



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

# IOWA LEGIONNAIRE & Auxiliary Communiqué

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## Buddy Check: Can you hear me now?

In a day and age when communication is instantaneous, it can be very easy to lose contact with someone because of how busy one can become. The American Legion and its Legionnaires are no exception. As Legionnaires, our most sacred responsibility is to look out for each other and our fellow veterans. National Commander Brett Reistad has called for a Buddy Check during our National Week of Calling around the Legion's 100th birthday as a way to reach out to members and former members who may need help. Perhaps they have been waiting for a personal call or visit to renew or rejoin. No matter their situations, we can do as our founders did by making personal contact with veterans in our communities. The following letter was mailed to each post, but The Department of Iowa thought it a good idea to make it available for all of you to read:

Dear District and Post Commanders,

*The American Legion was built on the power of personal contact. A century ago, when our organization was established, there was no other good way to grow and fulfill our purposes. Today, in honor of The American Legion's centennial, I'm asking you to do what our founders did. Make personal contact with members and former members of your posts and districts.*

*Call it a "buddy check." Ask them how they are doing. Ask if there is anything The American Legion can do for them. Perhaps they have been sick, lost a spouse or just need to know someone cares. Perhaps they simply forgot to renew their membership because no one called.*

*This is not a membership campaign. It's a comradeship campaign.*

*Inside, you will find some steps you and your fellow Legionnaires can take to make personal contact with current and former members to let them know they have friends in The American Legion who want them to be part of our dawning second century.*

*For God and country, Brett Reistad*

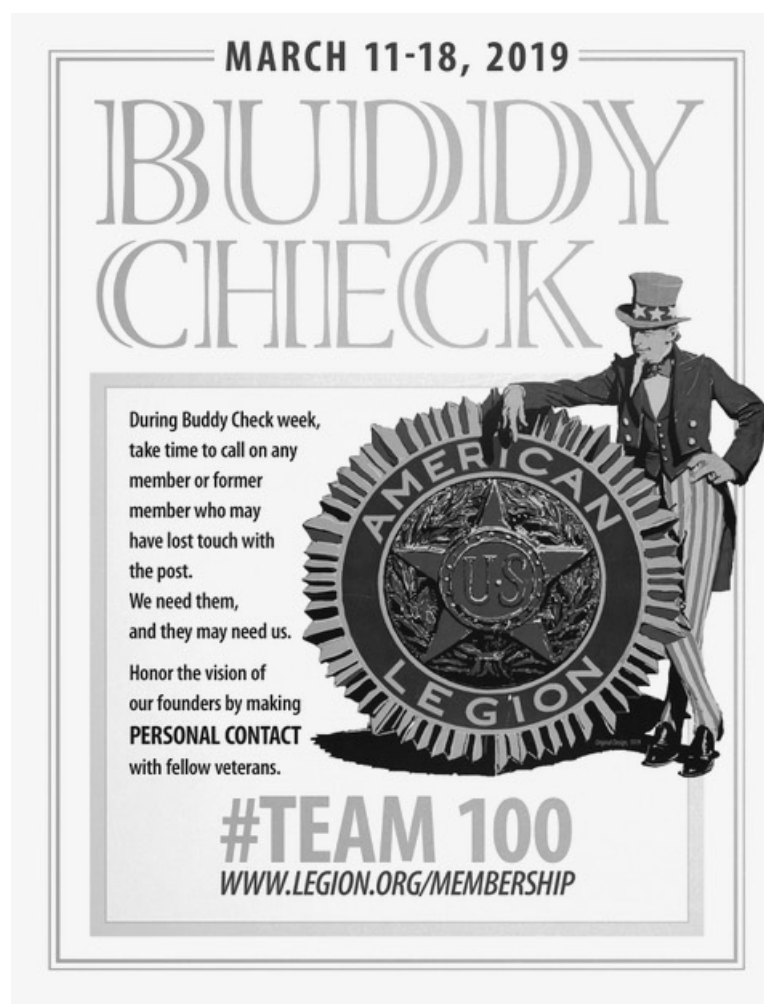
Materials may be accessed through the Buddy Check Toolkit provided for you and your post online. Visit National's website [www.legion.org/membership/buddycheck](http://www.legion.org/membership/buddycheck). The toolkit provides a variety of information for you to *check on your buddies*.



National Commander  
Brett Reistad (VA)

## Commander Reistad's Visit

National Commander Brett Reistad will be visiting Iowa briefly April 16-17, 2019. The Commander will be visiting Cummings Post #562, The Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge, Five Brothers Museum in Waterloo, Hawkeye Tech College Post #738, and Eldora Post #182. For a detailed itinerary, please visit [www.ialegion.org](http://www.ialegion.org).



## Oratorical Winner Announced

The Department of Iowa's High School Oratorical Contest was held Sunday, February 3, 2019, the last day of Mid-Winter Conference. Three outstanding contestants gave their all to a full room and panel of 5 judges. Each contestant gave a prepared oration lasting up to 10 minutes and then was assigned a 3-5 minute topic based on the US Constitution. While most in the audience and the Department would like to see all three advance, there can only be one.

Winning for the second year in a row, high school junior Patrick Junker was announced as the winner for this year's Department Contest. Patrick is a student at Van Meter High School and was sponsored by American Legion Post #403 in Van Meter. Patrick, in addition to winning a \$2000 combined scholarship from the Department of Iowa and the Iowa Foundation, will have another chance to advance through national's contest April 5-7 in Indianapolis, for a chance to win an \$18,000 scholarship and title of The American Legion's High School Oratorical Contest Champion. Best of luck Patrick.

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## DEADLINES & DATES

<b>March 15-17</b>
American Legion Birthday Celebration
<b>March 16</b>
Department Junior Shooting Sports Match
Camp Dodge - Johnston, IA
<b>March 18-22</b>
Spring Membership Roundup
<b>March 23</b>
Boys State Board Meeting - Des Moines
<b>March 31</b>
Baseball Online Rosters Due
<b>April 1</b>
Boys State Refund Request Cut Off
Educator of the Year Nominations Due
<b>April 5-7</b>
National Oratorical Contest - Indianapolis, IN
<b>April 6-7</b>
Bowling Tournament - Durant
<b>April 13-14</b>
Bowling Tournament - Durant
<b>April 15</b>
Post Data Reports Due to Department
<b>April 19</b>
Good Friday
<b>April 21</b>
Easter Sunday
<b>April 26-28</b>
Baseball Area Tournaments - Various
<b>April 27-18</b>
Bowling Tournament - Durant
<b>April 30</b>
IALPA Contest Deadline
<b>May 3-5</b>
Baseball State Tournament - Sioux City
<b>May 5-9</b>
National Spring Meetings - Indianapolis, IN
<b>May 12</b>
Mother's Day
<b>May 15</b>
Legionnaire Articles Due
<b>May 18</b>
Armed Forces Day
<b>May 27</b>
Memorial Day - Department Offices Closed
<b>May 31</b>
New Commander Orientation
<b>May 31-June 2</b>
Department Leadership School
<b>June 9-14</b>
Boys State - Camp Dodge - Johnston
<b>June 11</b>
Legionnaire's Day - Camp Dodge
<b>June 15</b>
Consolidated Post Reports Due
Legionnaire of the Year Nominations Due
National Convention Registration Due

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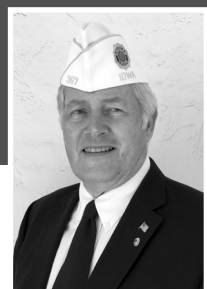
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## Department Commander

### J. Scott Moline

Over the course of the last few months, there has been much



to reflect over, most notably Mid-Winter. Our recently conducted conference provided so much for all who attended the sessions scheduled addressing many topics. We were fortunate to have included a visit from Paul Dillard (Texas) who is a candidate for National Commander.

In our Washington Meetings, teams met with our Congressional Delegation to make them aware of the key areas for serving our veterans and garnering their support in this regard in the 116th Congress.

So much has been accomplished, yet there is still much in the months ahead. I look forward to Spring District Conferences around the corner having the opportunity to visit with many of you. These, of course, segway into our established Spring and Summer activities such as Boys and Girls State and other long-established programs providing us with a full schedule.

We continue, today and every day, to address the needs of our veterans a Legion Family supporting our Four Pillars of service. Our selfless daily service is achieved by showing up at events, donating our time, flying and displaying our flag correctly, asking our veterans about their service, writing them a note or postcard that recognizes them on Veterans Day, visiting them at a VA hospital, and trying to involve them in activities.

Membership efforts, as we all know, will always be on-going but our veterans represent a national treasure that we honor and support daily. I greatly appreciate all that you do in this regard.

With all this said, we continue to "Serve our veterans as they served us" in so many armed conflicts and time in service defending the Greatest Nation on Earth. Who are these veterans? The answer is quite simple. They are our grocers, our bankers, plumbers, our children's school teachers, bankers, and lowans from every walk of life in our state and nation.

LEST WE FORGET,  
 J. Scott Moline

## Consolidated Post Reports (CPR)

The American Legion's 2018-2019 Consolidated Post Report (CPR) will be mailed to each post mid-March. The CPR, which documents every activity a post fulfills in a 12-month (June 1-May 31) reporting period, is due to Department Headquarters no later than June 15, 2019. When using the paper form, send the original and one copy to Department Headquarters. Keep the third copy for your post records.

Whether it's providing funeral honors, sponsoring youth to attend a Legion program, conducting fundraising efforts or more, your post has something to report. A fillable 2018-2019 CPR form can be accessed through the Department's website [www.ialegion.org/cpr](http://www.ialegion.org/cpr) and submitted by mail. Or, the CPR can easily be completed and submitted through myLegion.org; it's located under "Post and Department" options. The online form is the Legion's preferred method both on a state and national level, so posts are highly encouraged to complete them online.

After completing the form, click on the "Submit" button to send the report to National Headquarters; a copy will automatically be sent to Department Headquarters, as well. Online submission will be available at myLegion.org through July 1st, the cutoff for receipt of forms at National Headquarters.



## Department Adjutant

### John A. Derner

**A Century of Service**

March 15-17, 2019, marks the 100th Birthday of The American Legion. Posts across the Department of Iowa,

and the nation, are planning and conducting celebrations this year to commemorate this milestone - and we have a lot to celebrate. For 100 years we have been serving our communities, state, and nation with our programs and our advocacy.

The history of our organization is something in which we can all take pride. Because the history of The American Legion is our history. The accomplishments of The American Legion are our accomplishments. Our continued membership in the organization makes us a part of that legacy.

For the past 100 years we have been advocating for veterans. Our Service Office assists veterans in obtaining the VA benefits they have earned. We advocate legislatively on both the national and state levels for veterans benefits and for national security.

We instill values in our youth through our programs. Boys State teaches the responsibilities of citizenship. We teach the values of patriotism in our schools. Students learn about our Constitution through the oratorical program. They learn sportsmanship and teamwork in our baseball program and discipline in our junior shooting sports.

The American Legion makes a difference in communities across the nation with community service projects. We honor service to our country through monuments and memorials. We promote American values with parades and patriotic ceremonies, and we honor those who have served when they pass on to post everlasting.

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Runner up was high school senior Thomas Evans of Kuemper Catholic High School. Thomas was sponsored by American Legion Post #607 in Breda. Third place went to high school freshman Jessica Cline of Cedar Rapids Washington High School. Jessica was sponsored by American Legion Post #298 in Marion.

The Department of Iowa would like to thank all who participated in this year's competition. We understand the work and dedication it takes to prepare and deliver an oration with the many circumstances life can throw at us. We hope you will consider, if not already resolved, to participate again next year.

We would like to especially thank all of the many volunteers who make this program possible by championing it among the communities. From the post level all the way to the Department, your dedication and perseverance have not gone unnoticed.

Information about the Oratorical Contest may be accessed online [www.ialegion.org/oratorical](http://www.ialegion.org/oratorical).

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



## National Executive Committeeman Jerry Sebben

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires, Iowa winter has finally arrived. I hope everyone is staying warm. The day I am writing this, the temp this morning was 35 degrees. It is now 16 degrees...Iowa weather. I hope everyone was able to get to the Mid-Winter Conference. I would like to extend a big thank you to our Department staff and our Leadership Committee for organizing a great conference. We were honored to have the candidate for National Commander Paul Dillard speak to the American Legion Family at our Friday General Assembly.

The 59th American Legion Washington Conference is set for February 24-27. A group of Legionnaires will be attending this Conference to meet with our Senators and Congressmen to discuss our Legislative Priorities. Those Priorities are: the future of the VA health care, Blue Water Navy Agent Orange benefits, implementation of Legion-supported bills passed in the 115th Congress, health records system, improved access to VA medicine, improved VA health-care services for women, prevention of veteran suicide, support for veteran caregivers, help for homeless veterans, cybersecurity, and many more. Another priority is a constitutional amendment stating: Congress shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. March is our birthday month. Time to plan post dinners. March is also a time to finish our membership goal. Our national organization has created an event called

"Buddy Check", a national week for calling on our fellow Legionnaires. We received an outstanding briefing from National staff at Mid-Winter Conference about this program.

One hundred years ago Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. and 20 officers of the American Expeditionary Forces gathered in Paris to plan "Morale Conference" for the troops. They came away with plans to establish an organization which became The American Legion. I encourage all posts to make an effort this year to hold a celebration.

Spring District Conferences are just a few weeks away. Alternate National Executive Committeeman Dennis Soppe and I are looking forward to attending your Conferences. We hope to see you there.

For God and Country,  
Jerry D. Sebben



## Department Chaplain Dr. Dan McClure

Department Chaplain Dr. Dan McClure has been recovering after a fall led him to a few surgeries and recoving now with physical rehabilitation. He is doing well as

can be expected.

Despite the set back, he still wanted to offer you all encouragement and something to think over. This is what he said:

2 Chronicles 7:14 - just sayin' - Chaplain Dan

We encourage you to read the verse and ponder its significance in your life.

Thank you to all who have reached out and offered encouragement and well wishes. If you are so inclined,

please keep Chaplain Dan in your prayers for a speedy and healthy healing. We look forward to having him back in the swing of things as he is able.



## Department Service Officer Gary Carter

Over the past decade, the men and women of our Armed Forces have been asked to fight two separate, difficult wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Faced with tremendous challenges our troops have responded with great skill, courage, and honor. The American Legion has always believed that when we ask our young men and women to fight in defense of our nation, we make a promise that they have the resources they need to do their jobs, and we promise to take care of them when they come home. As a nation, we have an obligation to support those who have sacrificed for us.

One of the biggest challenges facing the Department Service Office every day is the requirement to assist the VA with an understanding of what our veterans from all branches and from all conflicts are experiencing or have experienced, and that they can't just check their multiple issues at some door and call it a day.

The idea that adversity affects our brains and in turn, our ability to function, is born out of many scientific and medical studies. Initial research identifies how trauma can alter our brains and the more traumas we experience it can increase the likelihood of physical and mental illnesses, substance abuse, poor intellectual achievement, early death to name a few.

We need to understand the genesis of our veterans' issues because these are veterans with a head on their shoulders, but seemingly life has thrown them a few curveballs. We

owe a debt of gratitude to our men and women that have made that life-changing decision to give of themselves and to be willing to lay down their life even for other people. The Department Service Office is truly where we speak a language and use all our tools to assist veterans to come to grips with their capability to work through their life's issues. Every challenge the veteran successfully conquers serves to strengthen not only their will, but their confidence, and therefore their ability to confront future hurdles.

Experiencing adversity is a great excuse for some people not to take charge of their lives. We all face adversity in some way. What makes one individual succeed and another not, is how they handle their adversity. Many allow challenges to defeat them, but what our veterans need to focus on is developing into a stronger and wiser individual because of these challenges. There is no better way to do so than to develop and strengthen your personal in-house world.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, an American poet, philosopher and essayist during the 19th century said, "Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense."

After experiencing an adverse event, we are all at a crossroads. Being at these crossroads is a powerful tool for both the veteran and the staff in the Service Office. Decision making is a tough process especially if the issues at hand are complicated and the significance of the outcome has major consequences for either the veteran or the staff. Decision making is a five-step process: 1) recognition of a situation that requires a decision; 2) identification and

development of alternative courses of action; 3) evaluation of the alternatives; 4) choice of one of the alternatives, and 5) implementation of the selected course of action.

A qualitative decision is more subjective and not just based on numerical statistical data. It is a more in-depth analysis of all possible factors that can affect the decision-making process. This kind of decision-making process considers other associated factors that may have some or major influence on collected data, and we all make qualitative decisions every day. Literally, we make thousands and thousands of them daily, mostly without even thinking.

In the Department Service Office, we believe there are four important skills the staff brings to our work environment; 1) good communications, 2) respect for those we work for and with, 3) integrity to work openly, honestly, and sincerely, and 4) an excellence in our work to settle for nothing less than the very best in everything we do.

In near future, there are going to be significant changes in the Veteran Affairs Administration's new appeal process. The new process takes effect 19 February 2019 and revamps how to resolve disagreements with being denied disability or financial benefits. Also on the radar will be the potential Blue Water Navy Bill being signed into law that hopefully will recognize those who have disabilities because of exposure to Agent Orange. I encourage all of you to seek out your County Veteran Service Officers for assistance with both issues or call the Service Office. These topics will be brought up again at district conferences, so bring your questions so that the Service Office can better provide you the answers.



## Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Alan Schenck

IF NOT YOU - WHO? IF NOT NOW - WHEN? In 1990, I was presented a watch by then Rotary International President Richard D. King to recognize my volunteer work as a Preserve Planet Earth Chairman for Rotary International. The back of the watch had this saying "IF NOT YOU - WHO? IF NOT NOW - WHEN?". Little did I realize how appropriate this motto would be this year - the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion Family. I have often asked each of us to train our replacement and to be a mentor. The future of our family depends on each of us recruiting and training new lifeblood for our organization.

I honored my father by becoming a Son of the American Legion. He was a World War II German POW who was my Hero. How many of you veterans honor your father or grandfather? How many of you veterans allow your sons and grandsons to honor you? If we instill the Four Pillars of the American Legion into our sons and grandsons, they will be the future of our organization. Young people need leadership now more than ever. We can provide that leadership.

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Ask young men staters, oratorical flag essay writers like to honor becoming a Son? would be of us. Let's get and get this done YOU - WHO? IF

NOT NOW - WHEN?

The SONS completed a successful Mid-Winter Conference in Des Moines this February. Seventy-five (75) Squadrons were presented membership certificates honoring their achievements of 75% membership goal or more (24 Squadrons had 100+% membership). National Vice Commander Matt Christie of Illinois was our special guest. The Detachment voted to present three watches for membership at the summer convention to the highest percent Squadrons. One watch each for Squadrons 0 - 25; 26 - 50; and 51+. The final eligibility date is 30 June. Good luck to each Squadron winning a watch.

Our next meeting is the 28th of April 2019 at 9:00 A.M. at Department Headquarters in Des Moines. All are welcome.

Until then remember: Get Your ASK in Gear for membership.

Alan E. Schenck



### 1st District Commander John Phillips

Hello, Legionnaires of 1st District, I hope all is well with you. Although the weather is lousy, spring and our Spring Conference is on the way. Our Conference will be April 6th in Mt. Pleasant, Post 58.

Commander King and Auxiliary President Donna Wise will be our hosts. I hope you can come. We will be having our yearly District elections. My year is up, and new leaders are stepping up to serve our American Legion. Part of our

success is a revolving door for new leadership. Thank you for letting me serve.

Now there are three things I would like to say:

1. Our membership is not growing. We need to carry membership cards in our billfolds and ask everyone we see and meet if they are a veteran, then give them a card. Now, if they can't meet our Legion requirements, let's talk them into joining the Sons of the Legion and the American Legion Riders. We can't give up, and we must try - period.
2. Our State Convention in Des Moines is July 18-21. All Districts are trying to sign up 5 Legion Posts to share their long post history. I have 2 now and need 3 more. We have

a great history to share; let's share it. Let me know by May 1st if your post wants to do their story. Text or call 319-325-1946 (John Phillips). Thank you!

3. Our citizens and veterans need the best possible care for mental health. Twenty suicides per day for veterans, that's not good - period. I feel the ultimate computer is our brain. It's not as easy to fix, as our body. We need to start making it a better priority to get it done. We need more doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, and hospitals. With help from our Creator, we can do it.

For God and Country,  
John Phillips



### 2nd District Commander Dick Hogan

Hello to all in the Great 2nd District, Please attend the 2nd District Spring Conference for the Legion Family, April 12-13, 2019, hosted by Walcott Post #548 (121 West Bryant Street, Phone: (563) 284-6133). The Friday Evening Social will be

at the post with finger foods and cash bar available from 6-8 PM. Rooms are at the Comfort Inn- Walcott, (501 Walker Street, I-80, Exit 284, phone (563) 284-9000). Legion rate \$90 + tax per night/1 King bed \$95 + tax per night/2 Queen beds. Ask for the "Walcott American Legion Block" rate. Reservation deadline, April 1. Conference registration form available on the 2nd District website.

Roger Norfolk of Marion Post #298, so far, is the only candidate for 2nd District Commander. After three years as your District Commander, I am seeking to become

a Department Vice Commander. To run for District or Department offices, you must get endorsements from your post, County Legion if you have one, and District. There can be floor nominations.

The Mid-Winter Conference in Des Moines, Feb. 1-3, went well. It wrapped up with the Department Oratorical Contest final. Patrick Junker, Van Meter High School junior, won first place. He was sponsored by Van Meter American Legion Post #403. He will represent Iowa at the National contest in Indianapolis on April 5-7.

Second place was Thomas Evans, Kuemper Catholic High School senior, sponsored by Post #607 in Breda. Jessica Cline, Cedar Rapids Washington High School freshman, sponsored by Post #298 in Marion took third. The three contestants received scholarships of \$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,000 respectively. Patrick gets an additional \$1,500 scholarship for his national appearance.

No excuses, but Jessica was not at her best because she had laryngitis. She could hardly speak the night before the contest. She mustered enough volume to get through her two orations that morning. The audience and judges were

unaware of her problem. Even if the judges knew, there would be no exceptions made according to the rules.

The Second District had another contest winner chosen at Mid-Winter. Sherry Tang, of Bettendorf, won the Iowa Department's Fifth Grade Flag Essay Contest. She was sponsored by Le Claire Post #347. Her essay won over thousands of entries. She will receive \$300 in July at the Department Convention. A copy of Sherry's essay can be found on the Department's website [www.ialegon.org/flag-essay](http://www.ialegon.org/flag-essay).

The 2nd District Legion Family Golf Outing will be hosted by Dyersville Post #137, Aug. 16-17, at Rolling Knolls Golf Course (2424 Second Ave. SE, Dyersville). Cost is \$200/team, which includes green fees and cart. The four-person best shot event begins at 9 a.m. with shotgun each day. The nine-hole course will accommodate 72 golfers or 18 teams. Each day is a separate tournament. Indicate which day is preferred. First-come, first-served. More details and entry form on the 2nd District Web site.

For God and Country,  
Dick Hogan



### 3rd District Commander Bob Daniel

I was elected 3rd District Commander January 6th after Commander Daryl De Vries resigned due to severe medical issues. I'm the Commander of Post #681, Conrad American Legion and the adjutant of the Shellsburg Legion Riders Chapter, Post

#166. A 20-year Air Force veteran having served on active duty from 1974 to 1994 as a ground radar technician and cryptographic equipment technician. I was stationed in Texas, Mississippi, Arizona, South Dakota, Guam, Colorado, West Germany, and California.

My wife of 35 years, Veronica, is a 3rd generation Portuguese and hails from Kalihi, Hawaii. We have a daughter, Rebecca, and 2 sons, Michael and James, and 1 grandson, Darian. Michael is a SSgt. in the Air Force and maintains the hydraulics on B1 Bombers and KC-135 Tankers. Veronica is a past President of the Conrad American Legion Auxiliary Unit

#681, and a past County President. Rebecca is a member of the Auxiliary as well, and Michael is a member of the Conrad American Legion Post #681. Michael, James, and Darian are members of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #166 in Shellsburg.

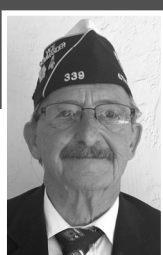
Well, we just finished the Mid-Winter Conference at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn. What a great conference! There were all kinds of training and information from rifles and ammunition to the Department website. And there was a lot of camaraderie with fellow veterans from all branches! If you have missed that connection that we all had while on active duty, well, you can get it back at the Mid-Winter Conference, Spring and Fall Conferences, and Department Convention. If you weren't there, then you missed that opportunity. The American Bombshells also performed Saturday evening. What a great show these young ladies put on!

Our next conference is spring conference on April 27th at the Waverly All Veterans Post. This is a combined veteran's post with the American Legion, VFW, AMVETS, and the Marine Corps League. Their building is new and on the Cedar River. If you've never been there, it's a beautiful setting. We

will be discussing district business and your input is needed. Make plans now to attend. All business will be conducted in the morning, including Department Officer visits, before we break for a light lunch. Any remaining business will be conducted after lunch.

Then in July, we have the Department Convention at the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn, and the opportunities for getting together with fellow veterans from your service will once again be available! We are celebrating the 100th birthday of the American Legion this year at the Convention. We will also elect the new Department Commander and Vice Commanders, along with the 3rd District Commander and Vice Commanders! You don't want to miss out!

In the Winter Iowa Legionnaire, 7th District Commander Joe Jardon talked about the Legacy Ride stopping at the new Waspy's truck stop in Audubon this last summer. I would like to say thank you for the efforts of the 7th District in making that stop possible. I was on that ride, in the rain, and was grateful for the stop and great service that the Legacy Riders received. Thank you 7th District for all your hard work! See you at the spring conference!



### 4th District Commander Dan Boberg

Greetings to all 69 Posts of 4th District,

We are climbing up the ladder of membership count slowly. We have 12 posts that have made their goal of 100%+. Thank you to them and the

members that made it possible. We have 20 posts that are 1-3 members away from making it also. If you are holding them, please get them into Marcia. With the adjutants busy with a lot of other paperwork, see if you could help them with this project. In a lot of posts, the Vice Commander oversees this with some help. Remember it is numbers that count when the National Commander goes to Washington.

We have been sending the copies of the invitation letters that have been put out on behalf of your posts to join your post from Headquarters Post #729. Most of these people will not contact you. I would advise you to follow up with a personal visit to invite and make them feel welcome to your post. All you have to do is have them sign the letter, fill out a member data form and send it into Marcia at Headquarters. Remember this would be a transfer from 729 to your post.

I noticed from the last report there are a lot of districts that are doing this and are having good success. I know we have had a lot of members going to post everlasting, but we still have to fill the boots they left. I am sure this is what they would have wanted. District Officers will continue sending out these and anything else that will help your post's endeavors. If you post officers need any help, give us at district a call.

On another note, Consolidated Post Reports will be due 15 June. Why not gather the information that you have accumulated, and start writing down every month what you do? This too would help your adjutant when they become due. This is another important thing for your American Legion when it comes time to go to Washington. These forms can be found on [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org). Again, if you need help don't be afraid to ask one of the District officers. For those of you that don't use a computer, we will send you a printed form. Our Spring Conference will be held at Post #9, Oelwein on April 6th, with hospitality 5-8 pm the night before.

Hope to see and meet at least one member from your post, so that he can bring back information to better help the post.

Lest We Forget, For God and Country,  
Dan Boberg





## 5th District Commander Darrin Alderson

Hello Legionnaires,

Thank you Post #504 (Richland) for hosting our spring conference. Your attendance at the spring conference is important, as officers will be elected and committee/commission appointments will be decided. If you would like to attend the Department of Iowa Legion Training this will be the time to sign up as space is limited.

There have been several posts working together to make The American Legion a strong leader in our communities.

Post #19 (Sigourney), Post #34 (Oskaloosa), Post #504 (Richland) and Post #83 (Hedrick) have joined forces to ensure a full funeral detail has been provided for our veterans. Other posts all over Iowa are doing great work and we'd like to hear about it. Email your story of service to others to [darrin.alderson3@gmail.com](mailto:darrin.alderson3@gmail.com).

Post #175 (Prairie City) is still leading the charge on membership at 147 % with Post #613 (Lovilla), Post #424 (Keota), Post #96 (Lorimor) and Post #206 (Eldon) all at 100%. Keep working hard on renewing current members. When recruiting new members, ask them what they are looking to get out of their membership. This is an opportunity to learn and understand what new members are looking for and how the American Legion can serve them better.

Post #34 (Oskaloosa) is hosting a Veterans Golf Tournament as part of their centennial celebration June 22nd. If you would like more information, please Contact Matt Sherlock (641-673-5120) for details. If your post is hosting a centennial event please let us know so we can help spread the word.

We are looking for five posts that would like to bring there post history and scrapbooks for the State Convention in July. If your post is interested in doing this, please contact me (641-660-0527).

For God and Country,  
Darrin Alderson



## 6th District Commander Stan Merrell

Hello American Legion Family,

We had another informative Mid-Winter Conference at the Airport Holiday Inn. Many training opportunities for Post Officers. As always it was a great time. Our

6th District oratorical contestant - Patrick Junker won the State Contest Sunday, February 3rd. Congratulations Patrick and best wishes as you move on to National. Thanks, Pella Post for hosting the Area 1 Oratorical Contest and for those who assisted me from the Pella, Pleasantville, Cumming, and New Virginia Posts. It was because of you.

Also, on Sunday at Mid-Winter, we heard from our two boys that were picked for Boys Nation this past year. Congratulations to Jack Lauer. Jack was sponsored by 6th District Post #108 in Pleasantville. Way to go Pleasantville for selecting such a fine student. Thanks also to Danna for running another great hospitality room.

Our April 6th Spring Conference will be split, Legion will meet at the Hispanic Post #731 and the Auxiliary and Banquet will be at the Bellizzi-McCrae Post #659. This will be District Officer election time, Committee/Commission appointments, and National Convention Delegates, and regular District business.

I continue to enjoy going to your post and county meetings, visiting our Legion Family members. I see

members in action everywhere I go doing so many things for their communities and Veterans. If I haven't been to your post yet, I plan to visit before Department Convention.

At this writing, only two posts in our district - Cumming and Redfield - have made their 100% membership target and many others are very close. Please keep working on your unpaid members. There are post incentives for getting expired members renewed. Have your Post Officers go to [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) and create the report for your post and work the list. There are many members in the 729 Post that are just waiting to be transferred. Thanks to all those Legionnaires that are helping to make my year a success.

For God and Country,  
Stan Merrell



## 7th District Commander Joe Jardon

Greetings Pioneer Seventh District Legionnaires,

As I write this morning, snow is blowing, schools are two hours late, and the wind chill is below zero. Despite that, I am

looking forward to Seventh District's Spring Conference at the Treynor American Legion Post #725 on March 30. I hope to see many of you there. As you make your plans to attend think of your fellow Legionnaires and invite them to come along. If you do not have a carload from your post, ask members from your neighboring post, Auxiliary unit, and SAL Squadron if they would like a ride.

I have just returned from Mid-Winter Conference in Des Moines and was inspired with all the things going on in the American Legion of Iowa. To start with, let me remind you to apply for your post's Honor Guard Reimbursement

Funds. This report which is written by the Color/Honor Guard Chair is due June 30, 2019. Your post can receive up to \$1000 to help cover expenses for the vital services you perform for deceased veterans. Hawkeye Boys State needs a director from the Seventh District. This is a two-year term. It would be an excellent way to serve and learn about Boys State. If you would be interested or know someone who would be interested, let Erwin Aust or me know. Ernie is our district's Boys State Chairperson. His Phone number is 712-215-0553. There are \$12,000 in scholarships given each year at Boys State.

If you are an American Legion Rider we need a chairman from Seventh District who could be a liaison with the Department of Iowa Legion Riders. We need at least five posts who have a display table to showcase their post at the Department Convention at the Holiday Inn Des Moines on July 20. This table would showcase the 100 Year Anniversary of your post. Some things in this showcase would delineate the things your post does for your community. Be prepared

to explain to viewers the summary of your post's showcase.

RAGBRI is coming through our district the week of July 21-27, 2019. The American Legion is one of two organizations being highlighted this year. They will be in Council Bluffs the first night, Atlantic the second night and in Winterset the third night. Monday will be highlighted as American Legion Day so come and show your support that day.

Keep the American Legion of Iowa Foundation in mind as you make your donations, encouraging groups with worthy causes to apply. Many schools competed in the annual American Legion Fifth Grade Flag Essay Contest. I am proud to announce that a Shenandoah Middle School student, Kloey Rine, won first place in the Seventh District competition and second in the Department competition. We also had a contestant from the Treynor Post, Alora Nowlin, who took first in the District Oratorical Contest and second in Area Three Competition.

For God and Country,  
Joe Jardon (712) 370-6071



## 8th District Commander Carl Anderson

Well, we had a busy last couple of months with the Oratorical Contests, The 5th Grade Essay, and Mid-Winter Conference. It was a good conference and it is always a joy to listen to the

contestants give their speech. I can hardly believe my year is half over. I do believe that most of the posts in Iowa

have received materials on Buddy Check from the National Commander. I encourage your posts to do that activity.

We are gearing up for the spring conference. It will be in the northern part of our district this year, Sunday, April 14, at American Legion Post #121 in Forest City, Iowa. The call to spring conference has been mailed. Please mark the date and plan to attend. Information is also on the Department's website calendar.

The Department of Iowa would like to have 5 posts from each district set up exhibit tables of your post and what makes it special for State Convention in July for the 100

Year Celebration. If your post is interested let me know. I really should have over 80 replies as each of our posts are special and should be more than willing to share to the rest of the state and nation why your post is special. I enjoy listening to people talk about their post. People, even if you are a little post that is struggling, please take pride in your post as it is an important part of your community.

Last but not least, I want to thank you for all the hard work that you have been doing for your post.

Carl Anderson



## 9th District Commander Chris Niehaus

Greetings to all in the Tall Corn Ninth!!!

Well, the holidays and the Mid-Winter Conference have come and gone. I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy friends and family, both personally and with the Legion.

Mid-Winter: This year was a huge success. It was well attended and Saturday's General Assembly, as well as elsewhere in the hotel, was chock full of great information and training. I hope the information you acquired disseminates throughout the posts on your return. If you weren't there, you missed a good one!

Please join me with a huge thank you to Jim & Lu, Bev, Shelley, Burdett, and everyone else who assisted in planning, bringing great food and setting up the Hospitality Room. And, of course, the many donations of time, food, and money. It is much appreciated!!!

"Buddy Check" Week: The week of March 11-18 is A National Week of Calling. This campaign is designed to make us do what our founders did, making personal contact with members and former members. Check in with them and ask how they're doing. Be a comrade and give them a call!!! Information can be found at [www.legion.org/membership](http://www.legion.org/membership). Or contact me at [dcniehaus@gmail.com](mailto:dcniehaus@gmail.com) and I'll email you a brochure on how to do it with sample scripts. P.S. Do this all the time, not just during this one week!!!!!! Let them know we care!

Boys State: Boys State is rapidly approaching. June 9 -14, 2019 at Camp Dodge in Johnston. Get your delegates

registered and prepared to go to orientation. Orientation is April 28 @ 2:00 pm at the Spencer Post. Contact Jack St. Peters @ 712-363-0686 for more info.

Membership: Here are the numbers: As of Feb. 15th, the 9th District is in 1st place....by .02 % Less than 1% separate the top six Districts. That is great, but we are still something like 200 behind last year. MORE THAN NUMBERS!!! Do you remember why you joined??? I encourage everyone to read our National Commander's message on pg. 8 of your March American Legion Magazine, "A second century of service awaits us." He does an outstanding job of telling us what the Legion is, what we do, and why we do it. Somewhere in the piece, you'll find the reason why you joined, no matter who you are.

Spring Conference: April 6th in Onawa. See you there!!!

For God and Country,  
Chris



## Junior Shooting Sports Dept. Match

The Department will again have its 3-Position, 3x20 Air Rifle Match March 16, 2019, at Camp Dodge. Teams or clubs willing to participate can contact Department Headquarters for more information on registering.

The competitors will have a chance to place and win in their corresponding age categories, individual overall and team overall. The age categories are broken divided as follows:

Age Category 1 are athletes who reach their 17th or 18th birthday in the calendar year of the competition.

Age Category 2 are athletes who reach their 15th or 16th birthday in the calendar year of the competition.

Age Category 3 are athletes who will not reach their 15th birthday in the calendar year of the competition.

The match will be governed by the National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules. The Department of Iowa utilizes the Orion Scoring System, a very accurate computerized scanner, which will provide up-to-date scores throughout the match. QR codes will be posted throughout the facility which can be scanned by an enabled smartphone for viewing.

The first relay will begin at 9 AM promptly. Please be advised that anyone interested in watching the match will be required to show identification when entering through the main gate at Camp Dodge. Thank you to all who have volunteered their time to make this match a success.

## Baseball Area & State Tournaments

The American Legion of Iowa has scheduled area tournaments to determine which teams will play in the State Tournament May 3-5, 2019. Teams from around the state will play in one of four areas, and the winners from those tournaments will play in Sioux City for championship rights in Iowa. With the excitement from last year's champions Dubuque County playing all the way through to the World Series and winning a game, many teams are eager to get their chance to advance to regional play, and hopefully, the World Series.

The four areas hosting tournaments April 26-28, 2019, are Carroll, Dubuque, Ottumwa, and Ames. The deadline for online rosters for the tournaments is March 31, 2019.

Once registration closes, a final schedule will be drafted for the brackets. The schedule will be available online through the Department's website. In the event an extra weekend is needed for make up or extended play, May 10-12, 2019 has been tentatively reserved on the calendar.

Department scholarship forms are available to all eligible players in the baseball program and may be found online [www.ialegion.org/baseball](http://www.ialegion.org/baseball).

## 5th Grade Flag Essay

The US Flag evokes a diversity of emotions and thoughts in today's culture. Despite all the drama and arguments surrounding Old Glory, The Department of Iowa continues to preserve honor and respect towards her through the annual 5th Grade Flag Essay Contest. The essay seeks to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation for the US Flag beginning with elementary-aged students because flag knowledge and basic flag etiquette are gradually fading in the fabric of American Society. The annual flag essay contest is an intentional effort by the Department of Iowa, in conjunction with local elementary schools, to preserve this long-time understanding in every future generation.

During Mid-Winter, the nine final district submissions were judged accordingly by the Children and Youth Committee. Each essay was an outstanding representation of the student,

## Firefighter of the Year

Nominations for Firefighter of the Year were received through the end of November. Zackery Harvey of Eldora Fire and Rescue was selected as the recipient of Iowa's Firefighter of the Year. Zack was nominated by Walter Sayer American Legion Post #182 in Eldora. Zack began his career as a freshman in high school through the Youth Explore Program and is now a four-and-a-half-year veteran. When Zack was of age to apply, he was quickly voted and approved as a member of the fire community. Zack graduated from

## Iowa's LEO of the Year

Nominations for Officer of the Year were received through the end of November. Deputy Jason Grubbs of the Story County Sheriff's Office was selected as the recipient of Iowa's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Jason was nominated by Ames American Legion Post #37. Jason began his career in 2006 after graduating from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and is now a twelve-year veteran. Prior to law enforcement, Jason graduated from Kirkwood Community College and served as a Captain on active duty in the US Air Force. Jason is a founding

parents, teachers, schools, and community from which they came. Unfortunately, as it stands, only three can be chosen.

First place went to Miss Sherry Tang of Riverdale Heights Elementary School in Bettendorf. Miss Tang was sponsored by American Legion Post #347 in Le Claire. Second place went to Miss Kloeey Rine of Shenandoah Middle School in Shenandoah. Miss Rine was sponsored by American Legion Post #88 in Shenandoah. Third place went to Miss Jaime Self of Moravia Elementary School in Moravia. Miss Self was sponsored by American Legion Post #407 in Unionville. These three contestants, in addition to receiving a monetary prize, flag, and plaque, will have the opportunity to share their essay by reading it to the delegation at Department Convention this July in Des Moines.

Thank you to all posts, educators, and schools who support this endeavor by championing it annually. The winning essays will be posted online at a later date. You may find them at [www.ialegion.org/flag-essay](http://www.ialegion.org/flag-essay).

Iowa Central Community College while serving as a volunteer firefighter. After graduation, Zack enlisted in the US Air Force to continue his career as a firefighter. Zack is still an active member of Eldora Fire Rescue while on military leave.

Zack will receive his award at the Department's convention in July. Zack's application was forwarded to National for consideration of The American Legion's Firefighter of the Year. Congratulations Zack, best of luck and congratulations to the Eldora American Legion Post for their nomination. Posts whose nominations were not selected, please consider reapplying next year.

member of the Iowa State Sheriff's and Deputies Association Honor Guard whose functions include retirements, funerals, dedications, and award ceremonies to name a few. Jason will receive his award at the Department's convention in July.

Jason's application was forwarded to National for consideration of The American Legion's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Congratulations Jason, best of luck and congratulations to the Ames American Legion Post for their nomination. Posts whose nominations were not selected, please consider reapplying next year.

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## A Word From Department President Mary Sebben



Since my last message to you, the National Veterans' Creative Arts Festival has become history. What a wonderful experience! The volunteers in the hospitality room did a fantastic job of making our veterans' and their caregivers' and our

National representatives' experience at the Festival a memorable one as well. We met so many wonderful people and made new friends.

The holidays have passed, and a new year is here. I hope everyone had wonderful holiday experiences with family and friends. It's a great way to come together and catch up on the old and plan for the new.

In November I had the pleasure of traveling to Nevada and Shellsburg for meetings and celebrations. In December was the Department Christmas Party with lots of good food to be had.

In early January, I was excited to be a part of the

Quilt Retreat at Lone Rock. Many beautiful quilts were finished. Two very deserving veterans received their very own quilt on Sunday. It was a very rewarding weekend.

Also, I was pleased to be able to help with the ALA Gift Shop at the Iowa Veterans Home wrapping packages for our wonderful veterans to send to their special people for Christmas.

In January, I attended Legislative Day at the State Capital and was able to meet our State Representative Kenan Judge.

After Legislative Day, it was planning for Mid-Winter Conference. I hope many of you were able to attend and enjoyed all the presentations. We were happy to have our Central Division National Vice President Teresa Isensee and National Vice President Nicole Clapp with us for the weekend. Also, a presentation was given by Lori Reynolds with the Des Moines VAMC on suicide prevention.

I am looking forward to attending Junior District Conferences, Senior District Conferences and many other special events being planned for March, April and May.

I want to encourage everyone to honor our veterans' legacy by getting your memberships in. We are lagging and need your help to catch up.

When district elections are held this Spring, please remember outgoing district presidents and your membership teams: you are still responsible for working membership until Department Convention in July. So, please don't stop! Keep up with the pace by contacting your units and remind them to turn in renewals and don't forget to seek out new members in the process. We must keep our organization strong and our programs working for our veterans, our military and their families.

Please continue donating to my projects, the Gold Club and Creative Arts, two projects that reflect service to our veterans, our military and their families.

Let's continue honoring our veterans' legacy and showing the respect to our American flag which it so deserves.



## New Chairmanship Application Process

Each year the Vice President spends her year shadowing the Department President and learning from her. President Mary has been a great mentor. During this year we are also tasked with finding our committee members for the next year. This year I have worked with National Vice President Nicole Clapp and Past Department President Ann Rehbein on an application for members to complete and send

back to me. This has been done on the National Level for several years now. We thought we would try it on the State level. I felt it would give me a better idea of what the applicant would like to do and what committees she has served on in her Unit, County, District and Department levels. I encourage anyone that has thought about serving on the Department level to complete the form and send it to me. I would like to know a little more about you and what you would like to do to help our Veterans. If you would like to be considered for a committee chairmanship, please go to the Department website to find the form

under Members and Auxiliary news/Announcements. You can print the form, complete it and send the requested information to me. You can also complete the form online and email it to me with the requested information. My address is PO Box 393, Shellsburg, IA 52332 or my email address is kellyelli26@gmail.com. Please submit it to me by March 15th. I look forward to next year and all that comes with being your 2019-2020 Department President.

Kelly Elliott  
Department Vice President



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## Public Relations

Every good mechanic has a toolbox full of high-quality tools to get the job done right. Did you know that there is a tool kit for public relations? To publicize your events, meetings, or fundraisers we have to get the word out to the public to let them know who we are, what we do, and why we matter. In the public relations toolkit, you will find everything you need to get this job done right! Beautiful colored fliers, door hangers for membership, newsletters, and news release templates that can all be downloaded and printed on your own computer. They are all printable so you can add all your own information on the template before you print. Easy job with the right tools! All this is only a click away on the National Legion Auxiliary website, [ALAforVeterans.org](http://ALAforVeterans.org). It won't cost you a thing to window shop on this website to see what it has to offer, not only for Public Relations

but all the auxiliary programs.

Are you wearing your auxiliary apparel at your meetings and public functions? Goal 5 of the ALA Centennial Strategic Plan is building brand loyalty. Be proud to be a member of the auxiliary and wear your pins and shirts to let the public know that you are a member of the omen's largest patriotic organization. We are honoring our Veteran's Legacy by being a member so why not show it!

April will be here before we know it so remember to send me a narrative on how your unit or members get the word out! Don't forget to fill out the National Award coversheet completely and send it along with the narrative by snail mail or email. All the information is on the department website under my program action plan page or you can also find the rules on the National website mentioned above.

Donna Flewelling  
Public Relations Chairman

## Junior Activities

Are you lost for ideas to do with your Juniors? Check out the Junior Patch Program, you will find several ideas that will inspire girls from Americanism to Community involvement, cheering our Veterans, and more. These are found on the National Junior Activities Website, [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org).

### Call to Department of Iowa Junior Convention

Department Junior Convention is scheduled to be held at the Newton Christian Conference Center, Newton IA on June 7th at 9:00 a.m. Unfortunately, schools had to close numerous days due to cold weather and snow this winter. These days will need to be made up, which will take us into the first week of June. We will inform you through emails and our Department of Iowa website - <https://iowaala.org> if location or date has changed. The girls will

share what they have done this year, elect officers, and receive patches. A Graduation Ceremony will be held with Certificates given to Juniors turning 18. For graduating Juniors not attending give them certificates at your unit meetings. If Juniors have completed the requirements for any of the patches send the completed forms to me by the end of April.

Please send prayers and inspirations for the Chaplain's book to Chaplain Faith Houseman (1613 Washington St. Beaconsfield, IA 50074) and pictures for the Scrapbook to Historian RyAnne Steffen (109 E. South Ave. Early, IA 50535).

Make this a fun time of the year for your girls and include them in Poppy activities, parades and in all you do. Report to me all they have done by April 30, email [marymclaughlin@iowatelecom.net](mailto:marymclaughlin@iowatelecom.net) or 739 South S Avenue, Nevada, Iowa 50201. (cell: 515.291.3150)

Mary Jo McLaughlin  
Department Chairman

## How Is Your VA Money Being Spent?

Do you as a member sometimes wonder if the donations are going to the proper VAMC or IVH? We can assure you that the Department office is very good at getting the money you donate to the proper facilities. At 2019 Mid-Winter Conference the Department Executive Committee approved these funds to be spent at each of the facilities.

- Omaha - \$575 for monthly birthday cake, \$400 for a summer picnic, \$400 for Stand down and \$600 for sweat pants and shirts for a total amount of \$1,975.
- Sioux Falls - \$1,611 for 2 Challenger Air Rifle with sights; \$530 for Airforce Edge Front sight only and \$ 750 for ALFA Project Competition PCP pistol for a total amount of \$2,891.
- Iowa City - 5 Robotic Cats for \$495; \$17.20 Projector; \$294 for Weight Blanket; \$320 for 10 30-day Iowa City bus passes and \$850 for 100 10 Rider bus passes for a total amount of \$1,976.20.

• Des Moines - \$4,000 for the Sticks project for dementia patients for a total amount of \$4,000. Past Department President Sharon Anderson also donated \$534.66 towards the Des Moines facility.

• IVH - \$2,100 for games and curtains for dementia patients for a total amount \$2,100. IVH account will also be purchasing 5 32"TV (\$1,500) and giving \$2,000 to the recreation fund.

• \$250 for the National President's project

• Gold Club - \$200 to purchase a brick at the National American Legion Auxiliary office for the Department of Iowa.

• Gold Club - \$1,000 to help with the parking lot at the Department of Iowa office.

• We would also like to thank Past Department President Sharon Anderson for her donation of \$1,000 and Past 1st District President May Sypherd for her \$3,000 donation to the Gold Club.

The total comes to \$17,892.20. That's amazing because of your donations. The Department of Iowa thanks each and every member that pays their dues!

## Poppy

The Poppy Program has been the cornerstone of The American Legion for a century. May 24, 2019 is National Poppy Day (The Friday before Memorial Day every year) Last year American Legion Auxiliary members raised more than \$5.5 million from poppy donations. of which 100% is used exclusively to support active duty military, veterans, and their families throughout the American Legion Auxiliary's outreach program services. So how are you going to increase your units' poppy revenue?

- Ask local businesses for permission to distribute poppies in the front of their stores.
- Ask TAL, SAL, and Junior members to help distribute poppies. Boy and Girl Scouts and 4-H members also may be able to help.
- Distribute materials from the Poppy Toolkit-downloaded from National

website [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org). Includes poppy bookmarks, media facts sheets, and the poem In Flanders Field. Have these available at all events.

• Utilize local governments to announce the distribution of poppies by obtaining Proclamation declaring "Poppy Days" in your community.

• Create a relationship with local media to publish your events.

• Promote how funds collected help veterans in your community

Please remember to send me your narrative reports by April 30. Please include the Award Cover sheet with all of your reports. Thank You.

Susan Selk  
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### Historian

Mid-Winter is now past and Spring is quickly approaching. We are nearing the end of President Mary's year. If you have given me pictures and news clippings, I thank you! We have been busy this year in our Units, Counties and Districts. I hope to receive many more emails or letters in the mail. I embrace the thought of President Mary sitting and looking at her Historian's book and reminiscing of her year as President.

**Department History/Scrapbook Contests:** There is a difference between a history book and a scrapbook. The history book covers the history of your Unit, so it is mainly a story with only a few pictures of officers. The scrapbook may contain photos, newspaper clippings, programs etc.

**Narratives about famous ALA members:** We are encouraging members to submit narratives about famous Auxiliary members. Include the member's full name, years of membership, details of what she did, who she is, why she is famous, and where you found the information. To

participate in the project, submit your narrative to the Department Historian no later than June 30, 2019.

**District – Senior and Junior Scrapbooks:** Be creative as to binding and the organization of materials. It may include photos, clippings, programs, certificates, stories of events, etc. The first page must contain the Unit's name and address. The Auxiliary emblem must be on the cover. Due no later than June 30, 2019

**Junior – Unit Scrapbook:** Follows the same guidelines as above.

**Senior – Unit History Book:** History books should be submitted electronically to Doris Jackson. If a mailed entry, use plain, white paper, 8 1/2 x 11 inch

**Junior – Unit History Book:** Follows the same guidelines as above.

Year-end reports are to be sent to me by April 30th. I look forward to reading about the history you made this year! Thank you!

Doris Jackson  
1032 Warbler Ave.  
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515-468-1274, mrsj@grm.net

### Department Junior Camp

Department Junior Camp is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Newton Christian Conference Center, Newton IA. Unfortunately, schools had to close numerous days due to cold weather and snow this winter. These days will need to be made up, which will

take us into the first week of June. We will inform you through emails and our Department of Iowa website - <https://iowaala.org> if location or date has changed. The dates are June 2-7, 2019. Cost is \$150, deadline to sign up is April 1, 2019. Juniors between the ages of 8-18 may attend camp.

Joyce Elliott  
Doris Jackson  
Co-Directors

### Membership Chart

DISTRICT	GOAL	PAID	PERCENTAGE	STANDING	NEED
2	2859	2359	82.51%	1	500
1	2567	2081	81.07%	2	486
4	3521	2834	80.49%	3	687
3	3892	3082	79.19%	4	810
9	3450	2702	78.32%	5	748
8	2465	1929	78%	6	536
5	1771	1350	76.23%	7	421
7	2254	1670	74.09%	8	584
6	2555	1855	72.60%	9	700



### Chaplain's Corner

In God's Love. As we look forward to a warmer season with the arrival of Spring it is hard to believe it is not many days away as the thermometer today says -6 degrees. Soon we will see and hear the arrival announced with the sound and sight of Robins.

With Spring comes the blessed time of Easter when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Blessed Savior. President Mary's chosen Bible verses in Matthew 22:37-39 the response of Jesus to the Pharisees question testing him. "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?" To which Jesus replied "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment and second 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' That's a very powerful love.

As members of our American Legion Family, we show our love of God, Country, and our neighbors. If we show our love in our action's others will join us in our efforts. In my life, I

have witnessed many acts of kindness and caring mostly those based on the teachings of the bible. Recently, as I witnessed a friend's struggle with a serious illness I watched as her faith took over and she grasped onto God's promise of eternal life and a new beginning as this life was coming to an end. I wondered as the peace of her faith surrounded her how her situation would have been had she not had the knowledge of a Risen Savior, a Loving God and a Promise of Grace for the mistakes made in her life. I have often wondered how someone not instructed in the teachings of our faith could deal with these issues. Where is their hope, where is their peace, where is their promise? God has taught us all how to love how to care for others by his example.

As I close this article there are several very special people I want to remember in prayer. Healing and comfort for Department Chaplain Dan McClure, our Veterans, our Active Military and those unnamed but in need of prayer. Please remember to send in all your deceased members so they can be honored at the Memorial Service at Department Convention. Send me your Prayers for Department President Mary's book, send me a narrative report for your annual report on the activities of your Unit, County and District Chaplains. I remain yours in God's love.

Jan Schaffer

### Let's Celebrate 100 Years Side by Side

The American Legion will celebrate 100 years of dedication to Veterans in 2019. CONGRATULATIONS! And, thank you for recognizing that women play an important role in service to Veterans. During The American Legion's first convention Nov. 10, 1919, members and officials created the cornerstone of the American Legion Auxiliary.

As we get closer to our 100th anniversary, we encourage you to continue the American Legion Auxiliary's legacy of service for future generations. Write a "Letter to the Editor" about what your unit is doing to serve our veterans, service members and their families. Visit your local Veteran's hospital, Iowa Veterans

Home or nursing home to volunteer. Visit your local school to talk about the Auxiliary's legacy of service. Talk to your family and friends about joining and volunteering. Attend "Welcome Home" events for our military members. Most importantly, let them know that we appreciate the great sacrifices they have made for us every day!

We want to hear your ideas on how you plan to celebrate your unit, county or district's 100th anniversary. Please email your comments or suggestions to: [ledi@mahaska.org](mailto:ledi@mahaska.org).

Diana Shadduck





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# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

SERVING VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

*Auxiliary Communiqué- Spring 2019*



## Some Mid-Winter Conference Highlights



## The American Legion Centennial Merchandise for Sale

Merchandise commemorating The American Legion's Centennial is available for purchase. You may see them at District Conferences, Convention or contact Department Headquarters 800-365-8387. Shipping not included.

Memorabilia Items for Sale

Pin \$5.00 Cordial Glass \$10.00 Commemorative Coin \$10.00

### Centennial Pistol Raffle

Limited edition #29 of a certified maximum of 100 numbered

Kahr Arms 1911 45ACP with 24 karat gold, antique gold, black chrome, and high polished nickel plating. Oak case display included.

Only 500 tickets sold. Ticket price: \$20.00 each. Drawing held on July 21, 2019. Need not be present to win.

### Adjutant's Article Continued from Page 2

Every day our membership in The American Legion makes a difference in the lives of countless Americans. Our programs touch thousands of lives every day. We have shaped our nation, state, and communities with our efforts.

But celebrating 100 years is not just about what we have done, but what

we continue to do today. Yes, we can take a lot of pride in our past, but we honor that past by continuing our service today and into the future.

The theme of our centennial has been "Legacy and Vision". This year I hope you all take time to celebrate the legacy of The American Legion and renew our vision of continued service in the future.

Happy birthday, and many more.

## RAGBRAI

Most Iowans are familiar with the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI). The American Legion has taken part in every RAGBRAI through the efforts of local posts. In our centennial year, RAGBRAI has selected The American Legion and one of two charities for special recognition.

Monday, July 22, will be American Legion Day on RAGBRAI, with a ceremony scheduled for the overnight stop in Winterset. The department will also work with other posts along the route for additional activities and support.

The American Legion of Iowa will sponsor a team of 10 riders to represent the organization on the ride. A special biking jersey is being developed and will be available for purchase for any Legionnaire wishing to help promote The American Legion on RAGBRAI or other bicycle rides in which you participate. Details will be found on our website at [www.ialegon.org](http://www.ialegon.org) and through our electronic newsletter when they become available. The registration deadline for riders is April 1, so don't delay if you plan to ride.

The American Legion would like to thank RAGBRAI for recognizing our 100 years of service and we look forward to our participation in this year's ride.



## Department Membership

Donald Swan, Chairman

Team 100! Team 100! Team 100! Being a Legionnaire, you are part of the American Legion's Membership Team. National Commander Brett Reistad has asked all Posts to perform a "Buddy Check" during the week of March 11 – 16. "Buddy Check" means contact should be made to all members of your post derived from the post's roster. Talk to your members, check on their welfare and if they have not renewed their dues this is the opportunity to ask them to do so. Every post should divide their roster into lists of 20 or more names, and as a group call everyone on your list. The Commander is also offering a \$5.00 incentive to each post that brings back a Legionnaire that had dues expiring in 2014-2016.

March 18 to March 22 will be the days of The Department of Iowa Spring Membership Roundup. Districts will have the opportunity to collect additional Incentives during the Membership Roundup week. The incentives are:

1. Each district would receive \$250.00 for each percentage of increase toward their membership goal.
2. The district with the highest percentage of increase would receive an additional \$250.00.
3. The district with the highest attained percentage of goal would receive an additional \$250.00.

We will be asking all Department Vice Commanders, District Commanders, District Vice Commanders, County Commanders, and Post Commanders to oversee and assure that every post's membership dues that are collected will be delivered to a local collection point which will be picked up by Department leadership. I will be in contact with all Department Vice Commanders and District Commanders to plan out our membership collection route. If we all work together we will continue to meet all our post, district, and national goals. So, I am asking all Iowa Legionnaires to volunteer to help their posts contact their members. You also do not have to wait until March, you can start anytime but membership must be postmarked or delivered to Department Headquarters by Friday, March 22.

Thanks again for everything you do to further and grow the American Legion. We need to bring back our old slogan: "Iowa Leads the Legion". Working together we will become stronger together. Team 100! Team 100! Team 100!

Donald Swan

## Department 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.

## 2019 Bowling Tournament

The bowling tournament will be hosted by Idle Hour Lanes in Durant. Tournament dates are April 6&7, April 13&14, and April 27&28. Team events will be on Saturday at 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Single and Doubles events will be on Sundays at 10:0 AM and 2:00 PM. All entries close on March 15, 2019.

Any further inquiries may be directed to Rocky Rochholz (563) 343-5314. A copy of the tournament rules and application can be found online [www.ialegion.org/bowling](http://www.ialegion.org/bowling).

## Membership Memos

Greetings All,

It was good to see so many at Mid-Winter Conference and I hope everyone had a good time and if you attended any of the workshops I hope they were informative and helpful.

I was pleased to see a large number that attended the myLegion.org workshop. Since returning from Mid-Winter we now have the Online Renewal portal for posts active for Iowa. American Legion Posts in Iowa with access to myLegion.org can now transmit membership online through myLegion.org. If you do use this function, you will not need to send the 2-part card to Department Headquarters. If you have any questions on how this works, contact me here at Department Headquarters and I will assist you. I can be reached at 515-282-5068 or 800-365-8387.

Also, if a member pays his dues online you should not send his card to Department Headquarters. If you have myLegion.org access you can check records there to see who has paid online. If you do not have myLegion.org access you can contact me, and I can check for you.

Make sure to contact members that have not paid their 2019 dues yet. You may be the bright spot in there day by just letting them know that their Legion Post cares about them.

Marcia Hoch

Department of Iowa Membership & Executive Secretary

## Online Transmittals

The "Process Membership" feature in myLegion allows American Legion Post Officers to renew, add new members and transfer-in existing members from other Posts. (NOTE: Posts can only transfer-in members that dues are being paid for.) This feature utilizes electronic payment methods via myLegion and eliminates the need for Post Officers to send the National/Department portion of the (3-part) membership cards and paper-checks to the Department Headquarters office.

Electronic check (Echeck) is the only payment method available when using this feature. The account must be a valid business checking or savings account held with a US Bank. Credit card payments are only accepted for foreign posts outside of the US that do not have a checking/savings account with a US Bank.

Each dues payment charged for a member is the sum of the National Per Capita plus Department Per Capita in effect at the time of the transaction. National Headquarters will handle payment of the Department Per Capita back to the Department Headquarters office.

More information can be found on the Department's website: [www.ialegion.org/membership](http://www.ialegion.org/membership).

## Sweepstakes Winners Drawn

At the close of the Midwinter Conference, the winners of that sweepstakes were announced. They are:

- \$5,000 - Doyle Vanney, Douds, IA
- \$2,000 - Helen Murphy, Marion, IA
- \$1,000 - David Wuestenberg, Grand Mound, IA
- \$500 - Frank McMullen, Massena, IA
- \$500 - David Mullen, Keokuk, IA
- \$500 - Darrell Benningsdorf, Ida Grove, IA
- \$500 - Sidney Kruse, Anamosa, IA

They will be notified by Department Headquarters to arrange receipt of their prize. Thanks to all who entered and made a donation.

## District Membership Standings Through 2/21/2019

STANDING	DISTRICT	2019 GROWTH GOAL	CURRENT MEMBERSHIP	PERCENTAGE
First	2nd	6,847	6,170	90.11
Second	9th	5,734	5,144	89.71
Third	1st	4,179	3,749	89.71
Fourth	4th	4,278	3,831	89.55
Fifth	6th	5,092	4,546	89.28
Sixth	8th	4,128	3,679	89.12
Seventh	7th	3,599	3,174	88.19
Eighth	5th	3,062	2,696	88.05
Ninth	3rd	5,545	4,835	87.20
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		43,201	38,445	88.99



The next membership cutoff date is March 13, 2019.  
Transmittals must be at Department two days prior for processing.

THE AMERICAN LEGION OF IOWA		
Statement of Financial Position		
June 30, 2018		
	2018	2017
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$206,901	149,770
Restricted Cash	382,196	313,568
Certificates of Deposit - Restricted	154,445	153,048
Receivables		
Interest	727	526
Other	10,811	17,528
Prepaid Insurance	1,309	1,400
Prepaid Expenses	12,834	1,475
Land, at Cost	46,610	46,610
Buildings and Equipment, at Cost, Less Accumulated		
Depreciation of: 2018 - \$524,100 and 2017 - \$510,539	153,640	163,027
Total Assets	<u>\$969,473</u>	<u>846,952</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Trade	\$13,684	2,365
Due to Districts, Other Entities, and Other Funds	97,586	63,597
Other	50,560	44,766
Deferred Revenue	24,000	36,000
Accrued Expenses		
Compensated Absences	46,379	57,526
Total Liabilities	232,209	204,254
Net Assets (Deficit)		
Unrestricted		
Designated Funds	290,230	282,058
Property and Building	200,250	209,637
Undesignated	97,369	41,854
	587,849	533,549
Temporarily Restricted	149,415	109,149
Total Net Assets	737,264	642,698
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$969,473</u>	<u>846,952</u>
Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets		
Year Ended June 30, 2018		
	2018	2017
Revenue		
Dues	\$644,529	673,765
Investment Income	1,598	1,072
Fundraising Income		
Sweepstakes	48,000	48,000
Labels	48,000	24,000
Greeting Cards	24,000	24,000
Calendar	48,000	24,000
Non-Member Fundraising Revenue	11,886	751
Legion Insurance Trust	39,135	46,462
USAA Insurance	12,368	26,321
Miscellaneous	146,655	113,112
Temporarily Restricted Funds		
Released from Restrictions	-	-
Total Revenue	1,024,171	981,483
Expenses		
Program Services		
Service Office	206,846	239,847
Meetings and Conventions	33,672	34,460
Commissions	65,507	71,286
Iowa Legionnaire	61,052	61,358
Department/National Convention Fund Expense	1,000	786
Foundation Expense	-	25
Vets of Valor	73,352	42,870
Total Program Services	441,429	450,632
Fundraising	21,171	22,113
Supporting Services		
General Administration	467,005	514,804
Total Expenses	929,605	987,549
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	94,566	(6,066)
Transfer of Net Assets		
-	-	-
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	642,698	648,764
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$737,264</u>	<u>642,698</u>

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS' STATE		
Statements of Financial Position		
September 30,		
	2018	2017
Assets		
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$121,538	139,988
Accounts Receivable from Related Party	539	-
Prepaid Expense	143	591
Total Assets	<u>\$122,220</u>	<u>140,579</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$871	1,015
Scholarships Payable	5,500	5,000
Deferred Revenue	500	4,250
Total Liabilities	6,871	10,265
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	115,349	129,814
Temporarily Restricted	—	500
Total Net Assets	<u>115,349</u>	<u>130,314</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$122,220</u>	<u>140,579</u>

Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets		
Years Ended September 30,		
	2018	2017
Revenue		
Fees	\$101,350	112,650
Donations	956	2,734
Sales - Special Merchandise	5,999	5,340
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	-	-
Total Revenue	<u>108,305</u>	<u>120,724</u>

Expenses		
Program Expenses		
Camp		
Mess	58,114	54,233
Camp Personnel	8,314	7,606
Supplies	6,764	7,622
Rent	26,439	23,925
Printing	855	480
Insurance	3,804	3,898
Directors and Speakers	595	362
Postage Expense	230	373
Photos and CDs	5,120	5,320
Scholarships and Awards	1,250	1,750
Bank Charges	66	9
Special Purchases	1,527	923
Miscellaneous	1,786	2,679
Total Program Expenses	114,864	109,180
Supporting Services		
Professionals Fees	8,406	4,508
Total Expenses	<u>123,270</u>	<u>113,688</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(14,965)	7,036
Net Asstets at Beginning of Year	130,314	123,278
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$115,349</u>	<u>130,314</u>

For a full copy of this audit, you may request one through The Department of Iowa’s Headquarters at 1-800-365-8387 or email [info@ialegion.org](mailto:info@ialegion.org). Further questions may be directed towards the Department Adjutant ([john@ialegion.org](mailto:john@ialegion.org)) or Finance Officer ([kendanilson@gmail.com](mailto:kendanilson@gmail.com)).

IRS Form 990

Form 990 is the IRS’ primary tool for gathering information about tax-exempt organizations, educating organizations about tax law requirements and promoting compliance. Organizations also use the Form 990 to share information with the public about their programs. Please be sure to complete Form 990 for your post before the deadline of 5/15.

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](http://myLegion.org) or [www.ialegion.org/membership](http://www.ialegion.org/membership).

AMERICAN LEGION OF IOWA FOUNDATION		
Balance Sheets		
September 30,		
	2018	2017
Assets		
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$79,034	75,381
Investments	1,904,661	1,907,996
Investments - Rummel Trust	54,315	55,326
Investments - 40 & 8 Trust	53,479	54,475
Investments - Keith Baker Scholarship Fund	25,000	--
Interest Receivable	--	7,379
Total Assets	<u>\$2,116,489</u>	<u>2,100,557</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Payables		
Accounts Payable	\$2,792	7,327
Awards Payable	2,250	--
Scholarships Payable	47,900	37,675
Total Liabilities	52,942	45,002
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	1,930,753	1,945,754
Temporarily Restricted	7,794	9,801
Permanently Restricted	125,000	100,000
Total Net Assets	<u>2,063,547</u>	<u>2,055,555</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$2,116,489</u>	<u>2,100,557</u>

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets -		
With Summarized Financial Information for Year Ended September 30, 2017		
Year Ended September 30, 2018		
	2018	2017
Revenues		
Contributions	\$49,803	23,432
Interest and Dividend Income	52,968	57,424
Gain on Sale of Investments	55,228	30,500
Scholarship and Award Expiration	2,025	4,249
Net Assets Released from Restriction		
Satisfaction of Program Restriction	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>160,024</u>	<u>115,605</u>

Awards and Scholarships	94,468	100,850
Operating Expenses		
Trustee Fee	12,945	12,455
Audit and Income Tax Return	5,482	5,347
Insurance	1,521	1,569
Meeting Expense	3,543	2,089
Supplies	716	2,199
Total Operating Expenses	<u>24,207</u>	<u>23,659</u>
Change in Net Assets Before Unrealized Gain (Loss)	41,349	(8,904)
Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	<u>(33,357)</u>	<u>17,954</u>
Change in Net Assets	7,992	9,050
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>2,055,555</u>	<u>2,046,505</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$2,063,547</u>	<u>2,055,555</u>



**Post & Squadron Everlasting reflects members from 11-17-2018 to 2-16-2019.**

**Spencer Post #1**  
Wayne Calhoon  
William Maurer  
**Council Bluffs Post #2**  
Franklin Belt  
Robert Durgin  
Benjamin Lamberth  
John Poulos  
**Ottumwa Post #3**  
Robert Carnahan  
John Hawley  
Charles Lynch  
Verle Marks  
Bernard Mottet  
**Hubbard Post #4**  
Willard McCartney  
**Dubuque Post #6**  
Ricky Caspersen  
Harlan Doty  
Keith Ellis  
Roger Emerson  
Harriet Heller  
Harold Koppes  
Richard Mesch  
James Schadt  
Jerome Tigges  
Rex Wellman  
**Carroll Post #7**  
Robert Frank  
Leo Lambertz  
Robert Langenfeld  
**Oelwein Post #9**  
James Brinkman  
James Conerd  
Tom Crilly  
Peter Greco  
Laverne Oltrogge  
Robert Ruark  
Maurice Shay  
**Peterson Post #10**  
Wayne Brown  
Carol Fries  
Norman Laursen  
**Jefferson Post #11**  
Dean McAtee  
**Anamosa Post #13**  
Wayne Porter  
**West Union Post #15**  
William Moore  
Richard Schnor  
**Iowa City Post #17**  
John Shrader  
Curtis Wuest  
**Pocahontas Post #18**  
John Bouma  
Leo Olson  
Robert Zeman  
**Sigourney Post #19**  
Marvin Miner  
Lyle Winn  
**Spirit Lake Post #23**  
Charles Woodworth  
**Davenport Post #26**  
Alvin Gehbauer  
Tom Krulik  
Darrell Mairet  
Jerry Morrow  
Kenneth Smith  
**Muscatine Post #27**  
Victor Burch  
Wallace Koepke  
Charles Mathis  
John McAreavy  
Dennis Poole  
Harry Schnedler  
Myron Schroeder  
**Washington Post #29**  
David Chorpeneing  
Harold Ossman  
Kenneth Paul  
Charles Roy  
Robert Swift  
**Independence Post #30**  
Tom Schort  
**Lake City Post #31**  
Hugh Storm  
**Ruthven Post #33**  
Albert Finnegan  
**Oskaloosa Post #34**  
Virgil Hudson  
Dale Veach  
**Primghar Post #36**  
Bert Deridder  
**Ames Post #37**  
Fred Bunce  
James Gaunt  
Robert Hildebrand  
Leonard Reedholm  
Carl Watson  
**Belle Plaine Post #39**  
Donald Brown  
Neil Ealy  
Larry Schlue  
**Keokuk Post #41**  
Gary Nelson  
**Atlantic Post #43**  
Lloyd Lindeman  
Joseph Riesberg  
Ralph Smith  
**Bayard Post #44**  
Dean Imler  
**Manchester Post #45**  
Nicholas Dunkel

Kenneth Edmonds  
Carl Hawker  
**Fairfield Post #47**  
Robert Gerard  
**Nevada Post #48**  
Robert Leeper  
Doug Shirley  
**Lansing Post #50**  
Norman Reeves  
**Burlington Post #52**  
David Chubb  
**Grinnell Post #53**  
Gerald Allen  
Giles Jay  
Douglas Kruse  
Richard Norris  
**Victor Post #54**  
Richard Park  
Stuart Petersen  
**Boone Post #56**  
Howard Conard  
John Munson  
**Vinton Post #57**  
James Anderson  
Carl Edmonds  
Robert Lutz  
Ralph Smith  
C. Wayson  
**Mt. Pleasant Post #58**  
Kenneth Gillispie  
Melvin Rich  
**Story City Post #59**  
Robert Dodson  
William Jernagel  
**Ida Grove Post #61**  
Alden Backhaus  
Morrelle Christiansen  
Douglas Hussey  
**Sioux City Post #64**  
George Finzen  
William Lair  
Dwayne Peterson  
David Smith  
Bill Tuttle  
**Red Oak Post #67**  
Avery Boose  
John Gray  
John Vanleuven  
Roger Walford  
William Young  
**Tama Post #73**  
Marvin Cibula  
Floyd Heishman  
James Wacha  
**Maquoketa Post #75**  
Don McDonald  
Gerald Rockwell  
Harold Staner  
**Bloomfield Post #78**  
Rex Simmons  
**Leon Post #80**  
Robert Smith  
**Ft. Madison Post #82**  
Paul Bartholomew  
Phillip Ingebritson  
**Hedrick Post #83**  
Richard Phillips  
Danny Showman  
Eugene Vogel  
**Perry Post #85**  
Russell Hoffman  
Donald Johns  
William Robertson  
**Shenandoah Post #88**  
Wayne Anderson  
Kenneth Baucom  
Marvin Belknap  
Pamela Belknap  
Jerry Boylan  
David Brame  
Wayne Briggs  
Keith Greever  
James Hunt  
Dale Jones  
Gregory Jones  
Dale Preston  
James Swanson  
Dale Whitehill  
**Pella Post #89**  
Kenneth Hesckhe  
Norman Nieuwsma  
Donald Roorda  
Willis Vanhaaften  
Paul Zylstra  
**Estherville Post #91**  
Robert Klein  
**Westgate Post #92**  
Harvey Brown  
Mark Kappmeyer  
**Paullina Post #95**  
Eugene Schuknecht  
**Lorimer Post #96**  
William Holland  
**Clarinda Post #98**  
Les Brooke  
**Minburn Post #99**  
Lester Mitchell  
**Columbus Jct. Post #100**  
Gary Burden  
**Mason City Post #101**  
James Jacobson  
**Elkader Post #106**  
Billy Butikofer  
Dennis Horn  
**Keystone Post #107**  
John Albers  
Robert Schwab  
**Pleasantville Post #108**

Charles Soper  
**Manly Post #110**  
Norman Backhaus  
George Lindflott  
**Corning Post #117**  
Larry Antsdel  
John Nevius  
Frank Swain  
**Humboldt Post #119**  
C. Lewellyn  
**Audubon Post #120**  
Frank Obermeier  
John Weighton  
**Forest City Post #121**  
David Anderson  
Richard Brass  
Emil Damm  
Harry Halvorsen  
Eugene Johnson  
Eldon Willis  
**Tipton Post #123**  
Robert Snively  
**Guthrie Center Post #124**  
Oris Hoover  
**Merrill Post #125**  
Gerald Hodapp  
**Sidney Post #128**  
Donald Blezek  
John Loghry  
Wilber Welchans  
**Ft. Dodge Post #130**  
Danny Fiala  
Richard Gadbury  
Arthur King  
**Manilla Post #132**  
Charles Agan  
**Albia Post #136**  
Harold Coop  
Joseph Welsh  
**Dyersville Post #137**  
Richard Potter  
Vincent Rubner  
Albert Trenkamp  
**Waterloo Post #138**  
Eugene Fortune  
Randolph McHone  
**Glenwood Post #141**  
H. Pein  
**Traer Post #142**  
Richard Beecher  
Darrell Podhajsky  
Gordon Staveley  
**Sheldon Post #145**  
Elmer Kreykes  
Harold Sterk  
Ray Vandernaald  
**Stuart Post #146**  
Dale Clausen  
Herbert Gibson  
Bill Sherman  
**Van Horne Post #148**  
Kenneth Fischer  
Robert Schadle  
**Harlan Post #150**  
Frederick Olsen  
**West Bend Post #151**  
Benjamin Habeger  
**Bettendorf Post #154**  
Jack Blake  
Robert Border  
**Mitchellville Post #155**  
William Pecher  
**Woodburn Post #157**  
William Oehlert  
**Newhall Post #167**  
Marcus Beebe  
Melvin Schirm  
Otis Sebastian  
**Knoxville Post #168**  
J. Chrisman  
Tom Collins  
Louie Flattery  
Denny McDonald  
**Mt. Ayr Post #172**  
L. Bishop  
James Hullinger  
**Charles City Post #174**  
Martin Jones  
Dale Miller  
**Waverly Post #176**  
Marvin Kraft  
Roger Metzger  
**Birmingham Post #181**  
James Vice  
**Eldora Post #182**  
Dean Davison  
Larry Luiken  
**Hampton Post #183**  
Jeremy Craighton  
Clarence Kruse  
**Winterset Post #184**  
Donald Hermanstorfer  
**Akron Post #186**  
Merlyn Klemme  
**IA Falls Post #188**  
Darrel Bates  
Wayne Cooper  
Raymond Knapp  
Lloyd Knott  
Bradley Welden  
**Waucoma Post #189**  
Rollin Krueger  
**Clinton Post #190**  
Edward Skolnick  
Dean Tufford  
**Webster City Post #191**  
Luther Olson  
**Newell Post #193**

Lowell Haahr  
John Tymeson  
**Churdan Post #198**  
Ivan Curtis  
Duane Towers  
**Sioux Center Post #199**  
Norman Schaap  
Marlow Scheffer  
**Alden Post #201**  
David Lancaster  
Norman Vanlangen  
**Palmer Post #202**  
Elmer Gerdes  
Keith Keleher  
**La Porte City Post #207**  
Allen Blocker  
Richard Clark  
**Anita Post #210**  
Charles Noland  
Don Pollock  
Harold Wahlert  
**Woodward Post #211**  
John Alexander  
**Atkins Post #217**  
Don Floerchinger  
**Strawberry Pt. Post #218**  
William Hogan  
**Remsen Post #220**  
Jimmie Heeren  
Leander Konz  
**Sumner Post #223**  
Richard Haw  
Ron Leuenberger  
Donald Leyh  
Harold Snyder  
**Polk City Post #232**  
Virgil Reiter  
**Norway Post #234**  
Francis Becker  
Ed Gibney  
**Lake Mills Post #235**  
James Tweeten  
Vernon Vold  
Francis Yegge  
**Cedar Falls Post #237**  
Roger Chapman  
**DeWitt Post #238**  
Bill Oetzmann  
**Le Mars Post #241**  
Larry Hanno  
Jerome Hansen  
Robert Keyley  
Robert Langel  
**Reinbeck Post #242**  
Kenneth Richter  
**Mediapolis Post #243**  
Ralph Honson  
**Clarion Post #246**  
Robert Rice  
Robert Stephenson  
Melvin Waldon  
**Villisca Post #251**  
Randy Hendrickson  
Oliver Herzberg  
**Ackley Post #252**  
Donald Ibeling  
Lyle Roelfs  
**Milo Post #263**  
Roger Simmons  
**Urbana Post #264**  
Gary Heins  
**Greenfield Post #265**  
Gerald Reed  
Eugene Thompson  
**Greene Post #268**  
Darrell Kingery  
Richard Wilson  
**Boydton Post #272**  
Donald Carlson  
**Bellevue Post #273**  
Donald Berthel  
Fred Fifield  
Jerome Kieffer  
Harold Sommer  
Allen Weber  
**Des Moines Post #274**  
Edgar Craig  
Elmer Grigsby  
**Sheffield Post #277**  
Calvin Schneck  
**Lawler Post #279**  
Linus Bodensteiner  
**Moulton Post #280**  
William Withrow  
**Parkersburg Post #285**  
Stephen White  
**Renwick Post #289**  
Wayne Rapp  
**Ashton Post #290**  
Robert Nasers  
**Deep River Post #296**  
Maurice Manley  
**Marion Post #298**  
Max Arthur  
Roger Dystra  
Lloyd Feickert  
Aloysius Geers  
Richard Kesi  
Irvin Lindley  
Lloyd Lucas  
Morris Neighbor  
Kenneth Perry  
Orval Spilde  
**Albert City Post #299**  
Paul Lindgren  
**Mobile Post #303**  
Albert Blemaster  
**Russell Post #308**

Donald Force  
**Inwood Post #310**  
Donald Kistler  
Donald Pedersen  
**Hopkinton Post #311**  
Arthur Feldmann  
Robert Larson  
**Hawkeye Post #312**  
Leo Jones  
Mervin Ungerer  
**Britt Post #315**  
Harry Smith  
**Elk horn Post #322**  
Jim Okeefe  
**Dayton Post #323**  
Ted Semprini  
**Sibley Post #324**  
Edw Brandt  
Dean Kruize  
Roger Lopau  
Delbert Wills  
**Ocheyedan Post #326**  
Donald Buntier  
**Neola Post #330**  
Duane Wilson  
**Springville Post #331**  
Arlo Benesh  
Larry Hibbs  
**McCallsburg Post #334**  
Gerry Bearden  
Dennis Kjarland  
**Dysart Post #335**  
Paul Matthiesen  
**Missouri Valley Post #337**  
Norman Miller  
Gerald Powell  
Lloyd Straight  
**Le Claire Post #347**  
Vernon Spring  
**Dougherty Post #354**  
Terrance Boyle  
Bernard Marzen  
**Coon Rapids Post #357**  
George Esdohr  
James Kracht  
**St. Ansgar Post #358**  
Norbert Johnson  
**Dumont Post #360**  
Darl Dearmoun  
**Coggon Post #362**  
Grant Faust  
**Battle Creek Post #364**  
Bruce Goodenow  
**Des Moines Post #374**  
Charles Dawson  
Ernest Goddard  
Harold McCarville  
Robert Osborn  
Charles Underwood  
**Clermont Post #375**  
John Bena  
**Bancroft Post #377**  
Donald Behnkendorf  
John Drossler  
Kenneth Mulligan  
Edward Schiltz  
**Mondamin Post #378**  
Charles Ruffcorn  
**Hull Post #380**  
Hilmore Kroese  
**Ringsted Post #382**  
Monty Miller  
Berger Naig  
**Milford Post #384**  
Harold Eilers  
**Anthon Post #389**  
Paul Fundermann  
**Aurelia Post #390**  
Duane Buttenob  
**Shellrock Post #393**  
Andrew Hogenkamp  
**Sioux Rapids Post #394**  
Ronald Haraldson  
Richard Katschman  
Charles Weler  
**Diagonal Post #395**  
Charles Sobotka  
**Bondurant Post #396**  
Phillip Bingaman  
**Quimby Post #398**  
James Warrender  
**Van Meter #403**  
Sanford Golightly  
**George Post #404**  
William Koopman  
**Murray Post #405**  
Curtis Burgus  
Robert Fuller  
**Pisgah Post #408**  
Edwin Johnson  
**Olin Post #412**  
Gayle Ahrendsen  
John Dlask  
Richard Luckstead  
Leroy Wood  
**Eddyville Post #418**  
Dale Heckenberg  
**Central City Post #421**  
Mark Decker  
Dale Streets  
**Hospers Post #423**  
Erwin Goslinga  
**Whitemore Post #425**  
Michael Johnson  
**Wellman Post #427**  
George Fry  
Anthony Rios  
**Wesley Post #428**

Paul Grandgenett  
Albertus Kruger  
Wendell Ringsdorf  
**Durant Post #430**  
Michael Crumly  
Duane Meyer  
Billy Paulsen  
Robert Winter  
Douglas Wolf  
**Minden Post #437**  
Abe Van Roekel  
**Silver City Post #439**  
James Fitzpatrick  
Harvey Kahl  
**Ute Post #442**  
Craig Lynn  
Duane Thompson  
**New Sharon Post #446**  
James Hargis  
**Galva Post #454**  
Norbert Huseman  
**Rhodes Post #456**  
Gary Maxwell  
**Lone Tree Post #457**  
Carl Swenson  
**Solon Post #460**  
Richard Lahr  
Richard Tomas  
Douglas Zangerle  
**Adel Post #464**  
Wayne Franco  
Donald Geisler  
**Dike Post #471**  
Harlan Thuesen  
**Oxford Jct. Post #473**  
Dwayne Persels  
Francis Zaruba  
**Donnellson Post #474**  
Stephen Brown  
Robert Dowling  
**Doon Post #476**  
Dick Keizer  
**Hinton Post #477**  
Harold Binneboese  
Robert Jaynes  
**Whiting Post #481**  
Adair Kaehlar  
**North English Post #488**  
Richard Harris  
**Mapleton Post #496**  
Dale Bruhn  
Keith Miller  
George Waller  
**Alta Post #498**  
Donald Linnan  
**Castana Post #502**  
Harlan Morgan  
Russell Struble  
**Barnes City Post #507**  
Robert Rauch  
**Farnhamville Post #510**  
Paul Fortune  
Leslie Larson  
Lloyd Reed  
**West Branch #514**  
James Smith  
**Marcus Post #517**  
Harold Means  
**Millersburg Post #521**  
Harold Berstler  
**Downs Post #523**  
Duane Haupt  
**Cascade Post #528**  
Doloris Bertling  
Joseph Conlan  
**Donahue Post #532**  
Frank Anderson  
**Ottosen Post #535**  
Dean Telford  
**Oxford Post #537**  
Andrew Cooper  
James Kutcher  
**Ellston Post #541**  
Donald Poore  
Robert Shay  
**Lime Springs Post #545**  
James Lepa  
**Walcott Post #548**  
Darrell Feuerbach  
John Kundel  
**Fairbanks Post #552**  
Russell Cummings  
Gary Floss  
James Leehey  
Edwin Shannon  
**Ely Post #555**  
Ronald Sanborn  
Donald Trachta  
**Larchwood Post #561**  
Thomas Skidmore  
Charles Smith  
**Fairfax Post #572**  
Roger Donegan  
James Glynn  
Curtis Selzer  
**Emerson Post #575**  
Jesse Perkins  
**Gravity Post #578**  
Lloyd Akers  
**Rippey Post #583**  
Phillip Lansing  
**Varina Post #588**  
Edmund Rassler  
Raymond Steffen  
**Spragueville Post #590**  
David Miller  
**Elma Post #597**  
Guy Dietz

**Panama Post #601**  
Ray Schleimer  
**Protivin Post #605**  
Eugene Novak  
**W. Des Moines Post #620**  
George Jensen  
Charles Vandenburg  
**Fenton Post #627**  
Allen Hantelman  
**Laurel Post #635**  
Tom Southard  
**Denver Post #653**  
Rollis Jensen  
Kenneth Pollock  
**Farley Post #656**  
John Anstoetter  
John Dalton  
Ronald Theobald  
Donald Wolf  
**Latimer Post #658**  
Wilbert Borcharding  
**Des Moines Post #659**  
James Edwards  
Roger Wulf  
**Liberty Center Post #661**  
Jack Fosdick  
Philip Thompson  
**Sgt. Bluff Post #662**  
Joe Haindfield  
**Urbandale Post #663**  
Robert Darrah  
Floyd Fluaharty  
Lowell Johnson  
William Milliman  
Norman Toppin  
**Batavia Post #667**  
Merrill Frescoln  
**West Point Post #668**  
Harry Boeding  
Virgil Fedler  
**Swisher Post #671**  
Robert Becicka  
Ervin Kamaus  
**Toddville Post #674**  
Jerry Elm  
**Miles Post #677**  
Donald Jargo  
**Palo Post #679**  
Claude Kelsey  
**Conrad Post #681**  
Don Vreeland  
Cliff Wilson  
**Altoona Post #682**  
George Anderson  
**Jamaica Post #687**  
Jack Nicholson  
**Ryan Post #692**  
Patrick Struble  
Vincent Keegan  
**Arcadia Post #694**  
Steve Hamann  
**Sioux City Post #697**  
Drew Niebrugge  
Norwin Treft  
**Tama Post #701**  
Rodney Papakee  
**Alvord Post #704**  
Henry Bosler  
**Blue Grass Post #711**  
Donald Cawiezell  
Richard Hawkins  
Lyle Kress  
**Troy Milles Post #712**  
Elmer Barthelmes  
**Gilbertville Post #714**  
William Bertch  
Donald McCarville  
Elmer Meyers  
**Nevinville Post #719**  
Lowell Young  
**Coralville Post #721**  
Richard Callahan  
C.H. Parsons  
**Harpers Ferry Post #722**  
Ronald Gilson  
Robert Heffern  
Gary Soper  
**Garnavillo Post #723**  
Steven Schultz  
**Brunsville Post #724**  
Marlin Albright  
Ken Frazee  
Orlan Jacobs  
Albert Kleihauer  
**Cedar Rapids Post #727**  
Cesaro Casali  
**Iowa Post #729**  
Michael Birmingham  
Ralph Fry  
John Heffernen  
Michael McLaughlin  
Richard Morton  
James Schrunck  
**Des Moines Post #731**  
Miquel Murillo

### Squadron Everlasting

**Mt. Ayr Squadron #172**  
Dan King  
**Farmington Squadron #231**  
Tom Buechel  
**Marion Squadron #298**  
Bob Lana

## Dept. Leadership School

Each year the Department of Iowa offers a leadership school to instruct and educate District and Department leaders and future leaders of The American Legion. The Leadership School provides an opportunity to develop leadership skills and meet other Legionnaires across the Department.

The Department Leadership School will be held May 31 - June 2, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Des Moines, Iowa. The Department will cover the cost of six (6) attendees per district, one of which should be the incoming District Commander. If you would like to be designated as an authorized attendee for your District, you are encouraged

to attend your district Spring Conference. Endorsed candidates for Department and National offices are also invited to attend at Department expense. Candidates are in addition to the six allocated for each District.

Additional attendees from each District are allowed, but will be required to pay for lodging. The Department will assist those attending at own expense with finding roommates to help reduce cost of attendance. Those who wish to attend at their own expense should contact Department Headquarters to obtain registration materials or use the forms available on the Department website at [www.ialegion.org](http://www.ialegion.org).

Deadline for Leadership School registration is May 15, 2019.

## National Legion College

The National Legion College prepares young Legionnaires for leadership positions in Posts, Districts, Counties, and departments through education, development, and motivation. The curriculum challenges student leaders to think critically and creatively about issues confronting the Legion.

This year the College will be held November 3-8, 2019,

in Indianapolis, Indiana. Application are available on the Department's website at [www.ialegion.org/legion-college](http://www.ialegion.org/legion-college) or by request from Department Headquarters.

The Department of Iowa is currently seeking two candidates. Candidates must have military service after 1982 and have completed the American Legion Extension Institute. The Extension Institute is available online at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). Applications for Legion College are due to Department Headquarters before July 1.

## US Mint Coin

Set to go on sale March 14, coinciding with The American Legion's 100th birthday, the silver dollar pays tribute to the organization's Paris founding. The coin's heads side, or obverse, is designed by Paul Balan and features the American Legion emblem surrounded by oak leaves and a lily. The reverse side is designed by Patricia Lucas-Morris and has crossed U.S. and American Legion flags under a fleur-de-lis, with the dates

1919-2019 and the inscription 100 YEARS OF SERVICE.

The commemorative coins were designed through the Artist Infusion program and U.S. Mint sculptors and engravers, in consultation with The American Legion, the Citizens Coin Advisory Committee and the U.S. Commission on Fine Arts.

To be added to the mailing list for updates, go to [legion.org/coin](http://legion.org/coin). For prices and other ordering information, go to [usmint.gov](http://usmint.gov).

**Registration Deadline:**

**July 21, 2019**

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



## The American Legion of Iowa Foundation



David K. Rehbein, President  
American Legion of Iowa Foundation

The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 known as the GI Bill of Rights is possibly the primary accomplishment of The American Legion. That legislation came from the commitment of the veterans of WW I to ensure the WW II were welcomed home into a life that included benefits they had not received after November 11, 1918.

That commitment continued on and continues to live on today with the Post 9/11 GI Bill education benefits but also in the American Legion of Iowa Foundation with scholarship grants to many of the colleges in Iowa to assist veterans and family members with gaps in finances that the GI Bill does not cover.

Those gaps were especially hard on Kaitlin Teff, a junior at Upper Iowa University. Kaitlin is a single mother majoring in Conservation

Management with the hope of one day working for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. An internship is a necessary part of that education, an internship that requires Kaitlin purchase appropriate work clothing and shoes.

Supporting her family while attending college left her with very little finances to purchase those supplies. Being the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship allowed her to perform that internship and gain the experience necessary to continue toward her dream. Our donors made that happen.

Foundation Director Dennis Soppe is shown presenting a check for scholarships to Eldon Reiling, head of the Vet2Vet program at Northeast Iowa Community College. The scholarship recipients had not yet been chosen when the presentation was made but two students there would each receive \$1,000 from that grant.

Scholarship grants of \$2,000 each were awarded to fifteen colleges around the state of Iowa. That means at least 30 veterans or families



members received help with their educational expenses that the GI Bill does not cover. The path to their successful future got a little smoother for each of them thanks to our donors.

Scholarships like this have been awarded for several years now. Each year that list of veterans who have been helped through the commitment of The American Legion of Iowa Foundation grows longer. Our donors can take pride in being part of that commitment. We all served not to help ourselves but to ensure our fellow citizens continued to enjoy the freedom of this great country.

Our donors continue that commitment of service to others. Consider becoming one of those donors if you aren't already. If you are, thank you not on behalf of the Foundation but on behalf of veterans like Kaitlin whose children will live a better life thanks to you.

## Foundation Grants

As the charitable entity of the Iowa Department of The American Legion, the Foundation was organized as a mechanism for The American Legion to provide financial assistance to promote Americanism, Youth Programs, Veterans Rehabilitation and community service in the State of Iowa.

Since 1979, over \$2.4 million has been contributed in support of Veterans assistance, educational programs, patriotic endeavors and children and youth programs.

Applications for Foundation grants must be submitted by first class mail no later than April 15th (postmarked) of each calendar year. Application procedures can be found on The American Legion of Iowa website <https://www.ialegion.org/iafoundation>.

## Walk for Veterans

Department Commander J. Scott Moline will lead American Legion family members and friends in a Walk for Veterans. This may be the final year for the walk as we celebrate the centennial of The American Legion.

The American Legion Walk for Veterans will be during the Veterans Parade at the Iowa State Fair on August 12, 2019, at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The parade begins at 11:00 am and participants are asked to be in the staging area before 10:00 am.

Participants must register (free registration)

with The American Legion of Iowa before July 21, 2019. The cost of a Walk for Veterans shirt is \$10.00. All walk participants must wear The American Legion Walk for Veterans shirt and must pre-register. All parade participants will receive free entry into the Iowa State Fair. Parking is not included.

Registration Forms, Information and Updates: Information, instructions, and forms are available on our website or by request from the Department office. For more information please contact The American Legion of Iowa by phone at 800-365-8387, by email at [rebecca@ialegion.org](mailto:rebecca@ialegion.org) or view online at [www.ialegion.org/wfv](http://www.ialegion.org/wfv).

## 2019 Boys State Orientation Schedule

District	Date(s) & Time(s)	Location(s)
<b>First</b> Dr. Dan McClure (319) 653-3413	April 13, 2019 (Saturday) @ 2:30 PM	Crawfordsville American Legion Post #593 113 East Vine Street Crawfordsville, IA 52621
<b>Second</b> Leonard Ernst (563) 495-0875	April 14, 2019 (Sunday) @ 2:00 PM	Marion American Legion Post #298 625 31st Street Marion, IA 52302
	April 28, 2019 (Sunday) @ 2:00 PM	Dubuque American Legion Post #6 1306 Delhi Street Dubuque, IA 52001
	May 5, 2019 (Sunday) @ 2:00 PM	DeWitt American Legion Post #238 704 9th Street DeWitt, IA 52742
<b>Third</b>	Contact Jim Zacharias for details (641) 458-8019	
<b>Fourth</b> Dennis Soppe (563) 422-5092	May 5, 2019 (Sunday) @ 2:00 PM	West Union American Legion Post #15 103 E. Main St West Union, IA 52175
<b>Fifth</b>	Contact Darrin Alderson for details (641) 660-0527 or darrin.alderman3@gmail.com	
<b>Sixth</b> Jerry Sebben (515) 371-9146	April 28, 2019 (Sunday) @ 1:00 PM	Baldwin Patterson American Legion Post #274 2211 E 42nd Street Des Moines, IA 50317
<b>Seventh</b>	Contact Erwin Aust for details (712) 246-3883	
<b>Eighth</b> Al Tigges (712) 790-7053	April 24, 2019 (Wednesday) @ 7:00 PM	Dedham American Legion Post #20 302 Main Street Dedham, IA 51440
	May 6, 2019 (Monday) @ 7:00 PM	Forest City American Legion Post #121 115 S Clark Street Forest City, IA 50436
	May 13, 2019 (Monday) @ 7:00 PM	Humboldt American Legion Post #119 620 Sumner Avenue Humboldt, IA 50548
<b>Ninth</b> Jack St. Peters (712) 363-0686	April 28, 2019 (Sunday) @ 2:00 PM	Spencer American Legion Post #1 Hwy 71 North Spencer Spencer, IA 51301
	May 5, 2019 (Sunday) @ 2:00 PM	Le Mars American Legion Post #241 110 Plymouth St W Le Mars, IA 51031

## Boys State

With only a few months remaining until the 80th commemoration American Legion of Iowa Boys State session, posts that have not filled their reservation still have the remainder of March before they cannot request a refund. The refund deadline for reservations not filled is April 1. Any requests made after will not be honored. Refunds may be requested through our online form on the Department's website [www.ialegon.org/refunds](http://www.ialegon.org/refunds).

Posts and chairmen, please be sure to follow up with your delegates if they have not registered. A post with a valid email would have received an electronic confirmation of your delegate(s) registration. You may contact Department Headquarters to follow up if you have not received confirmation.

Boys State Orientation schedule can be found above. Delegates are highly encouraged to attend an orientation session. However, if a delegate is unable

to attend an orientation session, they may go over the material with posts and parents which are provided online [www.ialegon.org/boysstate](http://www.ialegon.org/boysstate). Check with your District Chairmen if you have further questions on orientations.

Boys must be registered by April 1, and are strongly encouraged to attend a District orientation. Orientation dates and locations will be available on the Department website in the spring.

The Samsung Scholarship application is available only through <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung>. Delegates who wish to apply, must go through this link. Boys State delegates will be required to register with a username/password to apply for the scholarship. A hard copy is not available.

Graduation cords will also be available for delegates at a cost of \$20 each throughout the week of Boys State. Posts are encouraged to contact their delegates to see if they need assistance in obtaining one for their upcoming high school graduation.

## Iowa Legionnaire of the Year

Art McLaughlin was the Post member who took on the 'taken for granted jobs' at the Post, doing the extra things to make activities in the Post and the community even better. He did the little repair jobs around the Post and was always checking to make sure everything was going well. He was happiest when he was actively working to support the Post and his rural community.

A soft-spoken leader, Art was respected throughout Mt. Auburn and The American Legion because of his ability to talk to people. He was a tireless membership worker who was constantly recruiting members for not only his home Post, but throughout Benton County, the Third District, and Iowa. A humble man, Art would be surprised to think that there is an award named in his honor. He was a quiet leader who did not work for recognition, but volunteered because it was the right thing to do.

His wife, Sherry McLaughlin, Past National Auxiliary President had this to say: "I once told someone that The American Legion was Art's life." The young Legionnaire replied, "No, The American Legion was his passion."

The Department of Iowa asks that you nominate qualified Legionnaires for this award as away of saying "Thank You" to a strong 'blue cap' Legionnaire.

Applications can be found online at [www.ialegon.org/resources](http://www.ialegon.org/resources). Search under the Program Forms Tab. Applications are due to Dept. HQ June 15, 2019.

## IALPA Contest

The Iowa American Legion Press Association (IALPA) hosts an annual Media Contest in four categories. All categories require publication between May 1st and April 30th of the following year. All categories must be a publication of the Legion, ALA, SAL, or Legion Riders or a joint publication of two or more of the three organizations, at the Post, Unit, County, or District level. There is NO entry fee. Entrant need not be a current member of the Iowa American Legion Press Association.

1. Single Sheet (Deadline for submission: April 30)
2. Multiple Sheet (Deadline for submission: April 30)
3. Electronic Newsletter (e-mail) (Deadline for submission: April 30)
4. Website (Deadline for submission: April 30)

All submissions (5 copies), with required documentation as outlined in the entry instructions, must be mailed to:

The American Legion of Iowa  
ATTN: IALPA  
720 Lyon St.  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Categories 3 and 4, require additional electronic submission to [programs@ialegon.org](mailto:programs@ialegon.org), by the April 30 deadline. Rules available at [www.ialegon.org/ialpa](http://www.ialegon.org/ialpa)

Awards:

- a. Each category will recognize a First Place winner, and awarded an appropriate plaque, inscribed with the name of the publication and entrant.
- b. Second Place winners will receive a certificate, inscribed with the name of the publication and entrant.
- c. All entries will receive a participation certificate.

## District Spring Conferences

District	Date	Location
<b>1st District</b>	April 6, 2019	Meeting: Veterans Hall 300 West Monroe St Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641 Hospitality: Friday, 6-8 PM Hotel: AmericInn 319-450-0311 (Ask for Legion rate)
<b>2nd District</b>	April 13, 2019	Meeting: American Legion Post #548 121 West Bryant St Walcott, IA 52773 Hospitality: Friday, 6-8 PM Hotel: Comfort Inn 563-284-9000 (Ask for Legion rate)
<b>3rd District</b>	April 27, 2019	Meeting: Waverly Area Veterans Post 1300 4th St NW Waverly, IA 50677 Hospitality: None Hotel: Super 8 319-352-0888
<b>4th District</b>	April 6, 2019	Meeting: American Legion Post #9 108 1st St SW Oelwein, IA 50662 Hospitality: Friday 7-10 PM Hotel: Super 8 319-283-2888
<b>5th District</b>	April 27, 2019	Meeting: Richland United Methodist 106 South St Richland, IA 52585 Hospitality: None Hotel: Best Western Fairfield Inn 1-888-690-5247
<b>6th District</b>	April 6, 2019	Meeting: American Legion Post #731 1511 S Union Des Moines, IA 50315 Hospitality: None Hotel: Holiday Inn Mercy Campus 515-283-0151
<b>7th District</b>	March 30, 2019	Meeting: Treynor Community Center 11 W Main St Treynor, IA 51575 Hospitality: Friday, 6:30-8:30 PM Hotel: Red Roof Inn & Suites 712-366-5555
<b>8th District</b>	April 24, 2019	Meeting: American Legion Post #121 115 S Clark St Forest City, IA 50436 Hospitality: Friday, 5-10 PM Hotel: Super 8 Forest City 641-585-1300
<b>9th District</b>	April 6, 2019	Meeting: Kiwanis Shelter House 305 12th St Onawa, IA 51040 Hospitality: Friday, 6:30-7:30 PM Hotel: Heartland Hotel & Suites 712-467-9388 (Ask for Legion rate)
<b>SAL</b>	April 28, 2019	Meeting: American Legion Dept. HQ 720 Lyon St Des Moines, IA 50309 Hotel: Holiday Inn Mercy Campus 515-283-0151

## National Convention August 23-29, 2019 Indianapolis, IN

The annual National Convention is the governing body of The American Legion. Delegates and alternates to the National Convention are elected at District Spring Conferences. If you are not elected as a delegate or alternate at the District Spring Conference, you may still attend the National Convention as a guest.

Registration form for delegates, alternates, and guests to the National Convention will be available at District Spring Conferences. They are also available by request from Department Headquarters or can be downloaded from the Department website at [www.ialegion.org](http://www.ialegion.org) in late March.

The Department of Iowa will be housed in the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis. Room reservations must be made through Department Headquarters. All registration forms will be available in late March and the registration deadline is June 15, 2019.

## Dept. Convention July 18-21, 2019

The Department Convention will be held July 18-21, 2019 at the Airport Holiday Inn Des Moines (6111 Fleur Dr, Des Moines, IA 50321). The purpose of the convention is for the election of Department Officers, ratification of the Department Constitution & By-Laws, and

for establishing the policies and positions of The American Legion. Reports will be given by the Department Commissions & Committees on American Legion programs and several awards will be presented.

Additional information and a complete convention schedule will appear in the June issue of the Iowa Legionnaire. For reservations, call (515) 287-2400. Be sure to ask for The American Legion convention rate.

### Department Convention Abbreviated Schedule



Fri.	10:00 am – Noon	Commission/Committee Meetings
	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Convention Committee Meetings
	4:00 – 6:00 pm	American Legion General Session
	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Joint Session with Auxiliary & SAL
Sat.	9:00 – 11:30 am	American Legion General Session
	1:00 – 3:00 pm	American Legion General Session
	3:00 – 4:00 pm	District Caucuses
	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Color Guard Contest
	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Iowa Military Veterans Band Concert
Sun.	8:00 – 9:00 am	Memorial Service
	9:00 am – Noon	American Legion General Session

## 100th Anniv. Committee

My comrades, we are nearing the finish line for the Centennial Celebration, and it seems that many have decided not to run the race. Lack of money, lack of manpower, lack of interest. That is a song we all can sing, but we must not let that take this opportunity away. The final goal is to tell your community the good things you do. If that is successful, it can influence veterans to join us, townspeople to speak well of us, and children to know of us. All things back to the four pillars. A strong defense and veterans' issues are lots of political efforts to get the government to do things for our country and our veterans. We as individuals or posts may give memberships to active duty servicemen and women or may give money to those in need, as many did with the Coast Guard during the government shut down. Our main efforts in the community are in Americanism and Children and Youth. These are the things we can all do, and I hope

all posts do, that you can tell your community about. 5th Grad Flag Essay contest, High School Constitutional Oratorical contest, American Legion Boys State, American Legion Baseball, Flag Etiquette demonstrations at local schools, Color Guards presenting the colors at all sorts of school and community events, Scholarships – and hopefully the list goes on about the good works we all do. If you can find a way to tell your community of these good works, you will accomplish the mission. If you do not, well, you let a good chance slip through your hands. Even if you just have a day on the town square or we work hard to get the local press of our accomplishments. This event is for all of us and we can do this. On a related note, the District Commanders have been asked to find 5 posts each that would like to come to the summer convention and brag about an event in their history they are proud of. Consider telling your District Commander you'd like to be one of those to share your post's Legion story.

Roger Norfolk

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