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A Monthly Newsletter free for our Members

American Legion Post #26

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The **Iraq War** (20 March 2003 – 15 December 2011), or *Operation Iraqi Freedom*, was a major war on terror led by the [United States Armed Forces](#) to oppose the occupying forces and the newly formed Iraqi government.

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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

April

- 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
- April 1 - 17:00 Post 26 E-Board Meeting
(No April Fool's joke)
- April 2 - 19:00 Armed Forces Day Planning Meeting
- April 2 - Bingo
- April 5 - 2nd District Spring Conference
Bellevue Post 273 111 Market Place
- April 6 - 0600-1100 Post 26 Pancake Breakfast
- April 9 - Bingo
- April 14 - 18:00 Post 26 Membership Mtg.
- April 16 - Bingo
- April 16 - 19:00 All Vets Org. Meeting
@ Post 25
- April 19 - (10:30) Quarter Auction
- April 23 - Bingo
- April 24 - 19:00 Marine Corp League Mtg.
- April 30 - Bingo

<p align="center"><u>Schedule of Events</u></p> <p align="center"><u>May</u></p> <p>May 4 - (6-11am) Post 26 Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>May 4 - 14:00 Boys State Orientation @ DeWitt Legion Post</p> <p>May 6 - 17:00 Post 26 Exec. Board Meeting</p> <p>May 7 - 19:00 Armed Forces Day Mtg. Post #26</p> <p>May 7 - Bingo</p> <p>May 11 - Mother's Day</p> <p>May 12 - 18:00 Post 26 Membership Dinner & Meeting</p> <p>May 14 - Bingo</p> <p>May 15 19:00 Armed Forces Day Mtg. @ Post 26</p> <p>May 17 - (6:30-11) Honor Flight Orientation Meeting</p> <p>May 17 10:00-16:00 Armed Forces Day!! Brady St. Stadium</p> <p>May 17 17:30-19:30 Marine Corp SOS Supper & Auction 19:30 @ Post 26</p> <p>May 21 - Bingo</p> <p>May 22 - 18:30 Scott Co. Legion Mtg. & Dinner</p> <p>May 22 - (7pm) Marine Corp League Meeting</p> <p>May 25 - Memorial Day Services @ Oakdale & Memorial Park Cemeteries</p> <p>May 26 - Memorial Day Ceremony @ Arsenal Island National Cemetery</p> <p>May 28 - Bingo</p>	<p align="center"><u>Post Everlasting</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Funerals Conducted</u></p> <p align="center"><u>February</u></p> <p align="center">Albert Roriguiz George Dumerauf Dr. Glenn Cunningham Marion Carter Joseph Cole John Orlowski Gene Goodwin Edwin Hardwersen Kenneth Haas John Posey</p> <p align="center">Let us always remember our fallen soldiers and what legacy they leave behind.</p> <hr/> <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> <hr/> <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>Legionnaires and Birdies</u></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> 
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 <p align="center"><u>Poppy Days</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Friday, May 9th & 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"><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</p> <p align="center">\$7.00 for adults. This is open to the public.</p>
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Vets Helping Vets

At the membership meeting on Monday, March 10, 2014 the American Legion Post 26 welcomed Joe Tiron, COL (R) US Army. Joe is working with Jason's Box to raise funds for a Action Trackchair as shown in the picture to the right. This innovative track wheelchair will allow injured service members to travel off-road for numerous outdoor healing opportunities. Our wounded heroes will be able to navigate in the woods, hike trails, frozen lakes, shallow streams, muddy and snowy terrain and much more. Now they have the option to stay on hard surfaces or to go off-road.



The standing capability of the Action Trackstander will allow service members who are unable to stand on their own to remain upright for prolonged periods of time, thus enhancing their outdoor experience.

Joe is working with the Pheasants Forever organization out of Clinton County to provide a unique hunting experience for seriously injured military veterans. The first individual to use this chair will be 23 year old, PFC (R) Matt Leyva who is a double amputee with serious hand injuries sustained in Iraq. He will be coming from New York to pheasant hunt in Subula, Iowa at Breckridge Hunting Preserve in November 2014.

Questions? Please contact:
Jason's Box at 309-737-3054
<http://www.jasonsbox.com>
www.facebook.com/jasonsbox

or

Joe Tirone, COL (R), US Army
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HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please make checks payable to:
Jason's Box Trackchair Fund

Mail Donations to:
Jason's Box
P.O. Box 194
Moline, IL. 61266-0194



Jason's Box is a 501 (c)3 organization. All donations are tax deductible. Jason's Box is a forward-thinking, aware of the issues faced by veterans and actively implementing strategic initiatives in support of the military community. From care packages to education, and training to advocacy, Jason's Box is taking the lead in caring for our troops and veterans so

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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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March Dates in History

- 03/01/1781 – Articles of Confederation adopted by Continental Congress
- 03/03/1931 – Star Spangled Banner adopted as the U.S. National Anthem
- 03/06/1912 – Fall of the Alamo
- 03/08/1865 – Lee Surrenders to Grant ending Civil war
- 03/12/1912 – Girl Scouts of America were founded
- 03/16/1802 – 1st U.S. Military Academy (West Point) established
- 03/19/2003 – Operation Iraqi Freedom begins
- 03/19/1918 – Congress approved daylight-savings time
- 03/23/1775 – Patrick Henry's *Give Me Liberty* speech occurred
- 03/25/2014 – National Medal of Honor Day
- 03/27/1794 – President George Washington and Congress created United States Navy
- 03/30/1867 – Alaska was sold to The United States by Russia

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

