

SERVICE FIRST

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri.-Thu., Aug. 27-Sep. 2, National Conv., Milwaukee, WI
 Mon., Sep. 13, 6:30 p.m. Dignified Flag Disposal Ceremony
 6:45 p.m. Auxiliary Executive Board meeting
 7:30 p.m. Post and Unit meetings
 Mon., Oct. 4, 6:45 p.m. Auxiliary Executive Board meeting
 7:30 p.m. Post and Unit meetings
 Thu., Oct. 21, 8:00 p.m. Bremer County Legion, Waverly
 Sat., Oct. 30, Third District Fall Conference, Ackley
 Mon., Nov. 1, 6:45 p.m. Auxiliary Executive Board meeting
 7:30 p.m. Post and Unit meetings

NATIONAL LEGION CONVENTION

The 92nd Annual National Convention of The American Legion will be Friday, August 27 to Thursday, September 2 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Eileen Behrens and Marvin Behrens will be attending as delegates from the Department of Iowa.

FLAG RETIREMENT

A Dignified US Flag Disposal Ceremony is planned before our September 13 meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. We would like to have good attendance and may ask the Scouts to participate. We have not had one for some time and it is about time for another one.

POST OFFICERS 2010-2011

Post officers for 2010-2011 were elected at the May Post meeting and will be installed at the beginning of the September Post meeting by Bremer County Commander David Lahmann.

Commander: Marvin Behrens
 First Vice Commander: Richard Miller
 Second Vice Commander: Lester Zelle
 Adjutant: Vern Oberheu
 Chaplain: Arnold Imbrock
 Finance Officer: Martin Heering
 Historian: Burton Boevers
 Service Officer: Brent Wightman
 Sergeants-at-Arms: Roger Anhalt and Leroy Wooff

We thank our 2009-2010 officers for a job well done. We welcome our incoming officers and pledge to support them to fulfill their duties.

BREMER COUNTY LEGION MEETING

The next meeting of the Bremer County Association of American Legion Posts is Thursday, October 21, 8:00 p.m., at the Waverly Post 176 Legion Hall, 208 Eighth Avenue Southwest, Waverly. All members of this Post are encouraged to attend.

THIRD DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY FALL CONFERENCE

The Third District Fall, 2010, Conference will be in Ackley, Saturday, October 30, 2010. The Elliot-Keninger Post and Unit 252, Ackley, are the hosts for the Conference. The events begin with registration and coffee at 7:30 a.m. The Legion meetings will be in the Legion Hall, 640 Main Street, and the Auxiliary meetings and the noon luncheon will be at the Ackley Country Club, 902 Eighth Avenue.

Noon luncheon reservation deadline is Tuesday, October 19, 2010. The Lunch tickets are \$8.00 each. Mail your reservations to American Legion Post 252, PO Box 91, Ackley, IA 50601-0091. Make your checks payable to *Ackley American Legion Post 252* and

write *luncheon ticket* on the memo line. Payment must be sent with the reservation.

District Commander Bill Scallon will host a hospitality at the Legion Hall, 640 Main Street, Ackley, Friday evening, October 29, 2010, 4:00-8:30 p.m.

Friday night lodging is available at **Super 8**, 839 South Oak Street, Iowa Falls, 641-648-4618, or **AmericInn**, 810 South Oak Street, 641-648-4600.

VETERANS TRIBUTE SERVICE

A brief Memorial Service will be held at the Veterans Tribute beginning at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 11, led by our American Legion Post 176 this year. The community is invited to participate. In case of bad weather, the event will be moved to the Junior High auditorium.

MEMBERSHIP DINNER

The dinner will be at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, November 13. We need to decide at our September meetings the location and how the dinner will be paid.

Our participants in Boys State, Girls State, and Oratorical will be our guests and report on their experiences. Their parents are also invited to accompany them. In addition, Third District leaders and Department leaders are invited as our guests. A short program may be included.

AUXILIARY NOTES

Membership

Membership for 2010 is 118 as of April 28, 100.85% of goal. Membership goal for our unit is 117.

Open House--District and Department

Sun., Sep. 12, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Marilyn Block, Department President, Reception at the Liberty American Legion Hall, 28 Court Square, Pocahontas, Iowa.

Sun., Sep. 19, 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Amber Conklin, Department Junior President, Open House at Denver Library/Community Center, 100 Washington Street, Denver, Iowa. (introduction of family at 1:30 p.m.)

Sun., Oct. 3, 1:30-4:00 p.m. Robin Willits, District President, Open House at the Conrad American Legion Post 681 Hall, 102 1/2 East Center Street, Conrad, Iowa.

District President's Projects

District President Robin Willits' projects for this year are (1) for the Iowa Veterans Home: two Chippendale Glider Chairs, two Chippendale Chairs with Wide Slat Body Contour Seats, and one Round End table for a total of \$1,260.00; and American Legacy Scholarship Fund for another \$1,540.00 for a total of \$2800.00. Contributions may be made through your local Unit or sent to Third District Treasurer LaDonna Jorges, 614 First Avenue Southwest, Hampton IA 50441-2107. For more information check with your Unit president.

Auxiliary Projects

1. Save grocery coupons. They must be national coupons, but most cannot be used more than six (6) months beyond the expiration date. They should be for food, household, and baby items. They are sent to various military installations for use by military personnel. These coupons can be used in the commissary on double coupon days and are a tremendous help to supplement allotments.

2. Canceled postage stamps are again being collected and sent to a veterans' treatment facility where processing them is part of a therapy program.

3. Save soda (pop) can tabs for the Ronald McDonald houses in our area.

4. Save "Courtesy" items. These include such things as soap bars, lotions, shampoo, etc. placed in hotel/motel rooms. These are distributed to other facilities that can use them.

POST MEMBERSHIP

The target for our post for 2011 is 156. On August 20 our membership was 70, 44.87% of target. Dues are \$30.00 per year. Please pay yours as soon as possible.

LIT RENEWAL TIME

Current Legionnaire Insurance Trust NO COST \$1,000.00 Accidental Death coverage expires after August 31, 2011. To continue it or enroll in it through August 31, 2016, you must complete and mail the enrollment card given or sent to you with your 2011 membership card. Don't delay!

In order to keep your coverage in effect at all times you must be a member in good standing. This means renewing your annual membership before January 1 of the membership year. (Any Post holding dues payments beyond that deadline becomes the default insurer until the dues are properly forwarded.)

OPERATION TROOP SUPPORT

Operation Troop Support is a program of The Iowa American Legion Family developed to assist Iowa Guardsmen and Iowa Reservists and their families during active duty deployment and after deactivation. See the homepage at www.ialegion.org for more information.

Some of us have attended troop send-off events late July and early August. We pray for their safety and safe return when we welcome them home later next year. Let us dedicate ourselves to the care of their families while they are deployed and to their welfare after they return. We must also be ready for those who will soon be coming home from Iraq.

WINTER MEETING TIME?

Meeting times are always problems. Recently some have suggested changing to daytime from December to February to avoid nighttime travel. We are conducting an informal survey to find an alternate time arrangement.

If you are a Unit or Post member, send your suggested time to the commander by September 10. The address is: Marvin Behrens, 320 8th Ave. NW, Waverly, IA50677-1548.

A joint committee will survey the results and make some recommendations.

WAVERLY AREA VETERANS POST REPORT

A meeting was held Tuesday, August 3, at the Centre. Fundraising was explained and pledge material was handed out. For updates and more information visit the website www.waverlyvets.us website and check the home page.

DEPARTMENT SYMBOLS, SLOGANS AND PROJECTS

The Auxiliary symbol is the Lighthouse.

The Legion slogan for the year is "Service Before Self" The Auxiliary theme is "Our Light Shines For Veterans."

Department Commander Jerry Sebben's projects are (1) Iowa American Legion Foundation, and (2) Operation Comfort Warriors.

Department Auxiliary President Marilyn Block's projects are (1) needs at the Iowa Veterans Home, (2) a special activity at Junior Camp, and (3) the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

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OTHER CALENDAR OBSERVANCES

September 11 Patriot Day

September 16 The American Legion Day

October 12 Columbus Day