



## SOLDIER & CITIZEN

A Monthly Newsletter free for our Members

### American Legion Post #26

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The  **Battle of Iwo Jima** (19 February – 26 March 1945), or *Operation Detachment*, was a major battle in which the [United States Armed Forces](#) fought for and captured the island of [Iwo Jima](#) from the [Japanese Empire](#).

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

Commander	Glenn Kimmerle
V. Commander	Marlene Marolf
V. Commander	Dave Jones
Adjutant	Allan Johnston
Sgt. At Arms	Ron Mueller
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 DeBlicke	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	Chris Ekstrom
Building Committee	Roger Dell

#### Upcoming Months' Events

##### March

- March 2 - (7-11am) Pancake Breakfast
- March 4 - (5pm) Post 26 E-Board Meeting
- March 5 - Bingo
- March 10 - (6pm) Post 26 Membership Meeting
- March 12 - Bingo
- March 19 - Bingo
- March 25 - (4-8:30) Boy Scout Troop 103 Court of Honor
- March 26 - Bingo
- March 27 - (7pm) Marine Corp League Meeting
- March 28 (1-3pm) Vendor Sale setup
- March 29 **Vendor/Craft/Collectible Fair**  
9am-2pm at the American Legion Hall  
Free Admission  
First table - \$35 Second table - \$20  
Contact Sue Himes @ 563-322-7593  
Sponsored by the Auxiliary Unit 26

<p align="center"><b><u>Schedule of Events</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b><u>April</u></b></p> <p>April 1 - Post 26 E-Board Meeting (No April Fool's joke)  April 2 - Bingo  April 6 - (7-11am) Post 26 Pancake Breakfast  April 9 - Bingo  April 14 - (6pm) Post 26 Membership Meeting  April 16 - Bingo  April 19 - (10:30) Quarter Auction  April 23 - Bingo  April 24 - Marine Corp League Meeting  April 30 - Bingo</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Post Everlasting</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b><u>Funerals Conducted</u></b> <b><u>January</u></b></p> <p>Keith Benjamin  Merle Cooper  Loren Sanders  Hans Walcher  Robert Goetsch  John Riepe  Steven Marietta  Harry Straw</p> <p align="center"><b>Let us always remember our fallen soldiers and what legacy they leave behind.</b></p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Legionnaires and Birdies</u></b></p> <p>Your American Legion Post is very active in the support of Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Boys State (High School aged students), the Oratorical Contest (All High Schools participate, girls and boys), many other scholarship programs (available to any graduating students in the local area), Little League teams, Police and Fire Departments, Community awards, etc.</p> <p>This is where the birdies come in; as you know the Legion Post participated in the Birdies for Charity Program and desperately needs the funds received from this program to help support the above activities. Not only do we receive the amounts pledged but also this year we received a 10% bonus. What an easy way for you to assist Post 26 is raising funds that in turn help our local community. Please look for the Birdies for Charity mailing in early spring and participate as best you can to help support your Post mission for these vital activities.</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>May</u></b></p> <p>May 4 - (7-11am) Post 26 Pancake Breakfast  May 7 - Bingo  May 14 - Bingo  May 17 - (6:30-11) Honor Flight Meeting  May 21 - Bingo  May 22 - (7pm) Marine Corp League Meeting  May 28 - Bingo</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Chaplain's Message</u></b></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 align="center"><b><u>VA Coordinator</u></b></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"><b><u>Poppy Days</u></b></p> <p align="center"><i>Friday, May 9th &amp; Saturday, May 10th</i></p> <p>If you can help distribute please call the office at 563-322-4971 and leave your name as a volunteer for a few hours on one or both days. Your help is greatly appreciated by the Post!</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Pancake Breakfast</u></b></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"><b>Menu</b></p> <p>Pancakes, Scrambled eggs, Sausage Links, Potatoes and Biscuits and Gravy. Coffee, Juice and Milk</p> <p align="center">\$7.00 for adults. This is open to the public.</p>
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## Auxiliary Newsletter

On Feb. 18, 2014, a cold sunny day, ten members gathered at noon for a potluck luncheon for our monthly Unit 26 meeting. Minutes of November 2013 were read since we had a social meeting in December and the January meeting was cancelled due to severe weather.

President Andrea Kimmerle announced we have sent \$165,000.00 worth of coupons to various military bases in the world and several thank you notes from them were read at the meeting. We are proud our Unit 26 reached the 100 % in the membership goal of 170 members by Dec. 31, 2013. At this time we have 175 members. Everyone's membership is greatly appreciated.

In December Andrea Kimmerle and Marian Lilienthal made a special trip to Marshalltown Nursing Home to deliver special gift items to the veterans collected by one of our members Red Hat Society. Many thanks to that Red Hat Society for bringing joy to those nursing home residents.

On Feb. 21 the ten fleece tie blankets members made in January will be distributed at the Stand Down event at our Legion Hall. Later this year our unit will be making 'laundry bags' that will be distributed at the September Stand Down.

Shirley Plumb read the names of the girls that will represent Unit 26 at Girls State in June. They are Gillian Straub from Assumption, Caitlyn Olinger and Kelsey Hovey from Central, Dalena Nguyen from North and Amber Hendricks from Eldridge. On Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> thirteen girls were interviewed for this honor by judges Sue Himes, Deb Rice and Rhonda Riede. All participants were outstanding candidates and it was difficult to choose the winners.

A letter will be sent out to all of our Junior members telling about Junior Summer Camp in June at Newton, Iowa to see if they are interested in attending.

We will be making "Activity" bags for children accompanying a parent to their VA clinic or hospital visit. Directions were passed out at the meeting. Unit 26 will buy the material and if you are interested in making the small bags please let Andrea know. If you don't sew maybe you would like to contribute some of the following items to put in these bags.

**Stickers – Color Books – Small zip-lock bag with 4-5 crayons – Small book, toy, stuff animal  
– Small bag of crackers or fruit snacks**

Sue Hines talked about our Vendor/Craft/Collectible Sale on March 29, 2014 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tables are \$ 35.00 each and 2<sup>nd</sup> table is \$ 25.00. So far 27 tables have been sold. Unit 26 will have a Bake Sale at this event so we are asking all members to contribute to the Bake Sale.

**POPPY DAYS will be May 9-10 this year and we are looking for people to help distribute them. Please leave your name at the office if you can help us for a couple of hours.**

A lot of laughing and sharing took place at this meeting and we did get a lot of business taken care of. Next meeting is March 18<sup>th</sup> and we will meet at 9:00 a.m. to make more fleece tie blankets that will be given to children. On Feb. 28 at 1:00 p.m. a special meeting will be held to go over the by-laws and our financial accounts. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

For God and Country

Shirley Plumb, Auxiliary Vice President

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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

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## **February Dates in History**

02/01/2014 – National Freedom Day  
02/04/1941 – USO founded  
02/06/1911 – President Ronald Reagan was born  
02/08/1910 – Boy Scouts of America Founded  
02/12/1809 – President Abraham Lincoln was born  
02/17/1867 – The first ship passed through the Suez Canal  
02/19/1945 – Battle of Iwo Jima Begins  
02/21/1885 – The Washington Monument was dedicated  
02/22/1732 – President George Washington was born  
02/24/1991 – Last phase of Operation Desert Storm  
02/25/1836 – Samuel Colt patented his revolver  
02/26/1846 – William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody was born in LeClaire, Iowa  
02/27/1963 – TREA Founded  
02/28/1861 – The Territory of Colorado was organized



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<http://www.aboutfamouspeople.com/article1212.html>