



SOLDIER & CITIZEN

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter free for our Members

American Legion Post #26

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Davenport Post #26 2013—2014 Officers

Commander	Glenn Kimmerle
V. Commander	Marlene Marolf
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Adjutant	Allan Johnston
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Chaplain	Don Heister
Judge Advocate	Terry Dell
Finance	Bill MacDougall
Historian	Chris Ekstrom
Service Officer	Dave Woods

Executive Board

Tom Kirsch	Wil Ensenat
Roger Dell	Joe Seier
Rod DeBlicek	Larry Flathman

Commander Appointments

Honor Guard	Nick Debolt
Business Manager	Terry Dell
Bingo	Dave Jones
Membership	Marlene Marolf
Boy State	Tom Kirsch
Scholarships	Oscar Hawley
Website	Dave Jones
Newsletter	Dave Jones
Building Committee	Roger Dell


Upcoming Months' Events

Dec

Holiday Donor Blood
Drive Month

- Dec 3, 6– 7:30 pm Pack Mtg
- Dec 3, E Board Mtg
- Dec 4 - Bingo
- Dec 5, 6 - 9 pm Military Explorer's
Christmas Party
- Dec 11 - Bingo
- Dec 9 - Membership Mtg 6 pm
- Dec 10 - Tiger Den 6:30 pm
- Dec 18 - Bingo
- Dec 25 - No Bingo
- Dec 12 - Marine Corps League
Nov 27 - Bingo
- Dec 25, 9 am - 6 pm Gaul
Family Reunion

***** Remember - Always Check the Website for additional Calendar Entries, as we only have a limited amount of space. *****

<p align="center"><u>Schedule of Events</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Jan</u></p> <p>Jan 1 No Bingo Jan 2, 6 - 8 pm Scout Pack Mtg Jan 5, 7 - 11 am Breakfast Jan 7, 5 pm E - Board Mtg Jan 8, 6 pm Bingo Jan 9, 6 - 8 pm Tiger Den Mtg Jan 13, 6 pm Membership Mtg Jan 15, 6 pm Bingo Jan 22, 6 pm Bingo Jan 23, 7 pm Marine Corp League</p> <p align="center"><u>Feb</u></p> <p>Feb 4 Eboard Mtg 5pm Pack 373 Mtg 6-8 pm Feb 5 Bingo 6pm Feb 7 Trivia For Vets 4pm - ? Feb 12 Bingo 6pm Feb 13 Tiger Den Mtg 6pm Feb 15 Cub Scout's Blue & Gold Dinner 3pm Feb 19 Bingo 6pm Feb 20 Stand Down Homeless Vets 9 am - 5 pm Feb 21 Ryan Trivia 4 pm Feb 26 Bingo 6 pm Feb 27 Marine Corps League 7 pm</p>	<p align="center"><u>Post Everlasting</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Funerals Conducted October</u></p> <p>Charles Jennings Frank Bailey Fred Wennlund James Good John Allen Robert Steen Russell Carrol Tom Duffy Wilbur Kimball Wm. Case</p> <p align="center">Let us always remember our fallen soldiers and what legacy they leave behind.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Newsletter Editor Change</u></p> <p>Dear Members,</p> <p>I want to thank you for all your support over the last 31/2 years that I have editor of the Newsletter. I am not leaving the post, I am just down sizing some of the duties that I am currently working on.</p> <p>The new editor, is going to be our Post Historian Chris Ekstrom and I would like you to give him the support you have given to me. He will be starting the January Newsletter. You can Reach him at his email address:</p> <p>chrisaekstrom@gmail.com</p>
	<p align="center"><u>Chaplain's Message</u></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Again thank you for your Support.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Dave Jones American Legion Post 26, Newsletter Editor</p>
	<p align="center"><u>VA Coordinator</u></p> <p>Anyone needing help with a claim or information about the VA you may contact Dave Woods at :</p> <p align="center">(563)326-8723</p>	

<p align="center"><u>BINGO</u></p> <p>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</p>	<p align="center"><u>PANCAKE BREAKFAST</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p align="center">Menu</p> <p>Pancakes, Scrambled eggs, Sausage Links, Potatoes and Biscuits and Gravy. Coffee, Juice and Milk \$7.00 for adults. This is open to the public.</p>
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Auxiliary Newsletter

Unit 26

December 2013

Meeting was opened by President Andrea Kimmerle.
Prayer was given by Syvena Letts, Chaplain.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited as was the Preamble to the Auxiliary Constitution.
Fourteen members were present.
The Secretary's report was read and approved, The Treasurer was absent.

A moment of silence was held for Annetta Henry. We have a full box of pop tabs. We sent \$110,200 worth of coupons. Members brought in two full tables of winter gloves and hats. It was decided to give these items to students at Monroe, Jefferson and Buchanan schools. Marsha volunteered to deliver the hats and gloves.

Shirley sent info to the Bugler outlining our unit's activities.

The November bake sale brought in \$28 with Kay being the only baker. Kay brought in fleece for ten blankets which will be distributed at the February Stand Down.

Rhonda reviewed the 2nd District Fall Conference. She will be attending a Membership Rally on Saturday in Ankeny.

December 1 will be a bake sale during the breakfast at the Legion. The Christmas Party will be December 17. Ruth made a motion that we have lunch at Dynasty Buffet on Elmore Avenue. Kay seconded, Motion carried. We will meet at Dynasty at 11:30 am. Bring a \$10 gift to participate in the gift exchange.

Membership is at 136. Ruth passed out a list of active duty service members. We are to send Christmas cards to them. Ruth reported on the "Molly's Adopt a Sailor" packing day held on October 20. A total of 76 boxes were packed. A Navy mom from Chicago had the check for postage and took the boxes to her post office to mail them. Kay reported that the Walgreens she spoke with would provide items for troop shipments if they have one month notice.

New Member Evelyn 'Evie' Plambeck was introduced.

Kay will take over the responsibility of sending greeting cards to members. Her business phone number is 309-736-7472. Contact her if a card is needed.

Quarter awards: Kay, Rhonda, Marian
Meeting adjourned by Andrea Kimmerle.
Prayer was given by Syvena Letts, Chaplain.

Respectfully Submitted,

For God and Country, Thea Welke, Secretary



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

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Christmas Tree History

The tradition of having an evergreen tree become a symbol of Christmas goes back past recorded written history.

The Druids in ancient England & Gaul and the Romans in Europe both used evergreen branches to decorate their homes and public buildings to celebrate the Winter Solstice. Over the years, these traditions were adopted by Christians, who incorporated them as part of their Christmas holiday celebration.

Trees used specifically to celebrate Christmas are mentioned in the early 1600's in Germany and surrounding countries. The families would set up these trees in a prominent location of their home and decorate them with colored paper, small toys, food, and sometimes candles. As these people moved or immigrated to other countries, they brought this tradition with them

Through the years many different things were used to decorate Christmas trees. As the world moved into the 1900's, many trees were decorated with strings of popcorn, homemade cards and pictures, cotton to look like snow, candy in all shapes and sizes, and occasionally, fancy store made glass balls and hand blown glass figurines. Candles were sometimes used, but often caused devastating fires, and many different types of candle holders were devised to try to prevent tree fires. Electric tree lights were first used just 3 years after Thomas Edison has his first mass public demonstration of electric lights back in 1879. The early Christmas tree lights were handmade and quite expensive.

Today, Christmas tree ornaments can be found in nearly every size, color, and shape imaginable, and they are used to decorate the millions of Christmas trees used throughout the world.