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100 Miles for Hope

By James W. "Bill" Oxford, National Commander www.legion.org/100miles

Dear American Legion Family members and friends,

I have taken the first steps on a 100-mile journey in support of our nation's veterans and children. The unique challenge — 100 Miles for Hope — was created to help drive resources toward our Veterans & Children Foundation.

In a show of American Legion Family solidarity, Sons of The American Legion Commander Clint Bolt and American Legion Auxiliary President Nicole Clapp have committed to their own 100-mile challenges.

We're asking for support from our American Legion Family members to put on their walking or running shoes, get on their bikes or rev up their motorcycles for 100 miles today through Veterans Day, which is 100 days from now. And I am issuing a special challenge to department commanders to join me, if they are physically able, in the 100-mile quest.

For a \$30 registration fee, 100 Miles for Hope participants receive a slick tech shirt (available in men's, women's and children's sizes), a sign to display and a certificate of accomplishment when they finish. Roughly 50 percent of the \$30 fee will go toward V&CF after figuring in costs for the shirts, shipping, etc.

Posts can also participate by creating their own events for members while keeping local social distancing rules in mind. This is a great opportunity to safely celebrate Patriot Day, American Legion Day and Veterans Day later on.

Learn more about this initiative on the Legion website, www. legion.org/100miles and get started by registering at Emblem Sales.

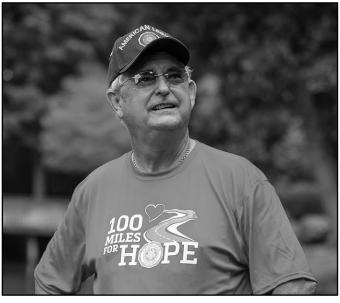
One hundred miles may seem like a long way. But it was chosen with a purpose. The 100-day time frame was selected so that walkers could break it down to a mile day. That's roughly 20 to 30 minutes a day, which is the activity level many health experts recommend.

I'll be walking 100 miles and riding my bike for another 100 miles to support our veterans and children. I'm sure my health will benefit from the increased activity, after being sheltered in place for so long. But the real beneficiaries are veterans and children in need who receive vital assistance from The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation, formerly known as the American Legion Endowment Fund.

The foundation provides necessary funds to train and support The American Legion's network of more than 3,000 accredited service officers who represent veterans, free of charge, with their benefits claims and other needs. Additionally, military families facing financial crises are eligible to receive Temporary Financial Assistance, which is funded by American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation donations.

It's up to you how you cross that 100-mile threshold (and when you do, share your journey on our Legiontown web page). On days when you lack the motivation to put in a mile or two, just remember who we are doing this for.

Join me in keeping this important foundation strong to ensure we honor our commitments to all veterans, military families and children in need.





Calvin Grosvenor receiving his award from Marilyn Kessler, Secretary Lake Park American Legion Auxiliary Unit #371.

Teen Saves Fellow Scuba Diver

Submitted by Brian Kessler, Lake Park

Marilyn Kessler of the Lake Park American Legion Auxiliary Unit #371 presented Calvin Grosvenor of Okoboji with the American Legion Auxiliary Youth Hero Award for his Bravery, Courage and Fortitude in saving the life of fellow SCUBA diver Jesse Fletchall.

Back on May 28 Calvin and Jesse were Diving on Lake Okoboji, IA when Jesse suffered a brain embolism nearly 30-feet below the surface of the lake. Calvin got to him, purged air into his lungs with his regulator and got him to the surface. Then he swam Jesse 100 yards back to shore. Jesse had no pulse and was not breathing. So Calvin performed CPR until emergency personnel arrived. Jesse survived and is doing well today. The incident happened when Calvin was 17-years old, 3-days before his 18th birthday.

Congratulations Calvin on receiving this honor and we wish best in your Senior year

The Department of Iowa would like to encourage posts, unites, squadrons and riders to submit articles pertaining to American Legion Family activities, like this one, to be considered for the quarterly publication of the Iowa Legionnaire and Communique.

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DEADLINES & DATES

September 7Labor Day - Dept. Offices Closed

September 11-13 Dept. Leadership School - Des Moines

September 15

Post Officer Forms Due to Dept. September 16

American Legion Day

September 19 2nd District Conference - Zoom

9th District Conference - Sloan September 20

8th District Conference - Ft. Dodge September 25-26

7th District Conference - Prescott

October 3

1st District Conference - Columbus Junction October 10

4th District Conference - Manchester

October 12 Columbus Day - Dept. Offices Closed

October 17

6th District Conference - Van Meter October 24

5th District Conference - Ellston

October 25

SAL Detachment Conference - Dept. HQ October 31

3rd District Conference - Waverly

November 3
Election Day

November 11 Veteran's Day - Dept. Offices Closed

Boys State Orientation Dates Due Oratorical District & Area Contest Dates Due

Winter Legionnaire Articles Due November 16-21

National Vice Comm

November 26-27

Thanksgiving - Dept. Offices Closed November 30

Firefighter & Law Enforcement Officer of the

Year Due to Dept December 4 Dept. HQ Christmas Open House - 3:00 PM











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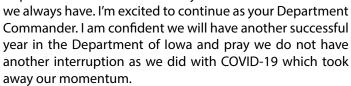


Department Commander James B. Kessler

Greetings,

welcome you to a new year in the Department

of lowa, as you know almost all officers, Commission and Committee Chairman are holding over because the lack of being able to hold a Department Convention In July like



With the starting of a new year, I have chosen a new motto and symbol along with a new project goal for this year. My symbol is the Phoenix and my slogan Rising, Stronger, and Wiser. I chose this motto and symbol as we start a new year because we will rise out of the ashes of COVID-19 and become a stronger American Legion Family united for a common cause and for the good of the American Legion. Sometimes you have to die a little inside in order to be reborn and Rise again as a Stronger and Wiser version of yourself.

We welcome four new District Commanders this year: Dave Travis of 3rd District, Bob Collins of 6th District, Gary Whipple of 7th District, and David Honse of 9th district. We pledge our support to help them be successful as they assume the responsibilities of District Commander. We help by mentoring not criticizing.

My goals are similar to last year and that is to be #1 in membership nationally. However, along with that I have one other assisting goal to go with membership which I consider to be essential. That is to promote our programs along with membership, which is the motor that drives the engine of The American Legion in so many ways. Our programs are like the 4-barrel carburetor to give that extra boost needed. Today more than ever it is important that we keep all our Legionnaire membership current.

Our TFA (Temporary Financial Assistance) and NEF (National Emergency Fund) could provide some critical relief for those affected by the strong winds that came through the middle of August and the damage done by those strong winds. The programs of the American Legion can still be done, we just have to adjust on how we do those programs.

Congratulations goes to 2nd District who submitted 100% of their CPRs (Consolidated Post Reports) by the deadline. This proves with determination of the District Commander and his team calling on the posts in their district and helping them to fill out their CPRs for whatever they did. Whether it be one or many, it is a shining example of working together and getting things done on time. I was disappointed in the number of posts who decided they did not need to fill out a CPR or they felt that they had nothing to report. In retrospect every post does something whether it be a military funeral, a program, or volunteering of some nature within your community. You have done something you can report on your CPR. When our National Commander goes to Washington DC and reports our volunteer hours and community services numbers to Congress, every hour accounted for is critical as these statics show the value of the veteran to the VA Healthcare System and the monetary amount the veteran saves our government in VA funding.

My project this year is the lowa Veterans Home. They always can use assistance for the canteen by having necessary items for the veteran along with treats, etc. which the government does not provide. Also, they're doing renovation and upgrading of the grounds.

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Department Adjutant John A. Derner

The year 2020 has presented us with many challenges. From the COVID-19 pandemic to the derecho,

this has been a year like no other.

There a many people in Iowa and in our own American Legion Family who are suffering. Some are struggling financially. Others are sick and isolated. Many have experience damage to homes, property, and businesses. Millions of acres of crops are destroyed. Homes and communities have been without power for weeks. Our families, friends and neighbors have suffered illness, injury and even death. The impact of these events will be felt for years.

For many of you, your involvement in The American Legion has been put on hold. You have other duties and responsibilities to which you must tend. For those of you severely impacted by these events, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Others have used these events as an opportunity to get more involved with The American Legion Family by assisting and serving those in need. Thank you for your compassion and grace. My thoughts and prayers are with vou as well.

It is in the most difficult of times when character and leadership shine. Veterans are not strangers to crisis. Our nation, our state, and our communities need us now more than ever.

So where do we go from here? We continue to do what we have always done.

- 1. We take care of our fellow veterans. We must continue to do our Buddy Checks and make sure they are ok. If they are not, we find ways to help them.
- 2. We continue to serve our communities. We must recognize the needs of our community in this time of crisis and provide services to meet those needs.
- 3. We provide opportunities for our youth. We can still conduct many of our programs with a little modification. Oratorical, Fifth Grade Flag Essay Contest, Junior Shooting Sports and more can still be conducted safely with some adjustments.

Instead of worrying about what we cannot do, focus on what we can do. Our members, our veterans, our communities and our youth still depend on us.

National Vice Commander's Tour

The National Vice Commander tour will be held the week of November 18th to 22nd with the PDC Rally on Saturday November 23 in Van Meter.

Here is the tentative route for the NVC Tour.

Nov 16 - Day 1 District 5: Deep River, Oskaloosa and Albia

Nov 17 - Day 2 District 1: Douds, Keokuk and Durant

Nov 18 - Day 3 District 2:- Walcott, Dubuque and Epworth

Nov 19 - Day 4 District 4: Manchester and Indepence

Nov 20 - Day 5 District 3: TBD

Nov 21 - Day 6 Past District Commanders Rally: Ely or Marion.

The Department Website will have a complete route once finalized. You may also call 800-365-8387 or email info@ialegion.org for more details.

STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

https://www.ialegion.org/calendar



National Executive Committeeman Jerry Sebben

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

I hope and pray this finds all of you safe and healthy on this hot August morning. The American

Legion National Executive Committee continues to meet and conduct business via telecommunication. A few weeks ago, Resolution No: 5, **Vision, Mission, Values and Motto of The American Legion**, was adopted; and, I will share it with you now.

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion by electronic mail vote pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of the National Executive Committee, That The American Legion adopt the following vision statement:

"The American Legion strengthens America by improving the lives of our veterans, the military and

their families."; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion adopt the following mission Statement:

"The American Legion strengthens our communities, states and nation with programs and services for our veterans, the military and their families."; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion adopt the following value principles:

- A VETERAN IS A VETERAN which means The American Legion embraces all current and former members of the military and endeavors to help them transition into their communities.
- SELFLESS SERVICE which means The American Legion celebrates all who contribute to something larger than themselves and inspires others to serve and strengthen America.
- AMERICAN VALUES AND PATRIOTISM which means The American Legion advocates for upholding and defending the United States Constitution, equal justice and opportunity for everyone and

discrimination against no one, youth education, responsible citizenship and honoring military service by observing and participating in patriotic and memorial events.

- FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT which means The American Legion meets the unique needs of local communities.
- ADVANCING THE VISION which means The American Legion educates, mentors and leads new generations of American.
- HONORING THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US which means The American Legion pays perpetual respect for all past military sacrifices to ensure they are never forgotten by new generations.; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion adopt the following motto:

"Veterans Strengthening American."

I want to thank all of you for what you do for our veterans and their families.

For God and Country, Jerry D. Sebben



Department Service OfficerShane Pankonen

The Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) offers a wide variety of services to support, including financial assistance options to pay co-

payments connected to your VA health care.

You as a Veteran are responsible for your copayments. If you do not pay these in good faith, and in a timely manner, this debt will turned over to the Department of Treasury for collection. At any time you are unable to make the co-payments, the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) can help with arrangements such as repayment plans or a waiver. You will need to contact VA directly to make payment

arrangements within 120 days from the date the charge is applied to your account.

If you receive VA benefit payments, these benefit payments could be used to collect any unpaid delinquent co-payment debt. If you as a Veteran do not receive any VA benefit payments, the debt is turned over to the Treasury Debt Management Service after 120 days for collections. At that point in time, Treasury will issue an official notification letter to you to make payment arrangements and if arrangements are not made, Treasury will begin collection procedures.

If arrangements are not made, the following actions could take place. Any eligible Federal payments including income tax refunds, Social Security benefits, retirement pay, or any Federal or State payments can be withheld Also, Treasury can also collect the debt from civilian salaries through wage

garnishment, or they can collect the debt through private collection agencies. Once a debt is turned over to the Department of Treasury, Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) can no longer accept payments for that debt.

If you have additional questions or concerns regarding co-payment debt you are encouraged to contact the Facility Revenue Office at your local VA medical center, or call the Health Resource Center's number listed at the top of your billing statement. In addition, you have the right to dispute any debt.

If you have any questions about this benefit, you may contact the American Legion Service Office and we will be glad to assist you. Also, we may be contacted at 515-323-7532 for questions regarding this benefit or any VA benefits.

Sincerely, Department of Iowa's Service office



Sons of The American Legion Detachment CommanderMike Monserud

The 2019-2020 year was a trying one, but still a highly successful one. The Detachment finished 1st in the Central Region in Membership

and Renewals. Your hard work and dedication also earned the Detachment the Triple Nickel Award. The 5th Award in 10 years. Iowa also leads the Nation in this award also. To earn the Triple Nickel we had to have 85% Renewals, 105% Membership, and 5 new

Squadrons by July 1st. We accomplished this one week before the deadline and finished the year with 8 new Squadrons, Membership at 105.691%, and Renewals at 92.45%. Also, the Detachment finished an All-Time High in Membership at 4,624 members.

I cannot be prouder of what you have all accomplished this past year, and you have set the bar high for the following year. This past year I said I wanted to have fun and let the Squadrons dictate the priorities of the Detachment. I would like to think we did that, and will do it again this year.

Our Detachment Chaplain, Trevor Davidson has resigned to attend college, and we all wish him the best. Past Detachment Commander, Mike Sypherd

has been nominated and approved to take over as our 2020-2021 Chaplain. He is a man I look to for advice and counsel, so he will be a great addition.

National this past year has voted to raise Membership dues. Now we are required to transmit \$11 instead of \$8. Detachment has decided not to raise our portion of \$6. If your Squadron charges less than the \$11, per the IRS, you must charge more for dues than you send out. So, it is now \$6 for Detachment, \$5 for National, plus what your Squadron keeps.

Let us have a good year and let me know if I can help you or your Squadron in any way this year.

Commander Mike

Commander's article continued...

One need is benches for the veterans to sit on and some other things to make the surroundings more pleasant for the veterans to sit outside and enjoy the sunshine and entertainment mother nature provides. Sometimes you have to die a little inside in order to be reborn and Rise again, as a Stronger and Wiser version of yourself.

Rising, Stronger, and Wiser, Commander Jim

Articles are due November 15, 2020 in order to be considered for the next issue of The Iowa Legionnaire. Please email submissions to programs@ialegion.org

National Emergency Fund

Governor Reynolds declaration of a Natural Disaster Proclamation for some lowa counties means that the Legion's National Emergency Fund can be used to help Legionnaires and Sons members that have been displaced from their homes due to the August 10th derecho.

The member must have been displaced from their home due to damage from the storm. Individual members can apply for up to \$3,000 and Posts can apply for up to \$10,000 for damage to the Post home. Full details are available on

the Department's Website. The application form can be downloaded. Application must be made within 90 days of the storm.





1st District Commander Steve Colcord

I would like to thank the 1st District for a great year that has come to a close but with this virus still among us we are all going forward for

need to get First District back up to where we need to 100% membership. That is a great start. and remind them it is renewal time. I know that it is get back to Legion meetings and conventions soon. another great year with the Legion. hard to collect when you cannot get out and knock on Membership is off and running so we doors but we need to do our best.

need to get a good grip and start collecting dues. We At this time, 1st District has two posts very close to

be. I am so happy that I have been your Commander I would like to shout out a thank you to my Vice for the last year and continuing for another one. We Commanders. With out them I could not do my job, are a strong district and will get over this bad situation so thank you. We are getting ready to having our fall and the way to keep busy is phone calls like the buddy conference which will be on the 3rd of Oct. 2020 at the check. Call these veterans and find out how they are Columbus Junction Post #100. I am hoping that we can

> For God and Country, Steve Colcord



2nd District Commander Roger Norfolk

hit us was devastating. Thousands are out of power days later and

I want a refund for 2020! Enough! The on others and just hunkered down you've missed the is by our actions that we are judged. I challenge each 10 August Derecho windstorm that brotherhood that the American Legion is! The world of you to reach out and help in whatever way you can. seems to only count numbers but we know better. We know our programs make a difference. If you called

millions of dollars in damage. 23 counties in the state or texted or visited someone to check on them they have been declared disaster areas, including all of probably will remember you cared and renew their the second district. So what should that mean? Well, membership. Troubled times deserve us - you and me just like the COVID-19 pandemic, if you didn't check and all of us - to reach out and help others in need, It For God and Country,

Roger



3rd District Commander Dave Travis

Greeting from 3rd District!

As we begin the 2020-2021 year, we have an invisible enemy among us! During this unprecedented time, play it safe

and wear you PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) starting soon with a lot of unanswered questions and to your legion family with buddy checks, phone calls there! to those in isolation, and assist those who need help. Your quick membership renewals will give us more time to work on the four pillars of our organization (Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Children and Youth, Americanism and National Security). School is

like you did when you were in the service. Reach out uncertainty. It will be an interesting year. Be safe out

Best Regards, **Dave Travis**



4th District Commander Dan Boberg

Greetings District 4 Family,

new year. As of last report that I have gotten, we have 583 members more

grow. Commanders and adjutants, and or membership additions. chairmen your Districts commanders are here to help. Keep an eye on your email.

cards are not being filled out entirely. On the Legion I are wanting to get out to meetings, we are getting

National Card, there is a phone number, DOB and lonely. We want to do our job of passing information changes as noted). Lets not be doing it the old way might help with your post success. and just collect the dues. The information is not just Well we did not due to well last for National, but for communication with members of year on membership, but this is a your post. Add this information to your roster sheet. Even if that member is not able to attend meetings, let

There are posts that are opening their meetings with facial masks and social distancing. If you are one of good health, and support each other. On another note, I have noticed that the renewal those posts, let me know. The Vice Commanders and

email box with a box to the right (Update record from Headquarters to you, and share things that

Fund raisers are happening in a different way with food with COVID 19. Do it carry out. Post 279 Lawler found the way to get it organized and made it work.

Our Fall Conference is scheduled for October 10 at them know what is going on in their post. Members Post 45 Manchester. We hope to have it in person by than we had last year at this time. Let us continue to renewing on line, should also be able to make those then or we might have to go virtual, as we did for Spring Conference. More information will follow.

In closing I want to wish all of our Legion Family,

Dan Boberg 563-419-0459 Lv. Message



5th District Commander Randy Johnson

Hello Legionnaires,

Straight to the point/s. Everybody reading the Legionnaire already knows the Department and National Conventions were cancelled, and

most National, Department, and District leadership the previous year, and we ended up 16 members their membership for the previous year. District 5 just a contact away. short of 2018-2019.

Membership Awards were released last month. Kellogg, and Humeston. Congratulations.

hard work goes into achieving this well deserved for their achievements, some posts shine with no recognition for their hard work during the 2019-2020 recognition at all because there's simply no award year. Post Excellence, Road Runner, and Post Honor established to give them. That brings me to Newton Ribbon have been awarded to District 5 Posts.

before being forwarded to National Headquarters, 10 additional members for 2020. Hats off to Newton! where it receives the National Commander and had 4 Honor Ribbon Posts: Grand River, Prairie City,

Congratulations to All these Great Posts. A lot of While it's great that our District posts are recognized Post 111. Newton finished the year at 100.71% of their Post Excellence is verified and submitted to The goal. They led the District with 14 new members and Department of Iowa by the District Commander 10 Headquarters transfers, giving them a net gain of

Where do we go from here? My challenge to all D5 has stayed in place for the upcoming year. We're National Adjutant signatures. Post Excellence goes Posts. Attend our Fall Conference at Ellston Post 541 all ready for 2020 to come to an end, and COVID 19 to: Leon, Malcom, Centerville, Deep River, Prairie City, on Oct 27, establish membership drives and renewjust needs to go away. With that said, District 5 did a and Montezuma. Road Runner Posts achieved 105% recruit-retain, make our Legion Programs a priority decent job this year with membership. We ended the of their Membership Quota: Leon, Prairie City, Deep and track them for your Consolidated Post Report, and membership year with 2819 paid members, making River, Malcom, Grand River, and Kellogg. Post Honor always think about The Legion Family. Where there's a 95.62% of our membership goal. We gained 101 new Ribbons are awarded to Posts whose membership, as Legionnaire, there's an Auxiliary or Son just waiting to members and had 46 Headquarters transfers. New of December 31, achieved or advanced membership join our family. Good Luck with your 2021 plans, and members and Headquarters transfers doubled from (for the year about to begin) equal to or exceeding always remember your District 5 Officers and Staff are

> For God and Country, Randy Johnson



6th District Commander Bob Colin

WHO Radio News. The reporter guards, and helping their communities.

would you answer?

are defeating the coronavirus disruption by still safely new member for this year. ASK they are waiting, just Imagine: You get a phone call from having meetings, taking care of business, doing honor ASK.

diminished your American Legions was 68%. My goal as a new District Commander for conference will be available in person and also Post's ability to function as an 2020-2021 is not only to beat the national average but available online via Zoom. We will provide you more organization and in serving your community. How also to achieve 100% response from the 6th District. information over the next few months.

ASK, that is how membership grows. See a person Earlham #158 can say it serves a scholarship with a veterans cap, ASK are you a member?

In church, walking down the street, at the gas pump,

breakfast. Dexter #419 can say it served a pork chop ASK are you a member of the American Legion. I am dinner fundraiser. Trained for action, our members asking each member of 6th District to sign up one

Van Meter Post #403 will be the host post for asks if the COVID-19 pandemic has Last year, the National CPR response rate from posts the District 6 Fall Conference on October 17th. The

> For God and Country, **Bob Colin**



7th District Commander Gary Whipple

My Fellow Legionnaires,

As you all know this past going back and forth. quarter is still about Covid-19. So, we still have to watch our social

and also hand washing.

This is the time of year we all need to be watchful of the animals crossing the roads and farm machinery

Sidney Post #128 sponsored the Iowa Championship Rodeo for the 97th year and it was a success. Post #128 distancing and face mask procedures gave two \$500.00 scholarships to Fremont County seniors who are direct descendants of Veterans.

I am very proud to announce that the Legionnaire of the Year, the Lawman of the Year and American going back and for on the roads. With school going Legion Post #141 in Glenwood received the Children on watching out for school busses and school children and Youth Category 2 (100-299) Overall Post. They are all from the 7th District.

Keep those dues coming in.

For God and Country, **Gary Whipple**



8th District Commander Tom Ryan

The fiscal year of 2019-2020 is

near future. It is my sincerest wish to relay a positive Director received a membership pin: once again

message regarding Department objectives this congratulations. coming year; at our September (fall) Conference, in Ft.

officially over. We struggled with drive begins. All posts in lowa have their membership me in what programs we were able to accomplish the Covid 19 virus and that battle packages and are aggressively pursuing the 100 % Thank you! A special thanks goes out to Dee Schrodt, continues on. Of all the programs plus members prior to the Dec. 31st deadline. Bear President of the District Legion Auxiliary, the Riders, in the American Legion's tool belt, in mind there are Individual, Post and District awards and the Sons of Legionnaire's, we persevered through we appear to have completed only the Oratorical up for grabs, from pins, to citations and CASH. Please last year and with your help we shall endeavor to contest, within the state; and that is as far as it got. check the incentive membership guidelines set by the accomplish more, this coming year. Unfortunately, the 2020-2021 fiscal year is starting off Department. Last year Post # 132 Manilla, received on a rough start as well. It is with high hopes we will the Robert W. Colflesh membership award. Along with September. be able to resume the Legions programs in the very that, the Post Commander, Adjutant and Membership

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to express Dodge, (you will find that information in this bulletin). my thanks for the privilege of serving you as District As with each "new year", our new membership 8 Commander. To my officers and all whom assisted

See you at the Fall District 8 Conference in

For God and Country, Thomas Ryan



9th District Commander David Honse

are technology based and results driven. Meetings, support our communities and fellow veterans. Then forth this year try and we will be successful.

take a leap of faith and go for it. Use the experience

ceremonies and banquets while cherished and of the older members alongside the passion of the honored rituals are not what is going to attract younger generation and I promise your post will grow the young veterans of today. Our posts need to be in membership as these young men and women We are a service organization that looking forward through the lens of technology to begin to recruit their peers into the organization. This prides itself in the furthering of the attract new members and then involving them in process takes time and the seeds planted today will values of what it means to be an ways that make them feel immediately like part of be harvested in the future. Having said that I am still American. My call this year for the the team. This is where service comes in, it allows hopeful that the members of the great 9th District 9th District is for a year of service the post to tie the old traditions to new ideas of will continue the necessary means of renewing your to our communities and veterans. Membership is what that service to community should look like. As current membership as well as looking to the future. always important but is NEVER the driving force in these younger members become involved ask them My motto for years has been "Esayons". Any Combat progress. The next generation of Legion members for ideas of what they view as service projects to Engineer knows that means "Let us try" so as we go

David Honse

2020 Fall District Conferences

September 19, 2020

District 2 - Virtual via Zoom District 9 - Sloan

<u>September 20, 2020</u>

District 8 - Fort Dodge

<u>September 26, 2020</u>

District 7 - Prescott

October 3, 2020

District 1 - Columbus Junction

October 10, 2020

District 4 - Manchester

October 17, 2020

District 6 - Van Meter

October 24, 2020

District 5 - Ellston

October 25, 2020

SAL - Des Moines

October 31, 2020

District 3 - Waverly

For more details including hotel, banquet and hospitality if applicable, and Zoom information please visit: www.ialegion.org/districtconferences

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2020 Special Edition

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We Continue to Serve in Peace, As We Served in War.



PNC David K. Rehbein Foundation President

Annual Meeting Finally Held

We were able to hold the annual meeting of the American Legion of Iowa Foundation on July 9. Thankfully, the meeting room at Department Headquarters is large enough that we were able to maintain social distancing. Our financial advisors at Regions Institutional Services attended virtually but were able to make the valuable contribution to the meeting that we have come to expect from them. Due to the caution exercised by

everyone, no adverse health effects occurred.

We received 57 grant applications this year with

a total request of nearly \$168,000. In addition, the Foundation provides program funds to The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary raising the total to \$193,724 That contrasts with the \$107,918 that we had available to distribute. That is the normal situation for the Foundation that we have much more requested than is available.

Our advisers at Regions deserve everyone's thanks for the outstanding job they have done in guarding the assets of the Foundation. With the problems in the economy caused by COVID-19, our investments could have declined considerably. That did not happen. In fact, at this year's annual meeting, our distribution total was almost \$4,700 larger than last year.

COVID-19 has affected our Legion family programs severely with most being cancelled for this year. The Foundation continued our support for those that occurred by matching the Department funds being used for scholarships for Oratorical, Baseball. Shooting Sports, Eagle Scout of the Year and Fifth Grade Flag Essay. This will be the first time since the Foundation's birth that we could not award our premier award to the Outstanding Citizens of Boys and Girls State. We look forward to all our programs returning next year.

With those programs being cancelled and decisions by the Board of Directors that some requests did not fit our criteria, we awarded \$67,815 this year. The remainder of the funds available will be returned to the investment portfolio or for emergency requests. The Board also approved funding for a third student at Legion College if all three of our candidates are accepted.

The Foundation is taking one extra step this year. We know that COVID-19 has affected many plans. We have contacted each of our approved grant recipient to inquire whether the original plan in the grant request remains in place before we fulfill that grant. We have had a few that acknowledged their plan has changed or been cancelled completely but most are continuing their work with our support as originally planned.

Our grant application now requires each successful applicant to send us a report on completion of their project. For the colleges and universities, we are requesting names and contact information for the scholarship recipients. We will be making those projects available to our Board of Directors and through Department Headquarters. You will see some of those reports in future Legionnaire articles. Until then, thank you for your generosity and support for the Foundation. You have made many good things possible.

About The American Legion of Iowa Foundation

Incorporated Nov. 29, 1978 as the charitable entity of the Iowa Department of The American Legion, the Foundation was organized as a mechanism for the Legion to provide financial assistance to promote Americanism, youth programs, veterans rehabilitation and community service in the state of Iowa.

Since 1979, over \$1.4 million has been contributed in support of veterans' assistance, educational programs, patriotic endeavors and children and youth programs.

The American Legion of Iowa Foundation has accumulated a total permanent endowment fund over \$2 million. Earnings from this endowment are dedicated to supporting programs of veterans' assistance, education and patriotic endeavors.

The Foundation's service is an unseen battle against poverty, degenerative youth, complacency and lack of patriotism. One way to fight is through meaningful philanthropy – to assist those who have not been fortunate as others. Your gift to the Foundation provides you with a role in the building the future – a role of which you can be proud.

We want to continue to better human life through scholarships, help to veterans, and other humanitarian causes. To do this, we need to increase the endowment that provides cash awards.

Every year we receive more requests from such organizations as colleges, veterans hospitals, and medical research groups. To help fund these deserving causes we want to continually increase the earning power of the Foundation by increasing the endowment.

Grant application procedures can be found on the website: www.ialegion. org/iafoundation. If you have further questions, please email foundation@ialegion.org or call 800-365-8387.



Contact us for additional information on The American Legion of Iowa Foundation

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The American Legion of Iowa **FOUNDATION**



2020 Foundation Grants Awarded

American Legion

\$1,500.00	American Legion Baseball
\$2,250.00	American Legion Boy Scouts
\$500.00	American Legion Children & Youth
\$2,250.00	American Legion Jr. Shooting Sports
\$2,250.00	American Legion Oratorical

American Legion Auxiliary

Nothing awarded due to cancellations because of COVID-19

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Veterans	Affairs & Rehabilitation
\$1250.00	Hero-Healing at English River Outfitters
\$1000.00	Iowa Legal Aid
\$2000.00	Iowa Military Veterans Band
\$1000.00	IOWA Service Dogs
\$2000.00	Clarke University of Dubuque
\$2000.00	Coe College
\$2000.00	DMACC Foundation
\$2000.00	Hawkeye Community College Foundation
\$2000.00	Iowa Lakes Community College
\$2000.00	Luther College
\$2000.00	Northeast Iowa Community College Foundation
\$2000.00	Northwest Iowa Community College
\$2000.00	Southeastern Community College Foundation
\$2000.00	University of Dubuque
\$2000.00	University of Northern Iowa Foundation
\$2000.00	Upper Iowa University
\$2000.00	William Penn University
\$2000.00	VA Central Iowa Health Care System
\$1450.00	VA Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System
\$900.00	Iowa Veterans Home

Americanism, Children & Youth

5750.00	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grinnell
2500.00	Camp Courageous
1000.00	Easterseals Iowa Camp Sunnyside
1000.00	Everybody Wins! Iowa
1020.00	Heart of Iowa Big Brothers Big Sisters
1500.00	Iowa Odyssey of the Mind
1250.00	Central Iowa Division of Naval Sea Cadet Corps
500.00	Ottumwa High School JROTC
5500.00	Waterloo East Army JROTC
1000.00	Boy Scout Troop 234

Community Service

\$1500.00	Alzheimer's Association, Iowa Chapter
\$1000.00	American Legion Post 190
\$2714.00	Bellevue Fire Department
\$2000.00	Children & Families of Iowa
\$1000.00	Dutch Heritage Museum
\$1053.59	Exceptional Opportunities, Inc
\$1000.00	Food Bank of Iowa
\$1250.00	Grout Museum District
\$1600.00	Hope Haven, Inc
\$2000.00	Iowa Gold Star Military Museum
\$1100.00	Life Skills Training Center, Inc.
\$1207.42	Link Associates
\$1000.00	Mills County Public Health
\$920.00	MIW, Inc.
\$1500.00	Mosaic of Central Iowa
\$2500.00	New Hope Village
\$1400.00	One Vision
\$2500.00	RSVP of Jasper County
\$2500.00	Solon Firefighters Association
\$2000.00	The Arc of Southeast Iowa

TOTAL AWARDED: \$87,115.01

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Thank you for your thoughtful generosity!

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

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

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

Auxiliary Communiqué

SERVING VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES



AGE 9



Greetings to our American Legion Auxiliary Family,

I hope this article finds you all safe and doing well. I hope we're all ready for year number 2 of our celebration. I am excited that I get to continue as your Department President. I kicked off the year by going to the new Fisher House at the Omaha VA and visiting their new Ambulatory Center. I was honored to have our National President Nicole Clapp, our DEC Ann Crawford and our Omaha VA Rep Jean Brown with me. We got to tour the Fisher House. It is beautiful and looks so homey and comfortable for the family. Each unit has a locker box in the Kitchen for their items along with a drawer

in the refrigerator. The rooms are very comfortable with 1 queen bed or 2 double beds and are beautiful. They also have an outdoor area for the families to sit outside complete with a nice garden area. While we were there we presented the NWI Director Don Burman with a check for \$7500.00 for the Fisher House from the lowa American Legion Auxiliary. Thank you for making this possible with all your donations. The new Ambulatory Center has the Women's Clinic in it also. I will be making them part of my VA Project for the Omaha VA. It was a great visit and they were so accommodating while showing us around.

This year is one for the history books for so many reasons. We have been through

a lot but have persevered through it all. We are ALA Strong and Iowa Strong. Our members have stepped up and made 1000's of masks, helped IVH with supplies and treats, taken items to the

VA facilities and helped our communities. Now with the Hurricane force winds that went through central lowa in August our members rose up to support one another again. We had 23 counties declared a natural disaster area in lowa. The support that has been shown is amazing and heart felt. I want to Thank everyone for your messages of concern and support during this time. We were pretty lucky with just some minor damage. When people ask me why I belong to the American Legion, it is all the Love and Support our members show each and every day. Please remember the AEF is available for members. Make sure to get that information to those members that were affected. If you have questions, contact our AEF Chairman Helen Hildebrand. She will be happy to assist you with any questions.



I am looking forward to being able to see our members and talk to you all again soon. Our Fall Conferences are just around the corner. Hopefully, fingers crossed we can have our Fall Conferences this Fall. Please Stay Safe, Stay Strong and Stay Healthy.

God Bless each and everyone one of you and God Bless America, Kelly Elliott Department President

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Members helping member is what this fund is all about! We all know that each year our fellow members are affected by fires, floods, tornados, etc, which in turn means they are most likely in need of our support. This year, 2020, is and will be a year to remember our fellow members. Hopefully this message finds everyone in good health, but I am sure we all know of someone who was directly affected by the Covid-19.

But because of the fact that it is affecting so many, remember to continue your support of the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. It is in times like this when we as members can show our support for fellow members and their families. If you or your local unit can afford to make a contribution/donation please do so in the near future.

Last year I wrote, "Let's give to this fund with the hopes that it is not needed, but we will be prepared in the time of need." Well, I am sure there are members across our great nation that are glad that they were members of the American Legion Auxiliary long enough that they qualified, and are

able to apply for some support from this fund.

Let's keep up the support and send in any available donation. I know that many post and units are having a very uneventful year, since we are not able together to hold meeting much less have fund raising events. So, maybe as an individual, you can afford to send in a donation to replace that unit donation that would normally be made. It might not be a large, but every dollar counts.

Our main purpose of the fund is to help our veteran's family when disaster hits. Let's give to this fund so we stay prepared in this very time of need. So please support this fund, to show our support for fellow members.

All donations should be sent by check to the Department Office, earmarked Auxiliary Emergency Fund. If you wish you can also go to the American Legion Auxiliary website https://www.alaforveterans.org/ and make your donation right there without even having to write and mail a check.

Hopefully we can gather for our normal Mid-winter conference, and I see you there! Until then, please pray for and continue your support for our Legion families!

Helen Hildebrand AEF Chairman Helen52046@aol.com

Quilts of Valor Presentation

By Jayne Soppe

Six more Quilts of Valor were awarded by the local QOV group at an open air concert with the Doo Wops. Social distancing, face masks were worn Thursday night on the Plaza event. 4th District Commander Dan Boberg brought his '57 Bel Air seen driven by ANEC Dennis Soppe.

Each QOV recipient had family present for the award, as well as approx. 75 others on lawn chairs and golf carts. A short write up of their service was read and their quilt presented to them by one of our QOV quilters. Due to COVID no hugs but many well wishes, thank yous and Congratulations were said.

2020 Fall District Conferences

Contact your District Presidents or go to www.iowaala.org for more details on your district's conference.

1st District Conference - Oct 3rd, Columbus Junction Methodist Church

2nd District Conference - Sept 18-19, Davenport Post

3rd District Conference - Oct 31, Waverly Vets Center

4th District Conference - Oct 10, Manchester

5th District Conference - Oct 24, Ellston Community Cntr and Legion Post

6th District Conference - Oct 17 Van Meter Post, 35 Auxiliary and 35 Legion, will also have Zoom available.

7th District Conference - Sept 25-26, Williamson Legion #719 **8th District Conference** - Sept 20, FT Dodge and IA Central

College

9th District Conference - Sept 19, Sloan

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Chaplain's Corner

Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." President Kelly's bible verse will continue to give us the strength we need to

meet the challenges in the coming year. Let us walk with God and allow God to work through us to keep us strong.

When you seek God in prayer, remember to pray for our veterans, military, their families and our American Legion family.

Our Auxiliary lost 647 beloved members this last year. We cannot forget their loyalty and service to our great organization.

I would have planned a memorial service for our dearly deceased Auxiliary members at Department Convention. Together, we can hold this service in our hearts. So, let us imagine you are sitting quietly, Sue Schlitter is softly playing Amazing Grace, the table is set up with a white linen cloth, a beautiful angel as a centerpiece, a patriotic bouquet of flowers, poppies for our district presidents to place in a vase and candles for them to light in memory of their district's deceased.

"Death has entered our ranks and we pause to pay tribute to those of our members who have passed during the past year.

We remember the lives of these members we have loved and lost. We will strive to pattern our lives after their zeal for patriotism and their devotion to duty, and we rededicate ourselves to the unfinished work their hands began."

The District Presidents will now

Just as Rosie the Riveter said, "We Can

Do It!" Our "normal" has been changed

but we can adjust and grow to a new

"normal". We can communicate with

our ALA members thru mail, email,

phone calls, Free Conference calls,

Zoom and Go To Meetings. If you are

not computer friendly there are the

Strategic Planning/

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place a poppy in remembrance, light a candle and read the number of their deceased members for the last year.

You would have joined me in a responsive reading:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 "To everything there is a season."

I would have read Psalm 23 "The Lord is My Sheperd"

Sue Schlitter would have then played "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" accompanied by the beautiful voice of Alice Klinkhammer. 1st verse would have been:

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

Amen

Let us pray: Almighty God, grant to us the grace to remember with love and reverence our dear departed members. Grant peace and eternal rest to those who have gone before us. We ask for consolation for those who sorrow, and that you grant us your everlasting blessing. We are thankful for the lives we remember here today. May their memory serve as an inspiration to all of us. Be with us and bless us, we pray. Amen

In our hearts, we have remembered our 647 deceased members. God Bless

I am honored to serve as Department of Iowa Chaplain for the year 2020 – 2021. If you are interested, please join me on my facebook page. I try to post something every day that is inspirational, a quote or a prayer. God Bless,

Mary Mooberry

face mask is available for purchase thru emblem sales.

With all of this "home time" use it to go the ALA National website and check out the Academy "classes". This is a great way to learn more about the ALA or just surf the site to get more information for your Unit, County, District and Department. Make some phone calls, check on members or our Legion Family. A quick call really makes everyone feel better and not so lonely and isolated during these times.

Our new normal may change but our Angel members are the same. We care about our Veterans and their families. We continue to work our Mission and Celebrate 100 Years of Service together.



Where is the fun in finance?! Finances allow us as individuals to have FUN. Finances as The American Legion Auxiliary allow us to support our Veterans and help their families in times of need.

President Kelly's finance team met recently to finalize the budget to present to the DEC. This part of finance is definitely not fun, especially after the first seven months of 2020.

The previous year reference points we utilize are completely out of sync and therefore create the dilemma of: Do we use the same number from the previous year? What is 2021 going to bring? Do we just pull a number out of our hat? (I am kidding, I think) While being precise is nice, we also need to be flexible.

Our office staff is learning. Crystal

has 18 months under her belt and there has definitely been nothing normal about her position. From virtual meetings and all that goes along with it. To not really experiencing a full "normal" administrative year. Rachael began in late January and is beginning to grasp the account numbers and learning about our organization. Jeannie in her 21st year (YEAH!) has even been presented challenges with membership.

I feel fortunate to have been able to be in the Department Office this spring to help with the training of Rachael and Crystal. We have accomplished much and will continue to do so over the next 100 years!

If you have questions at anytime be sure to ask! The Finance team and the office staff are here to help!

Dawn Aberle Finance Chairman

VA&R Service to Veterans

The Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation program promotes our mission to enhance the lives of U.S. veterans, military, and their families.

For 2020 that has brought some challenge to each of us and our families. COVID 19 happened and changed so much. For this year when reporting if you can tell how COVID 19 has affected your work with VA&R we would love to hear your stories and how you worked around the constrictions. I know a good many of you have made masks to help out at various facilities, just how many did you all make?

Coming home for a veteran can be a change that is hard for them and their families. We can help them. Volunteer to serve the veterans and their families at VA health care facilities through the Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) and ask others to join. Record your hours through the volunteer hour tracking system, which is different than tracking outside the system to

earn service bars (See VA&R – Service to Veterans). The hours the volunteers log at the hospitals and CBOCs are recognized by logging in at the hospitals.

You can: -Give a helping hand to the Legion's homeless veteran.

Participate in the VA Project CHALENG organized by the VA health care system. Volunteer at homeless veterans' stand downs.

Contact homeless veteran emergency shelters; transitional housing projects and permanent housing projects in your community and identify the organization's volunteer and in-kind contribution needs; including: Meal preparation and serving; Clothes collection and distribution, Assembly and delivery of hygiene kits, buddy baskets; Purchasing or securing household items or furniture.

Monetary Donations: They should always be sent to Department Office earmarked for the facility of your choice. Send a letter to that facility to tell them of your donation and what you want it used for.

Judy Neal Joyce Elliott

Membership Awards for 2019-2020

Top overall unit - wins \$100 From 5th District DEEP RIVER with 164.71% 2nd place Unit- wins \$75.00 from 7th District CARSON with 142.55 % 3rd Overall Unit- wins \$50.00 From 3rd District RADCLIFFE with 138.10%

Top Unit in each Zone wins \$25.00 Gold Zone (Districts 7,8,9) Sioux Center- 9th District 137.21 Red Zone (3,5,6) Pleasantville - 6th District 137.14 Blue Zone (Districts 1,2,4) Oxford 1st District 122.86

All units worked hard and we are proud of the members we have retained, renewed and rejoined. Keep up the good work and congrats to all units.



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Membership Team 2019-2020 Judy, Alida, Jammie

conference calls that are as simple as dialing a phone number, entering a mother number and listening and speaking during you meetings.

WearyouLegionfamilyapparel-most everyone leaves their house to get

everyone leaves their house to get groceries or go to Dr. Appointments so wear your shirts, badge, even an ALA

2020-2021 INFORMATION AND DEADLINE CHECKLIST FOR UNITS

SEPTEMBER

September 7, 2020 - Labor Day - Department Office is closed

OCTOBER

October 1, 2020 - Girls State NEW information will be on website

October 1, 2020 – Unit Impact Reports will be on website under Unit Resources October 12, 2020 – Columbus Day Observance – Department Headquarters Office is closed

October 20, 2020 – Gold Club Membership Renewals are due in the Department Office

October 20, 2020 – Unit Obligation form and check due in the Department Office-REOUIRED

October 20, 2020 – Poppy Orders due in the Department Office - NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

NOVEMBER

November 11, 2020 – Veterans Day Observance – Department Headquarters Office is closed

November 15, 2020 -- Communique Articles Due at Department

November 21, 2020 - Membership Rally - TBD

November 26-27, 2020– Thanksgiving – Department Headquarters Office is closed

DECEMBER

December 1, 2020 – Membership due in office – to be counted at National for January 2022 - REQUIRED

December 24-25, 2020 - Christmas - Department Office is closed

December 31, 2020 – Girls State Registration Forms & Check (\$400.00) from Units due to Department Office – late checks and applications will be accepted for an additional fee. Registration after January 1st, 2021 will be \$450 for all units who have not already registered. – go to website, click on forms and resources, click on 2021 Girls State Registration

JANUARY

January 1, 2021 – New Year's Day – Department Headquarters Office is closed January 1, 2021 – Girls State registration will now be \$450 for late registrations. January 18, 2021 – Martin Luther King Day – Department Headquarters Office is closed

January 31, 2021 – Membership is delinquent - (and loss of continuous years if turned in after this date to National Office)

FEBRUARY

February 11-14, 2021 – Mid-Winter Conference, Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines February 15, 2021 -- Communique Articles Due at Department

February 15, 2021 – Day after Mid-Winter Conference – Department Headquarters Office is closed

February 15, 2021 – Presidents' Day – Department Headquarters Office is closed February 28, 2021 – Deadline for Girls State Citizens to apply to attend – late applications will not be accepted

MARCH

March 15, 2021 – All National Scholarship Applications are due in the Department Office

APRIL

April 1, 2021 – Girls State Counselor applications must be in – form on website under forms

April 15, 2021 – Unit Data Form – Direct Billing – on website under forms-REQUIRED April 30, 2021 – 2021-2022 District, County, and Junior Officers forms due in the Department Office

April 30, 2021 - Unit Impact Reports due to County President.

April 30, 2021 - All Unit Narrative Reports are to be sent to the appropriate Department Chairman for their reports and awards. These reports must be sent into the appropriate Chairman by the deadline or they WILL NOT be considered for judging. DO NOT send narratives to the Department Office. No Impact reports are accepted at the Department Office except for the 9 District Presidents.

April 30, 2021 – Last day to request a refund for Girls State. Must use request form online.

MAY

May 15, 2021 - Communique Articles Due at Department

May 15, 2021 – County Impact Reports due to District Presidents

May 21, 2021- All District Impact Reports due to Department Headquarters-REQUIRED

May 27, 2021 – Department Convention Delegates/Alternates Form, Unit Officer Form, and other material needed to begin the new administrative year mailed to Unit Presidents from the Department Office

May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day, Department Headquarters Office is closed

JUNE

June 1, 2021 – Iowa Merit Award application packets due to the Department Education Chairman Kim Dixon

June 5, 2021 – Poppy Proceeds check and report due in the Department Office June 15, 2021- Communique Articles Due at Department.

June 15, 2021 – Junior Camp fee and application (\$250.00) due in office – late checks and applications will not be accepted

June 15, 2021- Junior Camp Counselor applications must be in – form on website under forms

June 15, 2021 – National Convention Delegates/Alternates/Guests/Hotel forms due in Department Office

June 15, 2021 – Top three top narratives chosen by Department Chairmen due to Department President

June 15, 2021 – Suggested Governing Document changes due to Sandy Deacon. Copies of suggestions are to be sent to the Department Office attention: Attention Crystal Wright

June 20-25, 2021- Iowa Girls State at Drake University, Des Moines, IA

June 25, 2021 – Girls State Inauguration at Drake University, Des Moines, IA- 75th Anniversary

June 30, 2021 – 2021-2022 Unit Officers form due in the Department Office June 30, 2021-- Last day to request a refund for Junior Camp. Must use request form online.

JULY

July 1, 2021 – Department Convention Delegates/Alternates forms due in Department Office

July 1, 2021 – 2021-2022 Unit Officers form due in the Department Office

July 5, 2021 -- Department Headquarters Office is closed in observance of the 4th of July.

July 8-11, 2021 – Department Convention, Des Moines, IA - Installation of new officers

July 12, 2021 - Department Headquarters Office is closed

July 15, 2020 – Programs Workshop registrations due into Department Office.

Please note: Many forms were in the Unit/County/District Packets distributed to all Unit Presidents by your County and or District Presidents at the end of July beginning of August 2020. Check out the ALA Communiqué in the center of your lowa Legionnaire for more valuable Auxiliary information. The lowa Legionnaire and the ALA Communiqué will cover three months. Also check out our website: Programs and form information will be found on the website. An Electronic Newsletter is now available to Subscribers. If you need to Subscribe, please go to the lowa Auxiliary Website and register. Remember All deadlines listed above are FIRM! www.iowaala.org.

Unit Narrative Awards - If you are applying for a National Unit Narrative Award, please follow the directions in the National Program Action plan www. alaforveterans.org/members/programs-action-plan/

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2019-2020 Membership Awards

Post Membership Trophies

RJ Laird: Cumming #562 (+12)
BA Webster: Manilla #132 (+15)
CB Robbins: Moville #303 (+10)
RA Meginnis: Clarion #246 (+3)
Daniel F Steck: Rock Valley #321 (+2)
BL Halligan: Humboldt #119 (+3)
Ray Murphy: Centerville #214 (+7)
James F Barton: Altoona #682 (+13)
Service Club: Ames #37 (+26)

Post Awards

All-Time High: Durant #430; Liberty Center #661; Sioux City#64

Commander's Membership Sweepstakes

1st Place Winner is Ames American Legion Post #37 (District 6) - Ames, IA with 26 over. Post #37 was awarded the Spafford Trophy.

Commander's Sweepstakes Runner Up

Manilla American Legion Post #132 (District 8) - Manilla, IA with 15 over.

District Membership Trophies

Spafford: Ames Post #37

District Membership Awards

Watch: 1st District

County Membership Awards (100%+)

Wright; Decatur; Montgomery; Crawford; Page

Community Service

Community Service is one area where we can all continue to work during the pandemic. If you have been helping to feed your community, bring COVID-19 tests to underserved areas, or helping to clean up your community after the devastating August storms, your hours should be reported on your consolidated post report. Consider keeping a notebook handy and write down your hours and send them to your adjutant monthly!

Jennifer Monserud Community Service Chair

Department MembershipDonald Swan, Chairman

As of this Fall the focus of our Annual Fall National Vice Commander Tour and in the Spring our National Commander Tour as always will focus on Membership. We will also be celebrating the deeds of Legionnaires throughout the State that tirelessly support the Programs of the American Legion. Programs like participation at local events in the community, Parades, Fifth Grade Flag Essay, promoting the American Legion Oratorical Program, Legion

Our ties to the American Legion and the Community should never be taken for granted

Baseball and many more ways to promote the

or forgotten. To maintain a strong American Legion, we must promote ourselves in the Community. On our tours we wish to show our appreciation and would like to Honor Legionnaires that promote the American Legion.

As always please pay your dues in a timely manner which will save both your Post and the American Legion the unnecessary paperwork and expense involved in repeat Membership Dues mailings. Please stay safe from the Covid 19 and practice social distancing to help to flatten the curve.

Don Swan

Membership Memos

American Legion in the Community.

Hello, everyone!

A new membership year has started, and with it came changes - mostly, I took over for Marcia. In case you haven't heard much about Marcia's replacement, my name is Ann Haack. I grew up in Eastern lowa, went to school at Simpson and in Ohio, studied some English and German, and then ended up in Des Moines. Since living here, I've had a couple different jobs, but I'm excited for my new role with the American Legion.

With membership, if you have questions, let me know. Before Marcia left, she taught me a lot. However, I'm still learning, so if I don't know something, be patient and I'll be happy to look for answers. (You can always check your membership processing manual, too.)

I'm sure I will talk to a lot of you over the coming months, and I hope to meet people in person someday, as well. In the meantime, let's get the new year off to a great start!

Warm regards, Ann Haack Membership Clerk

District Standings as of 08/21/2020

STANDING	DISTRICT	2021 GOAL	MEMBERSHIP	% GOAL
1st	Second	6,372	3,258	51.13
2nd	Eighth	3,729	1,836	49.24
3rd	Sixth	4,889	2,404	49.17
4th	Seventh	3,335	1,557	46.69
5th	First	3,805	1,773	46.60
6th	Ninth	5,243	2,269	43.28
7th	Third	4,901	2,052	41.87
8th	Fourth	3,967	1,631	41.11
9th	Fifth	2,865	1,160	40.49
DEPARTMENT TOTAL		39,106	18,426	47.12

Due to the delayed accuracy of the quarterly published membership report, it will no longer be printed in The Iowa Legionnaire.

You may find an accurate report for your post on myLegion.org or www.ialegion.org/membership.

2021 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE February 12, 2021 - February 14, 2021

Start Reserving Your Hotel Room Now Holiday Inn Des Moines - Airport Conference Center 6111 Fleur Drive Des Moines, IA 50321 515-287-2400

Request The American Legion rate while reserving

A detailed schedule for Mid-Winter will be available in the next issue of The Iowa Legionnaire and Communiqué.

THE IOWA LEGIONNAIRE: POST EVERLASTING

Post & Squadron Everlasting reflect members 5-16-2020 to 8-16-2020

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MARION #298
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The Iowa American Legion Press Association (IALPA) is proud to announce the winners of this year's Media Contest. As Alan Schenck mentioned in the previous Legionnaire, the National American Legion Press Association was replaced with a new organization, The American Legion Media Alliance (TALMA). Our Iowa organization is now part of TALMA, but we will continue to identify ourselves as the Iowa American Legion Press Association. The media contest competition was very spirited, with

excellent submissions from several posts

First I want to thank our contest judges , who were Angie Nolte, Ann Crawford, and Alan Schenck for categories one and two, which are printed publications from the posts to their subscribers.

For categories three and four, electronic publications that are distributed to post subscribers, the contest judges were James Kearney, David Foster, and Tom Hagarty.

The winner for Category One was the Bellevue American Legion Post # 273.

The Ames American Legion Post # 37 submitted the

winning entries for categories two, three, and four.

A very impressive job by our winners and all of the Posts that submitted entries. Plaques for category winners are being prepared, and will be forwarded to District Commanders for presentations during the Fall District Conferences.

We continue to seek new members for our lowa American Legion Press Association / TALMA, and hope to increase our future activities and programs.

> Bruce Adams President of the Iowa American Legion Press Association

lowa Legionnaire of the Year

The Art McLaughlin Legionnaire of the Year winner went to Barry E. Hiller of Glenwood, Iowa. Hiller is a 27 year PUFL member of Harvey T. Rimel American Legion Post #141 in Glenwood. Master Sergeant Barry E. Hiller retired after 22 years active service in the United States Airforce.

Hiller has held offices in both his post and the 7th District. In addition, Hiller has gone beyond his post into his community to lend a hand to those in need. When the Missouri River levels ran high in 2019, Hiller responded by assisting those who needed to evcuate their homes. During clean up, Hiller donated his time to unloading trucks of food, clothing and other necessites. Hiller is best known for checking in on his fellow veterans throughout the area regardless of

their membership to the American Legion or not.

The Art McLaughlin Legionnaire of the Year goes to those Legionnaires who demonstrate service as a "Blue Cap" within their post and their community. Congratulations to Barry and Glenwood American Legion Post #141 for this award. Thank you Barry for exemplifying the spirit of Art McLaughlin and the American Legion.

Marketing Commission

With the Covid 19 problem in existence, it is hard to find events that are being planned and not cancelled. There will be the Fort Dodge Messenger Ag Show, to be held in December at the Iowa Central Community College East Campus, depending on what the Covid 19 situation is at that time. It will be \$75.00 for the two day event and I am waiting for them to send me the contract. We were there last year and we put out a lot of information about our programs to the visitors. Last January we were at the State Fair Grounds for the Home Show, but we have not been contacted about when or if it is being planned for January, 2021. I have contacted the host of the Arts and Crafts Show that will be held in November, at the State Fair Grounds, but because we aren't selling arts and crafts, we are not able to rent space for that show. We are always looking for these type of events, throughout the state of Iowa. If you have something that we could be at, let us know about it.

I received an email from Mike Rohan, Chairman of the American Legion Marketing Commission. They proposed Resolution #5 titled: Vision, Mission, Values and Motto of The American Legion, to the NEC and it was passed in May, by electronic voting. There are several resolve clauses, but the statement says this, "
The American Legion strengthens our communities, states and nation with programs and services for our veterans, the military and their families." They will soon be making posters of this resolution statement for dissemination to departments and posts. This motto does not replace "For God and Country" of our preamble.

You may have seen pictures of some Legion Family members wearing shirts with "100 miles of Hope." This program is a 100 mile walk/run/ride a bike or motorcycle challenge that started August 3rd and will continue until Veterans Day 2020. It is hoped that members of The American Legion Family will participate, at their own pace, and get some physical activity during this time of social distancing. The money raised will go to the Veterans & Children Foundation. The foundation serves two primary functions. It provides critical grants for military and veteran parents in unexpected financial crises, and support for service officers in their tireless efforts to obtain care, benefits and opportunities for disabled veterans and families. To register go to the Emblem Sales site https://emblem.legion.org/100-Miles-For-Hope-Registration/productinfo/100MILES/ \$30.00 registration fee, participants will receive a

men's, women's or children's tee shirt, and a sign they can display once the 100 miles is completed. After you have completed your 100 miles, you can download and print a Certificate of Accomplishment. You can also go to Legiontown and share your journey, if you want to have your story and pictures published. After expenses are figured, all remaining proceeds will go to the Veterans & Children Foundation. There is still time to get this done. This is a great way to advertise for our organization and get the public involved. Let your local news outlets know that you are doing this. Don't forget that each district has \$1,000 for advertising for membership and other events. Many have not used this fund.

The Area Oratorical Contest will now be able to have 6 contestants, two from each district. Something new in this program. Start talking now to your schools and see if you can get contestants to represent your post.

Leadership school is in September. 6 students from each district are able to go and learn about being a leader in The Iowa American Legion. I hope the class is full.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Peterson Marketing Commission Chairman

2021 Boys State Reservations

Department Headquarters will begin to take post reservations for the 2021 American Legion of Iowa Boys State Program soon. The dates next year have been set for Sunday, June 13 - Friday, June 18, 2021. Posts are highly encouraged to:

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

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

The cut off for the early bird reservation price break (\$250) is December 31, 2020. As long as the post's reservation is made online by the December 31 deadline, checks will be accepted for the early bird price.

TIMETABLE AND DEADLINES

September 2020 - Reservations open and accepted. A Chairman's Guide will be made available online to help you begin the candidate selection process.

December 31, 2020 - Early Bird Reservation Deadline.

January 1, 2021 - Reservation fee increases to \$300.

January 15, 2021 - Delegate registration letters will be sent out to posts. Posts

are to deliver them to candidates for registration. **Samsung Scholarship Applications** will be made available through the Department Website.

April 1, 2021 - *Post Refund Request Deadline* - Requests must be received in writing (letter, email preferably) by 11:59 PM. No exceptions will be honored afterwards

April 1, 2021 - Delegate Registration Cut Off

April-May 2021 - Delegates and parents will receive a copy of the Boys State Handbook. District Orientations will take place (see Department website for more details).

June 13-18, 2021 - The American Legion Boys State Program held at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa.

Any further inquiries may be directed to your District Chairman or visit www.ialegion.org/boysstate.

Resources Available Online

- Dates & Reminders
- Post Chairman Guide
- Reservation Information
- Orientation Materials
- Delegate Handbook
- Photos & Videos
- Post Refund Information
- FAQs

2020-2021 Americanism Programs

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

Here is a list of the programs under Americanism:

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

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

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

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

Junior Shooting Sports Program

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



www.legion.org and look under Programs for Junior Shooting Sports. Affiliation information can also be found through the Department Website.

The Department will again have its 3-Position Air Rifle Match March 20, 2021 at Camp Dodge. Teams or clubs willing to participate can contact Department Headquarters for more information on registering. Official affiliation registrations must be in to the Department no later than December 31, 2020.

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

Registration for the Department Match will be made available January 2021 at www.ialegion.org/jssp. For more information email: programs@ialegion.org or call 800-365-8387.

COVID-19 Updates

Department - www.ialegion.org/ covid-19-update **National -** www.legion.org/ news/248577/national-commander-

coronavirus-updates



www.thelit.com

Flag Essay Contest

General Information:

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

Awards:

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

Contests

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

1. Individual Legion Posts will forward one winning entry to their District Children and

Youth Chairman, with signed Participation Application, postmarked by January 2, 2021.

- 2. District entries will be judged by the respective District Children and Youth Chairman, and sent to Department Headquarters, postmarked by January 22, 2021.
- 3. Department Children and Youth Committee will judge the nine District entries at Mid-Winter Conference, immediately following the Americanism meeting.

Essay:

The format for the essay is limited to the following: A one (1) page document containing 300 words or less, double-spaced, 12-point font, and the student's own words and effort. The essay is to reflect the student's perspective of what the United States Flag represents to them using facts from the United States Flag Code.

Eligibility:

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

For more information go to: www.ialegion. org/flag-essay.

High School Oratorical

The Oratorical Contest will be underway very soon comprising of Local, County, District and Area Contests. The Department Finals will be held Sunday, February 14, 2021 in Des Moines during Mid-Winter Convention. The Department Finalist will advance to the National Contest April 9-11, 2021. Each contest champion will have the opportunity to receive a scholarship. For more information regarding the contest, rules & regulations, applications, dates and deadlines, visit the Department Website: www.ialegion.org/oratorical.

Completion dates for the contest are as follows:

Local Contests must be completed by

December 6, 2020

County Contests must be completed by December 20, 2020

District Contests must be completed by January 10, 2021 (top 2 contestants may advance to area)

Area Contests must be completed by January 31, 2021

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

Hosts, dates, location and time will be made available through the Department Website. For further information, please see your local post or District Chairman. Any further inquiries can be directed to the Department of Iowa Headquarters: programs@ialegion.org | 800-365-8387 or visit www.ialegion.org/oratorical.

Firefighter & Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Nominations

The American Legion of Iowa will give its Department Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award to those who have exceeded the requirements expected of his or her position and has shown a distinct pattern of community service and professional achievement. The awards, which take into account heroic acts, will be given annually at the Legion's Department Convention.

Fire departments and law enforcement agencies are encouraged to submit nominations to the Department National Affairs Committee. Applications must be received by November 30. The Department winner nomination packet will be forwarded to national for consideration of the National Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award, which is presented annually at the Legion's National Convention.

Firefighter nominees must be active

firefighters and U.S. citizens. Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) are eligible only if they are certified firefighters.

Law enforcement nominees must be assigned to or fully recognized by municipal, county, district or state police; highway patrol; sheriff's office or as a sworn federal law enforcement officer (FBI, Secret Service agent, U.S. Marshal, National Park Police, U.S. Capitol Police, etc.) Military police officers or investigators are eligible if they are state law enforcement certified.

All nominees must also reside and be assigned within the Department of Iowa.

Nominations must be received by Department Headquarters no later than November 30th to be considered.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from our website: www.ialegion.org/firefighter or www.ialegion.org/lawenforcement.

Forms can be emailed to programs@ialegion. org or mailed to The American Legion of Iowa, Attn: Programs, 720 Lyon Street, Des Moines, IA 50309.