



**SOLDIER & CITIZEN**  
 A Monthly Newsletter free for our Members

**American Legion Post  
 #26**  
**702 W. 35th St.**  
**Davenport, IA 52806**  
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On December 28, 1846, Iowa became the 29th state in the Union when President James K. Polk signed Iowa's admission bill into law.

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**Davenport Post #26 2013—2014 Officers**

Commander	Marlene Marolf
V. Commander	Dave Jones
V. Commander	Mike Matson
V. Commander	Mike Novak
Adjutant	Allan Johnston
Sgt. At Arms	Ron Mueller
Chaplain	Don Heister
Judge Advocate	Glenn Kimmerle
Finance	Bill MacDougall
Historian	Chris Ekstrom
Service Officer	Dave Woods

**Executive Board**

Patrick Kobelenske	Wil Ensenat
Roger Dell	Joe Seier
Rod DeBlicke	Larry Flathman

**Commander Appointments**

Honor Guard	Nick Debolt
Business Manager	Terry Dell
Bingo	Dave Jones
Boy State	Mike Novak
Scholarships	Oscar Hawley
Website	Roger Granbois
Newsletter	Chris Ekstrom
Building Committee	Roger Dell
5th Grade Essay	Larry Flathman
Scouting	Wil Ensenat
Office Manager	Marlene Marolf

**Upcoming Months' Events**

**December**

December 25 - Merry Christmas!

**January**

January 1 - Happy New Year 2015!

January 4 - 0700-1100 Pancake Breakfast @ Post 26

January 7, 14, 21, 28 - BINGO starts at 1800

January 10 - Pack 373 Pinewood Derby

January 6 - Executive Committee Meeting

January 12 - 1800 POST 26 Membership Meeting

**Schedule of Events**

**February**

February 1 - 0700-1100 Pan-  
cake Breakfast @ Post 26

February 3 - 1700 Executive  
Committee Meeting

February 9 - 1800 Post 26  
Membership Meeting

February 4, 11, 18, 25 -  
BINGO starts @ 1800

**Post Everlasting**

**Funerals Conducted**  
**November 2014**

Don Foreman

Earnest Stanley

Fred Lown

Louis Ladoucer

Allen Riessen

Carl H. Davis

J. Allen Gahagan

**Let us always remember our  
fallen military and what legacy  
they leave behind.**

**Post Library**

Post 26 has a lending library so  
be sure to stop by and browse  
the collection.

Feel free to borrow items and  
return them when you are done  
with them!

There are many military items  
and historical documents from  
the history of Post 26.



**Legion Launches New Employment Center**

The American Legion has launched a new web platform to help those who served in uniform translate military skills to job skills, find employment, start businesses and make successful transitions. Among the key features of The American Legion's Veteran Employment Center are: (1) a Military Skills Translator and Veteran Job Search tool, powered by Military.com; (2) ten custom-produced videos to help veterans start and succeed in business; (3) a listing of American Legion-sponsored or produced veteran career fairs nationwide, with links to registration sites; and (4) links to important forms, sites and agency platforms that help veterans in the career search. For more information, visit the American Legion's Veteran Employment Center webpage at [www.legion.org/careers](http://www.legion.org/careers).

**Christmas Raffle**

The Christmas raffle was a big success this year and the Legion thanks you for your support. The raffle allowed us to donate more than \$600 to local organizations.

Congratulations to the winners listed below!

\$100 Cash - Linda Weiman

\$100 Cash - Thomas Boyd

\$50 Walmart Card - Lolita Dell

\$50 Walmart Card - Larry Flathman

\$50 Walmart Card - Mike Clarke

\$50 Walmart Card - Arn Hilbert

\$50 Walmart Card - Mike Clarke

\$50 Walmart Card - Don Dorrance

\$50 Walmart Card - Fred Steenback

U S Flag - Marion Lillianthal

U S Flag - W Dixon

**Christmas Party  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Unit 26  
December 16, 2014**

The Unit 26 Auxiliary Annual Christmas Party was held December 16 at Hickory Garden. Eleven members were present. Lunch was enjoyed together, as well as a gift exchange. We were very sorry to learn of the passing of Phyllis Dengler early this morning. She was very active in many organizations, including our Unit, and will be greatly missed.

Thea Welke  
Secretary

A note from Auxiliary Unit 26:

Our unit completed several projects this year, including sewing laundry bags, activity bags and tied fleece blankets for various organizations. Several members contribute baked items to the monthly Post breakfast. Molly's Adopt A Sailor held a packing party at Post 26 and several of our ladies participated. The Unit donated funds for this shipment. Funds were also donated for Stand Downs, West High band uniforms, Girls State and Junior Camp participants, Cards for Soldiers, Veterans in need, USO, and a track wheelchair that will be used by Veterans. Our ladies donated hats and gloves for students. Unit members volunteered to distribute poppies on Poppy Day. We clip coupons for the overseas commissaries and pop tabs are collected for the Ronald McDonald House. This is just a sampling of the projects in which we are involved. Thanks to all the ladies who helped with these endeavors!! Please join us as we strive to help others, especially our Vets.

We support our Troops who are currently serving and our Veterans who have served. We thank them for the freedoms we enjoy. This seems like a simple statement but it is heartfelt and we are here to assist in any way that may be needed.

We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a tremendous New Year!!

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Office Hours  
9:00 am till noon  
Weekdays

Return Service Requested

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

December 2014  
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## **December Dates in History**

12/01/1955 - Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus  
12/02/1859 - The Thirteenth Amendment was adopted, prohibiting slavery  
12/03/1775 - The first American flag was raised aboard the “USS Alfred”  
12/05/1791 - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died at the age of 35  
12/05/1787 - Pennsylvania was admitted to the Union  
12/07/1797 - Delaware was admitted to the Union  
12/15/1791 - The Bill of Rights went into effect  
12/16/1773 - The Boston Tea Party occurred  
12/17/1903 - Orville and Wilber Wright’s first successful manned power flight occurred in NC  
12/20/1989 - U.S. Troops invaded Panama  
12/23/1823 - “*A Visit From St. Nicholas*” (The Night Before Christmas) was published, Clement C. Moore  
12/24/1865 - The Klu Klux Klan was established  
12/25/ A.D. 336 - The first recorded Christmas was celebrated in Rome  
12/26/1991 - The end of the Soviet Union began  
12/27/1944 - The World War II Battle of the Bulge ended  
12/28/1846 - Iowa was admitted to the Union  
12/31/1879 - Thomas Edison gave his first public demonstration of the incandescent lamp

This list is not all-inclusive. For more information visit the website:  
<http://www.aboutfamouspeople.com/article1212.html>

