



The National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation has unveiled architectural designs for its planned \$98 million tribute to recipients of the military's highest valor award and the wars in which they fought.

The foundation will accelerate efforts to finance the 107,000-square-foot museum it intends to build on the eastern shore of Charleston Harbor in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

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A Monthly Newsletter free for our Members

**American Legion Post
#26**

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Newsletter	Chris Ekstrom
Building Committee	Roger Dell
5th Grade Essay	Larry Flathman
Scouting	Wil Ensenat
Office Manager	Marlene Marolf

Upcoming Months' Events

May

May 2 - 2nd District Friendship Dinner hosted by Dewitt American Legion

May 3 - 0700-1100 Pancake Breakfast @ Post 26

May 5 - 1700 Executive Board Meeting @ Post 26

May 8/9 - Poppy Days

May 9/10 - QC Air Show @ Davenport Airport

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 11 - 1800 Post #26 Membership Meeting & Dinner

May 16 Armed Forces Day - Marine Corps League SOS Dinner

<u>Schedule of Events</u>	<u>Post Everlasting</u>	<u>Memorial Day Events</u>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>June 2 - 1700 Executive Board Meeting</p> <p>June 7 - 0700-1100 Pancake Breakfast @ Post 26</p> <p>June 8 - 1800 Post Membership Meeting - Scholarship winners</p> <p>June 13 - 0900 Flag disposal Izaak Walton League</p> <p>June 16 - 1300 Auxiliary Meeting</p> <p>June 25 - Marine Corp League Meeting @ Post 26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Funerals Conducted</u> <u>February 2015</u></p> <p>Franklin Davis</p> <p>Harold Baxter</p> <p>Eugene Allen</p> <p>James Plagmann</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Let us always remember our fallen military and what legacy they leave behind.</p>	<p>May 24 - Memorial Day Ceremonies</p> <p>1300 - Ceremony @ Oakdale Cemetery then Memorial Park Cemetery @ Legion Circle ending with a 2:30 closing ceremony</p> <p>May 25 - Memorial Day Ceremony @ National Cemetery Time: TBA</p>

Lunch Social

Unit 26 Auxiliary will be sponsoring a weekly lunch on Wednesdays. Plans are to hold this in March, April and May.

The lunch will be open to the public from 11: 00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Post 26 Hall at 702 W. 35th Street, Davenport, Iowa.

Food available will consist of *Homemade Soup – Sandwiches – Desserts.*

The Bar in the Bunker Room will be open during this time, also.

We are also considering extending the time into the evening (until 10pm) and having a Taco Bar...more information to come.

Education and Benefits

Applying for your VA education benefits can be done in just a few steps:

- [Apply online](#) today if you know which benefit you want to use.
- Visit your nearest VA [regional office](#) to apply in person.
- Consult with the VA Certifying Official—who is usually in the Registrar’s or Financial Aid office—at the school of your choice. This official has application forms and can help you apply.
- Call 1-888-GI BILL-1 (888-442-4551) to have the application mailed to you.

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

**REGULAR MEETING
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
UNIT 26
APRIL 21, 2015**

Meeting was opened by President Andrea Kimmerle. Prayer by Syvena Letts, Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited as was the Preamble to the Auxiliary Constitution. Thirteen members and one guest were present.

Second District President Nancy Krapfl was in attendance and encouraged all of us to turn in our volunteer hours. She will be stepping down this year as Second District President. Gayla Bates will be the new President and Rhonda Riede will be Vice President.

The Secretary's report was read. A correction was made concerning a program at the Arsenal. The sentence has been changed to read: 'She (Rhonda) announced the Military Operation Kids program at the Arsenal will no longer be sponsored by the American Legion.' The minutes were approved as corrected. The Treasurer's report was read and a correction was made. Cash on Hand from Savings should read \$3,000. The report was placed on file for audit.

One-half box of pop tabs has been collected so far and \$21,000 in coupons has been sent. Poppy letters have been mailed.

Marcia reported that Wednesday luncheons have been doing well. The Auxiliary receives \$50 a week for working so \$250 since March 18 has been deposited. The average income so far has been \$157. The Post wants to have the building open on Wednesdays 11-10pm Tacos will be served from 5-8pm A start date has not been determined for the Taco dinners.

Andrea thanked all who have turned in their volunteer hours.

Children and Youth month is April. We have been cutting and sewing activity bags for children. Fabric for thirteen bags was cut out before today's meeting and Rhonda has sewn 8 bags.

New member Geri Kruckerberg was introduced.

May 2 the Friendship Supper at Dewitt will be held. It starts at 5:30 and costs \$10 per person. Reservations are due by April 24.

Poppy Days will be May 8 and 9. Lilah will call Texas Roadhouse to ask if we can be there. Volunteers are still needed. Rhonda sent letters to Girls Staters to ask for their help.

Girls State - Rhonda will be holding a Tea on May 3 at Post 26. It starts at 1p.m. Rhonda moved that Unit 26 donates approximately \$100 of colored card stock paper to Girls State. Nancy seconded. Motion carried. Jeanita will deliver the paper to Girls State.

Membership Goal was 200 and we now have 201 members!

Memorial Day activities were discussed. Shirley will check with the Arsenal Cemetary to determine the schedule for helping to place flags on the graves for Memorial Day.

Shirley reported on the computer update that took place The gentleman who worked on the computer did so for no charge. Thank you Nick Hammond.

Carlettta showed us her quilt that is over 50 years old. It was determined that raffle tickets for the quilt should be sold at the breakfast and luncheon events at Post 26.

Ruth Benfeld knits baby hats to be taken to Genesis for the newborns. She had completed 225 hats and called Andrea with another 100 hats to be delivered. Thank you Ruth!

We discussed holding flag etiquette classes for first—fourth grades in local schools as well as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Quarter Awards went to Carletta, Shirley and Nancy Krapfl.

Shirley read Psalm 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

Next meeting will be May 19. Dianne Shadduck, Department President will be in attendance.

Meeting was adjourned by Andrea Kimmerle. Prayer by Syvena Letts.

Respectfully Submitted, Thea Welke (Secretary)

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Office Hours
9:00 am till noon
Weekdays

Membership Meetings
2nd Monday of the Month
Dinner - 18:00 [\$5.00]
Meeting follows

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Honor Flight
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Thursday, 30 April, is the first Honor Flight of the year. The flights depart at approximately 0600 and return approximately 2200. Please consider attending the send off or welcoming them home at the Quad City International Airport.