally thank everyone who shared in our reception at the Baldwin-Patterson Post on September 15th. Department Commander Scott Moline, SAL Detachment Commander Alan Schenk,

and Honorary Department Junior President Macie Frambach all were able to join me in the celebration, making it truly a Legion Family event.

I was able to attend all the District Fall Conferences except for Districts 3, 5, and 7 which I hope to make in the Spring. Each Conference was unique and the District Presidents did a great job. It was wonderful seeing old friends and making new ones along the way. The District Presidents were all very gracious and welcoming.

I was also able to attend in Sixth District the Story, Polk, and Dallas County meetings as well as attend the Unit meetings at the Baldwin-Patterson Unit and the Waukee Unit. It was all a great experience and I want to thank everyone for making me feel welcomed.

As you know, we have been talking a lot about the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival coming to Iowa this year. It was held October 29 through November 5, 2018 in Des Moines. The Iowa Department of the American Legion Auxiliary had the responsibility of hosting the veterans and their caregivers as well as several National individuals throughout the week at the downtown Marriott. Several of the veterans were jamming to the music almost every evening in the Hospitality Room and it was really an inspiring time. The whole Festival event was exciting and we met so many wonderful people. The Art and Writing Exhibit was held on Thursday, November 1, at the Atrium, Capital Square. Five ladies from Iowa won in their category. The Stage Show was held Sunday, November 4, at the Hoyt Sherman Theater. The artwork was amazing and the stage show was fantastic. I hope many American Legion Family members were able to participate on either or both events. It was truly inspiring.

One upcoming event is the membership Rally on November 17th which will be history when you receive this newsletter. I hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves and were rejuvenated to go out and collect memberships. I would like to see everyone working hard on membership this year in honor of our veterans' legacy and in so doing keeping our organization strong and here for

future years to come, especially as we celebrate The American Legion's 100-year anniversary and look forward to celebrating 100 years of the American Legion Auxiliary next year.

Speaking of 100 years, we have a Centennial committee busy at work planning a gala celebration of our 100 years of service to our veterans, our military and their families. Look for more information as the year progresses.

Also, Iowa Girls State will be celebrating their 75th anniversary next year and a committee has been formed to plan a wonderful celebration as well. So, look for more information on this exciting event.

Mid-Winter Conference is approaching, February 1-3, 2019 at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn. I hope many of you are planning on attending as we learn more about the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary, enjoy Diva Day, peruse the Programs Fair and enjoy the inspiring oratorical contest culminating the weekend event.

Please remember to send your mid-year reports to the Department Committee Chairmen on what your Unit is doing for our veterans, our military and their families as well as our communities and our youth. We want National to know we are working hard on all fronts to serve this great organization.

I want to send out a warm congratulations to Marlene Valentine for her years of service to our Department of Iowa American Legion Auxiliary. She has been a great asset to this organization as our Executive Director. I wish her a wonderful retirement and some memorable times with her family. I also want to welcome our new Executive Director, Cindy Burney, to our organization and I wish her the very best as she takes on this important role.

As I close, I wish everyone happy and safe holidays. Please enjoy your time with your families and friends. They are so precious an asset in our lives. Don't forget to pray for our veterans, our military and their families during these times as well. Let's keep honoring our veterans' legacy as we continue to serve this great organization.

### Welcome Cindy Burney, New Department Executive Director

As an Iowa small town girl from Pella, Iowa American Legion Auxiliary's new Executive Director, Cindy Burney, is very proud of her Dutch heritage. She feels that the right amount of "Dutch stubbornness with a smile" can be an advantage in business, and yes, tulips are her favorite flowers. Before joining the Iowa American Legion Auxiliary's team of professionals, Cindy has held a diverse number of supervisory roles in her career; as a medical administrator and clinic coordinator, business developer, supervisor, and entrepreneur. She has volunteered as foster parent association President/Secretary, served in children's ministries, and on various Iowa State boards concerning human services and

community resources for family assistance programs. As a widow of Marine Corps Corporal John Burney, who served in the Viet Nam War, Mrs. Burney states that she feels, "very blessed and honored to come on board as the new Iowa ALA Executive Director and is very excited be able to continue to work to make a difference in the lives of others, especially our Veterans and their families."

Cindy would like to extend a warm hand of friendship to everyone in the American Legion family community and invite you to stop by her office at Headquarters anytime just to say Hello. She looks forward to getting to know each and every one of you!





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# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

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## A Farewell From Marlene Valentine



I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one in our Legion Family for the almost twenty-four years that I have spent as the Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Department Executive Director. I have had a wonderful

time and I hope you feel that way too. I have enjoyed working with Jeannie and Traci in the office, also with the Legion office staff over the years, and working with all the Department Presidents. It's been fun working with the ALA members, the officers and committee chairmen and committee members. I hope to see you at one time or another in the future. I would also like to thank my family, for without them this wouldn't have been possible. From the time I stated my membership 71 years ago, worked my way through Unit, County, District and now Department it has been a pleasure to serve and work with you all. Thank you.

## Membership Team

I would like to thank all the districts for their hospitality extended to the membership team this fall attending their conferences. We are starting the year off great. Please continue to turn in membership. Continue to wear our brand, always have membership

applications and to include contact information if the person takes the application home with them. That potential member is out there. Including The Legion, SAL, and Riders. Continue to grow this great family of ours. Honor our Veterans Legacy.

Mary Sypherd

## Community Service

Many of you may wonder why the American Legion Auxiliary has programs for Community Service. The community Service Program promotes our visibility within our area through commitment to community, state, and nation. Through our support in our communities, we demonstrate who we are, and what we do and why we matter. Volunteering helps make our communities a better place to live, as it demonstrates our compassion and support for our neighbors, our friends, and especially our Veterans and their families.

### Why do we volunteer?

Ask yourself -Why do I volunteer? What drives you to donate your time, your money, and your energy without expecting anything in return? We are women who wear many hats in our lives. We are educators, mentors, support givers, and above all, we truly believe in Service, Not Self. By participating in various Community events, you are given the opportunity to improve and to grow. Absolutely everyone one of us does something for someone at some time and if it is in the community and if you do not get paid, well that is community service. Maybe you think, "Oh, I was just helping a neighbor", but this counts as Community Service. Are you helping the elderly, the youth, the handicapped, the homeless, the shut ins,

the lonely neighbor, or those in a nursing home? You, as an individual or as a unit can make a difference in the lives of others.

### What Can We Do?

- Volunteer at your local library, food pantries, homeless shelters, senior citizen centers, assisted living centers and nursing homes.
- Help clean up your local park, plant shrubs and flowers.
- Donate a book to your library in memory of a deceased.
- Volunteer with your local Meals on Wheels.
- Donate to your local police department and fire department to purchase needed equipment.
- Work with your Post to offer space and participation for local causes and walks for special events.
- Represent your Auxiliary Unit at special events in your community.
- Our schools and youth need all the help we can give. They learn thru mentors and positive role models. Maybe a child needs extra help in reading, or a little extra coaching in a sport or a craft. Be that role model. They will see thru you the benefits of volunteering.
- Help teach everyone the respect, the honor and pride we have in our flag and country. Everyone needs a little help from time to time. If we educate

## Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hello American Legion Family Divas and Dudes! We will once again be doing Diva Day at Mid-Winter but expanding to include items of interest to all. The fee to set up as a vendor is \$20 per space and can be paid the day of the vendor fair. If you have something you would like to display/sell at the vendor fair, please email me at kjdixon@mahaska.org by January 15, 2019 and let me know of your intention to set up. The vendor fair will be from 11-3 and set up will begin anytime after 9 am.

**SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR!** If you have gently used Legion Family

Apparel in your closet that you no longer want, please bring it to Mid-Winter and it will be sold at the Divas and Dudes Vendor Fair with all proceeds going to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

Also don't forget about the AEF King and Queen. Ballots can be purchased 6 for \$5 at the vendor fair (or from District Presidents) and the winners will be announced at the joint session on Friday Night! Complete contest rules will be available at the vendor fair.

Let's make this a great year for AEF!

Kim Dixon

## Mid-Winter Conference Past Presidents Luncheon

The Past District Presidents, including the 2018- 2019 District Presidents, are cordially invited to the annual Mid-Winter Past District Presidents Luncheon Saturday February 2nd, 2019.

The cost will be \$25.00. Reservations with check should be sent to the Department Office, payable to the American Legion Auxiliary, earmarked for the Past Presidents Luncheon, 720 Lyon St., Des Moines, IA 50309.

Deadline will be January 11th, 2019. No late reservations will be accepted so get your reservations in early. Hope to see you all there.

Mary Sypherd, President, PPP

our children from an early age, hopefully this respect will carry thru for their entire life.

- Making a difference can also be in the form of beautifying the community by planting flowers in town or helping during the community cleanup day. Be a leader and help get your community's recycling program going.
- Honor and support those in need, not just during the holidays, but every day.

Our Veterans did not have the opportunity to pick and choose which days they would fight to keep us free. It is our time to pay it forward to honor, to support, to educate, and to make our communities a better place, where we call home. Always be sure to honor the brand of the American Legion Auxiliary as you help your communities become stronger and a better place to live. No matter who you are and where you are, you can make a difference. One act of kindness can start a chain reaction. It is up to you and your unit to be the one who starts the chain reaction and to make a difference in the lives of others.

Be sure send me your narratives with the appropriate cover sheet with pictures and newspaper articles by April 1. My report to the Central division is due April 15th. Please see the Plan of Action for my contact information.

Jackie Westover, Chairman



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#### Girls State

As we prepare for American Legion Auxiliary Girls State 2019, Our Department President Mary Sebben speaks of our Legacy. What will be our Legacy? There are members waiting within the Girls State citizenship. Each applicant of the Samsung Scholarship is an eligible and potential member. Now is a time to send MORE girls so that we might bring an 8th city to Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, with our upcoming 75th session in 2020, our upcoming Centennial Year, and our upcoming 100th National President from Iowa, our own Nicole Clapp – what an honor it would be to add that city named for her. I think this would be a wonderful way to advocate for our program. I realize that perhaps your Unit sends more than one girl already. Maybe now it's time for you to be an advocate to another Unit and reach out to another community. If funds are an issue, remember that the Unit is the sponsor, but the dollars can come from private donations, other civic organizations, and even businesses. Volunteer to give a program to your school board or another community organization. I gave a short power point presentation to our school board meeting earlier this month (just 10 slides, about 15 minutes) about our National Convention and the impact of my ALA membership, and the Girls State program on our school. You may not realize the impact you have upon your community, your future Girls State citizens, and then the impact they will have upon the people they reach after their experience....it reaches out EXPONENTIALLY!! One of our main goals this year is to increase our connection between our Units and our Girls State citizens. Many of the past girls have said they do not know to whom they need to see for questions, to give their report, or

to simply thank for their experience. Today's younger generations value meaningful experiences. Girls State is exactly that! It is a week that will give them powerful experiences to help shape their future as a citizen, a leader, and so much more – they will leave as one who can appreciate the gifts and talents of a roomful of their peers, a bond of friendship that can last a lifetime, and respect for our Country and those who have fought to defend it. We teach the basics of the Iowa political process through running for office and creating platform and laws in city, county, and state elections and meetings; we teach them how to exist in a community away from home with a group of approximately 300 strangers; and we teach them about our American Legion Auxiliary and its programs.

#### DATES:

Please remember, December 1st is the deadline for payment for a Girls State reservation @\$400 per girl. Additional requests are logged according to the date received and most years we are able to accommodate everyone's requests to send additional girls. However, we are always near our capacity of 278 girls. (Please consider helping us reach the need to require another city at 310 girls!!)

Approximately January 20 the online registration will be available on the Girls State website.

February 28 is the deadline for the girls online registration (which again will be on the Girls State website)

April 30 is the deadline for a refund request (but let's hope you find someone to fill your spot – whether it is an alternate from your community or someone else's!)

Dates of the session: June 16-22, 2019

Location: Drake University, Des Moines, IA

#### WISH LIST:

Sponsor a seat on the bus to the Capitol! At just \$10 per seat, your sponsorship continues to allow our Girls State citizens a wonderful morning at our State Capitol! You were very generous last year, and we appreciate you! This trip gets better and better each year! We hope the historical museum is not under renovation next summer so we can include it in our agenda in 2019. The judicial building and its speakers are a nice part of the morning, and the girls enjoy going up into the dome of our beautiful Capitol.

Gift cards to Walmart, Hy-Vee, or Walgreen's for needs during our week are also useful for First Aid items, staff meals prior to the cafeteria's opening, office supplies, and miscellaneous items.

#### OUR ANNIVERSARY IS APPROACHING!

The 75th session of Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is 2020.

We are in the stages of collecting alumni information, planning activities, guest speakers, and much more! If you have ideas or would like to be involved, contact a member of our Girls State board. Just as President Mary has requested we honor our veterans' legacy, I think one way is in the future represented in the youth we have in our Girls State program. Contribute by promoting it to a prospective citizen, helping toward the 75th celebration, sponsoring a seat on the field trip, or volunteering in this program – you may find a new member with a great deal of passion for this organization!

Mary Andersen, Director

#### National Security

The National Security program is all about supporting those who keep us secure – our military men and women. There are many activities that can be listed in your National Security report:

You can present Blue or Gold Star banners to families of active duty personnel in honor of their family member's service.

Provide support to spouses and family members of active duty personnel.

Greet service members and families as they deploy and/or return from a deployment.

We are quickly approaching the holiday season which is prime time for sending care packages to active

duty personnel but don't be limited by that one time of year- packages are appreciated all year long.

The National POW/MIA Recognition Day was Sept. 21st this year. Start planning now for next year with the help of a website that lists POWs or MIAs for each war period and by hometown - [iowapowmia.org](http://iowapowmia.org).

I would love to hear what your Unit is doing for the National Security program so send me stories from your project by Friday, December 21, 2018 in order for them to be in my Mid-Year report or by Friday, May 3, 2019 for the Year-End report.

Lorna Golson  
[lornagolson@yahoo.com](mailto:lornagolson@yahoo.com)

#### Americanism

One of the ways to show Americanism is to execute your right to vote. I hope each of you that is eligible did just that. Another way to promote Americanism is to encourage school age children to participate in the Americanism Essay Contest. This year's essay theme is "How can we address and prevent veteran homelessness in our communities?" The cover sheet and rules can be found on the American Legion Auxiliary website. Just type in essay contest in the search area.

Please let me know what your Units have been doing to promote Americanism by the end of December. This gives me information to brag

about our Iowa Auxiliary Units.

I encourage all of you to do one event to promote Americanism this year. The more we are visible with our Love of this country and our Veterans. Be the best ambassador of Americanism that you can be.

Remember to send in all reports by the Units and Jr's in December and April so that I can brag on what you have done.

Also consider sending a girl to Girls State and to Jr. Camp. Wear your Auxiliary pin or flag pin wherever you go. Fly your flag!

Connie Wagner, Chairman  
[wagner\\_farms@hotmail.com](mailto:wagner_farms@hotmail.com)

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## Public Relations

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](mailto: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.

Donna Flewelling, Chairman

## Children and Youth

The Children and Youth program is one that runs through every other program of the American Legion Auxiliary. It is involving and serving the young people in our communities. This can be anything you do that supports the schools, helping a needy family, or involving your Juniors in your activities. They are the future of our communities, our organization, our world. There are so many wonderful things that you can be doing for the Children and Youth of your community.

I would love to hear about all the great things that you are doing to support the Children and Youth this year. Please send me an email or snail mail with clippings, photos, or a narrative of what you have been up to this year. Just a reminder that Mid Year reports are coming due at the end of December and I can only report on the things that are reported to me. As a final note I have moved once again and this will be the last time. Please check the ALA website for the new snail mail address.

Alida Kolthoff, Chairman

## Juniors of Iowa

Hello American Legion Family! So far this year has been pretty great and eventful starting with the joint Department reception. Thank you to everybody who joined us and enjoyed some delicious food.

I am very excited for what the next half of my year as your Department Junior President. Thank you to everybody who has donated pop tabs and canned foods. Please remember I am also collecting any retired flags. So if you see a retired flag in your area let me know and we can help the community show their pride by replenishing their flag and properly disposing of the retired flag.

Remember everyday as we enter the new year and every year for that matter, to keep our veterans in your hearts. Cherish them and always tell a veteran you know that you are thankful they served and risked their lives for ours. "Honoring our Veterans' Legacy" I hope everybody has a great Holiday Season in our American Legion Family!

Macie Frambach, Junior President

**Junior Auxiliary Members  
Pre-register for The Children's  
Activity Center:  
[www.ialegion.org/midwinter](http://www.ialegion.org/midwinter)**

## Chaplain's Corner



In God's Love, Greetings to all at this time of Celebration. As one of her Bible Verses Department President Mary Sebben chose Luke 1 Verse 37. "For with God nothing shall be impossible." This is the appropriate verse for this time of year as it is part of the Nativity Chapter. In earlier verses of Luke Chapter one we are told

of the Angel Gabriel as he visited with Zechariah and told him that his barren and older wife Elizabeth would soon conceive a child. She would bear him a son and he would call him John and this son would bring the people of Israel to Love God. In the 26th Verse of Luke the Angel Gabriel was sent to the Mary who was betrothed to Joseph and carried the news of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. The Son of God. Verse 34, Mary asked how will this be since I am a virgin. She was answered with the details and in verse 37, the angel stated "For no word from God will ever fail." or as the King James Bible translated "For with God nothing is impossible. As we celebrate our family Christmas and move into the new year. Please remember the Love that God shared with us. A Quote I remember is that without Christmas there would be no Easter. Please at this special time of year, remember our veterans, our military, those in need and families that need the joy of the season shared with them. As I close this writing let me wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a truly blessed New Year.

Jan Schaffer, Chaplain

## Legislative

The 2018 Mid Term elections are over, the votes have been counted and the winners announced. Now let's look ahead to what we as American Legion Auxiliary members can do to support the American Legion legislative agenda. Here are some resources for you:

1. Go to [www.legion.org/legislative](http://www.legion.org/legislative)
2. Scroll down page to Legislative Action Center—click on arrows
3. Click on tab-Elected Officials, in upper right corner. Enter your zip code, legislator's name, party, chamber or state. (I just used my zip code) Click 'Go'
4. This will take you to a page that lists the Iowa Senators and the Iowa House of Representatives. If you click on each name you will get information on that person.

The National Legislative Chairman Lisa Chaplin and the National Committee Members post on Facebook current information, ideas, video speakers, and 'how to' instructions that are very helpful. You can join the group and get this information to keep you in the know. The website listed above, [legion.org/legislative](http://legion.org/legislative) is a great resource for information. The information needs to be shared so that all members understand how to support our veterans. Another great resource is the American Legion Auxiliary, Legislative Advocacy Guide.

National President Kathy Dungan wants us to focus on the needs of the female veteran. As we choose Legislative priorities look for issues that have a direct positive result on female veterans. National Committee Member Jane McKnight stated, "Women veterans face remarkably different experiences that their male counterparts when transitioning in and out of combat roles, in between services or back to civilian life. VA must ensure an improved quality of life for women veterans with gender-specific health care to meet their needs."

For details regarding to Legislative Day, turn to page 6. Remember Mid Year reports are due by the end of December.

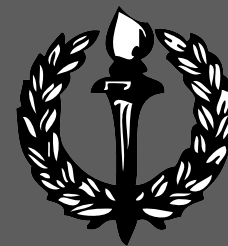
D. Sue Spilman, Legislative Chairman

**Quilts of Valor Retreat  
January 4-6, 2019**





# THE AMERICAN LEGION OF IOWA FOUNDATION



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### Other Organizations

Students for Creative Iowa  
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## Levels of Recognition for Donors

*The Eternal Flame Society allows for recognition of donors at multiple levels for their specific contributions. You will be recognized at each plateau as you achieve that level.*

### The Booster Program

**Supporter** - A donation between \$1,000 and \$1,999.

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### The Pinnacle Program

**Guardian** - A donation between \$10,000 and \$24,999.

**Benefactor** - Donations between \$25,000 and \$49,999.

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*The Philanthropic Society has been established to effectively recognize major donors who make contributions in excess of \$100,000.*

**Bronze Members** - Donations between \$100,000 and \$249,999.

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The Foundation would like to thank our many generous donors who make this a possibility!

*Thank you for  
your thoughtful  
generosity!*

## Contributions to The American Legion of Iowa Foundation

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Home or Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make check payable to: The American Legion of Iowa Foundation  
Mail to: Iowa American Legion Foundation - 720 Lyon St. - Des Moines, Iowa 50309  
Phone: (800) 365-8387

Gifts to The American Legion of Iowa Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent permitted by law.



# Vets of Valor

The Vets of Valor Radiothon was held Friday, November 9 broadcast by 93.3 KIOA hosted by Prairie Meadows with First Class Credit Union and many American Legion family members on hand to receive donations in person and over the phone.

The radiothon raised \$61,169 this year and has brought in \$361,299 over the five year history of the event. The amount raised this year was down from 2017 for various reasons. The need continues to grow though. In the last

12 months we have granted \$5,000 more than was raised. Grants were made to assist 40 veterans and families with housing, utility, medical and other emergency expenses.

We missed reaching our goal of a total of \$400,000 this year or at least we haven't reached it yet. The donation page on the Department's website ([www.ialegion.org/vov](http://www.ialegion.org/vov)) is still open. Be generous, there are still comrades out there that need our help.

## Bowling Tournament

### RULES - NO FEES RETURNED

After entries have been received and the dates assigned by the tournament secretary are not refused by the team or individual entrant prior to preparation of the schedule, no fees shall be returned. Likewise the conditions under which entries are accepted cannot be changed or modified after the tournament starts. This includes entry fee charges and the rules for governing the competition.

### SCHEDULE POSITION

All entrants will bowl in the order listed on the entry blank. All substitutions should be made 30 minutes prior to squad times. Due to automatic scoring, all subs will bowl in the positions of the person they are replacing.

### TARDY PLAYERS

Bowling shall begin in accordance with the previously arranged schedule. Any player or team arriving late shall begin play starting in the frame in which they arrive at their lanes ready to bowl, assuming zeros for any and all missed frames. There will be NO CATCH up. If a team refuses to start because a full line-up is not present, they shall forfeit all games which they decline to start at the direction of the tournament management, based on the discretion of the tournament management. There are no provisions for blind or vacancy scores, and a bowler must bowl with and on the same lanes and at the same time his/her team bowls.

### STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH ALL RULES

This tournament and the teams and individuals competing herein must conduct and play all their games in strict compliance with the rules and regulations governing such games as adopted by USBC. All team captains and bowlers should acquaint themselves with USBC RULE 319 A RULE 18 "ALTERING SURFACE" - ALTERING THE SURFACE OF A BOWLING BALL BY USE OF ABRASIVES WHILE BOWLING IN SANCTIONED COMPETITION IS PROHIBITED. All bowling balls so altered must be removed from use.

### TOURNAMENT DATES

April 6/7; 13/14; 27/28

### TEAM EVENT

Saturdays at 1:P.M. & 4 P. M.

### SINGLES / DOUBLES

Sundays at 10 A.M. & 2 P.M.

### CAPTAINS - PLEASE KEEP THIS FOR YOUR REFERENCE

The tournament shall be conducted on a handicap basis. The handicap shall be 90 of the difference between the bowlers average and 230. Each individual bowler shall be responsible for the correctness of his/her average listed on this entry form. USBC RULE 319a

**Read more on Page 18**  
**Fillable Tournament Applications are available for download at:**  
**[www.ialegion.org/bowling](http://www.ialegion.org/bowling)**

### From Service Officer on Page 3

The Department Service Office's focus is to assist with the process of providing veterans with the benefits they have earned in a manner that truly honors their service to our nation. The best part of our honorable calling is we are here for this highly diverse population of veterans who have journeyed all sorts of tours in service to our nation. We are here so they can tap into our invaluable experiences and expertise as service officers who have been there, done that, and know how, when, and where to become their advocate.

In the Department's Service Office, we have always been proud of our distinction as an entity that operates with the full trust of our veterans. We have an ongoing commitment to serve the veteran using the broad reach of the American Legion to push awareness about the many important issues vital to our veterans. Our staff has made this

service a part of our DNA. To illustrate this, in Fiscal Year 2018 the Department Service Office filed 14,062 claims with more than \$166M in total benefits being awarded. That would average out to a little more than \$14M monthly coming back into our counties across the state.

Few would disagree that the sons and daughters of so many Americans that have come together to be our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guard show incredible bravery at war. From the very beginning when the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony were at war with the Pequot Indians, to the more recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, there is no shortage of tormenting accounts from the front lines. Here at the Department Service Office, we are always reflecting on the men and women that are departing our military services, their experiences and sacrifices, and that defines who we are and why we're here.

## 2018-2019 Oratorical Contest Details

### District 1: Jan. 6, 2019 (1:30 - 3:30 PM)

Bethany Lutheran Church - 237 South 2nd St., West Branch, IA 52358  
 Contact - Wayne Fraunholtz (319) 643-5465 or [wrfauen@lcom.net](mailto:wrfauen@lcom.net)

### District 2: Jan. 6, 2019 (2 PM)

Veterans Memorial Coliseum - 50 2nd Ave Bridge, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  
 Contact - Ron Tyne (319) 431-4152 or [r\\_j\\_tyne@msn.com](mailto:r_j_tyne@msn.com)

### District 3: Information coming soon.

### District 4: Dec. 30, 2018 (2 PM) Snow Date: Jan. 6, 2019

Trinity Lutheran Church - 116 West Wilbur St., Hawkeye, IA 52147  
 Contact - Dennis Soppe (563) 379-1397 or [soppedj@hotmail.com](mailto:soppedj@hotmail.com)

### District 5: No Contestants This Year

### District 6: Dec. 30, 2019 (2 PM)

Southeast Warren Jr. Sr. High School - 16331 Tyler St., Liberty Center, IA 50145  
 Contact - Stan Merrell (515) 491-5411 or [srmerrell1@gmail.com](mailto:srmerrell1@gmail.com)

### District 7: Jan. 6, 2019 (2 PM)

Wilson Performing Arts Center - 300 Commerce Drive, Red Oak, IA 51566  
 Contact - Joe Jardon (712) 370-6071

### District 8: Dec. 29, 2018 (1 PM) Snow Date: Jan. 6, 2019 (1 PM)

Zion Lutheran Church - 1003 Church St., Gowrie, IA 50543  
 Contact - Marvin Carr (515) 835-9703 or [marvin.carr5@gmail.com](mailto:marvin.carr5@gmail.com)

### District 9: Jan. 6, 2019 (2 PM)

Harris-Lake Park Jr.-Sr. High School - 905 South Market St., Lake Park, IA 51347  
 Contact - James Kessler (712) 330-1738 or [kesslerb@mchsi.com](mailto:kesslerb@mchsi.com)

### Area 1 (Districts 1, 5 & 6): Jan. 13, 2019 (1:30 PM)

Pella Memorial Building - 829 Broadway St., Pella, IA 50219  
 Contact - Stan Merrell (515) 491-5411 or [srmerrell1@gmail.com](mailto:srmerrell1@gmail.com)

### Area 2 (Districts 2, 3 & 4): Jan. 16, 2019 (2 PM)

Veterans Memorial Coliseum - 50 2nd Ave Bridge, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  
 Contact - Ron Tyne (319) 431-4152 or [r\\_j\\_tyne@msn.com](mailto:r_j_tyne@msn.com)

### Area 3 (Districts 7, 8 & 9): Jan. 13, 2019 (2 PM) Snow Date: Jan. 20, 2019

Charter Oak-Ute Community School - 321 Main Street, Charter Oak, IA 51439  
 Contact - Marvin Carr (515) 835-9703 or [marvin.carr5@gmail.com](mailto:marvin.carr5@gmail.com)

Please contact the names listed above, your District Chairman, or visit [www.ialegion.org/oratorical](http://www.ialegion.org/oratorical) for further information.

Department Membership  
Donald Swan, Chairman

Legionnaires, we are nearing the end of the 2018 calendar year and embarking on the beginning of the second century for the American Legion. This year we have been averaging ten percent below last years Membership month after month. The second mailing to unpaid members was sent out in mid-October. The American Legion has been on a fiscal year of July 1 to July 1 for several years so using the ploy that your dues aren't due until the first of the year is not a valid argument for not paying your dues. Actually, by January 1 if your dues are unpaid you are overdue.

I am calling on all Post Membership Chairs to contact all their unpaid members and find out why they haven't renewed their Membership and if there is anything the Post can do to help them. To accomplish this the Membership Chair needs help and I am asking for volunteers to create teams to assist the Membership Chairs work through their unpaid Membership roster.

Let's try to get our renewals now before the end of the year rather than waiting for the members to renew in their own time. We have a good retention rate of around 90% in Iowa but if we do not have a plan to replace the 10% the Post is down then our Membership will continue to fall. If possible, every member of the Post needs to be looking for potential new members to recruit. Membership is the lifeblood of the American Legion and without retention and growth in Membership our Posts will wither and close.

We have reached a critical time in the American Legion in Iowa and Nationally. Membership has been in a free-fall for the last several years and if Membership doesn't level off soon services and maybe the existence of the American Legion will be in jeopardy. I need your help!

Happy Holidays for you and your Legion Family. For God and Country.

Legion Dinnerware Available

American Legion branded dinnerware is available for sale through Department Headquarters while supplies last. A six piece set is shown. Each piece is branded with The American Legion emblem. Funds will be applied to the Commander's driveway project.

The following pieces make a set.\*9" dinner plate, 7.5" lunch/salad plate, 5.5" dessert plate, 5' sauce dish and cup. One set can be purchased for \$7, five sets at \$28 and 8 sets at \$45.

While supplies last, extra pieces are available for \$1 each; Serving platter, Serving bowl, Soup bowl, Sugar bowl w/lid, dinner plate, and lunch/salad plate.

Purchases should be picked up by the buyer. Shipping is available but shipping will be paid by the purchaser.

Contact Department Headquarters for details.

Membership Memos

Well, here we are in the midst of the holiday season once again. It is a time to reflect on the year and all of the blessings we have been given. It is a time for family and friends but it is also a time to remember those that have left us. For most of us some of those that have gone were Veterans and it is those who we need to remember that they are the reason that we are all members of The American Legion, Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. So, with that in mind, have you paid your dues for the 2019 year yet? If not then it is time to do so and honor those Veterans that have gone before us or are still here and supporting this great organization.

If there are members in your post that have not paid yet, this is a wonderful time of the year to go and make personal contact with them and take them their card and collect their dues. You never know, you may be the one visit that the member will get for the holidays. Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Marcia Hoch  
Department of Iowa Membership & Executive Secretary

Website Makeover

The Department of Iowa's website recently received a makeover. The previous version was the workhorse for communicating information through our web presence for The Department and anyone who visited our URL address. Eventually, though, workhorses begin tire, slow down and show their age. Such was the case with The Department's Website. Consequently, we have retired the previous platform and replaced it with something that moves us from being just an information hub to an influence hub.

Today's social and technological landscape, many if not most, individuals have a mobile device which enables them to stay connected anywhere they can access a cell or WIFI signal. The

Department's new platform and look is mobile friendly and simplified so you stay connected and informed with less effort. When members of The Legion Family can share information with those they relate to and get them to act in that moment through technology, they move into the realm of influencer. The Department of Iowa needs more influencers in their communities and not just information sharers.

We encourage you to visit the site and explore. Please be patient as it is a continued work in progress getting all the pages and documents current. Contact the Department if you need something you cannot find. During the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference, a session will be dedicated to unfolding the features and functions of the new platform. Join us.

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Training will be conducted on new features in myLegion.org, including the ability for posts to transmit membership online. There will also be a demonstration of new features and capabilities of the updated department website.

A special Women Veterans Forum will be conducted on Saturday. Lunch will be provided to those who register before January 15. See the Mid-Winter Schedule page in this issue for registration details.

The Children's Activity Center will be available again this year. Parents can drop of children for free activities and daycare service while they attend meetings and training on Saturday. All children must be registered in advance, including all Junior Auxiliary members. See the Mid-Winter Schedule page in this issue for registration details.

On Friday and Saturday evenings the districts host hospitality rooms furnishing food and drink for attendees and The Sons of The American Legion will be serving root beer floats. The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion will provide entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Mid-Winter Conference is great occasion to meet and visit American Legion Family members from across the state. It provides an opportunity to learn more about our organization and provides tools and resources for our members and posts. Don't miss this opportunity. Make plans to attend the entire weekend, or just for a day.

"It's what you learn after you know it all that counts." - Coach John Wooden

District Membership Standings (Through 11/19/2018)



STANDING	DISTRICT	2019 GROWTH GOAL	CURRENT MEMBERSHIP	PERCENTAGE
First	1st	4,179	3,252	77.82%
Second	9th	5,734	4,317	75.29%
Third	2nd	6,847	5,139	75.05%
Fourth	8th	4,272	3,180	74.44%
Fifth	6th	5,092	3,741	73.47%
Sixth	3rd	5,545	4,017	72.44%
Seventh	5th	3,062	2,215	72.34%
Eighth	4th	4,278	3,042	71.11%
Ninth	7th	3,599	2,527	70.21%
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		43,345	31,963	73.75%

The next membership cutoff date is December 12, 2018.  
Transmittals must be at Department two days prior for processing.

**Due to the delayed accuracy of the quarterly published membership report, it will no longer be printed in The Iowa Legionnaire. You may find an accurate report for your post on myLegion.org or www.ialegion.org/membership.**

## Community Service

Community Service is something that comes naturally to many of us. In our Centennial year we need to remember those veterans who came before us and helped make the American Legion the organization it is today. One often overlooked area is your local cemetery; survey the condition of the veteran's graves and markers. In many Iowa communities, cemetery grave markers are victims of lawn mowers and need care or replacement. Many headstones are sunken, need excess grass and soil removed and the stones cleaned. When surveying the cemetery make sure to take detailed notes including the section of the cemetery the grave is in, the veteran's name, war era, and if the marker is missing or damaged.

The Department of Veterans Affairs furnishes upon request, at no charge, a government headstone or marker for the unmarked grave of any deceased eligible veteran in any cemetery around the world regardless of date of death. Many counties in Iowa will also provide a marker of some kind through the

County Veterans Affairs office. Contact your local County Veterans Affairs office and see if they will support this project. Markers are also available for purchase from Emblem Sales. Over the past summer in Ames the city cemetery was surveyed, and it was found that over 130 markers needed attention. Of those, 42 only needed the rod straightened and the local cemetery caretaker volunteered to straighten what could be fixed over the winter. The county Veterans Affairs office provided two dozen extra rods for those marker rods that couldn't be repaired.

When it is time to dispose of the bronze markers that cannot be repaired, consult your local county Veterans Affairs office for a reputable scrap dealer or other business that can properly dispose of them. When dropping off the markers take a letter from the Veterans Affairs office and/or your local American Legion post explaining the project and that the markers are not stolen. In Ames any money collected from the scrap dealer will be donated back to the county Veterans Affairs office to cover some of the costs of the markers.

To clean headstones first seek permission from the cemetery or family. D/2 Biological Solution is the cleaning solution used on stones at Arlington National Cemetery and is available from several distributors online. D/2 Biological Solutions is marketed as safe to treat masonry, stone, concrete, wood, asphalt shingles, vinyl & aluminum siding, fiberglass, metal, paint, canvas, and more. Cleaning instructions can also be found online at <http://d2bio.com/>. No matter which cleaning solution you choose make sure it will not leave any residue or harm the stone and surrounding grass or vegetation and do not use a metal scrub brush. More information will be available at Mid-Winter Conference, along with before and after photos.

If you choose to participate in the project in your local cemetery be sure to keep track of your hours and report them on your Consolidated Post Report!

Jennifer Monserud  
Community Service Chair

## Last Casualty of Vietnam Remembered

By: Dick Webb

On April 29, 1975, the day before the Fall of Saigon, Darwin Judge and Charles McMahon, both members of the Marine Security Guard Battalion, were killed in a single rocket strike on their guard post at Tan Son Nhut Airport. Judge, of Marshalltown, Iowa, was 19 years old and McMahon, of Woburn, Massachusetts, was 11 days from his 22nd birthday and had only been in Vietnam 2 weeks.

Darwin Judge is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Marshalltown, Iowa with a plain military bronze marker laying flat on the ground, per cemetery regulations. During July 2018 it was

noted that the years had tarnished the bronze and the cement it sat on was crumbling.

Members of the American Legion Riders Post 46 Marshalltown felt Darwin deserved better. With permission of the Judge family and following cemetery rules, the marker was removed and sent to be cleaned. The cement was removed and the marker was re-set on granite, which included a vase holder and plaque, describing the events of his death.

Plans are under way to add a granite bench, along the driveway near the grave, engraved with the story honoring both Marines and their sacrifice.



## Centennial & Convention Notes

Nick Lucy, President

Iowa American Legion Press Association

The American Legion is celebrating 100 years of service to our community, state and nation. Our year long celebration officially began November 11, 2018, and concludes on Veterans Day, November 11, 2019.

As we journey through life milestones are worth noting. Birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, etc. are reasons to celebrate. The 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Legion is indeed a milestone worth celebrating. Each Post ought to be a part of this celebration to share their history, accomplishments and goals with both our membership and the general public.

Each post and member should utilize the national web site for this purpose. Simply go to "Centennial.legion.org". Scroll down to "Find a Post". Once on this page use the Department drop box arrow to scroll down to "Iowa", and click on Iowa. You will find a numerical list of Iowa Posts that have created their own Centennial page. Each Post can designate a person or two to be responsible for controlling and updating their Post's site. An additional method for sharing information about your Post's Centennial activities is to go to "legiontown.org", and click on the comment box. All Legion members will be able to include articles and pictures of local Centennial events.

As we continue to celebrate events in our posts throughout this coming year, by all means include the American Legion Auxiliary, AL Riders, Sons of

the American Legion, and the general public. If you need assistance using the websites mentioned above regarding Centennial celebrations, please call the Centennial Celebration Chairman Mr. Roger Norfolk at [sabot6.76@gmail.com](mailto:sabot6.76@gmail.com).

Other news I would like to share with you include some highlights of the 100th National Convention in Minneapolis.

At the National American Legion Press Association Awards Banquet Alan Schenck received a Third Place national recognition as Webmaster of Iowa's District 7. Alan is doing a great job of promoting the Iowa American Legion Press Association in addition to serving as Detachment Commander of the Sons of The American Legion. New leadership was elected at the annual meeting for the NALPA. This new leadership includes President Michael Hjelmstad from the Department of California, Executive Director Stephen Shuga from the Department of Florida, and District 3 Vice President Vickie Cyboron from the Department of Nebraska. Iowa, by the way, is included in NALPA District 3. During the National Convention it was a delight to visit with newly elected American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad, and Vice Commander James Sweet who, as I write this, is currently visiting Iowa Posts. The Iowa delegation concluded the convention by attending the installation of Nicole Clapp as National Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary. Congratulations Nicole! May our Centennial year continue with many more celebrations.

## Have something to share with The Department?

Articles are due February 15, 2019 in order to be considered for the next issue of

The Iowa Legionnaire and Auxiliary Communique.  
Please email submissions to [programs@ialegion.org](mailto:programs@ialegion.org).



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James Trebbien  
**Shellrock Post #393**  
Gary Holiday  
Ralph Kaus  
Marvin Reynolds  
**Van Meter Post #403**  
Larry Kinsey  
**George Post #404**  
Richard Akkerman  
**Unionville Post #407**  
Doyle Bailey  
Ryan Dailey  
Chester Engle  
Donald Hiatt  
Dean Tomlin  
**Little Sioux Post #410**  
Oscar Young  
**Eddyville Post #418**  
John Johnston  
John Wilkin  
**Central City Post #421**  
Everett Anderson  
Kenneth Pratt  
**Walnut Post #422**  
Larry Shepherd  
**Whitemore Post #425**  
David Schoby  
**Wellman Post #427**  
Wilbur Crawford  
**Durant Post #430**  
Clifford Luethye  
**Quasqueton Post #434**  
Norman Glass  
**Aurora Post #435**  
Ralph Gamm  
**Earlville Post #436**  
James Sperflage  
**Thornton Post #440**  
Ralph Smith  
**Grant Post #445**  
Harold Hedstrom  
**Nora Springs Post #449**  
Wayne Eygabroad

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Lawrence Sexton  
Norman Shalla  
Ronald Slaughter  
Cecil Smith  
**Solon Post #460**  
Robert Fuhrmeister  
Dale Northup  
Gary Willey  
**Titonka Post #465**  
Leonard Leeck  
**Calamus Post #466**  
Gerald Weiss  
**Spillville Post #467**  
Victor Kovarik  
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Henry Rozema  
**Dike Post #471**  
Jerry Eimers  
Stan Vanhauen  
**Garrison Post #475**  
Ervin Krug  
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Elroy Vanengen  
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**Mt. Vernon Post #480**  
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Richard Peters  
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Walter Pritts  
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Richard Bell  
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**Douds Post #494**  
Gordon Faught  
**Alta Post #498**  
Clinton Hoferman  
**West Liberty Post #509**  
Richard Beaver  
William Cline  
Harold Morrison  
Merlyn Spilger  
**West Branch Post #514**  
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Lou Luckel  
**Millersburg Post #521**  
Dean Humphrey  
**Janesville Post #522**  
John Boeck  
**Dows Post #523**  
Dennis Moore  
**Oxford Post #537**  
Mike Bream  
**Rake Post #539**  
Keith Glover  
**Prescott Post #544**  
Reldon Cline  
**Lime Springs Post #545**  
Russell Fitzgerald  
Eddie Hughes  
Harold Munkel  
Allen Tesmer  
**Portsmouth Post #547**  
Harold Huebner  
Gary Wilke  
**Walcott Post #548**  
Gerald Grell  
**Ely Post #555**  
Glenn Klinsky  
**Larchwood Post #561**  
Ron Blauwet  
Jim Ohora  
**Cumming Post #562**  
George Beveridge  
Jack Gehring  
Everett Kime  
Robert Powers  
John Tuttle  
**Greeley Post #566**  
Joseph Weber  
**Wallingford Post #567**  
Romaine Borchers  
Duane Stober  
**Stacyville Post #569**  
Carroll Johnson  
**Fairfax Post #572**  
Russell Carver  
Kathleen Sippy  
**Emerson Post #575**  
Donald Lee  
Arno Miller  
**Grimes Post #577**  
John Ladurini  
**Wilton Post #584**  
Frederick Kiernan  
Edward Williams  
**Elma Post #597**  
Crystal Burke  
Virgil Eichenberger  
Charles Larsen  
**Protivin Post #605**  
Raymond Pizinger  
**Lovilla Post #613**  
John Duprey  
**Earling Post #615**  
Ivo Finken  
Robert Finken  
**Cushing Post #624**  
Gary Zediker  
**Melcher Post #632**  
Charles Rigel  
**Orchard Post #641**  
Wayne Jones  
**Epworth Post #650**  
Paul Hildebrand  
Vincent Kramer  
Michael Mcdermott  
James McGovern  
Fred Meeker

**Farley Post #656**

Allen Kluesner  
**Des Moines Post #659**  
Armond Defino  
Richard Floden  
Danny Fresco  
Pete Leo  
Robert Mendenhall  
Dino Righi  
Cleo Weeks  
**New Hartford Post #660**  
Orville Harberts  
**Urbandale Post #663**  
Arthur Doenecke  
William Haller  
Roger Leuthod  
**West Point Post #668**  
Donald Vonderhaar  
Eugene Vonderhaar  
**Larrabee Post #670**  
Dale Magnussen  
**Swisher Post #671**  
Lavern Eschen  
Richard Miller  
Ernest Shoemaker  
Donald Yirkovsky  
**Ft. Atkinson Post #672**  
Paul Chipera  
Ray Nienhaus  
**Palo Post #679**  
Larry Jellison  
Alan Mengler  
**Conrad Post #681**  
Gilbert Moeller  
**Altoona Post #682**  
Joe Hull  
Arthur Rees  
**Jamaica Post #687**  
Dee Krueger  
Roland Snowgren  
**Runnells Post #689**  
Kenneth Frazier  
Duane Laffey  
**St. Lucas Post #691**  
Kenneth Kuennen  
**Ryan Post #692**  
Gerald Gudenkauf  
William Scott  
**Arcadia Post #694**  
Richard Hinners  
**Tama Post #701**  
Bruce Waseskuk  
**Blue Grass Post #711**  
Freddie Wells  
Ken Wilkison  
**Troy Mills Post #712**  
Milford Dorothy  
**Gilbertville Post #714**  
Martin Odoneal  
**St. Marys Post #716**  
Philip Mccrea  
**Granger Post #717**  
Frank Carroll  
**Nevinville Post #719**  
Everett Heuckendorf  
**Hancock Post #720**  
Leslie Guyer  
William Lee  
**Coralville Post #721**  
Donald Boenker  
**Harpers Ferry Post #722**  
R. Downing  
**Treynor Post #725**  
Joseph Hadfield  
**Cedar Rapids Post #727**  
Francis Webber  
Donald Willmott  
Wilfred Zipperer  
**Iowa Post #729**  
William Boysen  
Edward Burnikel  
Mark Butt  
Dean Cumpston  
Marvin Hunt  
David Pair  
Clay Wise  
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Roman Garcia  
**Malcom Post #733**  
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Dennis Lord  
**Marshalltown Squadron #46**  
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**Hawarden Squadron #254**  
Dean Lill  
**Kellogg Squadron #355**  
James Vasseau  
**Solon Squadron #460**  
Ralph Donovan  
**Coralville Squadron #721**  
John Laffoon  
Timothy McAleer  
**Des Moines Squadron #731**  
Pedro Sanchez  
Robert Saylor

## Boys State Early Reservations

Reservations for The 2019 American Legion of Iowa Boys State have already been filing in from posts across the state. The early bird reservation of \$250 is quickly approaching its cut-off date of December 31. Any reservations post marked after this deadline will need to reserve spots at the increased rate of \$300 per delegate. The dates next year have been set for Sunday, June 9 through Friday, June 14, 2019.

We want to stress 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.

Continue searching for highly qualified candidates. We encourage you to explore schools you would not typically engage as well as home school communities. Opening this opportunity to students who are qualified but may not be an initial thought, but it is the right thing to do. For a list of general criteria used, please direct our inquiry to your Post or District Chairman.

Any further inquiries may be directed to  
Department Headquarters:

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

## Fifth Grade Flag Essay Contest

Contest information was mailed to all Post Adjutants. Please keep in mind the following procedure for the contest:

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.

### From Bowling Tourney on Page 14

All bowlers must use their highest yearbook (21 games or more) average from the 2016-2017 season. If a bowler has no 2016-2017 yearbook average, they may use the current highest 21 game sanctioned average, as of March 2, 2016.

ALL BOWLERS MUST BE ABLE TO HAVE THEIR AVERAGE VERIFIED BY THEIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION OFFICER. ALL BOWLERS USING ANY AVERAGE OTHER THAN THE 2016-17 YEARBOOK AVERAGE MUST SEND VERIFICATION ALONG WITH THE ENTRY, INCLUDING LOCAL ASSOCIATION NAME.

If no established USBC Average, averages will be assigned as follows: Male bowlers will use a 170 average, 70 yrs + -150, Female bowlers will use a 140 average. IF THE AGE OF THE BOWLERS IS NOT LISTED ON THE ENTRY - THE HIGHEST AVERAGE WILL BE USED.

CAPTAINS will inform their bowlers about USBC 319A(2), pertaining to the 10 pins or more increase in average and Rule 319-D pertaining to reporting of tournaments prize winnings. THESE RULES ARE APPLICABLE AS OF THE TIME

OF BOWLING. If there is an average adjustment needed, please notify the tournament officials upon arrival, or any time up until the end of the entrants first game of tournament competition.

IMPORTANT: IN ALL CASES, it shall be each bowlers responsibility to verify the accuracy of the reported average. If the submitted average is lower than the actual average, the bowler's scores will be disqualified. If the entering average is reported higher than that of the actual average, standings and prize winnings will be based on the highest average.

ALL BOWLERS WHO MEET THE CRITERIA OF USBC RULE 319-E WILL BE REQUIRED TO ADJUST HIS/HER AVERAGE ACCORDINGLY.

PHONE RESERVATIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL March 1, 2019.

ALL ENTRIES CLOSE ON March 15, 2019

QUESTIONS - CALL:  
Rocky Rochholtz (563)343-5314

**Find a copy of the tournament rules and application on [www.ialegion.org/bowling](http://www.ialegion.org/bowling).**

## Baseball Season

Changes have been made for the 2019 American Legion Baseball program in the Department of Iowa. The Department Tournament has been moved late Spring. As a result, there have been changes to some deadline dates:

- Teams committed will play an area tournament (TBD) on April 26-28, 2019.
- Team rosters for state play are due to Department Headquarters by March 31, 2019.
- Final rosters will not need to be certified until April 22, 2019.
- The Department Tournament will be held May 3-5, 2019 with a rain make up of May 10-12, 2019 in the Sioux City area. Tournament format to be determined.

A mandatory baseball meeting will be held at Department Mid-Winter Conference on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 11:00 am for teams desiring to participate. If a member of your team cannot attend, please notify The Department (800-365-8387 | [programs@ialegion.org](mailto:programs@ialegion.org)) or your District Chairman. All members of the Department Baseball Committee as well as coaches and managers are highly encouraged to attend.

## Mid-Winter Programs Fair

The Mid-Winter Conference is an excellent opportunity to learn about the many programs offered through The American Legion Family. Booths are setup throughout the hall displaying information and contacts for the program. If you would like to have your program considered for the fair, please examine the following criteria first before completing the table application:

1. Exhibiting, including fundraisers, in public areas at Department Convention and Department Mid-Winter Conference shall be limited to Department and National level programs only.
2. Space will be provided only to those who have completed an application and whose applications have been approved.
3. Use of microphones or sound systems must be approved by the Department Adjutant and requested on the exhibit table application.
4. Request for use of any sound system or microphone leased or contracted by The American Legion, Department of Iowa, or the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Iowa, must be approved by the Department Adjutant and requested in advance on the exhibit table application.
5. District fundraisers will be confined to the hospitality room of the District.
6. Individual members of Districts, Posts, Units, Squadrons, and Chapters may sell raffle tickets at the even with the following provisions:
  - No tables or signs will be displayed in public areas.
  - All raffles must have a valid gambling permit and sales tax permit.
  - No announcements will be made in public areas.

Applications can be found online at: [www.ialegion.org/midwinter](http://www.ialegion.org/midwinter)

## Scouting Deadlines

The submission deadline to Department will be March 1, 2019, for Eagle Scout of the Year, Adult Boy Scout of the Year, and Adult Cub Scout of the Year. Eagle Scouts are required to complete the fillable version online, print, and obtain proper signatures. Nominations for Adult Scouts can be found on the Department website or are available by request from the Department office.

Submissions for the Square Knot Award for adult leaders can be applied for at any time. Applications available on the Department website or are available by request from the Department office.

A Certificate and Department Commander's endorsement letter can be sent to any Scout who achieves the rank of Eagle. The request is available on the Department website or are available by request from the Department office.

## Educator of the Year

One of the goals of The American Legion has always been to work in cooperation with schools who assist veterans, their families and local communities. Some educators have gone above the call of duty and promoted the aims and purposes of The American Legion of Iowa.

Educators continue to instill in our children patriotism and respect for the flag. They continue to educate our youth about the sacrifices made by service men and women in defense of their freedom, as well as work with those students whose parent/s are serving this great nation.

The Department of Iowa developed a state program for recognizing educators in Iowa. Nomination brochures are available on our website at [www.ialegion.org](http://www.ialegion.org) or by request from the Department office.

Nominations must be received by April 1, 2019.

**For more information on Department Programs,  
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# THE AMERICAN LEGION SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS MID-WINTER SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019

1:00 p.m. Marketing Committee – Room 397  
3:00 p.m. Department Finance Commission – Room 397

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019

9:00 a.m. Convention Commission – Room 397  
10:00 a.m. Internal Affairs Commission – Iowa Room B  
10:00 a.m. VA & R Commission Meeting – Room 396  
10:00 a.m. Legislative Commission – Room 398  
10:00 a.m. Americanism Commission – Iowa Room C  
10:00 a.m. National Affairs Commission – Room 292  
11:00 a.m. Resolution Sub-Committee – Room 175  
12:00 p.m. DEC Luncheon – Iowa E  
1:30 p.m. DEC Meeting – Iowa B and C  
2:00 p.m. Iowa American Legion Press Association – Room 292  
5:00 p.m. Color Guard Practice – Ballroom  
5:00 p.m. Programs Fair Set Up – Iowa Room A  
5:00 p.m. Liaison Committee – Iowa Rooms B & C  
**7:00 P.M. JOINT SESSION – Ballroom**  
Call to Order – J. Scott Moline, Department Commander  
Opening Ceremonies  
Welcome – J. Scott Moline, Department Commander  
Welcome – Alan Schenck, SAL Detachment Commander  
Address – Greg Gibbs (NY), SAL National Commander  
Welcome – Mary Sebben, ALA Department President  
Presentation – ALA History & Chaplain Books  
Address – Macie Framback, ALA Department Junior President  
Address – Teresa Isensee (WI), ALA Central Division National Vice President  
Presentations – Membership Awards  
American Legion of Iowa Foundation Donor Awards  
Department Historian Awards  
Address – Paul Dillard (TX), Candidate for National Commander  
9:00 p.m. Hospitality & Entertainment

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019

7:00 a.m. Iowa Foundation Breakfast – Iowa Room E  
8 a.m.-4 p.m. Kids Activity Center – Room 160  
7:30-8:30 a.m. Programs Fair – Iowa Room A  
9:00 a.m. Post Service Officer Workshop – Des Moines Room

## 9:00 a.m. SAL DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Westview Room

9:00 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION – Ballroom South/Central**  
*myLegion.org, Department Website, Rifles & Ammunition*

11:00 a.m. Baseball Meeting – Room 396  
11:30 a.m. Past District Commanders' Luncheon–Iowa Rooms B & C

11:30 a.m. Women Veterans Meeting – Room 298

**1:00-3:30 p.m. GENERAL SESSION – Ballroom Central & South**  
*Membership Recruiting, Consolidated Post Reports (CPR), Resolutions, 100th Anniversary*

**1:00-3:30 p.m. WORKSHOP – Des Moines Room**  
*Conducting Effective Training*

1:00 p.m. SAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR – Westview Room

3:30 p.m. Women Veterans Meeting – Room 398

**3:30 p.m. AMERICAN LEGION DISTRICT CAUCUSES:**

First – Room 397

Second – Iowa Room E

Third – Room 396

Fourth – Iowa Room B

Fifth – Room 394

Sixth – Iowa Room C

Seventh – Room 292

Eighth – Room 398

Ninth – Iowa Room D

American Legion Riders – Westview Room

Past Department Commanders/Past

Department Presidents/Past Detachment

Commanders Social & Dinner –

Iowa Room D & E

Oratorical Contestant/Staff Briefings – Ballroom North

8:00-10:00 p.m. Hospitality & Entertainment

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

7:00 a.m. Oratorical Briefing Room – Iowa E

**8:00 a.m. DEPARTMENT ORATORICAL FINALS - Ballroom North**

**9:30 a.m. JOINT SESSION – Ballrooms Central and South**

Memorial Service – Dr. Dan McClure,

Department Chaplain

Call to Order – J. Scott Moline, Department

Commander

Presentations – Girls State Director/Boys State

Director

Girls Nation Senators

Boys Nation Senators

Oratorical Results/Awards Ceremony, Chairman

Frank Andrew

Closing Remarks – Mary Sebben, Department

President

Closing Remarks – J. Scott Moline, Department

Commander

Benediction – Dr. Dan McClure, Department

Chaplain

Sweepstakes Drawing

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019

8:00 a.m. Mid-Winter Convention Committee Meeting – Room 394

8:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting – Room 394

10:00 a.m. VA & R Representative Meeting – Room 394

10:45 a.m. Junior Camp Board Meeting – Room 394

11:00 a.m. "Diva and Dudes Day" – Westview Rooms

Strategic Planning Committee – Room 394

12:00 p.m. Department Executive Committee – Rooms 397

3:30 p.m. Girls State Board Meeting – Room 394

4:30 p.m. 75th Anniversary Committee – Room 394

5:00 p.m. Pages Practice – Ballroom

5:00 p.m. Centennial Committee – Room 394

6:00 p.m. Creative Arts Committee – Room 394

5:00 p.m. Set-up Programs Fair – Iowa Hall Rooms A & B

**7:00 p.m. Joint Legion Family Session – Ballroom**

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019

**7:30 a.m. Joint Programs Fair – Iowa Room A**

**8:00 a.m. Juniors attend SAL Activity Center – Room 160**

**9:00 a.m. AUXILIARY GENERAL SESSION – Ballroom North**

Call to Order – President Mary Sebben

Opening Ceremonies

NEC & Liason Report – Ann Crawford

Greetings – National Central Division Vice President Teresa Isensee

Greetings – National Vice President Nicole Clapp

Membership Report – Mary Sypherd, Cassie Harrell, Judy Ring

Strategic Planning – Jayne Soppe

Creative Arts Report – Ann Crawford

Quilts of Valor Report – Ann Rehbein

Poppy Report – Susan Selk

VA&R Service to Veterans – Judy Neal

VA&R – Kathy Wilkerson, Lori Reynolds, LISW,

Suicide Prevention Outreach and Education

Specialist, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs, VA Central

Iowa Health Care System

**Past District Luncheon – Iowa D & E**

**Reconvene Auxiliary - Ballroom North**

Chaplain – Jan Schaffer

Historian & History – Doris Jackson

Centennial Committee – Diana Shadduck

Parliamentarian – Fran Kirk

Governing Documents – Sandy Deacon

Finance – Mary Jo Berning, Dawn Aberle, Linda Sue Mullen

Girls State – Mary Anderson, Bev Copple,

Ann Rehbein

75th Girls State Anniversary Committee – Mary

Anderson

Junior Activities – Mary Jo McLaughlin

Junior Camp – Doris Jackson, Joyce Elliott, Melanie Kirk

Children & Youth – Alida Kolthoff

Education – Jean Brandes

Leadership – Shelly Copple

Legislation – Sue Spilman

Education – Alida Kolthoff

Community Service – Jackie Westover

Public Relations – Donna Fleweling

National Security – Lorna Golson

Auxiliary Emergency Fund – Kim Dixon

Past President's Parley – Sharon Anderson

Poppy Award Winners – Connie Wagner

Announcements – Cindy Burney

**Closing and Adjourn – President Mary Sebben**

**Receiving Line – Ballroom Foyer**

Central Division National Vice President –

Teresa Isensee (WI)

Department Vice President Candidate – Lorna Golson

Department Junior President – Macie Framback

Iowa National Executive Committee Woman –

Ann Crawford

**5:30 p.m. Silent Auction – Hosted by Girls State – Courtyard**

**6:30 p.m. Past Department Commanders/Past Department**

**Presidents/Past Detachment Commanders Social &**

**Dinner – Iowa Room D & E**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019 – SEE AMERICAN LEGION SCHEDULE**



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## Attendance Exceeds Expectations for Keokuk American Legion at Inaugural Tour of Honor

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Over 70 veterans and family registered for Keokuk American Legion's inaugural Tour of Honor held Saturday. Two weeks ago the number of registered honorees stood at 46, just shy of the original goal of 50. A rush of registrations in the final weeks pushed attendance above and beyond expectations, confirming the event's success.

"We couldn't be happier," said event coordinator Bill Smith.

Veterans and spouses were packed into Keokuk American Legion Post 41 by 12:30 p.m. Saturday. To start things off, Ken Lemaster, National Cemetery supervisor, spoke to attendees about the National Cemetery and benefits available to eligible veterans.

Honorees then boarded three buses, provided by Keokuk Community School District, and were led by police escort to the Veterans Memorial. Everyone disembarked to view the Memorial up close, sharing a somber moment of reflection. Terry Altheide of Keokuk served as tour guide throughout, sharing many interesting stories as well as providing important information.

"We add names to the Veterans Memorial every year, a few weeks before Memorial Day and Veterans Day, for a small fee," shared Altheide. "The only requirement is that you be honorably discharged from service."

According to Altheide, there are currently 1,803 names listed on the

Memorial. Altheide detailed the history of the Memorial, along with describing the design aspects for both the front and back sides.

Honorees then rebounded the buses for a driving tour of the Main and West sides of the National Cemetery. Throughout the day, many visitors commented about being totally unaware that such a historic and beautiful place as the National Cemetery existed in Keokuk.

"It was established in 1862 by President Lincoln," commented Altheide. "It was one of the original National Cemeteries."

After leaving the National Cemetery, honorees were treated to a guided tour of several historic sites in Keokuk. A particularly enjoyable site for the honorees was a walk out to the old bridge observation deck. Many sat at the available benches and picnic tables to enjoy the vista.

Following the last portion of the bus tour, honorees returned to the American Legion, with an Honor Guard reception. A catered meal closed out the event.

"We hope people will see how well this event goes over and we can grow it even bigger next year," said Larry Loney of the Donnellson American Legion. If the reactions of honorees and their family members is any indication, the event was unquestionably a success.



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## NVC Tour 2018

National Vice Commander James Stephen Sweet of Mississippi visited Iowa November 12-17. NVC Sweet is a member of Post #32 in Greenville, MS. He is a U.S. Navy veteran, serving three deployments to Yankee Station, North Vietnam, on the USS Bon Homme Richard, CVA-31 with Attack Squadron 94, The Mighty Shrikes, as a flight deck trouble shooter. Sweet has served as

Department of Mississippi Commander (2009-2010), Alternate National Executive Committeeman, the National Homeland Security Committee and the Health Administration Committee. NVC Sweet began his tour at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter and concluded with Past District Commander's Rally in Des Moines.

NVC Sweet at Dubuque American Legion Post #6.



## PDC Rally - Unity Award and Colflesh Trophy

On Saturday, November 17th, members of the The American Legion of Iowa Family showed their enthusiasm at the annual Past District Commander's Membership Rally, hosted by Hiland Park Post #374 in Des Moines. The Unity Award is given to the District with the highest percentage of combined membership of the Legion, Auxiliary and the SAL: 1st District

Commander John Phillips, 1st District Auxiliary President Kay Calkins and 1st District SAL Advisor Ken Rochholz.

The Robert W. Colflesh Trophy, awarded to District in first place and post with the highest percentage of membership by Veterans Day went to 1st District and Douds Post #494.

Winners will be presented their awards at Mid-Winter.

## Centennial Celebrations

The American Legion Centennial is here. Every person in a leadership role is who has to do the work to make the celebration happen. It isn't the next year's officers job. It will be too late for them to plan and execute. It is us!

This sobering thought shows that time to plan and execute your post's event is now.

The official time of celebration is from the 2018 National convention to Veteran's Day 2019.

The date and time of your event is totally up to you. It's purpose is to get the word out to your community of the good things you do for the community (scholarships, Boys State, Oratorical, 5th Grade Essay Contest, color guards and honor guards) - let your community know your good works so more may wish to join. If you just have a picnic for members you will lose a valuable opportunity. We all just want to get the biggest bang for the buck.

The Hundredth Anniversary memorabilia is one way to gain interest, as is having a good Centennial Website, but the key is your publicity to your local community.

At Department, at our 2019 Convention in Des Moines, we will hold a reception to convey our history and contributions to the guests and dignitaries invited there. The big punch for our presentation is that each District Commander has been asked to find 5 posts who WANT to brag about their post in the reception. Imagine 45 posts each giving a 5 minute brag about their post's namesake, their one biggest event in their history, or one amazing contribution (total amount of scholarships/ number of boys staters/ or similar). With 45 posts ringing the reception room, visitors will walk around and stop at whatever grabs their attention, just like the programs fair. That is why 5 minute max time should be planned. If your post has done something worthy, get with your District Commander. They have been asked to have the posts submitted to Department by spring conferences.

If you wish to discuss ideas, Iowa's Hundredth Anniversary Chairman is Roger Norfolk at sabot6.76@gmail.com.



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