

# Soldier & Citizen

*A Monthly Newsletter Published Free For Our Members*

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

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## The Commanders View

Hi Legionnaires at Post #26.,

I hope everyone had plenty to eat over the holidays and enjoyed the time with family and friends.

I went to the Rock Island Arsenal National Cemetery on December 15th for the Wreaths across America. The ceremony started at 11:00 am and ended about 11:20 am. The guest speaker was from the 1st Army, Stationed at the RIA. I took the post flag that morning to represent the American Legion Post # 26. For more information please go to the 2nd District website: <https://sites.google.com/site/2districtialegion/>

The Department Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines. February 1-3, 2013. Mid-Winter is more about training and information. If anyone wants hold an officer position at the post level it is a good place to start?

In the month of January, we will start taking information to the Davenport High Schools for the American Legion Boys State Competition and the Harvey W. Klindt Scholarship program. If you know of a student or friend let them about these programs. I am going to have applications on the counter for 2013 merit awards from 2nd District Department of Iowa American legion. They can be picked up at Post # 26 if interested from 9:00AM-12:00PM. Monday thru Friday. There will be three (3) separate \$300.00 general Merit Awards, One for each student selected.

If you have not paid your 2013 American Legion dues by the first of January you are now delinquent. We would like to be at 100% paid as soon as possible.

Glenn Kimmerle  
Commander  
American Legion Post #26

## ADJUTANT'S COMMENTS

By now the Holidays are over and everyone is probably back into their old routine. I hope one and all had a very happy Christmas, enjoyed with family and friends!!

I would like to express our thanks to all who supported the Toys for Tots drive, which I understand provided Christmas gifts and toys to over 4,000 families and some 9,000 kids.

Thanks to all the volunteers and donors for making this a truly joyful event. I would also like to thank all of our Legion and Auxiliary members for supporting the Posts annual Christmas raffle. The proceeds from this went to assist some of our Veterans and their families during this season.

Your post is approaching its' goal of 754 members for 2013, but we still need your help in achieving this. Please check your membership card to see if it reads year 2013 - - if not your membership expired as of December 31, 2012.

I would also like to suggest a simple New Years Resolution for this new year. If you are one of the some 300 of our membership who has never been to your post headquarters, here in Davenport, why not make it a point to attend just 1 meeting or event, pancake breakfast, super bowl party, post meeting, or just drop by and ask for a tour of the place. It really won't hurt!!!

Over the holidays, we have cleaned and waxed and polished the meeting room floor and cleaned the carpeting, so everything looks bright and shiny. This coming year we would like to concentrate on improving our museum area and hallway murals. A special 501-c-3 corporation will be formed to raise funds to accomplish this so it becomes a truly historic location!

During the month of January, scholarship applications will go out to the high schools, as well as Boys State information. We will again sponsor 5 members of the Junior class to attend this event at Camp Dodge. The Area Oratorical Contest will be held on January 6, in Dyersville.

### Coming Events!!

January 6, 2013 – Pancake Breakfast 7:00 – 11:00a.m.

January 6 – Area Oratorical Contest; Beckman H.S.; Dyersville – 2:00p.m.

Bingo – every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday January 24 – Marine Corps League; Illowa Detachment

[Will hold their monthly meeting at our post home – Marines welcome!!!]

February 1 – 3 – Mid-Winter Conference; Des Moines

February 3, 2013 – Pancake Breakfast – 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

February 3; 5:00 p.m. Come enjoy the Super-Bowl; Snacks and bar open!!

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Post meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month  
Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. [\$5.00] meeting follows.

Respectfully submitted:  
Allan Johnston, Adjutant



## CHAPLAINS COMMENTS

### A CHRISTIAN DUTY

1 Timothy 5:8 If anyone fails to provide for his relatives, and especially for those of his own family, he has disowned the faith.

This verse tells us we have a responsibility to care for our family's, we have a duty not only to care for our spouses and our children, but if we have elderly parents or grandparents, we need to provide for them as well. this a duty we must perform whether we like it or not.

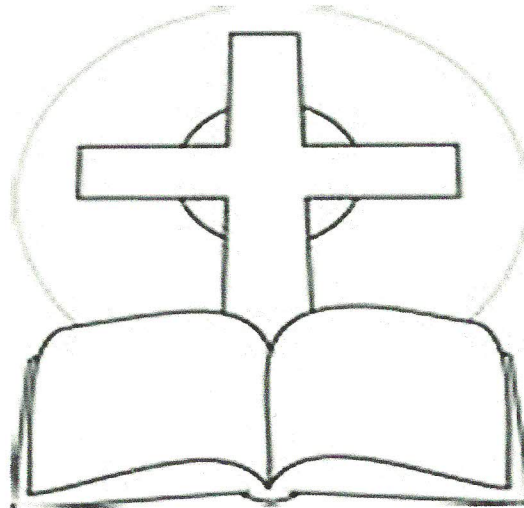
You may have had dependent elderly parents who never really took care of you. They may have even abused you. Is it really your duty to take care of them now? Yes, it is . If you cannot do it for them, do it for God with a great attitude. As you do, you will demonstrate the kind of fruit that accompanies obedient faith.

Keeping our thoughts pure and in the will of God is a life time battle. The Kingdom of God offers great benefits. as we see in 1 Timothy 6:6, one benefit is the privilege of being contented and satisfied even when circumstances in our lives do not suit us. We must "fight the good fight of the faith" according to 1 Timothy 6:12.

If we win enough battles, we will win the war.

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

January date's to remember    New Years Day; Vietnam Cease- Fire-Jan.27,1973.



Legion Post 26 Events, US Holidays

Jan 2013 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 New Year's Day	2 NO BINGO	3 5:30pm - Pack 373	4	5 No rentals
6 7am - Breakfast	7	8 6pm - Tiger Den Mtg	9 Bingo Starts At 6:00	10 40 & 8 Meeting @	11	12 8am - Democrat 6pm - Bogel
13	14 6pm - Membership	15	16 Bingo Starts At 6:00	17	18 5pm - Pinewood	19 10am - Pack 373
20 11am - Fire Resuce	21 Martin Luther King,	22 6pm - Stand Down 6pm - Tiger Den Mtg	23 Bingo Starts At 6:00	24 9am - VA Diabetic 7pm - Marine Corps	25	26 5pm - Margie
27	28	29	30 Bingo Starts At 6:00	31	1	2

Legion Post 26 Events, US Holidays

Feb 2013 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Groundhog Day
3 7am - Breakfast	4	5 6pm - Tiger Den Mtg	6 Bingo Starts At 6:00	7	8	9
10	11 6pm - Membership	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 Bingo Starts At 6:00	14 40 & 8 Meeting @ Valentine's Day	15	16 3pm - Pack 373 Blue
17 Roger Williams @	18 Presidents Day	19 6pm - Tiger Den Mtg	20 Bingo Starts At 6:00	21 Stand Down 2013 @	22 5pm - Ryan & Co @	23
24	25	26	27 Bingo Starts At 6:00	28 6pm - T 4 T Banquet	1	2

## Membership

Happy New Year

I want to say thank you to all members who have renewed for the 2013 year. If you have not renewed, your **officially overdue**.

Please renew so the American Legion can continue all the excellent work it does for Active Military, Veterans and the community.

Marlene Marolf, Membership Chairperson

## 2012 Oratorical Winner



2nd District Commander Mike Etzel congratulates Olivia Grubbs on placing 1st in the Area II Oratorical Competition. Area II consists of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Districts.

The competition was held on January 6th at Beckman High School in Dyersville.

Olivia is sponsored by Davenport Post 26 and placed 1st in the 2nd District competition held earlier in Bellevue. As the Area II champion, Olivia will move on to the Department of Iowa competition to be held during the Mid-Winter Conference on February 3, 2013, 8 AM, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines.

## 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.

**Congratulations to the Members and friends who won a prize in either the membership survey drawing or the Christmas raffle.**

### Christmas Raffle

\$100 in Cash	J Nelson
\$100 in Cash	Lawrence Johnson
\$50 Groceries	Lawrence Hartman
\$50 Groceries	Loren Burken
\$50 Groceries	Bob Kent
\$50 Gas	Rod DeBlicke
\$50 Gas	Melissa Baltimore
\$50 Gas	Gerald Lossing
\$50 Gas	George Sandedge
American Flag	Sue York
American Flag	George Slauther

## 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



Women's Auxiliary Christmas Dinner 2012



## Wreaths Across America



I want to personally thank the Legionnaires who participated in the Wreaths across America ceremony on December 15th. This is a ceremony typically held the 2nd Saturday in December to honor our departed comrades. This year over 420,000 wreaths were laid on the graves of our fellow Veterans at over 825 locations, in all 50 States and 24 foreign locations. 110,000 wreaths were laid by 20,000 volunteers at Arlington National Cemetery alone.

Participating in the ceremony held at the Rock Island Arsenal National Cemetery, on the Color Guard, were Glenn Kimmerle (Davenport Post 26), Ervin Sindt (Blue Grass Post 711), Al McDonnell (Blue Grass Post 711) and Dave Woods (Davenport Post 26). Laying wreaths during the ceremony were Fred Van Hoosier (Donahue Post 532), Wayne Kraft (Blue Grass Post 711), Neal Riede (Eldridge Post 639) and Don Arns (Blue Grass Post 711). Photos were taken by Tina Arns (Blue Grass Post 711).



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

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## Highway of Death

Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein ordered the invasion and occupation of neighboring Kuwait in early August 1990. Alarmed by these actions, fellow Arab powers such as Saudi Arabia and Egypt called on the United States and other Western nations to intervene. Hussein defied United Nations Security Council demands to withdraw from Kuwait by mid-January 1991, and the Persian Gulf War began with a massive U.S.-led air offensive known as Operation Desert Storm. After 42 days of relentless attacks by the allied coalition in the air and on the ground, U.S. President George H.W. Bush declared a cease-fire on February 28; by that time, most Iraqi forces in Kuwait had either surrendered or fled. Though the Persian Gulf War was initially considered an unqualified success for the international coalition, simmering conflict in the troubled region led to a second Gulf War—known as the Iraq War—that began in 2003.

On the night of 26–27 February 1991, some Iraqi forces began leaving Kuwait on the main highway north of Al Jahra in a column of some 1,400 vehicles. A patrolling E-8 Joint STARS aircraft observed the retreating forces and relayed the information to the DDM-8 air operations center in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.<sup>[122]</sup> These vehicles and the retreating soldiers were subsequently attacked, resulting in a 60 km stretch of highway strewn with debris—the Highway of Death.

Chuck Horner, Commander of U.S. and allied air operations has written:

[By February 26], the Iraqis totally lost heart and started to evacuate occupied Kuwait, but airpower halted the caravan of Iraqi Army and plunderers fleeing toward Basra. This event was later called by the media "The Highway of Death." There were certainly a lot of dead vehicles, but not so many dead Iraqis. They'd already learned to scamper off into the desert when our aircraft started to attack. Nevertheless, some people back home wrongly chose to believe we were cruelly and unusually punishing our already whipped foes.