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## 2020 Oratorical Winner Announced



Left to Right: William Fekkether, Dept. Chair Frank Andrew, Alex Baker & Britt Bowersox

The Department of Iowa's High School Oratorical Contest was held Sunday, February 16, 2020, 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.

First place was awarded to William Fekkether of Dunkerton, Iowa. William is a Senior at Dunkerton High School. The title of his prepared oration is *A Citizen's Duty to Democracy* which focused on the 12th Amendment, the Electoral College, duty upon every citizen of the US to vote. William is the son of Jon and Kim Fekkether. He will compete in the National Oratorical Contest on April 18th in Indianapolis for a chance to win a large scholarship of \$20,000 and the title of champion. William is sponsored by Peter Kress American Legion Post #636 in Dunkerton. Congratulations William and best of luck.

Runner up honors go to Britt Bowersox, a Junior at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids. Britt is a resident of Swisher, Iowa and was sponsored by Swisher American Legion Post #671. Third place finish went to John Alex Baker, a Senior at Clarinda High School. Alex is a resident of Clarinda and was sponsored by Sergy American Legion Post #98 in Clarinda.

In the history of the National Oratorical Contest, Iowa has had 3 champions: Jennifer Demmon (1986), Max Miller (2000), and most recently Patrick Junker (2019). In addition, only 3 states have ever had back to back champions: California (1946-47), Maryland (1988-89), and Missouri (2013-14). Should William advance and win the title, he and Iowa would be added to those ranks. This is not a means to add more pressure than is already placed on these students but interesting facts for our edification. Again, best of luck William and congratulations on the Department title.

We wish to thank all the volunteers who have given their time from the local to Department contests. We are grateful for your involvement and hope you will consider participating again in the Fall. It isn't too late to begin the conversation in your community regarding this program and contest.

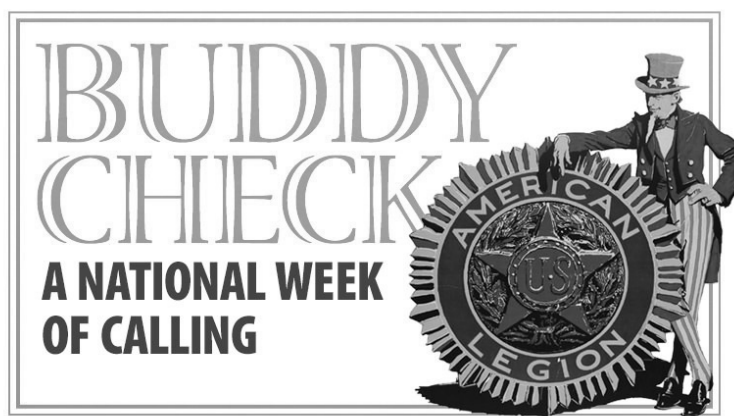
If you would like to follow along with National go to: [www.legion.org/oratorical](http://www.legion.org/oratorical). The Department plans to post each speech on the Oratorical page of the website early this summer.

## National Commander Visiting Iowa

National Commander Bill Oxford will be touring Iowa March 15-March 20, 2020. Commander Oxford will begin in Sioux City, travel to the eastern part of the state, and then conclude in Des Moines. The Commander will be making the following stops:

- March 16 (9 AM-12 PM) 185th Refueling Wing, Sioux City, IA (1:45 PM-3:45 PM) Onawa Military Museum
- March 17 (11 AM-12:30 PM) Tour 248th Aviation Support Battalion & lunch with troops (12:45 PM-1:45 PM) Tour 334th Brigade Support Battalion (5 PM-7PM) Dinner and Gathering @ Marion Post
- March 18 (9:30 AM-12 PM) Visit Rock Island Arsenal (7 PM-8:30 PM) Durant Post Dinner and Gathering
- March 19 (11 AM-12:30 PM) Tour 132nd Wing (1:30 PM-3:30 PM) Tour Gold Star Museum (7 PM-8:15) Story County Council Meeting

Legion Family is encouraged to meet the Commander along his tour. Further questions may be directed to Department Headquarters 800-365-8387.



## Buddy Check: Wellness Check-ins with Veterans

As American Legion members, our most sacred responsibility is to look out for each other and our fellow veterans. As a way to reach out to members and former members who may need help, the National Executive Committee passed Resolution 18 during Spring Meetings in May 2019. For more information and how you can be involved, see page 3.

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## DEADLINES & DATES

<b>March 7-11</b>
Washington Conference - Washington, DC
<b>March 14</b>
JSSP Dept. Match - Camp Dodge
<b>March 15-17</b>
American Legion Birthday
<b>March 15-20</b>
National Commander's Visit
<b>March 16-20</b>
Spring Membership Roundup
<b>March 23</b>
Foundation Grant Applications Due
<b>March 24</b>
Boys State Board Meeting - Dept. HQ
<b>March 28-29</b>
Bowling Tournament
<b>April 1</b>
Baseball Rosters & Player Forms Due
Boys State Delegate Registrations Due
Boys State Post Refund Requests Due
Educator of the Year Nominations Due
<b>April 4-5</b>
Bowling Tournament
<b>April 10</b>
Good Friday
<b>April 12</b>
Easter Sunday
<b>April 15</b>
Post Data Reports Due
<b>April 17-19</b>
National Oratorical Contest - Indianapolis, IN
<b>April 18-19</b>
Bowling Tournament
<b>April 23</b>
Foundation Board Meeting - Dept. HQ
<b>April 30</b>
IALPA Contest Deadline
<b>May 1-3</b>
Department Baseball Tournament - Cascade
<b>May 3-7</b>
National Spring Meetings - Indianapolis, IN
<b>May 10</b>
Mother's Day
<b>May 15</b>
Legionnaire & Communiqué Articles Due
<b>May 16</b>
Armed Forces Day
<b>May 25</b>
Memorial Day
Dept. Offices Closed
<b>May 29</b>
New Commander Orientation
<b>May 29-31</b>
Department Leadership School
<b>May 31</b>
Baseball Scholarship Forms Due
<b>June 15</b>
CPRs Due
<b>June 21-26</b>
Boys State - Camp Dodge



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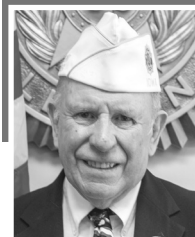
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**Department Commander**

The Iowa Idea!  
Often, we hear  
various people  
within the



Department of Iowa leadership role express IOWA LEADS THE NATION. We have and still do. The Department of Iowa had the third National Commander of The American Legion at the fifth National Convention where the Iowa Idea was presented and became reality. The Iowa Idea embodied the principle that “a concrete and practical program be now put into effect” throughout all 11,000 posts of The American Legion and that the National Americanism Commission create a National program along those lines. The Iowa Idea became one of the dominant principles of The American Legion nationwide. The Department of Iowa has had five National Commanders from 1921-1922, 1935-1936, 1964-1965, 1985-1986 and most recently 2008-2009 with P.N.C. Rehbein. The Department of Iowa has had several V.C.s, a National Adjutant, Historian and four National Chaplains. Now as we head into the final five (5) months of the 2019-2020 year, our membership figures look as through Iowa could once again LEAD NATIONAL in being a role model Department - one of your Commander's goals.

As you know Onward and Upward is your Commander's motto. I am excited to report the year of 2019-2020 is Onward and Upward in many respects. As of this writing, your membership figures show they are all about the Onward and Upward climb, towards that goal of putting The Department of Iowa membership at perhaps one of the highest percentage marks in quite a few years by Mid-Winter Conference. Those percentage points are based on the fact that over the past several membership years, these numbers and percentage figures continually diminished. As of this writing these figures have turned around for the positive. Awesome and thank you goes out to every American Legion Member for remitting their membership and encouraging other American Legion Members to do the same. Thank you also for asking eligible Veterans to join our great organization.

As the new year of legislation begins on the hill at our State Capitol, I am encouraged that several pieces of The American Legion Resolutions presented to those who make those decisions to support or not, will come to fruition.

During my tenure of being your Department Commander in my visits to Legion activities, quite often I hear Legionnaires say there needs to be training for many posts no matter where I go. I agree to those statements. Every District Commander hears this all the time. Department should be providing this training to those posts. The truth of the matter is the Department does just that at least twice during a Department Commander's year. The first is at Mid-Winter Conference. The second is at the end of May and first days of June at leadership school for incoming Department and District Officers, and any other Legion members who wish to attend. Topics used at these sessions are requested and suggestions taken from the membership throughout the year. I know some districts hold training sessions for the county and post membership who wish to attend. A big hurdle to get fixed is how does The American Legion get those 580 post Commanders, Adjutants and other members to attend what is provided for them? Perhaps one way is for those of us who regularly attend these sessions to offer to take them to a session when provided. Sometimes a friendly offering might make the difference if they go with a someone and not alone, how about trying to make an effort giving this thought a try?

For God and Country,  
Commander James B. Kessler

**Department Adjutant**  
John A. Derner

We just completed our Mid-Winter Conference held February 14-16 in Des Moines. Here is a quick recap of

some of the activities.

- Your American Legion Commissions and Committees met to advance the programs and policies of The American Legion.
- The programs fair provided members with the opportunity to speak one-on-one with program experts to learn how to better conduct programs at the post.
- A blood drive was conducted with an estimated 45 lives saved or sustained.
- Women Veterans Forum was held.
- The Department Executive Committee passed four resolutions:
  - o Calling for The American Legion to support slavery and human trafficking awareness programs and encourage our members and citizens to become more informed on this growing problem
  - o Calling for the Department commander to appoint an ad-hoc committee to explore the possibility of providing a gesture of respect and honor to the Virginia-class attach submarine USS Iowa currently under construction and her crew.
  - o Calling for an amendment to the Department Constitution which would allow multiple-year bids for the Department Convention. Note: This resolution must pass by a 2/3 vote at Department Convention to be adopted.
  - o Calling for designating U.S. Highway 20 as the Medal of Honor Highway to match the designation of the states of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska. This resolution rescinded a previous resolution to name the highway Patriots Memorial Highway.
- The Department Oratorical Contest was conducted. See separate article in this issue for details.
- Candidate for National Commander Randall Fisher of Kentucky and Sons of The American Legion National Commander Clint Bolt of Virginia addressed a joint session of the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL.
- Workshops and training were conducted. Topics included, the Legion Act, membership eligibility changes, Buddy Checks, changes to the Preamble, estate planning and planned giving, death benefits and funeral preparation, how to conduct an oratorical contest, Boys State reservation and registration procedures, the resolution process, duties of post officers, and a post historian workshop.

The Mid-Winter Conference also provided a great opportunity to network with other American Legion Family members to get new ideas on how to better serve our posts, our veterans and our communities.

Thank you to all who attended and helped make this a successful event.

**Member Benefits - LIT & USAA**

American Legion members are eligible for discounts from various organizations and vendors. To learn more, visit: <https://www.legion.org/benefits>.

In addition, members receive free Accidental Death & Dismemberment coverage for anyone enrolled. It is free but you must enroll. The Legionnaires Insurance Trust goes beyond this benefit to offer you policies for all your needs in life. Contact the Department Adjutant or [www.thelit.com](http://www.thelit.com) for more information.

USAA and The American Legion have also teamed up to offer you financial services and benefits. Call 1-877-699-2654.



### National Executive Committeeman Jerry Sebben

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires, I am writing this article prior to our Mid-Winter Conference. I hope the Legionnaires of Iowa were able to attend this outstanding time of fellowship and training. From the reports I have been receiving, it looks like another outstanding Mid-Winter. We have extended an invitation to Randall Fisher, a candidate for National Commander, to speak at Mid-Winter. I am looking forward to his comments.

Iowa has three legislative priorities that I would like to share with you: 1) Military Homeowners Assistance Program. This program is one of the most attractive benefits within the Home Base Iowa's arsenal. In recent years the fund been exhausted for the fiscal year and veterans are placed on a waiting list. The American Legion supports increased funding for the Military Homeowners Assistance Program; 2) Veterans Treatment Courts. The American Legion urges the State of Iowa to expand Veterans Treatment Courts; and, 3) Support licensure and certification of service members, veterans and spouses. The DOD provides some of the best vocational training in the nation for its military personnel. There are many occupations in the civilian workforce that require a license or

certification. Many of these same occupations are performed by our military. The American Legion supports efforts to eliminate any barriers that impede the transfer of military job skills. Please notify your state representatives about these priorities.

By the time you read this article we will have gone to Washington D.C. to visit with our Congressmen and Senators to promote the priorities of our National organization. I have not received the priorities yet but I will let you know in the next article.

Alternate NEC Dennis Soppe and I are looking forward to visiting as many Spring District Conferences as we can. We hope to see you there.

For God and Country,  
Jerry D. Sebben



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### Department Service Officer Shane Pankonen

Hello to all the American Legion and more specifically the Department of Iowa. I would like to introduce myself to all of you with this quick piece in our newsletter. My name is Heather Owens and I've been with the Department Service Office for about two months and really learning a lot of the in's and out's of assisting with the process of providing veterans with the benefits they have earned in a manner that truly honors their service to our nation. I honestly never realized the lengths the American Legions goes to in assisting our veterans in filing their claims for service-connected disabilities. I also quickly realized I have so much more to learn and quickly picked up on the fact we are not the only

ones out there assisting the veterans. In the State of Iowa there is a remarkable group of County Veteran Service Officers where a ton of our work begins. These amazing county representatives work in tandem with our office to make sure that together we take care of our veterans.

Now step it up another level and I can't say enough about the folks in the Regional Office who are there to support us in working with our veterans. I'm in awe of the relationship this office has with the employees of the Regional Office. So, as I learn the ropes you see there is an entire network behind every claim we push forward.

So, forgive me if this sounds elementary but I've learned there are three major facts needed for every claim that will be service-connected; 1) A duty status (during active duty), 2) An event (a link between your current disability and the event that happened during service, and 3) A diagnosis

(medical evidence) of the claimed condition. Also, if a claimed condition is denied there are three options for appeals; 1) Supplemental Claim where veterans must submit additional "new and relevant" evidence to support their claim and this choice is adjudicated at the Regional Office level, 2) Higher-Level Review where veterans are not allowed to submit additional evidence. This kind of appeal will be adjudicated at the Agency of Original Jurisdiction based on the evidence of record, and will be adjudicated by a different, more experienced VA adjudicator at the Regional Office level. Veterans might consider this lane if they believe that their claim is fully developed, and 3) Appeal to the Board. Veterans can choose to appeal their case directly to the Board of Veterans' Appeals. I'm just a toddler in my early stages, but I'm excited and honored to be a part of all of this. I look forward to learning so much more and eventually getting to know more of you down the road.



### Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Mike Monserud

With half of the year already over the Sons are in good shape. We have chartered 4 new Squadrons and have 2 more in the process. The word is out what great things the Sons can help a Post do and achieve

One thing I have noticed this year in my travels is that everyone recruits well for their parent organization, but not for the other Legion Families. This needs to stop. The younger generation is looking to have a sense of belonging somewhere, but they want

to bring their whole family with them. When you are talking to a Veteran about joining the American Legion, I want you to ask them if they have a spouse and children. We need to start recruiting for the whole family, and not just one part of it. When the whole family of the veteran can be involved, then you have a better chance of retaining them as members.

If you do not have a Squadron or a Unit, then have them join a neighboring one, and they can still belong but come to your Post. If you do not have one, then start one. Contact myself or President Elliott, and we will help you. When you are able to recruit the new member, I encourage you to become their mentor and show them around and explain the Legion Family

to them. If they feel like they are on their own, they will go out the back door. It is your responsibility to not just recruit, but train them, so one day they may fill your shoes. If you are not training someone to fill your shoes, then you need to start looking.

It is all our jobs to take care of the Veterans, and we must do this as a family that is united, because united we will not fail, but divided we will fall, and forget what our purpose is. We do not know them all, but we owe them all. So, step up, do your part and promote the whole family, The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of The American Legion, and The American Legion Riders.

Commander Mike

## Buddy Checks

by Dept. Adjutant John Derner

Taking care of our fellow veterans is a primary mission of The American Legion. We fulfill this mission in many ways. Our Service Office assists veterans with their claims for VA benefits, with obtaining VA health care, with discharge upgrades, and many other services. The American Legion advocates for veteran's legislation on the national and state levels. Members of The American Legion volunteer at VA hospitals and clinics and the Iowa Veterans Home. Posts loan medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and even hospital beds to veterans. Serving our fellow veterans is not just what we do, it is who we are.

At the National Executive Committee meeting in May of 2019, The American Legion passed Resolution 18, calling for Buddy Checks to be conducted Legion-wide on the weeks of The American Legion's Birthday, March 15, and Veterans Day, November 11. However, American Legion posts are encouraged to perform Buddy Checks whenever it works best in their own community.

The purpose of the Buddy Check is to reconnect with veterans who may need

assistance but don't know where to go or who to ask. The important part is to reach out to veterans in your community to let them know you care and help where possible.

Conducting Buddy Checks is not a difficult process. Gather up a team to call or personally visit members and former members of The American Legion. Get a list of members and former members by using your roster or from mylegion.org. Divide up the call list among your team members. Start making connections – either from a quiet place inside the post or from your home – to see how the members and former members are doing. Ask if they need anything and invite them to any event or activity planned for your post. Thank the member or former member in the beginning and at the end of your call. If the member or former member wishes to renew, be sure to have your post's payment procedure at your fingertips, the address to send a check or offer to stop by in person to pick it up. Give the member contact information in case the member or former member can't take the call or needs anything in the future.

For more information on conducting buddy checks, visit our department website at <https://www.ialeion.org/buddy-check/>.



### 1st District Commander Steve Colcord

Another big shout out to First District. What a ride I am having as your Commander. I'm so happy to see that we are still working hard on membership. I hope that at least one from each post attended Mid-Winter. This is a place

that you can get a lot of knowledge and also get your questions that you may have answered. Like I said we are doing such a great job on membership I keep getting emails from Commander Jim on how he is so pleased on how it is going. Please keep going and doing what you are doing knocking on the door, Buddy Check, Legion Act and just spreading the word. I am still utilizing my Vice Commanders to help me with post visits. We are getting ready for Spring Conferences. A

few of us have already reserved the areas where they will be. At this time 1st District Spring Conference will be held at the National Guard Armory site, Muscatine, IA on April 4, 2020.

For God and Country,  
Steve Colcord



### 2nd District Commander Roger Norfolk

Fellow Legionnaires, members of the Legion Family, and all others; greetings and best wishes to you all. The American Legion continues to be a vital and relevant force in our communities. Regardless of the circumstances, all of the Legion Family stands ready to support in good times or in crisis. We ARE The American Legion.

The strategic goal of the Second District is to conduct training in each of our 3 zones. The weather

postponed the first, but I feel confident that the second is complete by the time you read this. Since National decreed that each Department Leadership College should be directed towards training District leaders, 2nd's goal is to provide Post level training based on the desired topics of that zone. We will conduct training a total of 3 times with different subjects in different locations.

What I really want to address is that each Post, Unit, Squadron and Chapter needs to retain clear focus on the programs you conduct in your communities. Your scholarships, charitable contributions, Constitutional Oratorical Contest, 5th Grade Flag Essays, Boys and

Girls State, patriotic ceremonies, Flag Retirement and Disposal, and the conduct of Military Funeral Rites for all veterans is what we are known for, or should be. The second part is to publicize those acts of support. To open our Post Homes for some community wide events. To bring the recognition of what we do to the whole community. If we do our programs well, and publicize them well, membership will follow.

Roger Norfolk  
Second District  
Second to None!



### 3rd District Commander Dan Huntley

Greetings Legionnaires-

Congratulations to our winners of the New Years 100% Contest. Gladbrook- Pancake Fundraiser, Clarion- Hotel

accommodations to 2020 Dept. Convention, and Goldfield- 2020 Boys State Delegate.

A 'tip of the cap' for achieving 100%+ Membership goes to Allison Post 253, State Center Post 122, Tama Post 73, Gladbrook Post 127, Tama Post 701, Clarion Post 246, & Goldfield Post 370. We should all strive for your dedication to our organization and your assurance that there will be an American Legion for 100 years to come! We currently have 40 Posts that

need less than 5 members to be 100% Let's get it!

A 'wag of the finger' to Legionnaires who attend any political rally wearing your Legion Cap. Understand that when that cap is on or that polo is being worn, you officially represent the American Legion whether you feel you do or not. The American Legion promotes our election system, but never a specific party or candidate. Exercise common sense.

A 'tip of the cap' to our 100%+ SAL Squadrons Ackley 252, Eldora 182, Shellsburg 166, and Dows 523 for your continued devotion in support of the American Legion. The SAL is the future of Veterans Advocacy and the American Legion.

A 'wag of the finger' at Posts and leadership that have created hostile environments for those seeking involvement at the local level. This typically occurs when one generation refuses to adapt and/

or relinquish responsibilities to the next generation. Legionnaires like this are more destructive to our growth than anything else.

A 'tip of the cap' to our Auxiliary Units that continue their efforts in support of the American Legion and have gone above and beyond with their 100%+ membership. Van Horn 148, Shellsburg 166, Blainstown 170, Plainfield 472, new Hartford 660, Reinbeck 242, Ackley 252, Radcliffe 317, Marshalltown 46, Gladbrook 127, and Dows 523.

I want you all to know that I continue to learn as much as I can to better serve you and our Veterans. I can't thank you enough for your continued support in all my endeavors.

Semper Fi  
Dan Huntley



### 4th District Commander Dan Boberg

Greetings fellow Veterans and Legionnaires.

MEMBERSHIP: At the time of writing this, we have 5 of the 9 districts that are at 90% and better of their goal.

My congrats to them.

We are getting closer, but yet not there. We need to communicate with each other. Letting members know when the meetings are and what is going on within

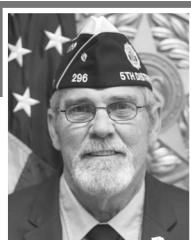
the post. A simple suggestion would be, would be a blast to the ones that have cell phones. You can group them and let them know there is a meeting coming up. Some posts, I noticed are going to an earlier time and maybe having a lite lunch before the meeting. For the ones that do not have cell phones, set up a calling chain. Remember, more hands make work easier and more fun. Don't leave it up to the same people all the time. We are a team; be proud of your post and what it is doing.

Public relations need to be practiced. Let people know what your post is doing for veterans and the community you live in. One of the easiest ways to do

this is present certificates for different things and have the newspaper and social media recognize them. I bought certificate maker from Flag and Emblem. Very easy to do. When presenting these certificates put them in a dollar frame and have something that can be displayed on a wall.

Remember, if you need any help or information, call me or your District Vice Commander. If you do not know who your commander is for your county, call me: 563-419-0459. Leave a message and I will return it ASAP.

Dan Boberg



### 5th District Commander Randy Johnson

Hello District 5 Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders.

By the time you read this article, the Mid-Winter Conference will have come and gone. This is a fun and educational meeting. We get to meet other Post Members, District and Department Officers and share our experiences. I really encourage you to attend this conference in the future. It is a great way to network with other Legionnaires throughout the state.

We've been busy over the past few months. So far we've visited nearly half the District 5 Posts and are scheduling more every month. With every Post visit we learn something new, meet great people, and

always leave with a new understanding of exactly how different we are from Post to Post. Whatever you're doing, and however you're doing it – just keep doing it. In most cases it's working well. If you would like a Post visit, contact me or your Zone Commander. We'll get it done. Quick Reminder: Keep gathering your Consolidated Post Report information, and update your Post Officer Reports if needed.

Now, to the Nuts and Bolts. I would be remiss if I didn't mention Membership. Anybody that knows me knows I'm not a numbers leader. I believe in performance based results, but I also believe good performance rests solely on an organization's members and many hands make light work. Working together everybody achieves more. For the first time in many years, every District has a realistic shot at increasing our memberships. Every District Commander knows (we

talk) this opportunity wouldn't be possible without a lot of hard work from all of our Legion Family Members. We understand in order to grow the Legion, we need to grow across the board by increasing our Unit and Squadron memberships along with our own. At the end of the day, it doesn't matter where we are in overall membership standings as long as our membership is equal or exceeding our membership from a year ago. District 5 is doing our part to make that happen. Thank you and welcome to all of our new Legion Family Members. Thank you to those of you that have renewed, and if you haven't renewed, please do. We cannot do it without you. Together Everybody Achieves More (TEAM).

For God and Country,  
Randy Johnson





### 6th District Commander Pat Phillips

Greeting 6th District Legionnaires! We are currently at our Mid-Winter Conference and we are re-energizing ourselves to get ready to make the final push to "END THE

SLIDE". As of this newsletter, we are at 92.33% of goal for membership, which is 2nd in the Department and evidence of your hard work paying off. Great Job!!

The big news is the upcoming 6th District Revitalization on the 20th to 22nd of March 2020. It will be held at Baldwin Patterson Post 274 and is a great

opportunity to get some great training from National and learn the tools to make your Post stronger, more efficient and ultimately a better Veterans Service Organization. I hope that every Post can send 1 or 2 members.

Next on the agenda is the upcoming 6th District Spring Conference which is being held on the 25th of April at Post 403 in Van Meter. We have a number of important issues to make decisions at this event. We will also have District elections for the upcoming 2020-2021 Legion year. There will be a few opportunities to join the District leadership or Committees coming up. If you are interested, please contact myself or one of our District Vice Commanders.

As we continue to march to the finish line, we also have to remember that the Consolidated Post Reports need to be worked on at each Post. Department Commander James Kessler has challenged each District to reach a 100% submission rate by the end of the Legion Year. Why is this important? It is needed to show everyone what the American Legion does for their Communities, States and most importantly our Veterans. This data is rolled up at National and used to show Congress why we exist and the importance of the American Legion to our Country's Veterans and their families.

For God and Country,  
Doc



### 7th District Commander Brett Martin

Greetings my fellow Legionnaires.

We will be holding the 7th District Spring Conference on Saturday the 21st of March 2020 in Shenandoah, at Post 88 American

Legion golf course. We will be selecting new committee chairs to fill out our roster and discussing where we go for 2020 and on. Your voice and ideas are needed and greatly appreciated. We have started

our 7th District 2020 Raffle of the American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Set. The Raffle tickets are on sale through 11 July 2020 and will be also available at the Spring Conference, and from your 7th District Leadership. I encourage you to support this effort and possibly win a piece of history. We had a great January and February in 7th District with the Oratorical Contest, 5th Grade Essay Contest, and winning the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Congratulations to our winners and a big thank you to the Posts who supported these efforts! Membership continues and we are very blessed to be in first place.

The drive to the finish is on so please make this an all hands-on deck evolution. On a final note, we will be holding 7th District Commander Elections in March. I have family obligations that have me moving to OKC, OK and I won't be able to fill out the 2 years. Please think about who you want to relieve me and keep our momentum going forward! As always, thank you for all you do for our country and communities. God Bless each and every one of you.

For God and Country,  
Brett



### 8th District Commander Tom Ryan

We have recently closed out 2019. Out went the many Birthday, Anniversary, Office, Christmas and culminating with the ever so popular rock and roll New Year's Eve

Party. And what transpired of note from last year? Navy Blue Law; whereas, if you were stationed on board a Navy vessel within the 12 mile confines of Vietnam, you may be entitled to compensation due to Agent Orange.

Women veterans have had their VA health care issues, updated from head to toe, from all VA Hospitals and CBOC facilities.

Mental health has progressed in which PTSD is the order of the day. The amount of daily suicides

undergone by vets has triggered this program into full swing. TBI (traumatic brain injury) is now under investigation by Therapists.

The Legion Act: certainly opens up to those vets whom served in the military during the short times of non-wars or conflicts. The Articles of the Legion were drawn up and approved by Congress of which those dates were adhered to, until of late. In reality, it took an act of Congress to amend an act of Congress.

Pay Raise and or Adjustments: All active duty, retirees and compensated vets have seen some increase in their respective pay. I also heard that raises were given to those in the VA Health Care provider category within certain GS pay grades.

Membership: I wish to thank all involved with the follow up and securing members on the 729 listings. I know I have been a pain in the butt on this year's Membership drive, but I believe it paid off. We told

Commander Kessler in July we would do something unheard of and get at least a combination membership of 85% new and renewals. We went from second to last, to a more respectable third place position with a whopping 91%. It is my sincere pleasure to CONGRATULATE American Legion Post #132 in Manilla, IA. the winning recipients of this year's Colflesh Trophy. Well Done!

For the Good of the Legion: Arcadian Post will be hosting District 8 Spring Conference. Saturday March 28th hospitality at Burke Inn, Carroll, IA. 5-8 PM. Sunday March 29th Gen. meeting. 7:30 am coffee and registration Arcadia Post. 8:15 am exec meeting and 9:00 am meeting.

Happy Easter and Happy Passover Iowa Legionnaires and FAMILY!

Team Member,  
Tom Ryan



### 9th District Commander Cliff Ripke

Greetings to all Legion Family Members of District #9

First, I would like to thank the members of Lake Park Post #371 of Lake Park for stepping up to host the

9th District Spring Conference at the Harris-Lake Park School on March 21, 2020. It would be great to see at

least one person from each of the 89 posts in District 9. Remember, this is an opportunity to get the latest information concerning the American Legion and to interact with fellow veterans.

Boys State will be here before you know it. Orientation is scheduled for April 26th in Spencer and Le Mars on May 3rd. Delegates will head to Camp Dodge in Johnston on June 21 and return on June 26. For more info contact Jack St. Peters at (712)363-0686.

It's time to get your Boys State delegates registered.

Congratulations to District #9 for reaching 90.22% as of Feb. 11. Keep reaching out to those who have not yet renewed and to those who are now eligible due to the Legion Act. Remember, your membership is the fuel that drives the engine of the American Legion. YOU are the American Legion.

For God and Country,  
Cliff Ripke

## American Legion Posts to Warren Dallas, Polk, Madison, Story and Marion County Veterans

INDIANAPOLIS (March 5, 2020) – Military veterans in and around Warren Dallas, Polk, Madison, Story and Marion Counties are invited for a special service session hosted by American Legion Post 274 located at 2211 E. 42nd St., Des Moines, IA 50317 on March 20th from 12pm to 4pm and March 21st - 22nd from 9am to 4pm.

American Legion staff will be available to discuss veterans' benefits, the Legion's legislative efforts, membership opportunities and service to the community. A veterans service officer will be available to discuss claims and other benefits questions.

In keeping with the over 100-years of tradition of The American Legion, the American Legion posts in this area will focus on community service and assistance to veterans. The scope and nature of the posts' community service is determined by its members and with input from local civic and community officials.

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

THE AMERICAN LEGION OF IOWA		
Statement of Financial Position		
June 30, 2019		
	2019	2018
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$165,696	206,901
Restricted Cash	280,144	382,196
Certificates of Deposit - Restricted	157,058	154,445
Receivables		
Interest	738	727
Other	21,378	10,811
Prepaid Insurance	1,437	1,309
Prepaid Expenses	11,946	12,834
Land, at Cost	46,610	46,610
Buildings and Equipment, at Cost, Less Accumulated		
Depreciation of: 2019 - \$529,074 and 2018 - \$524,100	140,898	153,640
Total Assets	<u>\$825,905</u>	<u>969,473</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Trade	\$12,958	13,684
Due to Districts, Other Entities, and Other Funds	92,050	97,586
Other	50,350	50,560
Deferred Revenue	13,003	24,000
Accrued Expenses		
Compensated Absences	35,817	46,379
Total Liabilities	204,178	232,209
Net Assets (Deficit)		
Unrestricted	585,336	587,849
Temporarily Restricted	36,391	149,415
Total Net Assets	621,727	737,264
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$825,905</u>	<u>969,473</u>
Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets		
Year Ended June 30, 2019		
	2019	2018
Revenue		
Dues	\$615,733	644,529
Investment Income	2,626	1,598
Fundraising Income		
Sweepstakes	59,597	48,000
Labels	25,954	48,000
Greeting Cards	--	24,000
Calendar	24,000	48,000
Birthday Program	17,447	--
Acquisition Program	5,314	--
Non-Member Fundraising Revenue	13,626	11,886
Legion Insurance Trust	112,024	39,135
USAA Insurance	47,600	12,368
Miscellaneous	82,489	146,655
Temporarily Restricted Funds		
Released from Restrictions	-	-
Total Revenue	1,006,410	1,024,171
Expenses		
Program Services		
Service Office	226,253	206,846
Meetings and Conventions	43,517	33,672
Commissions	78,211	65,507
Iowa Legionnaire	55,028	61,052
Department/National Convention Fund Expense	750	1,000
Foundation Expense	317	--
Vets of Valor	178,932	73,352
Total Program Services	583,008	441,429
Fundraising	83,148	21,171
Supporting Services		
General Administration	455,791	467,005
Total Expenses	1,121,947	929,605
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(115,537)	94,566
Transfer of Net Assets		
-	-	-
Net Assets - Beginning of Year		
737,264	642,698	
Net Assets - End of Year		
621,727	737,264	

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS' STATE		
Statements of Financial Position		
September 30, 2019		
	2019	2018
Assets		
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$128,180	121,538
Accounts Receivable from Related Party	--	539
Prepaid Expense	143	143
Total Assets	<u>\$128,323</u>	<u>122,220</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$6,780	871
Scholarships Payable	4,625	5,500
Deferred Revenue	--	500
Total Liabilities	11,405	6,871
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	116,918	115,349
Temporarily Restricted	--	--
Total Net Assets	116,918	115,349
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$128,323</u>	<u>122,220</u>
Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets		
Years Ended September 30, 2019		
	2019	2018
Revenue		
Fees	\$104,700	101,350
Donations	1,194	956
Sales - Special Merchandise	5,020	5,999
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	--	--
Total Revenue	113,359	108,305
Expenses		
Program Expenses		
Camp		
Mess	53,052	58,114
Camp Personnel	7,304	8,314
Supplies	7,780	6,764
Rent	23,132	26,439
Printing	1,093	855
Insurance	4,353	3,804
Directors and Speakers	733	595
Meeting Expense	3,422	1,420
Postage Expense	439	230
Photos and CDs	3,515	5,120
Scholarships and Awards	1,750	1,250
Bank Charges	10	66
Special Purchases	68	1,527
Miscellaneous	652	366
Total Program Expenses	107,303	114,864
Supporting Services		
Professionals Fees	4,487	8,406
Total Expenses	111,790	123,270
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	1,569	(14,965)
Net Asstets at Beginning of Yee		
115,349	130,314	
Net Assets at End of Year		
116,918	115,349	

AMERICAN LEGION OF IOWA FOUNDATION		
Balance Sheets		
September 30, 2019		
	2019	2018
Assets		
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$72,580	79,034
Investments	2,003,519	1,904,661
Investments - Rummel Trust	54,960	54,315
Investments - 40 & 8 Trust	54,115	53,479
Investments - Keith Baker Scholarship Fund	25,297	25,000
Total Assets	<u>\$2,210,471</u>	<u>2,116,489</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Payables		
Accounts Payable	\$3,619	2,792
Awards Payable	4,000	2,250
Scholarships Payable	47,875	47,900
Total Liabilities	55,494	52,942
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	2,020,605	1,930,753
Restricted	134,372	132,794
Total Net Assets	2,154,977	2,063,547
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$2,210,471</u>	<u>2,116,489</u>
Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets -		
With Summarized Financial Information for Year Ended September 30, 2018		
Year Ended September 30, 2019		
	2019	2018
Revenues		
Contributions	\$39,282	49,803
Interest and Dividend Income	61,073	52,968
Gain on Sale of Investments	82,050	55,228
Scholarship and Award Expiration	6,400	2,025
Net Assets Released from Restriction		
Satisfaction of Program Restriction	--	--
Total Revenues	188,805	160,024
Awards and Scholarships	102,650	94,468
Operating Expenses		
Trustee Fee	13,064	12,945
Audit and Income Tax Return	5,999	5,482
Insurance	1,528	1,521
Meeting Expense	1,516	3,543
Supplies	3,950	716
Total Operating Expenses	26,057	24,207
Change in Net Assets Before Unrealized Gain (Loss)	60,098	41,349
Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	31,332	(33,357)
Change in Net Assets	91,430	7,992
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	2,063,547	2,055,555
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$2,154,977</u>	<u>2,063,547</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. Further questions may be directed towards the Department Adjutant (john@ialegion.org) or Finance Officer (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.



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

## DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

### *Auxiliary Communique*



SERVING VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

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A big HELLO to my American Auxiliary Family. I have been having a fantastic year so far. You have all made my year so far, the best. I have enjoyed meeting you and talking to you about your units and your love for our Veterans and our programs. We just finished our Mid-Winter meetings in Des Moines. All our Chairmen did a great job with their presentations. I hope you enjoyed the breakout sessions we had. I wanted to give you the chance to ask the questions you had and have a conversation with the presenters. I asked the ladies in my group to meet someone new and introduce yourself. Make new friends. With the smaller groups, it made it easier to

ask those questions and meet those new members. We had a lot of members attending for the first time. I hope you were able to learn something new and then take that information back to your units and share it. Our centennial committee asked each District to bring items to display. The history that everyone shared was amazing. Getting to see all that history in one place was amazing. Thank you to everyone that shared their history with us. You did a great job! I am looking forward to our Gala event we are planning for our Department Convention in July. Watch for details in our Communique, on our website, on our Facebook page and on our newly designed web page. I hope you are all planning your centennial celebrations this year. Make sure you share your stories and pictures with us on Facebook. Our members enjoy hearing about what other units are doing here in Iowa. My projects this year are the Girls State Bus fund, funds to help Junior Camp to continue and our VA Facilities. Each of the VA Facilities Representatives were asked to come up with a project that we could help with. The Iowa City VA would like to purchase phones and phone cards for homeless Veterans to use to contact the VA for appointments. Marshalltown Iowa Veterans home would

like funds to purchase a Bariatric Wheelchair for larger residents. The Des Moines VA would like funds for the Music programs and Women's Clinic. The Omaha VA is getting a new Women's Clinic and would like support for that clinic. And the Sioux Falls VA wants funds for the recreational department. I would like to be able to raise about \$2000.00 for each of the facilities. If you have funds that you would like to contribute, please send them to our Department office earmarked for my Presidents project. You can designate which project you want to support also. Everyone is doing a great job this year on membership. Right now, we are 2nd in the Nation for membership! We just have a little more work to do to reach 100%. Reach out to those members again that have not renewed. Maybe they just forgot to send in their renewal. See if there is anything you can do for them. Remind them of all the great things we do as Auxiliary members. Let them know how important they are to your unit. Every member is important to our organization and to our Veterans. Let our membership team know if there is anything they can do to help you with membership. I am looking forward to the District Spring Conferences. I like meeting new members and hearing all about what your districts are doing this year. Watch for details on your District Conference and make plans to attend. You will find that this is a great way to meet others in your area. You can get great ideas on new things you could be doing too. The juniors will be holding their Spring Conferences too. The juniors are our future, so go to those conferences and show them that you support what they are doing also. You will be amazed at all the things they are doing to help our Veterans. We have some amazing young ladies doing amazing things. I look forward to hearing all about it and visiting with our juniors. I want to Thank you to your hospitality this year. You



have all made me feel welcome. I am looking forward to the events I have coming up. I look forward to sharing the rest of my journey with you this year. Remember to watch for updates on my year on our Facebook page. God Bless our members and our Veterans.

Kelly Elliott  
Department President

## From The Executive Director

Hello Auxiliary Family,

I would like to start off with saying THANK YOU to everyone for a wonderful Mid-Winter Conference. It was great seeing all the new faces in the Audience. I hope that you enjoyed the break out sessions. Feel free to send in comments and or suggestions to Department on how we can make these events more beneficial to all those who are attending. Next on our agenda is our Spring Conferences, please make sure you keep an eye on the website for the upcoming dates and locations. This is an excellent time to attend to get more information that you can pass on to your units. We will try to have copies of everything you need at these conferences. Department now has PayPal for collecting payment for items and or donations. Girls State is right around the corner in June. Looks like we will have an excellent turnout. Our website [iowaala.org](http://iowaala.org) is currently getting updates regularly so you may see changes on a regular basis, if you

are having issues finding things or would like to see something else, please let us know, as this is the best recourse to help your units, counties and districts function to the best of their abilities. We are pulling in new membership daily. Let's try to finish off Nicole's year as National President in 1st place in the Nation. What an honor that would be. Let's recruit, renew and rejoin members.



## Thank You From Jeannie

I would like to THANK all the wonderful volunteers for all their help at Mid-Winter. THANK YOU so much for the card and all the warm greetings, for my 20 years anniversary working at the American Legion Auxiliary. It has been a pleasure to work here and looking forward to many more.

Thanks Again,  
Jeannie McKeever



Jeannie McKeever was honored during Mid-Winter for her 20 years of service with The Department of Iowa Auxiliary Staff. Thank you, Jeannie!

[www.iowaala.org](http://www.iowaala.org)

### Here Ye - Here Ye!

The American Legion Auxiliary is having a 'Gala Celebration' - 100 years serving side by side

On July 11, 2020 right here in this very building - Airport Holiday Inn at Department Convention

The committee will be celebrating our century of service - we need party goers of all shapes and sizes. You and family are invited and encourage to attend.

For only \$30 the festivities will include, but not be limited to...

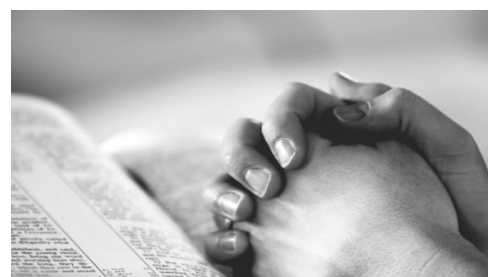
Veterans Military Band  
Rick and Friends (country band)  
Evening meal

Our very own National President Nicole Clapp  
Along with surprises of all sorts

Look in ALA Communique - Summer Issue for further details

Your reservation form and money are due to Department Office no later than June 20, 2020!

Mark the calendar, get your finest party clothes, and your dancing shoes ready - it'll be here before we know it!



Our military is serving our Country far away from their families and friends. In the days and months ahead, our military and their families will need God's strength.

### Chaplain's Corner

President Kelly's favorite Bible verse:

*I can do all things through him who gives me strength.*

- Philippians 4:13

Our Lord Jesus gives us strength to do what we cannot do alone. When you are weak, pray for God's strength. As the Bible tells us in Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

I heard of God's strength this week when I was visiting with Hospice patients. They are on journey that they cannot go alone. They tell me that they are blessed for each day because they have God in their life. God gives them the strength they need to wake up each day and they are born again.

When you are praying for strength, please pray for our military, veterans, and families.

Our military is hard at work keeping America free. When I say America, I am saying you and me! We are free because of their sacrifices.

Please pray that our dear Lord watches over and protects our nation's military and their families. Pray our dear Lord sustains them with his everlasting love.

There are never too many prayers said for our Military!

Do you have a favorite prayer or Bible verse that helps sustain you through your daily lives? If you do, please send it to me so I may enclose it in my Book of Prayers and Inspirations for President Kelly. My email address: m\_mooberry@yahoo.com or home address: 1200 Court St. Charles City, IA. 50616

I leave you with this quote from Eleanor Roosevelt: *With each new day comes new strength and new thoughts.*

May God shine his everlasting light on our American Legion Family.

Mary Mooberry  
Department Chaplain

### Membership

Hello American Legion Auxiliary Department of Iowa, It has been a great year so far, and your membership team is extremely proud of all the work you have done to get us to this point. Iowa is currently 2nd in the Nation in membership and 1st in the Central Division. As of the 2/14 Membership Report, we have 71 Units at or above goal. Way to go Iowa! The next National membership goal is 95% by Armed Forces Day on May 18th.

Currently, our Department is just shy of 90%, we can do this Iowa!

It is worth saying, we are an American Legion Family and when a family works together, everyone benefits. Please participate in the

week of Caring and Sharing, April 6th - 10th. Take that as an opportunity to reach out to members that haven't been active and remind them that we still care.

Department Convention is only a few months away and we have a lot of awards we would like to give. Wouldn't you like to deliver a 100% Membership to Department President Kelly and National President Nicole? We can do this Iowa, Recruit!Renew!Rejoin!

Your Dept. Membership Team,  
Judy, Alida, and Jammie



### Historian

Hello, fellow ALA members, what can I say about history that hasn't been said in the past years. The ALA has been making history since the beginning in September of 1920. As we celebrate 100 years of "Service Not Self" we want to continue recording events that our units, counties and districts hold and things that we do by taking photos. Please send me copies of these photos including who, what, where, when and why, for President Kelly's history book and don't forget to send me a short history (no more than 2 pages) including when your unit was

chartered and who your chartered members were with photos if you have any. When writing your history don't only look through old photos but check the minutes and treasurers' records, you never know what you will find. Please send this to me no later than June 15th, 2020.

Please check the National website at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) for any contests that the National Historian is holding.

Reminder: Year-end reports will be due by April 30th, 2020. I look forward to hearing from you.

LaDonna J Runner  
Department Historian

### Winners of the Poppy contest

Senior Small Centerpiece: Daphne Ritchie, Bellevue

Senior Large Centerpiece: Norma Seehusen, Varina

Senior Original Poppy Craft: Verlinda Prior, Columbus Junction

Senior Celebrating the poppy's and the ALA's 100th birthday: Rosemary Lancaster

Senior Poppy Hat: Norma Seehusen, Verina



## Junior Camp

This year Junior Camp will be held August 9 -14, 2020 at the Newton Christian Conference Center and we will be celebrating our 35th Anniversary. Registration will be Sunday evening from 4 to 5 p.m. and Friday, August 14, Department Junior Convention will end our week of camping. Registration this year is \$250.00. Registration is open till June 15th on line at [www.iowaala.org](http://www.iowaala.org) Fill out the forms and print parental waiver form. Mail this form with the \$250.00 to American Legion Auxiliary, 720 Lyon Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309

We will have a fundraiser this year to help defray the cost of camp. Purses, Purses, Purses will be held during Department Convention with the proceeds going to one of President Kelly's projects "Junior Camp".

Junior Camp offers a week of presentations on our veterans and military, Americanism, crafts, recreation, swimming, earning junior patches, cookouts, s'mores, Flag disposal, a talent show and building self-esteem. Please join us for our 35th Anniversary Party on August 9, 2020 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. at the Newton Christian Conference Center.

Doris Jackson, Camp Director  
515-468-1274 [mrsj@grm.net](mailto:mrsj@grm.net)

Alice Klinkhammer, Program Director  
563-564-3908 [alicegreenwood@outlook.com](mailto:alicegreenwood@outlook.com)

### Purses, Purses, Purses



The Junior Camp Board will be hosting a Silent Auction at the Department Convention titled "Purses, Purses, Purses"! Each purse will contain a surprise with a tag attached to give you an idea of what may be inside. So you are bidding on the purse plus the contents!

If you would like to donate a purse, here is all you need to do: one nice looking purse (not worn, frayed or torn), tag could say "adding spice to your life" so purse has Cajun Chex mix and spicy nuts. The tag could say "Tiny bubbles" and be a bottle of wine and two glasses. It could say "Fifteen two and a run of four for six" so purse has a cribbage board, deck of cards, note pad and pen.

Please join us in the fun and promote one of President Kelly's projects "Junior Camp" this year! If you have any questions, please email or call Doris Jackson at 515-468-1274 or [mrsj@grm.net](mailto:mrsj@grm.net).



American Legion Auxiliary President and Iowa Native Nicole Clapp and NEC Ann Crawford at the NEC Education event February 22nd at Indianapolis.



## American Legion Auxiliary Junior Camp

### 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirt



**\$15.00**

The Junior Camp Board is selling 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Junior Camp t-shirts. Proceeds from the sale of the t-shirts will be placed in the Junior Camp fund. If interested in purchasing a t-shirt, please fill in information below and return to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one- RED or BLUE

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Doris Jackson  
1032 Warbler Avenue  
Lorimor, IA 50149  
[mrsj@grm.net](mailto:mrsj@grm.net)  
515-468-1274



## District Spring Conference Dates & Sites

- 1st District** – April 4, Muscatine IA
- 2nd District** – April 25, Bellevue IA
- 3rd District** – May 2, Tama IA Legion
- 4th District** – April 18, Manchester IA
- 5th District** – April 18, Ellston Comm Center
- 6th District** – April 25, Van Meter Post 403
- 7th District** – March 21, Shenandoah Post 88
- 8th District** – March 29, Arcadia Post 694
- 9th District** – March 21, Lake Park School



**Girls State Orientation Dates & Sites (if held) can be found on <https://www.iowagirlsstate.org/>**

## Past Presidents Parley

Does your Unit, County, or District have a Past Presidents Parley also known as PPP? If so, are you reporting what you do to Department? For example: Our Unit PPP meets every month that has a 5th Wednesday in it. This means we meet 1-3 times a year, it varies from year to year. We meet for dinner at a restaurant, or go to a members home for a potluck. Afterwards we have a short meeting, go over our Units Governing Documents, then we make tray favors for a nursing home in our area for whatever holiday is fast approaching. Simple enough, RIGHT! Well it does not sound like it as very view reports were written and submitted last year. Couldn't tell National much about what we are doing! Also, are you nominating a Woman of the Year from your Unit that hasn't gone higher than a Unit President? Are you finding a Service Woman of the Year which can be one woman for all five branches? Questions on this? Please go to the National Website at [ALAforVeterans.org](http://ALAforVeterans.org) and click on the pages for

PPP information and awards. You will find the answers to your questions. I expect one Woman of the Year name from each District this year, so 9 Nominees for me to choose from to then send one name on to National. Make sure you have her name sent in to your District President two weeks prior to your Spring District Conference so your District President can get her winner to me by April 30, 2020. Also observe the deadline for Service Woman of the Year by April 15, 2020 to your District President so she can forward on to me by April 30, 2020. Not only should we be gathering as Past Presidents, we should be mentoring our new leaders. Please utilize your experience and knowledge for training and encouraging present and future leaders. This can be added to your report to me at Mid Year, due by December 15, 2019 and Year End, April 30, 2020 as to how you have been encouraging and mentoring those new leaders in your Unit, County, and District. Thank you in advance for your support of the PPP's.

Vickie Klinkhammer  
PPP Chairman

## Nominating Committee

The members of this year's nominating committee are Kim Dixon, Chairman, Michelle Long, and Mary Bryan. The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to find candidates for the Department Offices of President, Vice President, Chaplain, Historian. This year we are also looking for a candidate for Central Division National Vice President. Ever have a burning desire to hold a state office? We are here to encourage you along your path to becoming a Department Officer. I know that many of you are thinking that you don't want to be President. There are offices other than president which also need filled. In Iowa we are very lucky to have had an awesome group of past department officers and I can confidently say that each and

every one of these past officers would be willing to visit with you about the responsibilities. The committee keeps a list of anyone interested in running for office. It is rare for the nominating committee to have more than one person for each office, but there are no rules preventing it. Nominations from the floor are always allowed, however, anyone wanting to run for a department office needs to have their unit endorsement into the Department Executive Director prior to the Department Convention of their desired election year. Please feel free to contact Michelle, Mary or myself if you have any questions about running for a department office.

Thank You!  
Kim Dixon, Chairman  
Michelle Long  
Mary Bryan

## Puppy Jake Update

Colt and Ayla are finishing up their last week in their foster homes.

Colt was initially raised by a veteran recipient of ours. He had his service dog and Colt out in public together, exposing them to all sorts of new environments. The veteran then moved to Texas, so Colt switched to a different foster home near our Waverly facility. They will have him for one more week, where he will be transported to our prison training program in



Mississippi for a few months. It will be difficult to get photos while he is there, but our trainer will still be able to send updates after they go in monthly to train with the dogs in prison.

Ayla has been in a foster home in Waverly. Her foster works at a veterinary clinic, so Ayla goes to work every day with her and rests under the front desk. She is calm and sweet as can be. She will also be going to the Mississippi prison program next week to further her task training for a few months. We expect both Colt and Ayla to return to Iowa around May/June.

Vickie Klinkhammer



## 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 of getting the money you donate to the proper facilities. At 2020 Mid-Winter Conference the DEC approved these funds to be spent at each of the facilities.

Omaha - \$300 for cookie dough, \$400 for a summer picnic, \$300 for Stand down and \$500 Wal-Mart gift card for a total amount of \$1,500.

Sioux Falls - \$1,000 for Air Rifle dues and \$200 for a pop-up tent for a total amount of \$1,200.

Iowa City - \$300 for Fidget blankets for Dementia patients, \$600 for 20-minutes phone cards @ \$30 and \$340 for 40 Rider bus passes @ \$8.50 for a total amount of \$1,240.

Des Moines - \$560 for small appliances  
IVH - \$1,000 for small appliances for 21 units.  
Fisher House in Omaha - \$7,500  
\$500 for the National President's project  
Gold Club - \$300 to purchase a bench to be placed at Newton Christian Conference for the Juniors out of Past Department President Mary Sebben Gold Club project.

The total comes to \$13,800.00. That's amazing because of your donations. The Department of Iowa thanks each and every member that pays their dues!

## National Security

Flooding, tornadoes, and blizzards. Everyone in Iowa has been affected by one or more of these events. How do you prepare for these disasters? Have you helped in the cleanup process after any of these disasters? If so, please report it to me. These events are part of the National Security program. As a unit project, you could collect supplies for emergency preparedness kits and distribute them in your community. How about hosting a training in first aid, CPR, or other types of emergency skills. We never know when this information will be useful.

Supporting our service members and their families are always our top priority in the

American Legion Auxiliary. Do you have blue and gold star banners available? Have you ever held a welcome home or send off event? Do you know the service member families in your area? Are you following the Legion's POW/MIA empty Chair resolution 288 at all your meetings? How many members in your unit donate blood? Has your unit folded pocket flags recently? Check out all the instructional how-to sheets found on the National Security program page on the national website. These are free and full of information!

Get to know your local Legion Service Officer so you can direct a service member or their family for additional assistance about issues affecting their home life or financial services.

Donna Flewelling  
Chairman

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## Sweepstakes Winners Drawn

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

\$5,000 - Richard Madsen, Bettendorf, IA  
 \$2,000 - Garth Grafft, Marengo, IA  
 \$1,000 - Robert Cochran, Argyle, IA  
 \$500 - David I. Scott, McGregor, IA  
 \$500 - Dale Molin, Greenfield, IA  
 \$500 - David Katz, Mount Vernon, IA  
 \$500 - Melvin Goslar, Ute, IA

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

## Consolidated Post Reports (CPR)

The American Legion's 2019-2020 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, 2020. 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 2019-2020 CPR form can be accessed through the Department's website [www.ialegion.org/cpr](http://www.ialegion.org/cpr) and submitted by mail.

Preferably, the CPR can easily be completed and submitted through [myLegion.org](http://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](http://myLegion.org) through July 1st, the cutoff for receipt of forms at National Headquarters.

Finally, any post desiring to qualify for Department Awards for their CPR must provide a written narrative of the post's involvement. Only posts whose CPRs accompanied by a written narrative will be eligible for Department Community Service Awards.

## Needed Persian Gulf /War on Terror Veterans Response

My Legion comrades, as you know time marches on daily waiting for no one. One Hundred years ago 1919 The American Legion was Chartered by troops of WWI. Prior to this organization being established and Chartered a lot of foresight, and thought was put into what this organization would consist of. What is needed to take care of the Veteran, his spouse and their children, so much wisdom was sought from these Veterans to form this basic core that shaped the Four Pillars we know today of The American

Legion. Commander Kessler is asking you Veterans to respond back to him, what do you foresee as your priorities of needs and programs The Department of Iowa American Legion should be looking into the near future? We are asking your generation to help us identify these priorities as you look toward the future, of what will be needed for from our Service Office, for your spouse and dependents welfare. Perhaps a new program of some kind? Ten to fifteen years down the road you Veterans will be leading this great organization, we need be ready when that time arrives. Please respond back to [commander@ialegion.org](mailto:commander@ialegion.org) by May 15, 2020.

Commander Jim

## Department Membership

Donald Swan, Chairman

Being a part of the Legion Family at our post is great but losing a friend and compatriot to Post Everlasting can be very traumatic. Beyond the fact we lost a friend we must also keep the records straight at the post. We must remove our friend from our Membership Roster in one of two ways. If he passed prior to receiving his new Membership card, simply mark deceased on the card and return to Department Headquarters.

The other method is to change the information on your post's electronic roster. Look up the member by logging on to [MyLegion.org](http://MyLegion.org), sign in using your post's login credentials, look up

member by name, last name, first name and then his four-digit post number. This will bring up the member Information page, just press edit data then change status from active to deceased.

Always remember to keep your post's membership current by informing you Membership Chair of change of member status: Active or Deceased. Remember it is everyone's duty to keep the post's roster up to date.

Thank You,  
Donald Swan

## Membership Memos

Well, here we are with another Mid-Winter completed. Membership is trickling in and we are a little less than 10% of being a goal department.

March is the month for doing your Buddy Checks so if you have members that have not renewed for 2020 then it is time to take their membership card and pay them a visit. Letting them know that the post and you do care about them may be all they need to renew.

Also, in March will be the National Commander's visit the week of March 16 to 20. Take advantage of this opportunity to gather as much membership as you can and get it in that week.

If your post is not using [myLegion.org](http://myLegion.org) then you may be missing out on a lot of helpful tools and information. If you are not and would like to find out more contact me at Department Headquarters and I can help you get started to be able to get a lot of information to help you in

many areas.

Spring is just around the corner so get the membership finished up so you can go out and enjoy it when it gets here. That also means Spring Conference are coming up so that is another chance to turn in that membership that is still hanging out there.

You may have noticed a change to the appearance of the membership report that I post on the [ialegion.org](http://ialegion.org) website each week. The report offers more detailed information to keep you up to date on the membership numbers. If your post is using the electronic transmittal system and you have membership credit here at department you will occasionally have to send a manual transmittal to department to use your credit.

Keep up the momentum and let's get the rest of the members renewed that have not done so as yet. Enjoy the coming spring weather and until next time, keep up the good work.

Marcia Hoch  
Department Membership &  
Executive Secretary

## District Standings as of 02/21/2020

STANDING	DISTRICT	2020 GROWTH GOAL	CURRENT MEMBERSHIP	PERCENTAGE
First	7th	3,391	3,132	93.51
Second	6th	4,904	4,538	92.94
Third	8th	3,875	3,676	91.33
Fourth	5th	2,948	2,678	90.91
Fifth	9th	5,460	5,134	90.81
Sixth	2nd	6,606	6,137	90.71
Seventh	1st	3,991	3,749	90.40
Eighth	3rd	4,660	4,855	89.77
Ninth	4th	4,152	3,810	89.47
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		41,743	38,406	90.17

**The next membership cutoff date is March 11, 2020.  
 Transmittals must be at Department THREE days prior for processing.**

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

## Educator of the Year

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

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) is/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, 2020.

## Foundation Grants

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

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 March 23rd (postmarked) of each calendar year. Application procedures can be found on The American Legion of Iowa website.

## JSSP Match

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

The Department will again have its 3-Position, 3x20 Air Rifle Match March 14, 2020, 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 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 8:30 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

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



The American Legion Baseball season will soon be off to its start. The Department will have its State Tournament hosted by Dubuque County, May 1-3, 2020. The site is for the tournament is scheduled for Cascade unless weather impedes. Area tournaments will be played the weekend prior to determine the four (4) teams advancing. More details will be available online as teams commit and are

approved.

2020 Player Indemnification Forms (Form 2) for state play are due to Department Headquarters April 1, 2020.

Team rosters are due April 1, 2020 on National's site. Rosters will be certified soon afterwards. There will be no exceptions this year.

In addition to mandatory background checks that must be completed annually through the Department for each coach, completion of abuse training must be on file. Coaches will be prohibited from coaching if this requirement is not met.

Please be sure to visit the Department's website for details and forms: [www.ialegion.org/baseball](http://www.ialegion.org/baseball).

## 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 29-31, 2020 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, 2020.

## 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 1-6, 2020, 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.

## Dept. Convention

**July 9-12, 2020**

The Department Convention will be held July 9-12, 2020 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.

## National Convention August 28-September 3, 2020 Louisville, KY

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 Galt House in Louisville. Room rates are \$147/night plus tax and reservations must be made through Department Headquarters. All registration forms will be available in late March and the registration deadline is June 15, 2020.

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DONALD WILLARD  
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PETER GRECO  
DWAIN PETERMAN  
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ORMAL GUINN  
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GERALD SCHRECK  
**BUFFALO CNTR POST #21**  
JOSEPH BADJE  
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BERKLEY BEDELL  
TEDDY LOWRY  
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AL COX  
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GERALD LOSSING  
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JAMES PHILLIPS  
**DES MOINES POST #60**  
CHARLES RUTH  
**IDA GROVE POST #61**  
THOMAS SMITH  
**SIoux CITY POST #64**  
JAMES MASON  
MICHAEL MONTGOMERY  
JAMES OIEN  
**CORYDON POST #68**  
JOHN SNOOK  
DWIGHT SULLIVAN  
**OSCEOLA POST #69**  
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ROBERT SIEFKAS  
**TOLEDO POST #72**  
CHARLES PATTERSON  
**TAMA POST #73**  
RON FEISEL  
**MARENGO POST #76**  
LEROY BRAL  
GILBERT STAMAN  
TRACY YOUNG  
**BLOOMFIELD POST #78**  
MICHAEL GRAVES  
**COLLINS POST #81**  
JOSEPH RHOADS  
**FT MADISON POST #82**  
ANDRES REYES  
RALPH SEAGER  
**PERRY POST #85**  
BILL HARGENS  
**SHENANDOAH POST #88**  
MICHAEL SPICER  
**ALGONA POST #90**  
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DONALD JORGENSON  
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JOE DEHART  
HAROLD NICHLESS  
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**FOREST CITY POST #121**  
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ELDON JACOBSEN  
RAYMOND JUNKER  
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DON KLOOS  
WILLIAM LINT  
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BEN VANNATTA  
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GALE WHITON  
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MICHAEL BAXTER  
**MUSCATINE SQDN #27**  
RAYMOND MARTIN  
**ROCKWELL SQDN #208**  
LLOYD JOHNSON  
**GREENFIELD SQDN #265**  
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BURCE HANNAH

## Foundation Makeover Takes Next Steps

Since our last report to you in the Summer issue of the Legionnaire, The American Legion of Iowa Foundation has undertaken a makeover. The Foundation has served the Iowa American Legion family and the people of Iowa well for over 25 years, but the time comes when it is necessary for any organization to change and upgrade their business practices. For the Foundation that time has come.



PNC David K. Rehbein, President

The first step in the makeover was the creation of a mission statement for the Foundation. Many of the active Legionnaires that witnessed the growth of the Foundation have gone on to Post Everlasting and taken their understanding of the purposes of the Foundation with them. Creating a mission statement now will introduce today's generation of leaders to the purposes of the Foundation. That mission statement is: "The American Legion of Iowa Foundation exists to support The American Legion Department of Iowa and to promote the programs of The American Legion under the four pillars; Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children and Youth, by providing financial support to organizations serving in those areas."

Please note that the mission statement makes clear that the Foundation exists first and foremost to support The American Legion's four pillars. That support is expressed both in direct support of our programs but also through support of other organizations in the state of Iowa that perform the work that those pillars represent.

The next step in the makeover is an upgrade in the recognition of our donors. We have an excellent program to reward our donors that had been in place for many years. Beyond that, we needed to better recognize every donor as soon as possible after their donation and have our Directors more involved in delivering that recognition.

Beginning February 1, it is our intention that every donor receive a thank-you within two weeks of their donation. Donors with less than \$25 will receive a thank-you note from Headquarters, donors between \$25 and \$99.99 will receive a letter with a hand-written thank-you note from the Director in their district. Those

generous donors of \$100 and over will receive a personal call thanking them from yours truly. We hope to make sure this way that they know we care.

A second step was the rewriting of the grant application form. Our previous process left the format and content up to the applicant. That made it difficult for the Directors at times to accurately compare applications in their grant decisions. We now have a fillable PDF form that will be distributed to potential applicants with required information indicated. We are also strengthening the reporting required from successful applicants in order for the Foundation to help tell our and their stories.

We are considering a rewrite of the Foundation By-Laws for consideration at the next annual meeting. The current By-Laws contain some outdated language. A rewrite would make the Foundation's structure clearer. We will be setting the date of the annual meeting at tomorrow's meeting but anticipate a date of April 22. That is earlier than in the past. We hope to reduce the workload pressure on the Department staff by lengthening the time between the Foundation annual meeting and other events that occur in May and June.

Planned giving is also a donation method that we will explore. It may be that we can combine our efforts with those of the Department to increase donations in that area. We all need to learn to be more effective in that area so those efforts may take some time to develop fully.

At the Midwinter Conference we recognized several individuals with awards. Eternal Flame pins for total donations exceeding \$100 were presented to Stan Hill, Bob Waugh, Robert Michels, Tim McLaughlin, Carl Anderson, Bob Rosenboom and Jack St Peters.

Supporter plaques for having exceeded the \$1,000 level in donations were presented to Thomas Hartsock, Scott and Colette Ford, Randy Freel and Jerry and Mary Sebben. Sentinel plaques for achieving the \$2,000 level were presented to Charlie Backer and Ann Crawford. Ann and Dave Rehbein were proud to receive a Sterling plaque for donations exceeding \$3,000.

We greatly appreciate the support of our donors and hope to increase that support so that the Foundation can increase the work that we enable through our grants. Remember, that work only goes to those projects that fall under one of the four pillars of The American Legion. Thank you to the Department of Iowa American Legion Family for your support.

## 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@ialegion.org](mailto:programs@ialegion.org), by the April 30 deadline. Rules available at [www.ialegion.org/ialpa](http://www.ialegion.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.

## Iowa's LEO of the Year

Nominations for Officer of the Year were received through the end of November. Deputy Tanner Frain of the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office was selected as the recipient of Iowa's 2020 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Deputy Frain was nominated by Lamar Hartje American Legion Post #725 in Treynor, Iowa (7th District). Deputy Frain began with the Sheriff's Office in 2013 after graduating from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

Deputy Frain serves as part of the Technical Accident Investigators Team as well as the

Emergency Response Team which is the county's version of SWAT. Deputy Frain is noted for his positive attitude and willingness to serve his community. Deputy Frain will receive his award at the Department's convention in July.

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

## Firefighter of the Year

Nominations for Firefighter of the Year were received through the end of November. Chief Willis (Willie) Allbaugh was selected as the 2020 Department Firefighter of the Year. Chief Allbaugh has 51 years of service as a firefighter, all of which have been with Quimby Fire and Rescue. Chief Allbaugh has been serving as Chief for 44 of those years. In addition to the Quimby Fire and Rescue, Chief Allbaugh as served in other organizations within his

community from his church, town council, and country club. Chief Allbaugh was nominated by Lyle Barnes American Legion Post #398 in Quimby, Iowa (9th District).

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

**Articles are due May 15, 2020 in order to be considered for the next issue of The Iowa Legionnaire.**  
**Please email submissions to [programs@ialegion.org](mailto:programs@ialegion.org)**

District Spring Conferences		
District	Date	Location
1st District	April 4, 2020	<b>Meeting:</b> National Guard Army Reserve Center 5801 South Hwy 61 Muscatine, IA 52761 <b>Hospitality:</b> American Legion Post #27 April 3, 5-8 PM <b>Hotel:</b> AmericInn 3115 Hwy 61 North Muscatine, IA 52761 563-263-0880 (Ask for Legion rate)
2nd District	April 25, 2020	<b>Meeting:</b> American Legion Post #273 111 Market St. Bellevue, IA 52031 <b>Hospitality:</b> American Legion Post #273 April 24, 5-7 PM <b>Hotel:</b> Baymont Inn & Suites 4115 N Riverview St Bellevue, IA 52031 563-872-5000 (Ask for Legion rate)
3rd District	May 2, 2020	<b>Meeting:</b> American Legion Post #73 1105 E 5th St Tama, IA 52339 <b>Hospitality:</b> American Legion Post #73 May 1, 6:30-10 PM <b>Hotel:</b> Meskwaki Bingo Casion Hotel 1504 305th St Tama, IA 52339 800-728-4263
4th District	April 18, 2020	<b>Meeting:</b> American Legion Post #45 206 N Franklin St Manchester, IA 52057 <b>Hospitality:</b> American Legion Post #45 April 17, 6-9 PM <b>Hotel:</b> Cobblestone Inn 1210 Commercial Ct Manchester, IA 52057 563-856-0011
5th District	April 18, 2020	<b>Meeting:</b> American Legion Post #541 103 1/2 Main St Ellston, IA 50074 <b>Hospitality:</b> None <b>Hotel:</b> Mount Ayr Inn & Suites 1304 South St Mt. Ayr, IA 50854 641-464-3500
6th District	April 25, 2020	<b>Meeting:</b> American Legion Post #403 910 Main St Van Meter, IA 550261 <b>Hospitality:</b> None <b>Hotel:</b> West Des Moines Marriott 1250 Jordan Creek Pkwy West Des Moines, IA 50266 844-631-0595
7th District	March 21, 2020	<b>Meeting:</b> American Legion Post #88 800 S Elm St Shenandoah, IA 51601 <b>Hospitality:</b> American Legion Post #88 March 20, 5:30 PM <b>Hotel:</b> Shenandoah Inn & Suites 620 W Sheridan Ave Shenandoah, IA 51601 712-246-3000
8th District	March 29, 2020	<b>Meeting:</b> American Legion Post #694 210 W Head St Arcadia, IA 51430 <b>Hospitality:</b> Burke Inn Meeting Rm March 28, 5-8 PM <b>Hotel:</b> Burke Inn 1225 Plaza Dr Carroll, IA 51401 712-792-5156
9th District	March 21, 2020	Meeting: Harris-Lake Park School 908 Market St S Lake Park, IA 51347 Hospitality: Gunderson's Restaurant March 20, 6-8 PM Hotel: Northland Inn 2051 Hwy 9 Spirit Lake, IA 51360 712-336-1450
SAL	April 26, 2020	Meeting: American Legion Headquarters 720 Lyon St Des Moines, IA 50309 Hotel: Holiday Inn Mercy Campus 1050 6th Ave Des Moines, IA 50314 515-283-0151

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# Thousands of Military Family Members, Retirees to Receive Medical Care at Off-Base Facilities

By Steve Beynon/Stars and Stripes

Thousands of military family members and retirees will soon receive medical care at off-base facilities as the Defense Department implements a new plan to use some of its health care centers to serve troops exclusively.

The move to have roughly 200,000 beneficiaries across 50 military medical facilities – mostly family members and retirees – receive health care at private-sector hospitals is part of a Defense Department effort to save money, Thomas McCaffery, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said Wednesday.

More than 9.5 million active-duty personnel, military retirees and their families use medical services provided at bases throughout the country, according to the Military Health Agency.

Of the 50 facilities designated for some level of restructuring, 37 outpatient clinics now open to all beneficiaries will eventually see primarily active-duty

personnel, according to the Defense Department. Bases impacted by the policy change include Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Benning, Ga., and Fort Detrick, Md.

McCaffery said, in most cases, these facilities do not treat enough civilian patients for services to be worthwhile for bases to maintain. Family members of active-duty troops, retirees and their families who receive care now at those facilities will transition over time to Tricare's civilian provider network and could see increases to some out-of-pocket costs such as copays. Tricare is a DoD health and dental insurance provider for military dependents, retirees and service members to seek care in the private sector.

On Wednesday, the Defense Department sent a report to Congress that outlines the basic plan on realigning what service medical treatment facilities will provide. However, department officials had no projection on how much money will be saved from what they expect to be a multiyear transition. There is also no timeline on when civilians will be transitioned out of military hospitals due to the uncertainty of how smoothly their care can be moved to private-sector facilities.

The Defense Department's report states transitioning patients from military facilities to Tricare's network will take time, potentially years.

"This expectation will be carefully managed during the transition and, if during implementation, local networks are challenged to absorb demand, the department will revise its implementation plan," the report states.

Increasingly, the Defense Department and the Department of Veterans Affairs have been leaning on the private sector for health care. However, the cost of shifting the burden has come as both departments have seen their budgets increased in recent years. Eight months after the VA launched a new program to connect veterans with private-sector doctors, authorized under the Mission Act, the agency still doesn't know how many appointments have been completed or how much it's costing taxpayers. Congress has provided about \$15 billion for community care in the VA's latest budget.

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## 2020 Boys State Orientation Schedule

District & POC	Date(s) & Time(s)	Location(s)
<b>First</b> Dr. Dan McClure (319) 653-3413	April 18, 2020 (Saturday) @ 2:30 PM	Crawfordsville American Legion Post #593 113 East Vine Street Crawfordsville, IA 52621
<b>Second</b> Cecil Oldridge (319) 396-2141	April 26, 2020 (Sunday) @ 2:00 PM	Dubuque American Legion Post #6 1306 Delhi St. Dubuque, IA 52001
	May 3, 2020 (Sunday) @ 2:00 PM	Marion American Legion Post #298 625 31st St. Marion, IA 52302
	May 3, 2020 (Sunday) @ 2:00 PM	DeWitt American Legion Post #238 704 9th Street DeWitt, IA 52742
<b>Third</b> Jim Zacharias (641) 640-7872	April 26, 2020 (Sunday) @ 3:00 PM	Dike Public Library 133 E Elder St. Dike, IA 50624 (319) 989-2608
	May 3, 2020 (Sunday) @ 3:00 PM	Iowa Falls American Legion Post #188 709 South Oak Iowa Falls, IA 50126
<b>Fourth</b> Jake Blitsch (319) 240-0592	May 3, 2020 (Sunday) @ 2:00 PM	West Union American Legion Post #15 103 E. Main St West Union, IA 52175
<b>Fifth</b> Don Lane (641) 790-0041 Darrin Alderson (641) 660-0527	May 3, 2020 (Sunday) @ 2:00 PM	Albia American Legion Post #136 21 Washington Ave W. Albia, IA 52531
	May 3, 2020 (Sunday) @ 2:00 PM	Deep River American Legion Post #296 221 Main St Deep River, IA 52222
	TBD	Osceola American Legion Post #69 136 W Jefferson Osceola, IA 50213
<b>Sixth</b> Jerry Sebben (515) 371-9146	April 26, 2020 (Sunday) @ 1:00 PM	Baldwin Patterson American Legion Post #274 2211 E 42nd Street Des Moines, IA 50317
<b>Seventh</b> Brian Ring (402) 670-2168	April 26, 2020 (Sunday) @ 1:00 PM	Glenwood American Legion Post #141 104 N Vine St. Glenwood, IA 51534
<b>Eighth</b> Al Tigges (712) 790-7053	April 27, 2020 (Monday) @ 7:00 PM	Gowrie American Legion Post #431 1108 ½ Main St Gowrie, IA 50543
	April 29, 2020 (Wednesday) @ 7:00 PM	Dedham American Legion Post #20 301 Main St. Dedham, IA 51440
	May 4, 2020 (Monday) @ 7:00 PM	Forest City American Legion Post #121 113 S Clark St. Forest City, IA 50436
<b>Ninth</b> Jack St. Peters (712) 363-0686	April 26, 2020 (Sunday) @ 2:00 PM	Spencer American Legion Post #1 Hwy 71 North Spencer Spencer, IA 51301
	May 3, 2020 (Sunday) @ 2:00 PM	Le Mars American Legion Post #241 110 Plymouth St W Le Mars, IA 51031

## WalkforVeterans

Department Commander James B. Kessler 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 17, 2020, 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 12, 2020. 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 [brenda@ialegion.org](mailto:brenda@ialegion.org) or view online at [www.ialegion.org/wfv](http://www.ialegion.org/wfv).

## 2019-2020 Fifth Grade Flag Essay Contest

[www.ialegion.org/flag-essay](http://www.ialegion.org/flag-essay)

Flag Essays were collected and judged based on specific criterion during Mid-Winter by the Children and Youth Committee. Each district had excellent submissions, but of course only three can be selected as the winners for this year. The top three finalists will be given the opportunity to read their submissions to the whole delegation during Department Convention in July. We want to thank all the posts who take the time to work with their local 5th grade classes to see this through.

First place went to Delaney Griffith of Morning Sun Elementary in Morning Sun, Iowa. Delaney is a student of Amanda Vreeland and the daughter of Sky and

Sara Griffith. Delaney was sponsored by Hays-Scott American Legion Post #112 in Morning Sun and District 1.

Runner up went to Kajsa Skram of Union Elementary in La Porte City, Iowa. Kajsa is a student of Haley Spragg and daughter of Steve and Brook Skram. Kajsa was sponsored by USS San Diego American Legion Post #207 in La Porte City and District 3.

Third place went to Ava Gehrking of Tri-County Elementary in Thonburg, Iowa. Ava is a student of Bari Parrott and daughter of Chris and Lynea Gehrking. Ava was sponsored by James Murphy American Legion Post #319 and District 5.

Each student will receive their prizes during Department Convention.

A copy of the three winning essays will be available online through the Department's website.

## 2020 Boys State

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

The dates this year have been set for Sunday, June 21 - Friday, June 26, 2020. Please direct any questions to your Post or District Chairmen concerning the process.

Please note orientation dates to the left of this article. Also, please note the delegate registration closing deadline.

**April 1, 2020 - Post Refund Request Deadline** - Requests must be received through the online form [www.ialegion.org/refunds](http://www.ialegion.org/refunds) by 11:59 PM. No exceptions will be honored afterwards.

**April 1, 2020 - Delegate Registration Closes**

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