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### The installation of the new Department Commander

*Newly elected  
Department Commander  
Bob Waugh*  
*sworn in by  
Past National Commander  
David Rehbein*

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### DEADLINES & DATES

**September 1**  
History Books Due  
**September 6**  
Labor Day  
Department Offices Closed  
**September 11**  
Patriot Day  
**September 15**  
Post Officer Forms Due to Department  
**September 16**  
American Legion Day  
**September 19**  
8th District Fall Conference - Fort Dodge  
**September 24-26**  
National Combined Americanism Conference  
Indianapolis, IN  
**September 25**  
9th District Fall Conference - Spencer  
**October 2**  
3rd District Fall Conference - Radcliffe  
7th District Fall Conference - Anita  
Dept. Americanism Workshop - 10 AM HQ  
**October 3-7**  
National Fall Meetings - Indianapolis  
**October 9**  
1st District Fall Conference - Durant  
2nd District Fall Conference - Marion  
4th District Fall Conference - Elma  
**October 11**  
Christopher Columbus Day  
Department Offices Closed  
**October 16**  
6th District Fall Conference - Dexter  
**October 23**  
5th District Fall Conference - Richland  
**October 31**  
SAL Fall Conference - Dept. HQ  
**November 2**  
Election Day  
**November 11**  
Veteran's Day  
Department Offices Closed  
**November 15**  
Boys State Orientation Dates due to HQ  
Oratorical District & Area Contest Dates due  
Winter Legionnaire Articles due  
**November 25-26**  
Thanksgiving & Day After  
Department Offices Closed  
**November 30**  
Firefighter of the Year &  
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year due to HQ  
**December 3**  
Department Christmas Open House - 3 PM  
**December 5**  
Post Oratorical Contest Deadline  
**December 11**  
Boys State Board Meeting - 10 AM HQ

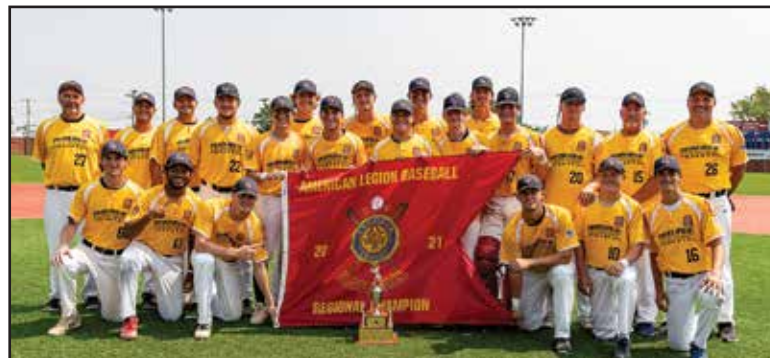
### American Legion World Series

Dubuque County advanced to The Mid-South Regional Tournament this year in Hastings, Nebraska on August 4 - 8. There was an eight-team field to include: Pittsburg, KS, Oak Grove, MO, Grand Junction, CO, Cabot, AR, Gretna, NE, Washington, MO, Hastings, NE and Dubuque County, IA.

Dubuque County swept the tournament defeating Grand Junction, CO in game one, Hastings, NE in game two, Cabot AR in game three, Washington, MO in game four, and finally Cabot, AR again in the final game to advance to the American Legion World Series (ALWS). Shortstop Cole Smith was selected as the Mid-South Regional Tournament MVP.

The American Legion World Series, which is held annually in Shelby, NC started off to dry start but was quickly plagued with rain delays thanks to Tropical Storm Fred. Dubuque County's debut to the 2021 ALWS was only hours before the Chicago White Sox played the New York Yankees in the first Major League Baseball "Field of Dreams" in Dyersville, Iowa. Dubuque County unfortunately lost their first game to Beverly, MA but came back in game two to defeat defending champions, Idaho Falls. Dubuque County went on to play and defeat Midland, MI in their third game sending them to the semifinals with a record of 2-1.

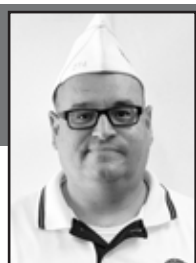
The semifinal games lineup was between Tupelo, MS vs Idaho Fall, ID and Dubuque County vs Honolulu, HI. Each team entered the semifinals with the same record of 2-1. While Dubuque County started their game with an early lead of one to nothing. However, that would be all they score. Honolulu quickly evened the score and then drove in eight more runs to end Dubuque County's season with a 9-1 victory. The ALWS title game was



played between Honolulu and defending champions, Idaho Falls. Idaho repeated as the ALWS Champions with a 6-1 victory over Honolulu.

The 2021 Bob Feller Pitching Award went to Dubuque County's own, Aaron Savary, who compiled 25 strikeouts in national competition. This award is presented annually to the pitcher who has the most strikeouts in Regional and World Series Competition. Best known as the "Heater from Van Meter" or "Rapid Robert", Bob Feller was the first graduate to be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Dubuque County played hard and fought through every inning to represent Iowa well. According to Past National Commander, David Rehbein (Ames Post #37), "Dubuque County has established themselves and Iowa as among the best in American Legion Baseball." Thank you, Dubuque County Baseball, for a great season providing exciting play during the ALWS. Dubuque County Baseball is sponsored by five posts from Dubuque County: Cascade Post #528, Dubuque Post #6, Dyersville Post #137, Epworth Post #650, and Farley Post #656.



**Department  
Service Officer  
Shane Pankonen**

that have played out in Afghanistan over the past few days, we know that our veteran community is feeling

### Gone but Not Forgotten

Considering the recent events in Afghanistan It has made me think about the time that I was there and the friends that were made. It is with a heavy heart and mixed emotions as I write this article. As we witness the events

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**Department Commander**  
Robert "Bob" Waugh

First off, I would like to thank you all for electing me as your 2021-2022 Department Commander. It truly is an honor and privilege to serve you. I look forward to our new year with great pride and enthusiasm. We have much to do this year and it will take the entire Legion Family working together, but I'm certain we can accomplish it. It will come from a lot of hard work and effort from every individual, that is why I will be quoting one phrase from our Preamble, 'TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION'. If we can get that commitment, we will form a team that is unstoppable! If you don't know the meaning of inculcate, look it up and you will know what to be expecting from me.

Foremost on my mind is MEMBERSHIP and I know there are those who are tired of hearing about it, but it is the lifeblood of any organization. We can't continue down the same path we have chosen for the last 30 years and survive. 1991 was the last year we have shown an increase from the previous year and that is very sad. At our Department Membership meeting on Aug. 7, we had some very good discussion, and I felt some commitment to moving forward and that is great, but we must keep it in our minds and not let up. I have said I want 100% of goal and I honestly think we can do that. Why would we settle for anything less? After all, did you ever have a coach say to you, "Give me 90% tonight and we have this game in the bag". So, all I'm asking is to give me that individual obligation that we all promise every time we recite the Preamble and things will fall in place. We discussed incentives for making goal and I think they have held the same, but my personal incentive for making goal, is simply the "PRIDE" I get from knowing it was accomplished. If you have in mind an incentive that will spark enthusiasm, please let me know because I know the same thing doesn't work for everyone. Enough on that for now, but I might mention that through the grapevine I've heard that someone from a district say it was time to shine this year. But the District Commander said no, it was time to "SPARKLE".

On a softer note, my theme for this year is "BUILD AND FIGHT". It comes from my time in Vietnam with Co. C, 20th Engr. Bn. It was our motto then and I feel it's a perfect fit today. It is not so much build as it is "REBUILD" our American Legion and continue "FIGHTING" for the benefits our fellow veterans deserve. If we can't rebuild our forces and continue what our previous comrades have set forth in our "FOUR PILLARS" then we are admitting defeat and I am certainly not giving into that.

My project for the year is our Department Headquarters, after all it is "OUR" Headquarters, and everyone should be concerned about it. Anyone who has been following these the last 4 years know we have run into some stumbling blocks along the way. Our \$75,000 to \$80,000 driveway and parking lot has increased 4 to 5-fold with the city's requirements. So, we are looking at different options on what is available for us to do. Regardless of the options it is going to cost a considerable amount of money and I feel we need to be proactive and be prepared for whatever is ahead. So, I am asking for your support and contributions to "OUR" headquarters project. Whether we find some other locations or do some maintenance on our present location we must be prepared.



**Department Adjutant**  
John A. Derner

Twenty years ago, on September 11, I was working in the parts department of an automobile dealership. I had come to the customer waiting area to speak with a customer. The TV was on, and my customer was watching breaking news of an aircraft which had crashed into one of the World Trade Center towers.

As we watched, others began to gather around the TV. The sales staff, service technicians, customers and management all watched as the tower burned. And then a second plane struck the other tower. I remember turning to the group and saying, "We are under attack. We are at war."

The attack continued at the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and one attack ended at the hands of brave Americans in a field in Pennsylvania.

I had been out of the Navy for just shy of three years. My immediate thought was, "How are my shipmates responding right now." And I stopped to pray for their safety. It is a day that forever changed us as a nation.

Most of us remember where we were when we heard the news. I vividly remember watching the morning unfold on TV. Many American Legion members, including some from Iowa, were in Washington, DC, that day advocating for veterans.

And now, twenty years later, we still remember. We remember the victims of that day and honor their memory. We remember the families they left behind. We remember the first responders we lost as they worked to save others.

We honor our military who have lost their lives in the war on terror and pray for the families they leave behind. We support our servicemembers who continue to protect us from the evils of the world. And we devote ourselves to the veterans who have returned home.

On the fifth anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>, I had the honor of laying a wreath at ground zero in New York, NY with Department Commander Milt Heifner. We were on an American Legion bus tour and planned the stop to remember the more than 3,000 American lives lost that day.

On that fateful day, September 11, 2001, we vowed that we would never forget. I haven't forgotten, and I know you haven't either. But remembering is not enough. We must honor their memory through our actions.

I hope every post in the Department of Iowa honors those we have lost and provides for those who have served bravely in the war on terror.

As I write this column, a crisis in Afghanistan is unfolding. I am unsure of how that crisis will have evolved by the time you read this article. But one thing is certain. The current crisis in Afghanistan hits hard for those who served there. Just as similar occurrences have hit hard for those who served in Iraq, and even as far back as those who served in Vietnam.

Now is the time for us to reach out to the veterans in our community. Not just our members, but all those who have served. In recent years, we have initiated "Buddy Checks" to do wellness checks on our members. We must now extend that wellness check beyond our membership. Let our fellow veterans know that The American Legion is here to help.

We can help them by guiding them to resources and by giving them a forum to express themselves. I invite all of you to visit the national American Legion website and view the story of how a post in North Carolina turned Afghanistan anger into healing. The story can be viewed at:

<https://www.legion.org/veteransupport/253441/afghanistan-anger-turns-healing-nc-post>

Let this story inspire your own post in honoring those who have served. Let them understand that we will never forget their sacrifice and the honor of their service.



### National Executive Committeeman Dennis Soppe

Greetings Legionnaires of Iowa. Thank you for your vote at our State Convention at Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn this past July. I will try to do my best to serve you. Congratulations to Bob Waugh on his election to the high office of Department Commander

and all the new elected officers for 2021-2022 year. I will officially take over my duties at the close of the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ. We are also scheduled to be in Indianapolis in October for our fall meetings. I'm sure we will have resolutions and I will report back to you when I find out. ANEC Rochholz and I are looking forward to the District Conferences. As members and leaders in your Districts or Posts, work on implementing the programs of the American Legion, especially our Children and Youth programs.

They are our future. Remember that membership is the goal and we all must do our part to achieve this. Remember also to continue the Buddy Check and hopefully mylegion.org will start to function as it was intended. A veteran is a veteran, and our goal should be to help all veterans.

**For God and Country,  
Your NEC Dennis Soppe**

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### Department Service Officer Shane Pankonen

an array of emotions. Frustration. Anger. Confusion. Questioning. A sense of loss. I'm wanting you to know that the American Legion service office is here for anyone that is needing to talk or just looking for resources for help in this emotional time that we are going thru. Here just a few of the resources.

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We are grateful to the men and women who risk their lives to fight terrorism in Afghanistan, Iraq and many other places around the world.

**Shane Pankonen,  
Department Service officer**



### Department Chaplain Dr. Dan McClure

Greetings friends,

There was a time when the word 'HERO' was almost exclusive to an act of bravery. That is not true today, in that acts of bravery do conjure up the idea of 'HERO', but in our day it is used for those whose action itself could put one in a position of danger. We refer to medical, military, law enforcement, fire fighters and any first responders as heroes. Why?? Well, let's see if we can offer an explanation, not the only explanation, but one explanation.

The word HERO can be expressed as an acrostic. H – honor, E – ethics, R – right (ness) and O – optimistic.

All the vocations mentioned prior take an oath. They swear or affirm a position that enhances or protects humanity. Thus, Honor is involved. Honor is also a synonym of respect so a true 'hero' respects the oath taken and those serviced.

Those who service honorably are ethical. They respect their oath and those they serve to such a degree they sometimes swim against the flow of society.

Those who are honorable and ethical do what is right in respect of their oath and those they serve, regardless of social norms and societal pressure. They would rather do what is right than just go with the flow.

Those who are honorable, ethical and righteous are optimistic. The patient can survive, the fire can be quenched and lives saved, our cities can be rid of crime, our country can be protected and any emergency can be met and life made better.

Sometimes our heroes have to add bravery to their daily service. This can be bad but will still be done, "No greater love hath any man than one who lays down his life for a friend". Being ready and willing to do so and swearing an oath to do so provides for me a lot of hope.

**Thank God for our "HEROES", and thank you HERO  
for serving us. God Bless You!!!**

**Chaplain Dan**

### **Commander's article continued from previous page**

We must continue our "BUDDY CHECKS" this year and for many years to come. It's our duty to check on them to see if there is anything we can do for them and not only does it show we care about them, but it is also a 99% guaranteed continued member. Those members out there are so grateful to hear from a fellow legionnaire and look forward to your next call whether it's in person or a simple phone call. It truly means the world to them.

I want to concentrate on our Children and Youth this year for I feel it's the most valuable asset we have, after all, it is our future. That makes me think, congratulations are in order for the American Legion Baseball Team that headed to the World Series in Shelby, N.C. Job well done boys. You make us proud. As school is starting, let's not forget the 5th Grade Flag Essay and the High School Oratorical Contest. There is no better way of promoting Americanism and Patriotism and a foundation with the youth and The American Legion. Also get an early start on those Boys State recruits. Let them know about the scholarship possibilities in all our youth programs. When Past National Commander, Dave Rehbein, gave

me the oath of office, I swore, I am not a member of and do not subscribe to the principles of any groups opposed to our form of government. That is exactly why Boys State was founded and why we need to, more than ever, send our young men to that weeklong camp each year. Don't forget about Junior Shooting Sports and Boy Scouts, those programs need to continually grow and be successful. There is a lot of opportunities out there for us, so let's capitalize on them and continue to mentor and grow a solid foundation for our Youth.

As I close, I want to mention a little about my travels so far. I've had the honor and privilege of presenting two 75-year continuous membership certificates to WWII Veterans, one in Sidney and one in Bellevue. The expressions on their faces and emotions were priceless. We need to recruit more members into our posts that can stick to their guns as these men have done. Before I left Bellevue on Sunday morning, I traveled around the town a bit and I could see the pride that The American Legion and Auxiliary take in the town. I had a person tell me how thankful they were for THE Auxiliary that takes so much pride in the

River Front Park, and I could see the influence of The American Legion with the flags displayed. I traveled some of the back roads instead of the freeway and seen the pride of the post at Lost Nation with the flags displayed in town and in West Branch where the streets were lined with flags on street poles as well as many residents with a pole stuck in the yard with the flag waving graciously. It was a good feeling to know that the Legion is alive in those communities. I'm sure there are many more around the state and I plan on driving some less traveled routes and hope to see many more.

I hope to see many of you at the fall conferences. Until then, keep up the hard work and let's get this year off to a fast pace and keep it up until we are well past 100%.

**For God and Country,  
Bob Waugh  
"BUILD AND FIGHT"**





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

I was re-elected at the Summer Convention and will serve again at your pleasure for the 2021-2022 year. The last two years we focused

so much on Membership, and I think we were too focused on one subject and not others. So, this year I want to focus on training and mentorship. I am hoping at Mid-Winter Conference we can provide training that will make us all better members.

We did finish the year over 101% in Membership, but that year is over, and we must now move onto the new year. Don't forget about the ones who did not renew last year and contact them and remind them that they are still a vital part of this organization, and we want them back. Membership is the backbone of the SAL, and we must continue to grow so we can advocate for the Veterans who are in need.

The Detachment for the last two years has led the Iowa American Legion Family in Membership, and we will continue that trend. Remember who you signed up under, and when it comes time to pay your dues or remind someone to pay theirs that you remind

them that they and you are carrying on the legacy of that Veteran and if they are no longer with us, that you must be their voice, and advocate on their behalf.

Remember when you talk to a potential member, that you try and recruit for the whole American Legion Family as we have a place for them. If your Post does not have the whole Legion Family, have them join a neighboring one and that way they are members of the Family, and can-do events at your Post also.

We have three Posts that are looking to start a Squadron and the key to survival is growth, so if you are interested in a Squadron feel free to contact me at [mikemonserud@gmail.com](mailto:mikemonserud@gmail.com), and I will help you out.



### **1st District Commander Samuel Johnson**

Greetings Legionnaires,

What a wonderful start to my year as District Commander, I want to start out thanking our past district commander Steve Colcord on not

only doing a wonderful job as District Commander but also helping me get prepared for this upcoming year.

While we are only a couple months in, we are already preparing for our Fall conference on OCT 9th in Durant,

and I hope that every post in the first district can be represented. We are also closing in on my first milestone of my challenge to every post in the first district: Any post that has 95% or higher in membership will be entered into a drawing for \$250. This contest will end on November 11th and we will have a drawing on our Facebook page "American Legion 1st District family of Iowa" (If you haven't liked it already please do). The second part of this contest will end on June 15th. Any post with 100% membership will go into a drawing for \$100. First District in the past has shined. My goal is to make it "Sparkle!"

I also want to thank my home post of Washington Post

#29 for inviting me to be a part of the 9/11 Memorial Escort Ride that took place on July 17th just 1 week after I took over as Commander. The escort began in Ainsworth where several fire departments, ambulance companies, and other motorcycle organizations met and took the 9/11 memorial and several firefighters who were on scene at the twin towers to the Washington County Fairgrounds.

I look forward to visiting every post in Southeastern Iowa and meeting numerous Legionnaires in the process.

**For God and Country,  
Samuel Johnson**



### **2nd District Commander Jerry Becker**

Greeting to 2nd district Legionnaires and their families.

I would like to introduce myself to all of you. I am Jerry Becker from

Legion Post #137 Dyersville, Iowa, your new District Commander elected at the convention in Des Moines in July, replacing Roger Norfolk. I reside in Dyersville and have been a member of the post for 41 years. All though being a member that long, I have only been

active in the post for the last 8 or 9 years. I served in the United States Army from 1962 to 1964. I am married to my best friend Kathy for 57 years. We have 4 children, 14 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

I am looking forward to this next year as your District Commander. Also, I am looking forward to meeting many of you in person.

You may contact me at email: [2dcdria@gmail.com](mailto:2dcdria@gmail.com).

I would love to attend your post-meeting, if you would like me to come just let me know.

My personal goal is to improve communications between all posts and our communities so they know

about all the programs we have that support our youth.

Another one of my goals for all of us is; If you know someone who has served in the military, please ask them to become a member of the American Legion. Tell them how their dues help the youth of our nation. Remember it's the youth that is our future. God bless America and the American Legion.

**Thanks to all  
Jerry Becker  
For God and Country**



### **3rd District Commander Jeff Large**

Greetings Legionnaires,

Allow me to introduce myself; I am Jeff Large of Tama Post #73 your 2021-22 District Commander. I

am thrilled to be able to serve as your Commander. I hope to visit as many posts as I can. If you would like to discuss more about what the Legion can do for your posts, please reach out to our leadership team or myself.

Your District Vice Commanders for this year are Richard Echelberger of Dows, Bob Daniel of Conrad, and Dixie Kapayou of the Meskwaki Settlement. Bob Wegner of Atkins will continue his great work as Adjutant.

Membership. Membership is so important and most of us don't understand why. Our voice. It is our voice when and where it needs to be heard. As a proud Gulf War Veteran the work this organization had done before my service are the effects I feel now. My generation and today's have never had to advocate for our rights and benefits, ever! We've always had a GI Bill, Disability, hiring preferences and health

care. Membership is paramount to ensure the next generation is repaid for the blank check they offered this country when they enlisted! I fear that in my lifetime Veterans will lose benefits they are owed. The day is coming when 100+ years of work is reversed through law. Membership equals voice. There are roughly 18 million living Veterans in America and only 1.8 million amongst us in this fight. We need to be louder.

Please help us help you! All members and Posts should get registered in MyLegion. It is a one-stop shop for everything Legion. Help our organization transition into tomorrow.

Part of building anything is adjusting to our environment. The last 2 years has shown us how quickly our environment can change. Please ensure your post has a plan in place and that it is implemented should for whatever reason, conducting a regular scheduled face-to-face event cannot be done. Posts should work with their Adjutant and Judge Advocate to make these adjustments in their posts by-laws. This could be procedure of voting via email or conference call, changing what constitutes as quorum, or simply how do we process membership. The show must go on!

Congratulations to Radcliffe Post Commander Heath Stolee for receiving the 2021 Iowa Legionnaire of the Year Award for his service to his community and the American Legion! Congrats to Tanner Large for attending his 1st Department Convention as a Delegate of the Tama SAL at 13 years old.

The District is seeking contact information from current and forming firefighters, law enforcement, educators, and coach/athletic directors who are members here in the 3rd District.

If you are a GWOT Veteran and are reading this, please contact Past District Commander Dan Huntley. [daniel.philip.huntley@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.philip.huntley@gmail.com)

**Sept. 4th 7:30-5:00  
Irreverent Warrior's Silkie Hike in Cedar Falls.  
Oct. 2nd  
Fall Conference  
Radcliffe Post 317  
Come get eyes on the newly built  
Legion Hall and Community Center.**

**For God & Country!  
Jeff Large**





#### 4th District Commander Fritz Kies

Hello to all of my fellow Legionnaires of the 12 counties in Northeast Iowa. I would like to begin by thanking Dan Boberg for all of his efforts as the 4th District Commander these past three years. He continues to serve the district as a Department Vice Commander and as the District Vice Commander for the central zone (Allamakee, Chickasaw, Fayette and Winneshiek) until a replacement can be found (job opportunity

anyone?). I'd also like to recognize Kermit Abshire as the new Vice Commander for the Southeast Zone (Buchanan, Clayton and Delaware) and Brandon Parcel for continuing to be the Northwest Zone (Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Howard, Mitchell and Worth).

I would also like to recognize and thank all of those who are in positions of responsibility for their local posts. Being the adjutant for my own post, Post #342 in Jesup down in Buchanan County, I understand the amount of time and effort it takes to keep up with membership and other duties. Some of you have been doing it for a long time, so Bravo Zulu (that's Navy-speak for good job) and keep doing what you

are doing. If you do have a change in leadership at your post, be sure to send in the completed officer forms by the 15th of September, this helps us know who's who in the zoo and how to contact the right people if needed. Even if you didn't have any changes, send it in.

Elma Post #597 will be the host of our 4th District Fall conference on Saturday, October 9th, so mark your calendars now.

**Fritz Kies**



#### 5th District Commander Samuel Blumer

Greetings 5th District Legion Family, I would like to congratulate 5th District for having a sparkling year and leading the charge in membership this year. Centerville Post 214 and Osceola Post 69 both took home membership awards. We had fifteen posts finish over 100% in membership, and we had a very good Consolidated Post Report Submittal rate. Outstanding work Legionnaires.

As we move forward in to 2022, we have got to

continue our goals to maintain the members we have, recruit new members, transfer every 729 available, and do everything we can help each other through this year. Our Youth Programs still need work. We simply need more post participation, specifically in our Boys State and 5th Grade Flag Essay Programs. If we can do this, 2022 will be a productive year.

It's going to take a strong American Legion Family to build our Legion back to what we once were and working in concert with our Auxiliary Units and Sons Squadrons, and supporting our Riders projects will go a long way in the building process. As your new District Commander, I would like to say a big THANK

YOU for all the work you have done and will be doing in the future. I hope to see all of you at our Fall Conference in Richland on October 23rd.


**For God and Country,  
Sam Blumer**



## THE AMERICAN LEGION and The Department of Iowa

*join in saluting our military veterans of all eras and branches  
this November 11 - and every day. Thank you for serving  
America with honor, courage and commitment.*

# VETERANS DAY

 [legion.org](https://legion.org)



### 6th District Commander Jennifer Monserud

My fellow Legionnaires,

A quick introduction of myself and your 2022 District Vice Commanders! My name is Jennifer Monserud, I am a 25 year, PUFL

member of Post #37 in Ames. I just wrapped up two years as Post Commander there and have held various other post, district, and department offices. I have also previously been appointed to serve on two national councils.

Serving as Vice Commanders this year are Crystal Wright from Earlham Post #158, Crystal has served several years as Vice Commander. Chuck Clow is from Cumming Post #562 and previously served as District Sgt-At-Arms. Dale Daughenbaugh is from Runnells Post #689 and is also our District Membership Chair.

We hope to attend each of your post meetings twice this year, don't be surprised when you hear from us asking to attend. I've attended several meetings already with one or more Vice Commanders, don't be surprised if several of us show up! We are enjoying getting to know you all!

The district is taking part in a Cy-Hawk membership challenge this year, for an actual trophy! The 1st District has challenged us to see who can attain the highest percentage of their membership goal by the end of the actual Cy-Hawk series in April. The Cyclones and Hawkeyes regularly play each other in many sports, beginning with football in the fall and ending with softball in the spring.

I hope to be able to display our new trophy in our hospitality room at Department Convention in July!! Let's get out there and renew and recruit members!!

**For God and Country,  
Jennifer Monserud**



### 7th District Commander Amy Muse

Why did you join The American Legion? Maybe your father was a Legionnaire? Maybe your buddies in the guard unit were Legionnaires?

Maybe a Legionnaire gave you a helping hand and asked you to join? Or maybe you realized how much TAL does for veterans?

I have done much thinking about why Legionnaires continue and should continue being members. How can Posts motivate active and dues-paying members, as well as the next generation of Legionnaires? How can Posts create excitement and breathe new air into

TAL programs that support our local communities?

As I visited Zone 3 Posts, I realized it is important to ask YOU what you need from the District. There is something that makes every Post unique! What makes your Post sparkle? Has your Post lost that spark? Why are members leaving your Post? What keeps your Post from being an organization veterans want to join?

SW Iowa is unique! Rural Iowans have always been very proud and patriotic, hardworking and family oriented, independent and courageous, stanch in their views, but not opinionated. Ever. Rural Iowans don't expect to be carried by the government and

can be resistant to change. Do we hold grudges?

Priority #1: Retain. Recruit. Revitalize. Priority #2: Inclusive Attitude. Priority #3: VA&R 100% Enrollment. Priority #4: Transition Assistance. I believe these priorities focus on some core issues around the District. Are we spending more resources honoring the dead rather than celebrating the living? Communication. Please attend Fall Conference!

**Service Not Self  
Amy Muse**



### 8th District Commander Kenneth Fields

Greeting's 8th District Legionnaires, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!", these words uttered by Admiral Farragut at the Battle

of Mobile Bay during the Civil War, is an excellent exclamation to be adopted by all Posts of the 8th District.

I chose the words of Admiral Farragut because it epitomizes where we stand in the 8th District. We, like Admiral Farragut, have obstacles that could

impede progress towards our goal of winning the prize, so like Farragut, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!"

Participation is key to success at all levels of the American Legion, most importantly, at the Post level where the heart of the American Legion beats. Our dues provide respiration, but the life's blood of service to the Community, State, and Nation pumps it's mightiest through participation at our Post. Consistent communication to our comrades and community about local Post activities is equally important. Make a phone call, knock on a door, or strike up a conversation and let people know about the many ways the American Legion serves the

community.

My fellow Legionnaires, participation breaks the fallow ground making it ready for new members. Consistent and effective communication seeds that broken ground. I encourage all Posts to have a monthly business meeting, nominate and elect Post Officers, plan and execute community activities which is the fertilizer and watering that leads to growth. A familiar pattern for many 8th District Legionnaires.

***Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!***

**Sincerely,  
Kenneth Fields**



### 9th District Commander David Honse

Greetings to the men and women of the great 9th District.

It's hard to believe that summer is ending and school is almost ready to begin again. That should be a prompt for your posts to be talking to your local school districts about the fall programs of Flag Essay and Oratorical. Children and youth are this country's most valuable asset as they are the future of our freedom. Those who wish to redefine what our great country stands for and its heritage of offering the chance of freedom to the world are using our school systems to indoctrinate a

sense of hate and loathing for everything that we as veterans fought bled and died for. We must meet that fight with programs to instill the sense of duty honor and country into our youth and the school systems are the battlefield. Use any opportunity you get to get in front of these young people and tell them how and why America is the greatest country on earth. We are a nation that was founded on Christian principles and Godly law. Our own preamble drives this point home: "For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes.....". One small spark can start the largest of blazes if fanned correctly. I personally believe we need to ignite that spark of what freedom truly is to the youth of this country once again.

In other news I am truly excited to see where our membership contest is heading as I hope that we are able to achieve our goals early and be able to concentrate our efforts on our programs for the rest of the year. As soon as I can get a report from the Department I will post it on our Facebook page.

Finally, Fall Conference will be held on September 25 in Spencer. I hope to see all of you there. If the schedule allows I may have an announcement in the area of technology that will be beneficial to all of the posts in our great district. Essayons and stay safe.

**For God and Country,  
David Honse**



# THE AMERICAN LEGION OF IOWA FOUNDATION

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PNC David K. Rehbein  
Foundation President

## Foundation Grants Break the Mold

Traditionally the grants approved by The American Legion of Iowa Foundation have been in the \$1,000 to \$2,500 range. That is except for the signature grants to the outstanding citizens of American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. Those have been \$5,000 each.

With the growth in the Foundation's funds due to the generosity of our donors and the great work of Regions Bank, the Foundation

Board of Directors decided to break out of that mold this year with the funding of a \$7,000 grant to the Iowa Veterans Home (IVH).

Many of the residents at IVH enjoy getting outdoors for the fresh air and to visit with family members. There are shaded swings on the ground that serve that purpose.

Unfortunately, as time has passed along with the tornado in 2019 and 2020's derecho, those swings have become rundown and may not be safe. This is a picture of one of those swings in its current state. Obviously, upkeep is needed but replacement has been chosen as the best option.



IVH applied to the Foundation for a grant of \$12,000 to replace this swing. That may seem high but remember where this equipment is located and who will be using it. It is incumbent that safety be the first priority.

Replacement of the old swing will be finished this fall. Location of the new swing will be just inside the front gate. You will be able to see it from the street or for a better view, drive by on the grounds. Of course, obey any COVID restrictions if a resident is using the swing when you are there but drive by and take a look.

In 2020, nearly \$32,000 in donations came from the generosity of our donors. Through July 2021, those donors have contributed \$20,600. That puts us on track to exceed 2020 but that depends on your generosity.

This year, rather than just publish a list of grant recipients, we want you to know what the money you have donated is being used for. Elsewhere in this issue is a list of recipients with a short description of the project being funded if space permits. That list will also be posted on the Department website in the near future.

Remember in many cases, we were only able to fund a portion of the request as we did with IVH. The Board each year struggles with funding as many deserving requests as possible but still making a significant contribution to those that are approved.

Thanks to First District Director Larry Swann and his Solon crew for the golf outing that they sponsored again this year. That has become a successful fundraiser for the Foundation thanks to their hard work. Third District Director Bob Wenger is planning a "bug run" through the Legion Riders. We are looking forward to hearing more about that.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity. Without your caring and compassion, the Foundation could not assist our recipients in the great work that they do.

## 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](http://www.ialegion.org/iafoundation). If you have further questions, please email [foundation@ialegion.org](mailto:foundation@ialegion.org) or call 800-365-8387.



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# THE AMERICAN LEGION OF IOWA FOUNDATION



## Why Does The American Legion of Iowa Foundation Exist?

That question may seem like one that we have talked about for years. That question though is, "What does The American Legion of Iowa Foundation do?" Those are different questions. We know what the Foundation does, assists those nonprofits in Iowa that do work that we support. To find why we exist, we have to go back into the early history of The American Legion in Iowa and take a look at our Iowa Legion culture as it developed.

It is common knowledge that Hanford MacNider of Mason City was elected the second Department Commander of Iowa and one year later in 1921 was elected to serve as the third National Commander of The American Legion. Not such common knowledge is the program that Pat Commander MacNider spearheaded two years later that became known as the "Iowa Idea".

Commander MacNider believed and spoke very eloquently at that convention that The American Legion would only realize its potential to lead this nation if the organization become active in working for and improving the lives of those who lived in the hometowns of the 11,000 posts then under charter. With that convention, the "Iowa Idea" was transformed into the community service program of The American Legion.

The Iowa Idea was described as a program

that "might include the betterment of schools, recreation, park and playground facilities, furtherance of Boy Scout work, and active participation in Scout Troop organization and management, medical clinics, municipal music concerts, public forums, community buildings, city planning and all forms of better citizenship monuments".

Looking through that list, it is easy to see the type of projects and work that The American Legion of Iowa Foundation supports but it took another step for the Foundation to come into being to continue making the Iowa Idea a reality and that the idea remained relevant to Iowa.

That step happened thanks to Past National Commander Don Johnson of West Branch. Following his year as Commander in 1964-65, Commander Johnson used the excess funds left in his campaign account to start a program that continues today and became The American Legion of Iowa Foundation. Knowing of the need to help young people attend college, he initiated the Donald E. Johnson scholarship that was awarded to the Outstanding Citizen of Iowa Boys State. That first recipient was Thomas Shives of Newton.

As additional funds were donated, the Department saw the need to create a structure to continue the work of the "Iowa Idea" through an organization whose purpose would be supporting that work. In 1978, The American Legion of Iowa Foundation was incorporated and has continued the work originally envisioned by Commander MacNider in the "Iowa Idea".

The Outstanding Citizen scholarship was extended to Iowa American Legion Girls State. Several other Legion and Auxiliary programs are supported by matching funds from the Foundation as well as other community efforts around the state in the areas of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Children and Youth and Community.

Under the leadership of an enlarged Board of Directors because of the generosity of many Iowans, the Foundation draws the interest and income from a principal of \$2,500,000. Each year, the original Iowa Idea supports more and more work across Iowa. Scholarships for veterans and families, services to disabled Iowans, community projects all benefit now because of Commander MacNider's Iowa Idea over 100 years ago.

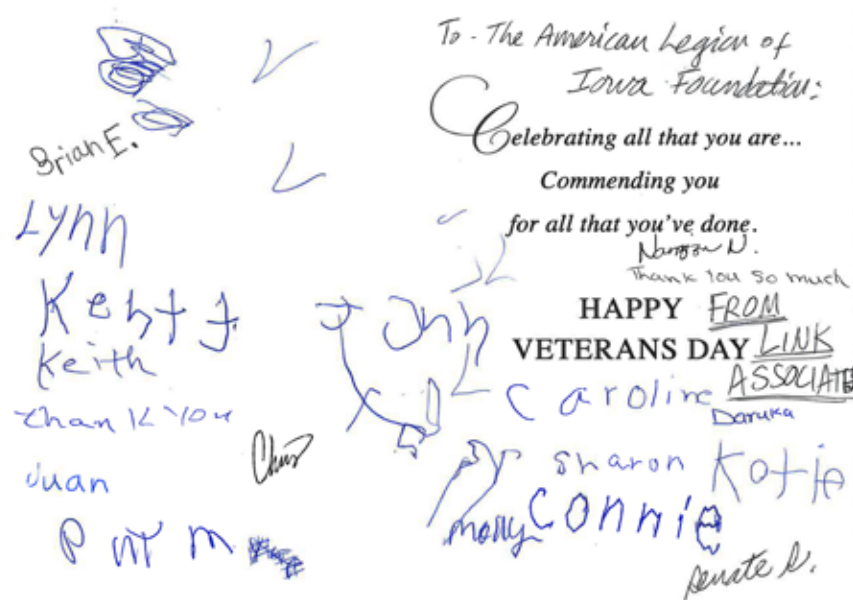
Now that you know why The American Legion of Iowa Foundation exists, the Board of Directors hope Iowans will continue to be generous. There will be more articles on the Department's website about the grant recipients and the work that they do. There will be more articles from our donors and why they donate. Be assured that when you make a donation, it will be promptly recognized with a thank you either from HQ, one of our Directors or myself as President.

Just remember, the Foundation is more than just the charitable arm of The American Legion of Iowa. It is a part of the more than 100 years of Iowa American Legion culture and will continue to be a valuable part of that culture.



6th District Foundation Board Member Steve Neal (on the left) presenting a check to the Gold Star Museum.

The VCAF photo is a plaque that the Foundation received from our support of that program in 2018 in Des Moines.



Above is a Veterans Day card sent to the Foundation from Link Associates.





# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

## DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

### *Auxiliary Communiqué*

SERVING VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES



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### **Doris Jackson Installed As New Department Auxiliary President Installation Speech**



Oh my! What a whirlwind weekend! Mom, I placed a rose in front of the shadow box for you. I know you wanted to be here as this day was so important to you. Just know you are here with me in my heart and soul.

The banner you see hanging from the podium was made by Ann Crawford for my year as Department President. Thank you, Ann! It's beautiful and I will treasure it always. The shadow box containing my son's military boots, my grandfather's dog tags from World War I and my father's dog tags from World War II with a poppy laid across the toe of the boots was made by Past Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander Jim Valentine. Jim, I thank you for this wonderful keepsake. It is extremely unique and definitely one of a kind. Thank you! Thank you, Vickie for being my Installation Chaplain and the beautiful prayer. Sandy, thank you for being my Installation officer and for asking me many years ago "So when do you think you will be Department President?" which instilled in me the confidence I needed to work toward achieving this position. I would also like to thank Darla and Lou for being my Sgt of Arms and Asst Sgt of Arms: and Karen and Pam for being my personal pages, thank you.

Sue Schlitter, thank you for being my pianist, Mike Deacon for sound system and David McNeil, vocalist, Thank you!

When I started this journey in 2005 at the insistence of my Mother, a past 5<sup>th</sup> District President, little did I know where it would lead me. Within a short time of attending District Conferences I was asked to serve as a District chairman. I accepted and the rest is history. Mom and I traveled to District and Department Conferences and Conventions. Soon my granddaughters ventured outside the comfort of the Unit's Junior Auxiliary meetings and became involved at District and then Department level and they began traveling with us and still do today. But we had a motivator, a mentor. Coming into play was a very kindhearted and caring woman, who mentored not only myself but my Mother, daughter and granddaughters to new heights, my dear friend and Auxiliary sister, Past Department President Diana Shaddock. Diana, would you please stand! Thank you, Diana!

I would like to recognize at this time the members of the Fred N. Davis Post, Sons of the American Legion Squadron and Unit 96. Please stand. Please remain standing and would everyone from 5<sup>th</sup> District please Stand and be recognized. Thank you!

This year I will be working with American Legion Commander Bob Waugh and Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander Michael Monserud. Department Junior Convention will be held August 20<sup>th</sup> when the junior members will elect their new President. Together we will be instilling in our members to remember we are "The American Legion Family."

First, and foremost, please always remember I am not a fluent speaker. Speaking to a group has always made me uneasy. I was taught at home that you can learn more by listening than if you are trying to talk and not listening to what is said. So why am I before you today you ask. Since speaking isn't my thing! As your Department President, the Auxiliary is more than just speaking it is about volunteering to help our veterans, our military and their families. I am a volunteer, a member who will more than gladly help you, if within my capabilities. And everyone here today is a volunteer in your own way! See this year isn't JUST my year, "IT IS OUR YEAR! YOURS AND MINE TOGETHER AS A TEAM"

When I initially started attending District and Department Mid-Winter Conference and Department Convention. I would ask myself what can I do to help our veterans or active military. I would soon learn there was so many options. It was just deciding which ones were what I thought I could personally do myself. I have volunteered numerous years for the Des Moines Homeless Veterans Stand down. Another year I volunteered to collect the school supplies for the children of the homeless veterans. The ALA members from across the state filled the back of my truck with supplies and with my families help, we packed the backpacks at home and they were ready for the Stand down. Ann Rehbein set up a weekend getaway for quilters at the Quilted Steeple. Well, I could sew and had made a couple of quilts so I thought I can do this. Since that initial trip I have made several quilts and presented a few for Quilts of Valor. Every ALA member that volunteers steps up our mission of service to veterans, military and their families. When you volunteer, you join other like-minded people who care deeply about our country. The volunteer opportunities are flexible, so you do what you can when you can. In 2018-2019, the American Legion Auxiliary had a total of 7,087,662 volunteer hours and raised \$22,448,972 equalling \$1.1 Billion Dollars!!! What I want every Auxiliary member here today to understand is there is always something you can do to help our veterans, military and their families. We, the American Legion Auxiliary volunteering together with our Legion, the Sons of the American Legion and Riders can achieve so many goals. I would like to think my actions through volunteering, speak for my love of my country, veterans, our military and their families.

My priorities this year will be promoting The American Legion Family, volunteerism and membership. The American Legion Family working together for the betterment of our organization as a whole. When we help each other, we will grow and become stronger whether a Legion member, an auxiliary member, a

Sons of the American Legion member or a Legion Rider. Our purpose, our mission is the same to help our Veterans, military and their families.

My Theme this year is: "STEPPING INTO THE NEXT CENTURY WHILE REMEMBERING THE PAST". We have come a long way the first 100 years and I am so excited to be a part of the next 100 as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. My symbols are the dog tag and Poppy. We will now listen to the song "Dog tags" by Aaron Watson.

I chose for my scripture readings:

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalms

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

John 15:13

Greater love hat no man than this, that a man lay down his life for friends.

My songs this year are "In the Garden", "Dog Tags", "Some Gave All", and "God Bless the USA". My colors are Silver for the dog tag they wore, Gold for the medals they received, Red for the blood they shed.

My projects for 2021-2022 are: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, The Fisher House of Iowa City and Junior Camp. I would like to give you an insight to why I chose these projects. I grew up in a home where our military and veterans were respected. A picture hung on the wall in the living room at my grandparent's home of my Grandfather in uniform from World War I in 1918. My father, a WWII Army Staff Sargent, whom fought in the Pacific Theater on Okinawa, Saipan, battled PTSD (in his own way) all his life. I had 2 Uncles who served as well as many friends some not returning home alive. My Uncle, Robert Noehren, had a brother, Donald, who had enlisted in the Navy, but shortly after his return home, he reenlisted in the Army during the Korean War. He was sent to North Korea where he honorably served in the Korean Conflict as Corporal, with the Headquarters and Headquarters Service Co., 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. On November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1950, he became a POW, the temperatures were dropping, and the men were not dressed for winter. His family did receive a letter from Donald during that time, telling of the lack of proper clothing, blankets and food. Donald developed pneumonia and passed away January 22, 1951. My Uncle and Aunt started the process with the US government trying to find Donald's remains. Needless to say, they did not live long enough to see him return home. Then in 2017 DNA given by my cousin matched bones that had been found in a dig in North Korea and returned to the United States. In this dig, two pieces of a femur





and a portion of his forehead; above the eye socket, were found. Donald Dean Noehren was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors on April 3, 2017, with services at Fort Myer Old Post Chapel. After 66 years the family finally had closure. This was an extremely moving experience, a casket with a crisp dress uniform and medals depicting a soldier of great honor lying on the satin lining and pillow, a horse drawn Casson carrying a man who finally would be buried in his own country, the riderless horse and the sound of the bag pipes as he was laid to rest. At the present, more than 81,700 Americans remain missing from WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and the Gulf Wars and other conflicts. Out of the more than 81,700 missing, 75% of the losses are located in the Indo-Pacific, and over 41,000 of the missing are presumed lost at sea (i.e. ship losses, known aircraft water losses, etc.). I feel we as a country need to try and help other families who are still waiting for their loved one, whose remains have not been found to come home. David McNeill, is a retired 20-year veteran having served in the Army and the Army National Guard will sing – "Some Gave All" Thank you, David!

I had never heard of the Fisher House until our son was critically injured in Bagdad on August 7, 2003, losing both his legs below the knee and burn wounds when the Humvee he was driving hit an IED. Robert (BJ as he is known by), was flown to Lund Stall, Germany and then on to Brooks Army Medical Hospital at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. They had a Fisher House on the medical grounds in which Abby and the girls were able to stay while BJ healed from his severe wounds. The Fisher House was a Godsend and they lived there for several months. Fisher House

Foundation builds comfort homes where military & veteran families can stay free of charge, while a loved one is in the hospital. These homes are located at military and VA medical centers around the world. This program has saved military and veterans' families an estimated \$500 million in out of pocket costs for lodging and transportation. Personally, I feel a person heals faster with the daily presence of family with and around them. Without the Fisher House this wouldn't have been possible.

And my 3<sup>rd</sup> project: Junior Camp. I have been volunteering at Junior Camp since June 2012. I love seeing the Junior Auxiliary grow and learn about our Organization. Through this program, they develop friendships with other Junior from around the state, besides learning about our programs from the different chairman that volunteer their time to come and talk to the juniors, they learn from each other. Each Unit works with their Junior group differently and this shows and so we all learn together. I am extremely happy that the Auxiliary continues to have a program strictly for our junior members.

I would like at this time to introduce my family to you: Would my family please stand and join me. Introduce family... ask if anyone would like to speak, thank you!

Our membership team this year will be promoting membership with the motto of "Stepping Up For Membership". They are committed to recruit, renew and rejoin and we are going all out to let you know we are "Stepping Up" our mission to help your Units with membership goals!

Our membership team is Alida Koltoff, Chairman with Mike Monsured and Rosemary Lancaster as team members. Alida will be assisting the Silver team which covers Districts 2,3, and 4. Rosemary will be assisting the Gold team which will cover Districts 1,5, and 7 and Mike will be assisting the Red team which will cover Districts 6, 8, and 9.

Membership Team are you Ready!!!

Department Executive Director Crystal Wright, will you give roll call

I would like to thank all of you for your confidence in me as your Department President. It is quite overwhelming! I look forward to receiving invitations from around the state and plan on attending as many events as will fit my schedule. Would everyone please stand and join David in singing "God Bless the USA" May God Bless everyone here today and May God Bless our Veterans, Military and their families. Thank you!

Madam, retiring President Kelly, I return the gavel to you so that you may close your Department Convention.





## Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Members helping members..... Being laid off suddenly or being affected by Mother Nature's surprises can be devastating. Sometimes members need a little hope to help them get through the challenges of life. American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) may be that hope.

There are 2 grants available: members affected by natural disaster and members needing temporary assistance. Grants are available for those members with at least 3 (current year and immediate past 2) years of membership. Applications and program specific requirements are available on the national website. Only one grant can be awarded to a grantee in a 12 month period. Each year the chairman chooses different fundraisers for AEF.

There will not be a Diva Day during Mid-Winter. Instead, I am hoping that you will participate in the challenge that I have given every member. I have a goal of \$300 per district. I challenge each of you to step into the next century by achieving goals and making memories. Every penny sent to department will brighten lives. In the event you don't get one; here you go.

<b>July</b>	<b>25 cents if you attended Department Convention or 50 cents if you did not attend</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>25 cents if you helped purchase any school supplies or 50 cents if you did not</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>25 cents if you took Labor Day off or 50 cents if you worked</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>5 cents for each time you said trick or treat or a penny for each piece of candy you ate during the month</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Make a list of what you're thankful for and donate 5 cents for each thing</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Donate a penny for every gift, cash or gift card you buy, give or receive</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Donate 5 cents for every time you wrote the wrong year this month</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Donate 5 cents for every year you've been married or in a relationship with your current "sweetheart"</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Donate a penny for every clock, watch or other way of telling time you have</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Donate a penny for every tree and/ or flowering plant you have in your yard</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Donate a penny for each person that calls you mom, grandma, nana or anything similar</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Donate 50 cents if you participated in this fundraiser or \$5 if you chose to "sit this out"</b>

If you have any questions or need to contact me, please email me at **ourbusymom1400@aol.com** or call me at **712-420-0278**. Thank you for all that you do!!

**Michelle "Shelly" Copple**

## Knee Deep in Finance!

The finance team is working hard to start the new year off on the right foot! We are knee deep in budgets and planning for the coming year. President Doris' theme of "Stepping into the next Century" is what we will focus on this year. We need rubber rain boots to keep our feet dry while we work toward a budget that is financially sound and beneficial to all!

There are many components to the budget, it isn't simply money in and money out. We have a Poppy Budget where we have to guess how many poppies the units are going to purchase, how much will come in from distribution, and will COVID once again change all our plans. Oh, and let's not forget we need to figure in the cost of boxes and shipping the poppies. This is a challenging thought process with many unknowns.

Then there is Girls State and Junior Camp. Are we going to be able to have these programs, will they be virtual or in person, is COVID going to derail these programs again?

Even basic office, mileage, conference and convention expenses can be ever changing and unpredictable.

These components and many others are why we look to our Units, Counties and Districts to be diligent in getting their obligations and other information into the Department office in a timely manner.

### ***There are 3 dates that units should remember always***

<b>October 20</b>	All obligations are due into the Department Office
<b>December 3</b>	Membership becomes delinquent. Membership runs from January 1 to December 31 each year. (Yes, we try to collect early)
<b>June 5</b>	Poppy Proceed report is due into the Department office.

The finance team is here for you. Our contact information is included in the Programs Action Plan please feel free to contact any of us with questions you may have.

**Linda Sue Mullen      Julie Rosenboom      Dawn Aberle**

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Public Relations program is to promote our organization and our brand & make the ALA visible through positive imaging. In other words, making our organization look good while enticing others to join.

There are so many great resources available on the National ALA website. These articles are a quick read and packed with great information.

### ***Dos & Don'ts of Social Media***

### ***Tips on Using Local Media to Spread our Message***

### ***How to Improve your Unit's Newsletter***

### ***Tips on how to take High Quality, Publishable Photos***

### ***Time to Great Creative Addressing our Identity***

### ***The PR Guide & Tips for Volunteer Recruitment is also available, but a little more in depth.***

Promote our organization whether it's in the local newspaper, simple word of mouth, social media, your unit's website, or YouTube.

**Jan Carlton**  
Public Relations Chair  
2021-2022  
107 Blondeau St., #1  
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Cell (319) 795-8371  
Home (319) 524-7270

## Fresh Start

The 2019-2021 year has finally come to a close at Department Convention back in July. Oh what a two year Covid Year that was. Some people experiences change they have never done before and never thought they would. We had Committee Meetings via Go to Meetings and Zoom and went almost a entire year without Face to Face meetings with our fellow members. That was hard for many but now those who struggled are now masters at the meeting. We came to the conclusion that this was a great way to actually save money. Who would have thought Covid could be beneficial in any way? We saved on meeting space rentals, Mileage, and hotel cost and since things were taking place virtually most forms were sent out virtually also. We were able to share screens and view things in a new light.

The 2021-2022 year has now started, and we have fresh faces in the Department Leadership and even the District, County and Unit Leadership. This is a year to start to get back at it. We made some changes which we have had some issues with, but we know it can be done. One of the first HUGE changes was the New District Presidents hand delivered your membership packets with the help of their membership and county officers. If you have not received your Unit membership packet those are in the hands of your District President. Then we had the Department Workshop at the end of July. MORE PACKETS! These packets were given to the District Presidents for delivery also. As Unit President we hope that you can attend your District Leadership Conferences and collect these packets. The Leadership Packets contain your new Blue Book, the New Plan of Action,

your obligations for your department and end of year reports tracking forms and other useful information. Please attend those conferences and or contact your District President for more information. Their Contact information can be found at [iowaala.org](http://iowaala.org) under Contact Us.

Here at The Department Headquarters office, we are making some changes, we are sending a lot of info electronically via Email, Newsletters, or on Facebook or our Website. If you have not located us on Facebook, you can find us by searching for @iowaala, then liking our page. The Department website is [iowaala.org](http://iowaala.org), you can find any form and contact information there, along with membership reports, electronic copies of policies and Blue Books and much more. Don't forget your District will be having a conference soon for Fall Conferences. You can check the dates by using the website and viewing Events or just by clicking on the Calendar and they are listed on there also. Membership for the 2022-year renewals has started and then new membership starts September 1st. Please make sure you label if you are paying their 2021 or 2022 year if you missed a year or they are late.

We are stronger together, please work your chain of command for help, if you don't know the answer ask a mentor, a county officer, a district officer or if you still can't find it, please feel free to reach out to Department office.

**Have a Great Start to the 2021-2022 year!**

**Your Department Executive Director  
Crystal Wright**



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

## 2021 Fall District Conferences

**1st District** – October 9th – Durant Post

**2nd District** – October 9th – Marion Eagle Ridge Community Center

**3rd District** – October 2nd – Radcliffe City Hall

**4th District** – October 9th – Elma Memorial Hall

**5th District** – October 23rd – Methodist Church

**6th District** – October 16th – Dexter American Legion

**7th District** – October 2nd – Anita Community Center

**8th District** – September 19th – Iowa Central Community College

**9th District** – September 25th – Spencer Grace Methodist Church

## Chaplain's Corner

How appropriate to begin our new year with Psalm 23, "The Lord is my Shepherd", a scripture reading chosen by President Doris. This psalm tells it all - how our life will be if we keep God in it. God will supply our needs, give us rest, refresh us, restore us, heal us, and guide us. With God, we have a purpose for living. Even though tested, we are under his protection, we are forever hopeful and our lives will overflow with abundance. What a blessing from God! Who could live without him in their lives?

We ask God to bless and protect our children as they go off to school. May their teachers know they are a special blessing from God as they nurture their minds and encourage their dreams while instructing them in righteous paths.

We ask a special blessing for our farmers, that they be kept safe and blessed with an abundant harvest.

We ask a blessing for our leaders that they may hear the Holy Spirit guiding them to make decisions that are fair and will bring peace and harmony to our country.

We ask for blessings for all our community servants, our veterans and military that God will send angels to be by their sides each day.

Finally we ask for blessings for each of our members, may their steps help accomplish our mission this year.

**With prayers and a grateful heart,**

**Mary Jo McLaughlin**



**Just a reminder that Poppy orders need to be into Department by October 20, 2021. All forms are on the website [www.iowaala.org](http://www.iowaala.org) under Poppy resources. If you don't order by this date you won't be able to receive them.**





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## 2021 Foundation Grants Awarded

### American Legion

\$500.00	American Legion Boys State Baker Scholarship
\$500.00	American Legion Boys State Governor
\$750.00	American Legion Boys State-Boys Nation
\$5,000.00	American Legion Boys State Outstanding Citizen
\$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

\$250.00	American Legion Auxiliary Dept. Junior President
\$500.00	American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Governor
\$5,000.00	American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Citizen
\$2,500.00	American Legion Auxiliary Junior Camp

### Americanism, Children & Youth, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation and Community Service

\$500.00	Boys2Men Youth Programs
\$2,500.00	Camp Courageous
\$1,000.00	Children's Cancer Connection
\$1,000.00	ChildServe - Woodland Center
\$3,000.00	Des Moines Veterans Homeless Stand Down
\$2,500.00	Essex Child Center
\$1,000.00	Everybody Wins! Iowa
\$1,000.00	Grout Museum Inc.
\$1,000.00	Hawkeye Area Council, Boy Scouts of America
\$1,220.00	Heart of Iowa Big Brothers Big Sisters
\$500.00	Honor Flight of the Quad Cities
\$900.00	Hope Haven, Inc
\$1,500.00	Inspiration Hills Camp & Retreat Center

\$1,000.00	Iowa Legal Aid
\$2,000.00	Iowa Military Veterans Band, Inc
\$1,000.00	Iowa Odyssey of the Mind
\$500.00	Iowa Radio Reading Information Service for the Blind and Print Handicapped (IRIS)
\$7,000.00	Iowa Veterans Home
\$1,250.00	JROTC - Central Iowa Division Sea Cadets
\$500.00	JROTC - Waterloo East High School
\$500.00	Life Skills Training Center, Inc
\$600.00	Link Associates
\$1,500.00	Mid-Iowa Council, Boys State
\$1,000.00	Mills County Public Health
\$645.00	MIW, Inc
\$2,000.00	Mosaic in Central Iowa
\$2,000.00	New Hope Village Foundation
\$1,200.00	One Vision
\$2,500.00	RSVP of Jasper County
\$2,000.00	Clarke University of Dubuque
\$2,000.00	Coe College
\$2,000.00	DMACC
\$2,000.00	Hawkeye Community College
\$2,000.00	Kirkwood Community College
\$2,000.00	Luther College
\$2,000.00	Northeast Iowa Community College
\$2,000.00	Northwest Iowa Community College
\$2,000.00	Clinton Community College
\$2,000.00	Scott Community College
\$2,000.00	Southeastern Community College
\$2,000.00	St. Ambrose University
\$2,000.00	University of Dubuque
\$2,000.00	University of Northern Iowa
\$2,000.00	Upper Iowa University
\$2,000.00	Wartburg College
\$2,000.00	William Penn University

# TOTAL AWARDED: \$100,565.00

## 2021-2022 Foundation Board Members

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Post #37  
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9th District

### American Legion Auxiliary Units & Districts

ALA Unit #149  
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### Other Donors & Organizations

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## Levels of Recognition for Donors

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

### The Booster Program

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

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**Statesman** - Donation between \$4,000 and \$4,999.

**Sponsor** - Donations between \$5,000 and \$9,999.

### The Pinnacle Program

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

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

**Patron** - Donations between \$50,000 and \$99,999.

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

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

**Silver Members** - Donations between \$250,000 and \$499,999.

**Gold Members** - Donations in excess of \$500,000.

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

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**Heath Stolee accepting the Legionnaire of the Year plaque from Larry Engelson. This photo by Ed Dorsey was printed in the July 21 edition of the South Hardin Signal-Review and used with permission.**



## 2021 Iowa Legionnaire of the Year

The Art McLaughlin Legionnaire of the Year winner went to Heath R. Stolee of Radcliffe, Iowa. Stolee is a member of American Legion Post #317 in Radcliffe. Stolee earned his membership through his service in the United States Army during the Persian Gulf Era.

Stolee assumed the office of Commander in this post in 2018. He began the project of campaigning for funds to either repair or replace the 70-year-old post which was in poor condition. Stolee organized a benefit concert with Iowa Country Artist, Jason Brown, and raised over \$100,000 which went towards demolishing the old post building and building a brand-new facility with other grants and fundraisers. The new post building was opened in the spring of 2021. In addition to a new post building, Stolee was also instrumental in starting an SAL Squadron for Radcliffe.

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 Heath Stolee and American Legion Post #317 for this award. Thank you, Heath, for exemplifying the spirit of Art McLaughlin and the American Legion.

## Photos from The Walk for Veterans





# Firefighter & Law Enforcement Officer of the Year



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 consider 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](http://www.ialegion.org/firefighter) or [www.ialegion.org/lawenforcement](http://www.ialegion.org/lawenforcement).

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



## 2021-2022 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 Iowa and Iowa Foundation.

### Contests:

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

1. Individual Legion Posts will forward one winning entry to their District Children and Youth Chairman, with signed Participation Application, postmarked by January 2, 2022.
2. District entries will be judged by the respective District Children and Youth Chairman, and sent to Department Headquarters, postmarked by January 22, 2022.
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.

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## Bob Waugh Elected New Department Commander

The American Legion Department of Iowa concluded with a newly elected Department Robert (Bob) Waugh. Commander Bob was born and raised in rural Selma, Iowa on the family's 60-acre farm with his 11 siblings.

He graduated from Fairfield High School in 1968. On August 26, 1969, he was inducted into the Army where he served 13.5 months with Co. C, 20th Engr.Bn. in the Central Highlands of Pleiku, South Vietnam. He is a 20-year member of John Hyson Renker Post #494 of Douds and is a Paid Up for Life Member. He has served as Commander, Adjutant, Chaplain and Membership Chairman at the post level. He has a great understanding of membership as he has been a critical part in bringing his post from 20 members 7 years ago to a current membership of 63. He is very active in the post as well as the community.

He has served as District Vice Commander, District Commander, Department Vice Commander, and on the Department Americanism Commission. He has also served on the Americanism and National Security Council at the national level.

Bob has been married to his wife Diane for 43 years and they have 2 children. His son Jeremy and wife, Lindsay have two children, Cleo, and Cypress. His daughter Jessica Orth and husband Clint also have two children, Kaylee and Geoffry.

Bob recently retired as a County Supervisor of 8 years after serving 7 years on the Fairfield School Board. He still drives a school bus (substitute) and enjoys his annual routine as Santa Claus.

Bob likes often states that he has a PhD in Common Sense from the University of Hard Knocks. That common sense has served and will continue to serve him well in the coming year.

**Commander Bob's Goals include: 100% membership in Iowa and increased post involvement in Americanism and Children & Youth programs.**

**Commander Bob's Project is raising funds for Department Headquarters in Des Moines that will go towards either renovating the current space or purchasing a new one.**

**The Homecoming for Commander Bob, Auxiliary President Doris Jackson, Sons Commander Mike Monserud, and newly elected Auxiliary Junior President will be held in Van Meter at Post #403 on September 12, 2021, from 1 - 4 PM.**

## Junior Shooting National Finals

On July 24 the finals of The American Legion Junior 3-Position Air Rifle National Championship was held in Colorado Springs, CO. The finalists in both the Sporter and Precision category fired 10 shots in standing position, shoulder-to-shoulder for the final round held in a converted Macy's building.

Two shooters from North MJROTC placed in the top ten in the Sporter event. They were: In 6th place, Tha Dah and in 9th place, Ayden Wells. Congratulations shooters on a job well done representing Iowa. Both competitors are students of Des Moines North in the MCJROTC program and sponsored by Highland Park American Legion Post #374 in Des Moines.

## 2022 Boys State Reservations

### \*\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

Department Headquarters will begin to take post reservations for the 2022 American Legion of Iowa Boys State Program soon. The dates next year have been set for Sunday, June 19 - Friday, June 24, 2022. Posts will need to make a post reservation online. Each Post Adjutant will receive information regarding the Post Reservation and Delegate Registration processes along with some changes. Please do not disregard this letter and information as it may delay your 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 Boys State Board of Directors voted to eliminate two different prices for Boys State. Beginning this year, and moving forward, Post Reservations will have a flat fee of \$250 per delegate.

### TIMETABLE AND DEADLINES

**October 2021** – Post Reservations open. A Post Chairman's Guide will be made available online to guide you through the candidate selection process.

**January 15, 2022** – Online only Delegate Registration opens. Instructions for candidates to register were provided to posts via email after they completed their online Post Reservation. Samsung Scholarship Applications will be made available through the National website once available.

**April 1, 2022** - Post Refund Request Deadline - Requests must be completed online at [www.ialegion.org/refunds](http://www.ialegion.org/refunds) no later than this date.

**April 1, 2022** - Delegate Registration Cut Off – This is the LAST day for candidates to register. No exceptions will be made for post or candidate negligence.

**March-May 2022** - District Orientations will take place (see Department website or your district's chairman for more details).

**June 19-24, 2022** - 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](http://www.ialegion.org/boysstate).

### Resources Available Online

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

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

## 2021-2022 High School Oratorical Contest

The Oratorical Contest will be underway very soon comprising of Local, County, District and Area Contests. The Department Finals will be held Sunday, February 13, 2022, in Des Moines during Mid-Winter Convention. The Department Finalist will advance to the National Contest April 22-24, 2022. 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](http://www.ialegion.org/oratorical).

**Completion dates for the contest are as follows:**

**Local Contests must be completed by December 5, 2021**

**County Contests must be completed by December 19, 2021**

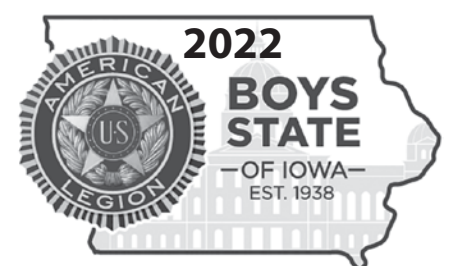
**District Contests must be completed by January 16, 2022**

**(top 2 contestants may advance to area)**

**Area Contests must be completed by January 30, 2022**

**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](mailto:programs@ialegion.org) | 800-365-8387 or visit [www.ialegion.org/oratorical](http://www.ialegion.org/oratorical).



## Membership Memo

***It's September! I'm not sure where 2021 has gone, but it's already time to pay your 2022 dues.***

The first renewal notices have been sent with the second coming soon, and if you notice inaccuracies, please let Department know. With the new system, there were a few glitches, but hopefully most of those have already been found.

And, since those notices have been sent, it's a great time to get your 2022 membership paid. It's also a great time to add some new people to your local Legion family.

If you are a Post or Squadron who transmits membership online, the new MyLegion has been up and going for a few months now. While not all the functionality of the previous MyLegion is in the new one at this time, membership processing should be available to use. You can always try submitting one member before trying a bigger transmittal. For information on processing membership online

for both the Post and Squadron, you can go to [ialegion.org/resources/](http://ialegion.org/resources/) to find the Membership Processing Manual Vol. 2. This is only available online, allowing us to make changes as needed throughout the year. You can also check out the Resources section in MyLegion for information.

If you still have a few stragglers, we can still process their 2021 payments. Just remember, if you are submitting multiple membership years for processing to Department, use separate checks and separate transmittals for the different years being submitted. This will help your membership clerk process everything in a timelier manner and make her day easier. (She'll also greatly appreciate it!)

I know there have been some changes lately, but we'll all work through it. If you have questions, I'm happy to try and help out when I can.

***Until next we chat, or you read my next note, remember to enjoy your fall, and keep that membership coming! It's going to be a great year.***

**Ann Haack, Membership Clerk**

## Department Membership

Randy Johnson, Chairman

### Membership,

**We're ALL in this together, and  
"Together Everybody Achieves More"  
(TEAM)**

We received our Membership Goal Briefing from National Headquarters, and our Dept of Iowa American Legion 2022 Membership Goal is 38,450. Each Post with 15 or more members will receive 1 membership added to their 2021 final membership. By now your District Leadership should have informed you of how we can make goal this year. Simply put, renew every Legion Family member, retain ALL Legion Family members, and recruit every potential Legion Family member.

38,450 memberships are written in stone. That number will not change. But how we get to that end number is extremely flexible. Being Visible and Being Heard is a sure fire way to gain members. We're hoping well advertised membership drives will help retain and gain us some memberships, but just as important, advertising membership drives is a really good way to spread Brand Awareness, and it's an opportunity to let the public know what we do. At a minimum try it. Dept Leadership, Dept Membership and Dept Marketing will use everything in our arsenal to help us grow, but ultimately, growing needs to happen from the grassroots at our Posts, Units, and Squadrons. If you come up with other ways to make target, let us all know. We're in this together and the ultimate goal for the whole organization is 100%.

We need to restore ENTHUSIASM in The American Legion – especially Membership.

It's time we take a strong look at how we do business and be critical when we fail. Stagnation has set in, we accept and reward less than 100%, and we've become complacent with our membership achievements. Stagnation alone is a killer for any organization, but once we become uncritical of our achievements, we've hit rock bottom. Our membership is the lowest it's been since 1941, and we are currently 2000 members shy of what the Dept of Iowa started with in 1919. We need to reverse the stagnation by getting involved, accept nothing less than a 100% effort, and take a real hard look at our achievements to be sure they are leading us in the right direction.

We need to create an Inclusive Environment. The success or failure to grow our memberships rests with our Legion Family Leadership. It's our leadership that will ensure all of our Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, Sons, and Riders gain the understanding that all of us need to be part of our membership growth, and without them we Will fail. This message is best conveyed from the districts as your role to communicate is paramount in working in close liaison with the Dept, Detachment, and your respective Posts, Units, Squadrons, and Chapters.

38,450 is OUR Legion goal. Get this information to every Dept of Iowa Legion Family member, and 38,450+ for our Legion is in our future. If we get the American Legion Family message out, our Posts, Units, and Squadrons will flourish for the first time in decades, and be well on their way to carry us into decades ahead. For God and Country. Let's Do This!

**Randy Johnson,  
Dept Membership Chair**

## 2020-2021 Membership Awards

### Post Membership Trophies

**RJ Laird:** #562 Cumming (+14)  
**BA Webster:** #425 Whittemore (+7)  
**CB Robbins:** #403 Van Meter (+7)  
**RA Meginnis:** #297 Center Point (+7)  
**Daniel F Steck:** #232 Polk City (+4)  
**BL Halligan:** #69 Osceola (+3)  
**Ray Murphy:** #176 Waverly (+10)  
**James F Barton:** #89 Pella (+10)  
**Service Club:** No winner

### Post Awards

**All-Time High:** Durant #430

### Commander's Membership Sweepstakes

1st Place Winner is #562 Cumming, 6th District (14 over)

### Commander's Sweepstakes Runner Up

#89 Pella, 6th District (10 over)

### District Membership Trophies

Spafford: 5th District and Centerville Post #214

### District Membership Awards

Watch: 5th District

### County Membership Awards (100%+)

No winner

## Boys State Wrap Up

The American Legion of Iowa Boys State completed its session at Camp Dodge. Since 1938, Boys State in Iowa has only been

cancelled twice. The first time was during World War II and the second was last year during the COVID-19 pandemic. While numbers were lower than usual, the Boys State administrators, counselors and staff rose to the challenge and finished strong.

Boys State is proud of the delegates that participated and finished the session. While all delegates should be listed, Boys State would like to recognize the following individuals on their selections and offices:

Isaac Martin (Cascade Post #528) was selected as Boys State Governor and Outstanding Citizen.

Joseph Olesen (Marion Post #298) was selected as Boys State Lt. Governor.

Caleb Spires (Dubuque Post #6) was selected to represent Iowa as Senator at Boys Nation.

Mathew Ulmer (Marion Post #298) was selected to represent Iowa as Senator at Boys Nation.

Nathan Steimel (West Des Moines Post #620) was selected as Iowa's Samsung Finalist.

Boys State looks forward to next year restriction free. To all the American Legion Post Adjutants, please be on the lookout for information regarding the 2022 session. There are a few changes to note in the letter regarding the program, and hopefully clarified information on the post reservation and delegate registration process.





**POST EVERLASTING  
FROM 4/1/2021 –  
8/1/2021**

**SPENCER #1**  
FRANK ZECH  
ERNEST BRUNS  
**COUNCIL BLUFFS #2**  
JAMES CURRIE  
BRIAN KIRLIN  
BILL CHAPMAN  
DANIEL MCKEOWN  
RAYMOND LUSTGRAAF  
GARY JOHNSON  
**OTTUMWA #3**  
BUDDY ERWIN  
DANIEL MILLARD  
GERALD STARBUCK  
JOHN LAPOINT  
**DUBUQUE #6**  
CYRIL FRIEDMAN  
JAMES HERRON  
DENNY MILLER  
ALFRED NAUMAN  
DONALD BRANDEL  
JOHN SJOBAKKEN  
JAMES LANGRIDGE  
**CARROLL #7**  
EUGENE PUDENZ  
JAMES STRAUTMAN  
VERLIN KENNEBECK  
**DENISON #8**  
ROBERT MEYER  
MELVIN HOLDSWORTH  
MICHAEL MCKEE  
**OELWEIN #9**  
DARWIN JACK  
VIDAL MENDEZ  
GERALD CLAYBURN  
JACQUELINE LENSING  
**JEFFERSON #11**  
WILLIAM SCHULZE  
**ANAMOSA #13**  
DONALD REKEMEYER  
STEPHEN ZIMMERMAN  
**SIGOURNEY #19**  
JOHN SIEREN  
**DAVENPORT #26**  
RICHARD PETTY  
ARTHUR PETERSEN  
ERNEST HILL  
JERRY RUEFER  
EVERETT SPRINGMEIER  
GARY BIFANO  
JOHN HEDGEPEETH  
**MUSCATINE #27**  
BASIL HANEY  
DON STURMS  
JACK BUNN  
HERBERT BRITCHER  
WAYNE SCHAAPVELD  
**INDEPENDENCE #30**  
SAM HIGGINS  
**LAKE CITY #31**  
ROBERT BROWN  
**RUTHVEN #33**  
ROBERT GRANGE  
**AMES #37**  
DENNIS JORDAN  
JUNIOR THRASHER  
NORMAN ECKARD

**NEW HAMPTON #38**  
ROBERT KAMRATH  
LEO RASING  
**FAIRFIELD #47**  
DON HALL  
**OGDEN #55**  
KEITH HUNTER  
**BOONE #56**  
LEE CAFFREY  
ROBERT BROWN  
**VINTON #57**  
WILLIAM BENSON  
**SIOUX CITY #64**  
JOHN OKONOSKI  
JOHN HARDIE  
**CHARTER OAK #66**  
DONALD KEIM  
**CORYDON #68**  
WAYNE TRIMBLE  
**OSCEOLA #69**  
ROBERT ARNOLD  
**SABULA #74**  
JAMES JACOBS  
**BLOOMFIELD #78**  
ROBERT FYE  
**CORRECTIONVILLE #79**  
FRANKLIN WIGAND  
**SHENANDOAH #88**  
DONALD PETERSON  
JOHN ANDERZHON  
RICHARD GRUBER  
**PELLA #89**  
WAYNE GREVING  
**ESTHERVILLE #91**  
FRANCIS ANDERSON  
**WESTGATE #92**  
RAY MAHONEY  
WILLIAM THOMPSON  
**ROCK RAPIDS #103**  
VERLYN VERMEER  
WILBERT VANGELDER  
**PLEASANTVILLE #108**  
LELAND VANDERLINDEN  
RONALD HALL  
**MANLY #110**  
ROBERT WILDER  
**NEWTON #111**  
BRUCE BRASSFIELD  
JUNIOR EKINS  
JAMES BRAND  
ROBERT DOERRING  
**KEOSAUQUA #113**  
WAYNE MILLER  
RODNEY ROBINSON  
RICHARD ELLIOTT  
**FONDA #114**  
ROBERT MERTENS  
**STORM LAKE #115**  
WAYNE ANDREWS  
**ONAWA #129**  
ROSS JOHNSON  
KEITH PAYNE  
KENNETH BURGESS  
**FT DODGE #130**  
EDMOND SVALESON  
GERALD SCHUMACHER  
**ALBIA #136**  
CHRIS ANDERSON  
WAYNE GLENN  
ELWOOD THARP

**WATERLOO #138**  
PATRICK TOVAR  
DENNIS KAMMERMAN  
WAYNE BURGER  
**GLENWOOD #141**  
JACK MCMANIGAL  
MICHAEL RUPE  
ROGER JACKSON  
JOHN ENDICOTT  
**TRAER #142**  
RICHARD COLEMAN  
HAROLD VORBA  
**SHELDON #145**  
HAROLD TUTTLE  
RON BAHRENFUSS  
DONNIE RANSOM  
**GRAETTINGER #162**  
THOMAS DONAHOE  
JAMES HAEGELE  
JIMMIE JACKSON  
RANDY JAMES  
KEN SMITH  
**DECORAH #163**  
WILLIAM RUDE  
EDWARD YOUNGBLOOD  
WILLIAM SCHUMAN  
**BEDFORD #164**  
BENNIE MANLEY  
**INDIANOLA #165**  
WILFORD ONEAL  
MELVIN HEROLD  
HARLAN HIRSCH  
ROBERT RAUENHORST  
WALTER WILLIAMS  
JAMES WOOD  
ODDIS MYERS  
LOUIS COOPER  
GERALD JOHNSON  
JOE CAMPOPIANO  
MICHAEL BAKER  
CHARLES GALLOWAY  
LARRY CAMPBELL  
**KNOXVILLE #168**  
LOREN ANDERSON  
JOHNNY BUBAN  
JAMES REYNOLDS  
DONALD ZOUTTE  
**MT AYR #172**  
JEFFREY COLLIER  
**CHARLES CITY #174**  
ROY FRANKE  
HAROLD HAUS  
**WAVERLY #176**  
LEWIS LEVICK  
**ELDORA #182**  
MARTIN KASISCHKE  
WILLIAM HAMALEU  
**WINTERSET #184**  
CHARLES GARRISON  
JIM HOCHSTETLER  
**IA FALLS #188**  
MICHAEL ANDERSON  
JERRY OMALIA  
LESTER DELLY  
**CLINTON #190**  
THORNTON WEAR  
RAYMOND KRACIUM  
EUGENE STEENSEN  
HENRY DIHLMANN  
JAMES HENDES  
ROBERT PURCELL

**WEBSTER CITY #191**  
CONSTANTINE DERMAND  
**NEWELL #193**  
ROBERT ELLRICH  
**SIOUX CNTR #199**  
BASIL VANDERHELM  
HENRY DOKTER  
**ELDON #206**  
HOWARD LYON  
**MONTICELLO #209**  
RALPH MULLER  
**WOODWARD #211**  
ARNOLD SLAUGHTER  
**CENTERVILLE #214**  
ROYAL SIMMONS  
JAMES CARTER  
**ATKINS #217**  
MELVIN KRUG  
**ARLINGTON #219**  
EUGENE LOOMIS  
**REMSEN #220**  
ROGER WILSON  
**DUNLAP #224**  
VERNON HAWN  
**HOLSTEIN #225**  
CLIFFORD FRIEDRICHSEN  
**AVOCA #227**  
ROBERT ANDERSEN  
HAROLD JENS  
**CORWITH #229**  
PHIL HUNGET  
**NORWAY #234**  
THOMAS NURRE  
CEDAR FALLS #237  
GORDON WALDON  
**LE MARS #241**  
RONALD VANGORKOM  
MARK LEEKLEY  
BILL EVANS  
RICHARD MANSFIELD  
**REINBECK #242**  
DONALD BOWN  
ERVIN PETERSEN  
GARY KARKOSH  
**CLARION #246**  
MARC LUNDE  
**FONTANELLE #247**  
KAY JENSEN  
**HAWARDEN #254**  
GLEN LONGHORN  
DUANE MEETHER  
RUDOLPH MARTINEZ  
JACK SCHURMAN  
LOWELL MERRILL  
KENNETH VANDERPLAS  
**GRENNFIELD #265**  
JOHN NOVY  
**BELLEVUE #273**  
DAVID SAVAGE  
ROBERT ENGELMAN  
LORIN HAGER  
LYNN KOHLENBERG  
RONALD MANGLER  
GEORGE SCHAUB  
CARL WEIMERSKIRCH  
WILLIAM VAUGHN  
MILTON WEBER  
**DES MOINES #274**  
ROBERT BULLARD  
ROY BOYD  
JOHN VOIGT

**LAWLER #279**  
IVAN JOHANNABER  
**MOULTON #280**  
LARRY WENDLAND  
**NEW VIRGINIA #281**  
ELMER VANBUREN  
**PARKERSBURG #285**  
NEIL GOLDHORN  
**HARLEY #288**  
HAROLD HOFTYZER  
DENNIS LETH  
DAVID SCHROEDER  
MICHAEL HIGGINS  
**PIERSON #291**  
GARY LOHSE  
**DEEP RIVER #296**  
MARION ELLIOTT  
**MARION #298**  
LORAS CALLAHAN  
RAY DAVIS  
**INWOOD #310**  
CORNIE FOLKERTS  
**ODEBOLT #313**  
HOWARD MENTZER  
WILLIAM OGREN  
**BRITT #315**  
CLIFFORD SMITH  
**ROCK VALLEY #321**  
GEROLD BURGERS  
**ORANGE CITY #329**  
ALDEN MENNING  
HALLARD DEJONG  
DAVID VANPEURSEM  
STANLEY VANOTTERLOO  
RODNEY VELLINGA  
WILLIAM VERDOORN  
LELAND DEHAAN  
DONALD LENDERINK  
MERLYN DYKSTRA  
**MCCALLSBURG #334**  
DALE MYERS  
**DYSART #335**  
JOHN ANDERS  
**FAYETTE #339**  
NEIL SCHWAKE  
JOHN PLEIS  
**JESUP #342**  
MICHAEL EDER  
**COON RAPIDS #357**  
ALVIN STORESUND  
**MONROE #363**  
ROBERT WORTH  
**LOWDEN #366**  
ROBERT HAMDORF  
**DES MOINES #374**  
RUSSELL DENT  
WILLIAM COULSON  
**MILFORD #384**  
THOMAS WRIGHT  
RANDY FRATZKE  
**ST OLAF #388**  
MILFORD KOHN  
LUVERNE KRAMBEER  
**AURELIA #390**  
ROYCE COUGILL  
JEFF HOBAN  
**CARLISLE #391**  
JERALD SCHNATHORST  
**SHELLROCK #393**  
CHARLES RENNING  
**STANTON #406**  
HAROLD GRASHORN

**EVERLY #414**  
MAYNARD HOLTZ  
**HOSPERS #423**  
DAVID RAAK  
**WHITEMORE #425**  
EARL BUTZ  
**DURANT #430**  
FREEMAN KAUFMANN  
RONALD ZIEHL  
**DOW CITY #444**  
RICHARD MCCOID  
**NEW SHARON #446**  
H THOMPSON  
KENNETH LAKE  
**SOLON #460**  
CHARLES DOWNS  
**MELVIN #470**  
STEVEN WACHTEL  
WILLIAM VIERHOUT  
**MILTON #483**  
LESTER WELLS  
**HORNICK #492**  
SAM HALLOWELL  
WAYNE MITCHELL  
**BAXTER #493**  
STEVEN FREDRICKSON  
**CASTANA #502**  
JERRY CARRITT  
**OSSIAN #503**  
CHARLES COVELL  
**FARNHAMVILLE #510**  
GERALD THOMAS  
LAURANCE HENDERSON  
**EDGEWOOD #512**  
ROGER SKATTUM  
DANIEL HANSEL  
**WEST BRANCH #514**  
JOHN LANGENHAN  
FRED SALES  
JAMES BUOL  
**MONONA #519**  
JULIUS DETTMANN  
**CASCADE #528**  
LEONARD MCCARTHY  
DAVID GASSMAN  
ROBERT OTTING  
ROBERT WOERDEHOFF  
EDWARD DOTTERWEICH  
RON KURT  
**DONAHUE #532**  
DALE LECLAIR  
MAX TAGUE  
**MINGO #534**  
JOHN OSBORN  
**ELLSTON #541**  
ALLYN JARRED  
**LONE ROCK #557**  
ROBERT MARLOW  
DENNIS HEERDT  
**CLARE #570**  
ALBERT KOLAR  
**FAIRFAX #572**  
GARRY JOSEPH  
**VARINA #588**  
KENNETH BRABEC  
**CRAWFORDSVILLE #593**  
WILLARD SANDS  
**PRESTON #602**  
DWAYNE DRISCOLL  
JAMES ROLING  
**WADENA #631**  
ROBERT CRANDALL

**MELCHER #632**  
LLOYD HEDRICK  
**EPWORTH #650**  
IRWIN HORSFIELD  
**DENVER #653**  
ARTHUR KURT  
THOMAS HICKS  
**FARLEY #656**  
LAURENCE SCHERRMAN  
**DES MOINES #659**  
H RICHARD URY  
JOSEPH PALMER  
NORMAN STEVENS  
**URBANDALE #663**  
VINCENT TRIGGS  
**RYAN #692**  
EDWARD COLEMAN  
DORANCE HOLUB  
**ARCADIA #694**  
MARVIN BRUCH  
LAVERNE WITTRICK  
**SIOUX CITY #697**  
LEON PFOTENHAUER  
GERALD BREYFOGLE  
M KNUDSON  
JOHN PRIESTLEY  
**BLUE GRASS #711**  
ROBERT BAENZIGER  
**NEVINVILLE #719**  
WALTER KESSLER  
JOSEPH PHILLIPS  
**GARNAVILLO #723**  
HAROLD MUELLER  
LEON BERNIS  
**IOWA #729**  
ROY KNIGHT  
JOHN HATTLE  
ROGER ANDERSON  
PAUL BIERET  
TED SWANSON  
RICHARD HANSON  
JOHN ANGLIN  
CHARLES GAHM  
HOWARD KEEL  
ROGER JOHNSON  
RONALD BEVER  
DANIEL GEERTS  
KENNETH EGGMAN  
GARY CARMAN  
AMOS SPOON  
LORAS JARDING  
PAUL VORTHMANN  
LEONARD CHMELICEK  
JOSEPH MILLARD  
LYLE HOLMES  
**DES MOINES #731**  
ROBERT PRATT  
**HIAWATHA #735**  
RICHARD OLMSTEAD  
**WAUKEE #737**  
PAUL EBERLEIN

**SQUADRON  
EVERLASTING FROM  
4/1/2021 – 8/1/2021**  
KENNETH HANSON  
ROBERT SPEAS  
JOHN HIGGINS  
BRIAN FERRIS  
BR IAN ROBERTS  
DALLAS DRUVENGA

**2021 Fall District Conferences (all in-person)**

**September 19, 2021**  
**District 8 - Fort Dodge**

**September 25, 2021**  
**District 9 - Spencer**

**October 2, 2021**  
**District 3 - Radcliffe**  
**District 7 - Anita**

**October 9, 2021**  
**District 1 - Durant**  
**District 2 - Marion**  
**District 4 - Elma**

**October 16, 2021**  
**District 6 - Dexter**

**October 23, 2021**  
**District 5 - Richland**

**October 31, 2021**  
**SAL - Des Moines**

For more details including hotel,  
banquet and hospitality if applicable,  
please visit:  
[www.ialegion.org/districtconferences](http://www.ialegion.org/districtconferences)





## Walk For Veterans

The American Legion of Iowa again participated in the annual Veterans Day Parade at the Iowa State Fair with the Walk for Veterans on Monday, August 16, 2021. Legion Family was well represented as Past Department Commander James B. Kessler (2019-2021) and Department Commander Robert "Bob" Waugh (2021-2022) led the yellow shirt walk carrying the Walk for Veterans banner with Auxiliary Executive Director Crystal Wright, and 7th District Commander Amy Muse. National Vice Commander Bruce Feuerbach, National Executive Committeeman Dennis Soppe, Past Department Commander Jim Peterson, and Past Department President Ann Crawford were also part of the early wave accompanying the banner. A couple Legion color guards preceded the group of yellow shirts proudly carrying the colors, including the Department Color Guard Champions from Durant Post #430. The Department of Iowa's Service Office drove the Department Adjutants' Van representing the organization. The Department Auxiliary's Van also drove down the concourse with Department Auxiliary President, Doris Jackson. In addition to the participants walking down the Grand Concourse, a handful Legion Posts, Units and Squadrons were also represented during the parade in various vehicles and floats.

The American Legion of Iowa provided information under a covered tent at the booth along the Grand Concourse. Representative Cindy Axne graciously stopped by the tent and greeted the Legion Family. Thank you to all the Legion Family volunteers who took the time to represent The American Legion Family by walking or helping at the canopy.

