

# Soldier & Citizen

*A Monthly Newsletter Published Free For Our Members*

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## The Commanders View

Hi Legionnaires at Post #26.,

Wednesday January 16th, 2013, I was reading the newspaper and it caught my attention. I started to read the article about a Davenport man honored in Poland. As I read the article, I realized he is member of our American Legion Post #26 and his name is Jim Schaefer.

I am going to put this news article under the glass on the counter in the Legion office for anyone who wants to read the Article.

February- Americanism Month

Remember observance of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington birthdays.

Just a reminder that the Post #26 Membership Chairperson is still working on 2013 membership dues. We would like for our membership to be at 100%.

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

Glenn Kimmerle  
Commander  
American Legion Post #26

## ADJUTANT'S COMMENTS

Wow!! - - Here it is the end of January already, and I'm still writing 2012 on my checks. Time to get caught up!! Speaking of getting caught up - let's talk a bit on membership. As we all know, this is the life blood of any organization, and yet no one likes to mention it. As of today, we have 640 members paid for year 2013, with still 114 of our last year's members still waiting to renew, even though their cards expired on 12/31/2012!!! WHY?? This is as good a time as any to get your card out of the wallet and see if it says 2013 - - if it doesn't, you're no longer a member. Don't lose out on your membership benefits, our numbers decrease and hurt when National talks with Congress on Veteran assistance, and so on - - .Let's get that 100% mark for this year!!!!

The Boys State information and Scholarship applications will be going out to the schools shortly. If you have children or grand-kids in the Davenport High Schools, make sure they are aware of these opportunities. Boys State is in June, and is for current high school juniors, scholarships of course are for graduating seniors.

This years' Oratorical contest is progressing well, with our candidate, Olivia Grubbs, winning the district and Area II and going on to the Department contest in February. We're hoping to keep our string of state champions going!!!

You're Post #26 is the proud sponsor of two Scouting units, Troop 103 and Pack 373. Wil Ensenat was selected as our Scouting representative to the Scout Council and each of the respective units. Pack 373 recently had their Pinewood Derby, at the post, and understand they are up to some 30 members. Congratulations!!

The Posts' Honor Guard had a little bit of a vacation over the Christmas Holidays, But now, the phone is starting to ring again. Have had 5 requests yesterday, with two being post members - - Ronald Disney and Tony Belton.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> District Spring Conference is coming up fast. It is scheduled for April 6, 2013 at the Wild Rose Casino in Clinton. Rooms have been blocked at both the Wild Rose and the Hampton Inn, but reservations need to be made soon! Hospitality night is on Friday April 5, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. reservation forms are available at the Post.

Pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday February 3 from 7:00 - 11:00 a.m.. Just \$7.00 - all you can eat! Also that evening, your post will host a night of football, for the Super Bowl Game. Bar will be open along with a burger-taco bar. Join us for a night of fun and fellowship. Crying towels will be available for all of us Packer and Bear fans!! At least we can just enjoy the game, with out having to bite our finger nails!!

"Come on, get involved!  
It only hurts a little bit!

Respectfully submitted:  
Allan Johnston, Adjutant



## CHAPLAINS COMMENTS

### The Grace of Being a Caregiver

Every caregiver experiences a call. For some, that call comes in an anxious voice of a family member or friend, with an imploring look in their eyes, which says, "I need you". For some the call comes through anonymous faces lined with suffering, both young and old, far and near. For some, the call is handed from one generation to another, like a "trust".

For some, the call is carried by that Voice from above, that spirit at their side. However it comes, the communication is the same; "You are wanted." However it is delivered, the Question is the implicit: "Will you help."

It's not easy being a caregiver. There are days when your vitality runs low. When your spirit sags, when your anxiety peaks. There are times when the hours are too long, when the demands seem too many, when the rewards feel too few. There may be

Instances when the other is hard. They may be angry or depressed and take it out on you; they may feel lost or forsaken and push away your efforts to help. There may be periods when you feel unacknowledged or unappreciated. Being a caregiver has

demands and difficulties, annoyances and adversities; with its full share of pain.

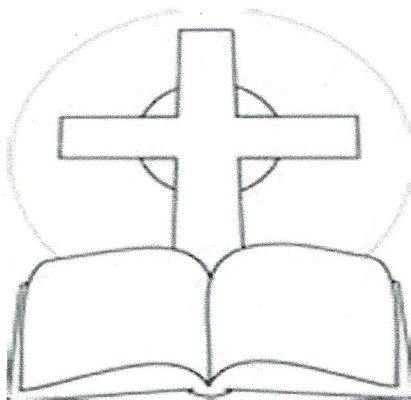
Yet being a caregiver can be one the most meaningful things you'll ever do. You can help a fellow human being, as you yourself would want to be help. In the act of accepting, you will be accepted in a way you have not been before. In the act of comforting, you will unexpectedly be comforted. There will be times when you begin to fathom what it means to love.

Through the discipline of care giving, you will experience marvelous new awareness, in being a blessing for another, you are blessed.

Caregiver and care receiver alike transform one another. One of you loves, and one of you is loved, and you're both the same. You will know that transformation is not something you have accomplished; it comes from beyond you. You'll realize, if you do not already, that you are cared for on the grandest scale possible.

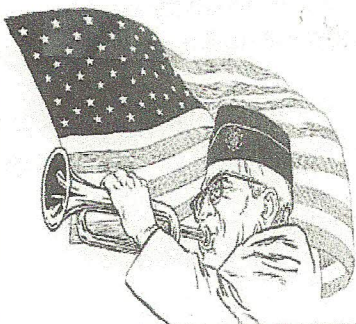
GOD'S PEACE, BLESSING'S and LOVE ,            CHAPLAIN Don

February are Americanism Month; Religious Emphasis Week; Presidents' Day;  
Valentine's Day



## Post Officers

Commander	Glenn Kimmerle
Vice-Commanders	Marlene Marolf
	Jerry Dykes
Adjutant	Allan Johnston
Chaplain	Don Heister
Finance	Bill MacDougal
Judge Advocate	Terry Dell
Historian	Chuck Roeder
Sgt at Arms	Ron Mueller
Service Officer	Dave Woods
Honor Guard Commander	Nick DeBolt



**POST EVERLASTING**

### Funerals Conducted February

Hugh Fergeson  
James Campbell  
John Clark  
Ronald Disney  
Tony Belton Jr.  
Troy Parker  
Verle Pittser

**Let us always remember our fallen soldiers and what legacy 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**

February 12, 2013

Hi Everyone,

Another year has passed, and Wayne is doing okay. I have to admit that in November it was a little touch and go. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, he had a feeding tube inserted just for part time use. A few hours later he aspirated at home and it was all downhill. The word went out and the ICU waiting room filled with relatives and friends. After about forty eight hours, with the Lords help, Wayne made it through. Since then he has not really eaten but used the feeding tube one hundred percent. He is drinking about a cup a day of tea and maybe a tad of yogurt. Nothing really to speak about, but the tube is keeping his weight up.

Now for Mike, Nikki's stepfather is doing pretty well. We say that Mike and Wayne are like twins with this terrible disease, Lou Gehrig Disease. Mike is losing the use of his arms and hands also. He still can feed himself but does need some help with feeding and daily chores. He is now beginning to slur his words and his

jaw crack when he opens his mouth. He has some trouble in accepting not to be able to do for himself.

Because of our husbands we are writing this letter once again this year. ALS, Lou Gehrig Disease is having a Muscle Walk on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at South Park Mall. The festivities will start around eight o'clock A. M. If anyone would like to join us in this walk we would be glad to have you on our team. Just let us know and we will look for you that day. There is another way you can help Wayne and Mike, by donating to ALS. Any



donations can be sent to Wayne or Mike, but make all checks out to ALS before our walk; or logon to <http://www.mda.org/musclewalk>, click "Find a Walk and Register, search for "Moline, IL", click on "2013 Quad-Cities Walk", click on "Search for a Participant", and look for our team "The Misfits". We know this is short notice but with everything going on here we are a little bit behind but we are going to try and catch up to the other teams.

You might want to know what MDA does for Mike and Wayne. They have given the guys a lift chair, card holders, straws, walker, bath seats, gait belt, medicine table, and a cushion for a chair. They also help to pay the bill when the guys go up to see the Doctors in Iowa City as well as hosting our support group once a month. So you can see we get a lot of help from MDA and hopefully we will hear from everyone.

Thank you all for your support,

Wayne, Mike and their families

## Membership

Happy Valentine's Day

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

## Cub Scouts Pack 373

On January 19, The Cub Scout troop that Post 26 sponsors held their annual Pinewood Derby. Below are some Pictures of that Event.:



On February 16, 2013, The Cub scout pack had the Blue and Gold Banquet and the Post was Presented with a certificate:



Roger Dell, Terry Dell, Wil Ensenat  
And Alan Cartledge

## 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

February 2013

Meeting was opened by President Andrea Kimmerle. The prayer was given by Thea Welke. We had 10 members present.

The minutes of last meeting was read by Secretary Carletta Campbell. There was not any treasure report, Jeanette Smith was sick.

We have collected another box of pop tabs. I want to thank everyone Who helps us with this project. We have clipped \$160,000 in coupons for veterans oversea. We made 10 fleece blankets for homeless Veterans. We voted to give Zoe Neal \$200 to help her with her trip to Canada. She was picked from her class for The People Of people program.

February 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> is Mid-winter Conference in Des Moines. February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Post #26 Breakfast. February 5<sup>th</sup> we will make valentines for the veterans at 1:00 pm.

We got 143 members paid this year so far. Our goal is 170, so please help us ladies.

The quarter awards went to Betty Johnston & Carletta Campbell.

Phyllis Dengler will be 90 January 29, lets help her celebrate that special day.

Our next meeting will be February 19<sup>th</sup>, hope to see you there.

Prayer by Thea & the meeting was adjourned by President Andrea Kimmerle.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 26

VENDOR/CRAFT/COLLECTABLES SHOW

SATURDAY-----MARCH 23, 2012  
9 A.M. – 2 P.M. FREE PARKING

AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING  
702 W. 35<sup>TH</sup> STREET—DAVENPORT, IA

A few of the vendors:

Advocare

Avon

Beads and More

Body by Vi

Classy Creations

Collectables by Phyllis

Complete Nutrition

Grace Adele

J & L Crafts

Jeanie's Gourmet Dips

Lia Sophia

Mary Kay

Miche Bags

Nelson Chiropractic

Norwex

Pampered Chef

Oragami Owl

Scentsy

Tastefully Simple

Thirty One

Tropical Breeze Tanning

Tupperware

Vicky's Machine Embroidery

4 Bows in a Row

Locally Handcrafted Wood Items by Ken  
Marine Moms

## DOOR PRIZES

**BAKE SALE -----FOOD & POP**

Come out and help the American Legion Auxiliary raise money to  
Support our troops, educate our youth in government programs and  
Support our Veterans.



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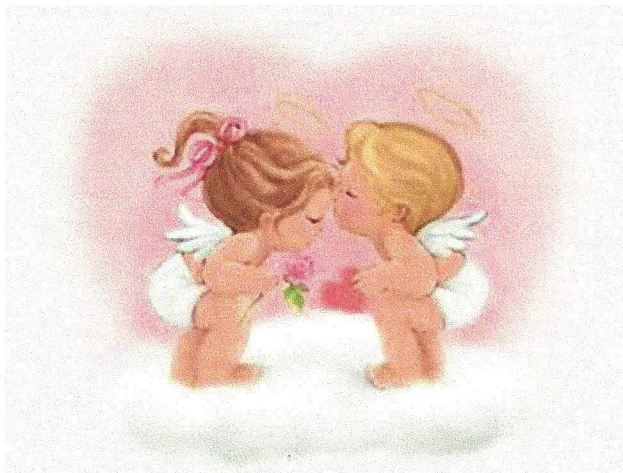
Office Hours  
9:00 am till noon  
Weekdays

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

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### **The Legend of St. Valentine**

The history of Valentine's Day--and the story of its patron saint--is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death