

# Soldier & Citizen

*A Monthly Newsletter Published Free For Our Members*

Issue 4

American Legion #26 702 West 35th Street Davenport, Iowa 52806

April 2013

## The Commanders View

Hi Legionnaires at Post #26.,

American Legion Post #26 is working diligently collecting 2013 Membership dues. Currently we are at 89.12 % right now. The Post would like to be at 100% soon.

American Legion Post # 26 is going to be sending five boys to Boys State, June 9-14, 2013. Then in July the Boys who attended Boys State will be invited to the July membership meeting to talk about their experience and participation in the Boys State Competition.

The Department Leadership School will be held May 31-June 2, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Des Moines, Iowa. The school is open to any American Legion member seeking to increase his or her knowledge of the organization.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> District Golf tournament will be held at Bellevue, Iowa on August 16-17, 2013. More information will be announced about this event.

Glenn Kimmerle  
Commander  
American Legion Post #26



## ADJUTANT'S COMMENTS

Well, Spring Is almost here; somebody needs to tell that to the Weatherman!!! Don't know about you, but I for one am really tired of snow and cold. But, despite the weather post activities and events are moving forward. Your Post Honor Guard has carried out Military Honors for some 22 deceased Veterans in February and March. Regardless of weather, we continue to have between 10 and 14 members show up for these services – THANK YOU!!!!

Our Scouting units continue to grow and are very active. Cub Pack 373 had their Blue & Gold Dinner at the post in February and Troop 103 had some 70 Scouts, leaders and family at the Court of Honor and Spaghetti dinner in March, at the post home. It takes many dedicated parents and leaders to make a successful program.

Progress is being made on turning our hallway walls into show pieces featuring the various battles and wars fought by our veterans, during WWII; Korea; Vietnam; 1<sup>st</sup> Gulf War and Iraq and Afghanistan. An overall plan is being developed with the help of Jeremy Collins of Signs Now.

We would like to extend a hearty welcome to the Illowa Detachment of the Marine Corps League, who has voted to make Post #26 their home as well. They will meet in the Lounge Area on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 1900 hours; that's 7:00 p.m. for all you non-Marines. Their first big event will be the annual SOS Dinner, scheduled for June 29, 2013, with dinner and auction open to the public.

Our Auxiliary will be holding their annual Poppy Days on May 10 & 11 this year, and are asking the post members for assistance in this once a year fund raising activity. If you have a couple of hours you would like to donate to assist the ladies on either of these days, please let Andrea or Jeannette know at the office. They will be manning the doors at the local HyVee, Walgreens and Fareway.

Our Pancake Breakfasts continue to do well, with between 200 & 300 people attending on the first Sunday of the month, from 7:00 \_ 11:00 a.m. Only \$7.00 for all you can eat!! We could use a little extra help, such as some one to cook up the scrambled eggs, or someone to assist in keeping the buffet line stocked, [it's only one day a month!!]. I would like to thank the Military Explorers and their leadership for helping out each month. These kids help with dishes, stocking the line, cleaning tables and whatever else is asked of them. Thank you – you really make a difference!!

The nominating committee for the year 2013 – 2014 will be appointed this next month, to help nominate our post officers for the coming year. If you would like to run for any of the offices of the post please let us know! If asked by one of the nominating committee to fill a slot, please seriously consider serving! Our post is only as strong as its' active membership. Help us keep growing!! [It only hurts a little!!].

Respectfully submitted:  
Allan Johnston, Adjutant





## CHAPLAINS COMMENTS

### A TENDER CONSCIENCE

Having a tender conscience { EPHESIANS 4:32 } is equivalent to having a tender conscience, and tenderness of conscience is vital to being used by God.

It is dangerous to become hard-hearted and to develop a seared conscience, if we do, we cannot really tell if we are doing anything wrong or not. One way we develop a tender conscience is being quick to repent and avoid excuses when God convicts us of something.

When God shows us we did something wrong, we need to say, "You are right, Lord, I am wrong, there is no excuse, so please forgive me and help me not to do it again."

It is amazing how much that will help us to have a tender conscience toward God. When we start trying to reason things out and make excuses for our wrongs, we start getting a little callous.

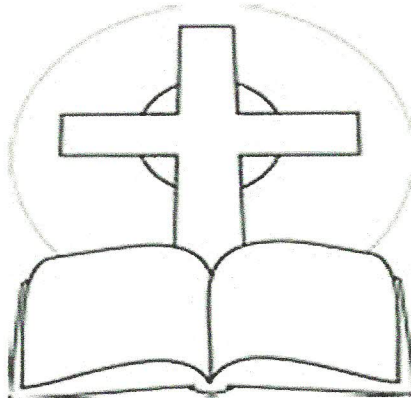
We must remember that God does not care how gifted or talented we are, His primary concern is our heart attitude. If we have willing hearts, stirred-up hearts, wise hearts, perfect hearts, and tender a conscience, the devil's plan for destruction is destroyed because then nothing can stop us from being used by God.

EPHESIANS 5: 1-2 tells us that our best role model is God and that we are to imitate Him.

GOD'S LOVE; PEACE and BLESSINGS.

Chaplain Don

APRIL is CHILDREN and YOUTH MONTH



## Post Officers

Commander  
Vice-Commanders  
  
Adjutant  
Chaplain  
Finance  
Judge Advocate  
Historian  
Sgt at Arms  
Service Officer  
Honor Guard Commander

Glenn Kimmerle  
Dale Chrysler  
Marlene Marolf  
Allan Johnston  
Don Heister  
Bill MacDougal  
Terry Dell  
Wil Ensenat  
Ron Mueller  
Dave Woods  
Nick DeBolt



### Funerals Conducted March

Albert Meeke  
Albion Holst  
Ben Lorenzen  
Clifton Peterson  
Eber J. Leonard  
German Lee Gibbs  
Jack Pond  
John Dickinson  
John Goodall  
LeRoy Kline  
Richard Rode  
Walter Maehr

**Let us always remember our  
fallen soldiers and what leg-  
acy they leave behind.**

### Chaplain's Message

If anyone knows of a Legion member that may be ill or in the hospital, please contact Chaplain Don Heister. He would like to pay a visit to offer spiritual guidance. You may reach Chaplain Heister at 563-445-8648.

### **\*\*\*Pancake Breakfast\*\*\***

Post 26 is holding it's Pancake Breakfast on the first Sunday of each month. The hours are 7:00 am to 11:00 am.

### **Menu**

Pancakes, Scrambled eggs, Sausage Links, Potatoes and Biscuits and Gravy.

Coffee, Juice and Milk

\$7.00 for adults. This is open to the public.

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### **New Bar Hours**

Barroom and kitchen are now open to membership and the public.

The hours of operation are:

**Wednesdays—5:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**\$1.25 Drafts**

Legion Post 26 Events, US Holidays

May 2013 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			Bingo Starts At 6:00		Turners Meeting 11	NO RENTALS
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Cinco de Mayo 7 am - Breakfast	6pm - SAL Mtg @	6pm - Tiger Den Mtg	Bingo Starts At 6:00	40 & 8 Meeting @ Liederfeld Meeting	NO RENTALS	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day	6pm - Membership		Bingo Starts At 6:00			7 am - Honor Flight 3pm - Katie Corbin
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
11 am - Fire Rescue	5pm - Executive	6pm - Tiger Den Mtg	Bingo Starts At 6:00	7pm - Marine Corps		
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Memorial Day		Bingo Starts At 6:00 John F. Kennedy's			



Legion Post 26 Events, US Holidays

Apr 2013 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 April Fool's Day	2	3 Bingo Starts At 6:00	4 5:30pm - Cub Scouts	5 Turners Meeting 11 5pm - Nick Tarchinski Rehersal Dinner @	6 NO RENTALS
7 7am - Breakfast	8 6pm - Membership	9 6pm - Tiger Den Mtg	10 Bingo Starts At 6:00 7pm - Armed Forces	11 40 & 8 Meeting @ Liederfeld Meeting	12 5pm - Scott Harper	13
14 11am - Fire Rescue	15 Tax Day 5pm - Executive	16	17 Bingo Starts At 6:00	18	19	20 7am - Honor Flight
21	22 Earth Day	23 6pm - Tiger Den Mtg	24 Bingo Starts At 6:00 6pm - VVA Mtg @	25 7pm - Marine Corps	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

## Membership

Please Help! We have several members that are not current on their membership dues that have more than 10 years membership. If you are aware of any special circumstances with these members please contact me.

We're closing the gap but we have a ways to go, and please keep in mind all the good that the legion supports in our community.

Marlene Marolf, Membership Chairperson



## Sons Of the American Legion Squadron 26

Attention Squadron 26 members we are trying to Rejuvenate the S.A.L. We would like to see some interest in Keeping the Sons active. There is a meeting scheduled for May 6th at 7:00 pm at the post. The agenda will be to meet all the members and get acquainted and get your thoughts and ideas. Please Attend! I would like to meet with you.

Neal C. Riede  
District 2 Sons of the American Legion Advisor  
Adjutant, Squadron 26

Ph. (563) 323-5032  
Email: [popsncr@aol.com](mailto:popsncr@aol.com)

Would also like to  
on the Bowling



find out more info  
Team.

## VA Coordinator

Anyone needing help with a claim or information about the VA you may contact Dave Woods at :

(563)326-8723

## Newsletter

If you are going to a warmer climate for the winter, please do not forget to stop your news letter. We mail at a bulk mailing rate and the post Office will not forward this type of mail.

Any mail returned to us will cost the post \$0.44 plus the original cost of mailing.

It is the responsibility of the member to notify us. We can not start and stop automatically.

## Veteran's Status

On 01/15/2013, the Iowa Dept of Transportation and Iowa Dept of Veteran Affairs have made it possible to have " VETERAN", placed on your Iowa Driver License, only when it is up for renewal. I say again only when it is up for renewal.

You will need to pick a form up from the driver license office and bring it into the Scott County Veteran Affairs office, along with your DD 214, discharge papers, to have it cleared and signed off by the Veteran Affairs officer.

You should make an appointment to bring that DD 214 to my office so that you will not have to wait while I am working with another Veteran.

**The office # is 563-326-8723.**

## Bingo News

We are in need of Volunteers for our Bingo Operation. We accept anyone, if you have 1 to 2 hours or perhaps you can't sleep come out and help us clean-up the hall any time is appreciated we are also looking for a back up Cashier. Please Let me Know?

Dave Jones— 563-570-0154



## Auxiliary Newsletter

Unit 26

March 2013

The meeting was opened by President Andrea Kimmerle and prayer by Thea Welke. The Pledge Allegiance was recited and also the Preamble to the constitution of the Auxiliary.

We had two guests: 2<sup>nd</sup> District President, Rhonda Riede and Peggy Dykes. Peggy works for an area Agency on Aging called Generations. She told us what they do for the community. Generations has a lot of Useful information available. Peggy's # is 563-484-3147. Shirley made the motion to donated \$100 to Generations; it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dorothy and motion carried.

March 28<sup>th</sup> is Spring Conference in Dixon, IA. 2<sup>nd</sup> District Spring conference is April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Wild Rose Casino, Clinton, IA. The meal is \$15 each.

The Meet and Greet meeting will be in Oxford Junction for girls who have been to Girls State and the ones going this year. This is May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. May 4<sup>th</sup> is 2<sup>nd</sup> District Friendship Dinner at DeWitt, IA.

May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> are poppy days. The poppy letters will be sent out in April. Sue Himes will be making our Basket for the Ways and Means, for 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

We have sent \$202,000 in coupons to our veterans overseas. We have ¾ of a box of pop tab, I

Want to thank you all who have helped with the projects of the Auxiliary.

Our membership is at 152 now, Our Goal is 170. Please help me ladies, so we can make or Goal.

Our next meeting is April 16<sup>th</sup>; lunch is at 12:00 and meeting at 1:00. Be sure to bring a can good for the food pantry.

Carletta had her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday this month. Quarter awards went to Shirley Plumb, Syvvena Letts, and Rhonda Riede.

Prayer by Thea Welke

Meeting adjourned by President Andrea Kimmerle.

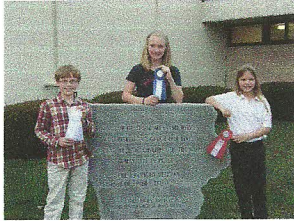
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Secretary Carletta Campbell.



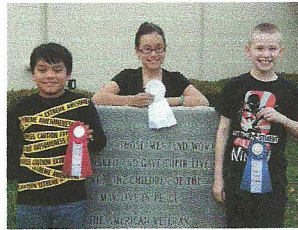


## 5th Grade Flag Essay Contest

During this first year of implementation, 57 students from two schools namely, All Saints Catholic and Monroe Elementary participated in the Contest. Of the 57 students who participated we had 6 winners 3 from each school and of those 6 winners we had 1 student go to the district level.



Will Rolfstadt, Stephanie Gulasey, and Brileigh McCumsey



Elijah Yzaguirre, Mara Nguyen, and



Elijah Yzaguirre, Mara Nguyen, Teacher Dawn Ramos, And Jordan Elliot



Will Rolfstadt, Mara Nguyen, Brileigh McCumsey, Post 26 Larry Flathman, Elijah Yzaguirre, Stephanie Gulasey and

### 2013—2014 Post Officer Nominations

Hi, I am Don Dorrance, a member of the Post Officer Nomination Committee for the 2013/2014 year that begins on August 1, 2013. Also on the committee is Jerry Dykes and Rennie Waech.

The annual election of the Post Officers will take place at the July 8, 2013 Membership meeting.

If you want to be learn more about a particular Officer position and/or be considered for nomination to a Post Officer position, please email or call one of us listed below indicating the Officer position you are interested in.

Thank you,

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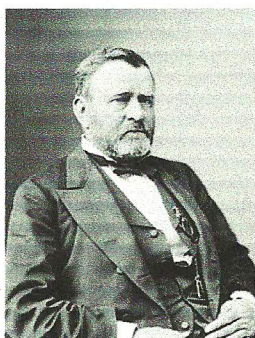
Office Hours  
9:00 am till noon  
Weekdays

Membership Meetings  
2nd Monday of the Month  
Dinner—6:00pm [\$5.00]  
Meeting follows

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## Ulysses S Grant

**Ulysses S. Grant** (born **Hiram Ulysses Grant**; April 27, 1822 – July 23, 1885) was the 18th President of the United States (1869–1877) following his highly successful role as a war general in the second half of the Civil War. Under Grant, the Union Army defeated the Confederate military; having effectively ended the war and secession with the surrender of Robert E. Lee's army at Appomattox.<sup>[1]</sup> As president he led the Radical Republicans in their effort to eliminate all vestiges of Confederate nationalism and slavery. Upset over uncontrolled violence in the South and having desired to protect African American citizenship, President Grant effectively destroyed the Ku Klux Klan in 1871.<sup>[2]</sup> Grant was the first President to establish Civil Service reform having created a two-year federally funded Civil Service Commission in 1871.<sup>[3]</sup> In terms of foreign policy, Grant revealed an "unexpected capacity for deliberation and consultation" that promoted the national interest.<sup>[4]</sup> His reputation was marred by his repeated defense of corrupt appointees, and by America's first industrial age economic depression (called the "Panic of 1873") that dominated his second term.<sup>[5]</sup> Although his Republican Party split in 1872 with reformers denouncing him, Grant was easily reelected. By 1875 the conservative white Southern opposition regained control of every state in the South and as he left the White House in March 1877 his policies were being undone.

A career soldier, he graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and served in the Mexican–American War. When the Civil War began in 1861, Grant trained Union volunteer regiments in Illinois. In 1862, as a general he fought a series of battles and was promoted to major general after forcing the surrender of a large Confederate army and gaining control of Kentucky and most of Tennessee. He then led Union forces to victory after initial setbacks in the Battle of Shiloh, earning a reputation as an aggressive commander. In July 1863, after a long, complex campaign, Grant defeated five uncoordinated Confederate armies (capturing one of them) and seized Vicksburg. This famous victory gave the Union full control of the Mississippi River, split off the western Confederacy, and opened the way for more Union triumphs. After another win at the Battle of Chattanooga in late 1863, President Abraham Lincoln made him lieutenant general and commander of all of the Union Armies. As commanding general of the army, Grant confronted Robert E. Lee in a series of very bloody battles in 1864 known as the Overland Campaign that ended with the bottling up of Lee at Petersburg, outside the Confederate capital of Richmond. During the siege, Grant coordinated a series of devastating campaigns launched by William Tecumseh Sherman, Philip Sheridan, and George Thomas. Finally breaking through Lee's trenches, the Union Army captured Richmond in April 1865. Lee surrendered his depleted forces to Grant at Appomattox as the Confederacy collapsed. Although pro-Confederate historians attacked Grant as a ruthless butcher who won by brute force, most historians have hailed his military genius.<sup>[6]</sup>