



SOLDIER & CITIZEN

A Monthly Newsletter free for our Members

**American Legion Post
#26**

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Have you seen this movie?

American Sniper (2014) Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle's pinpoint accuracy saves countless lives on the battlefield and turns him into a legend. Back home to his wife and kids after four tours of duty, however, Chris finds that it is the war he can't leave behind.

Director: Clint Eastwood

Starring: Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller and Kyle Gallner

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Davenport Post #26 2014—2015 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 DeBlicek	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

January

January 24 - Pack 373 Pinewood Derby

No Bingo (see article in newsletter)

February

February 1 - 0700-1100 Pancake breakfast
@ Post 26

February 3 - 1700 Executive Committee
Mtg

February 9 - 1800 Membership Mtg with
dinner prior to the meeting

February 19 - Standdown

Schedule of Events

March

March 1 - 0700-1100 Pancake Breakfast @ Post 26

March 3 - 1700 Executive Committee Meeting

March 9 - 1800 Post 26 Membership Meeting

The Auxiliary members and women Veterans have been invited to the February 9 Legion meeting and meal. It starts at 6 p.m. and costs \$5. If you are interested, please call the Legion office by February 5 to RSVP.

Post Everlasting

Funerals Conducted December 2014

James Neville
Robert Stahl
James Glynn
Ed Uhde
Warren Cook
Max Smith
Donald Stebens
David Easson
Robert Long
Gloria Hoy
John Carter

Auxiliary Members:

Jeanette Smith
Mary Phyllis
Bertha Conger

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

Pancake Breakfast

Post 26 holds a pancake breakfast on the first Sunday of each month. The hours are from 07:00-11:00

The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, potatoes and biscuits and gravy. To drink there is coffee, juice and milk.

Please join us on Sunday, February 1 for a warm and hearty breakfast!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Post 26 Bingo

During the January Executive Committee meeting the status of our Legion weekly Bingo was discussed. Due to this event not having enough income to be profitable on average over the past year or more and suffering from a lack of volunteer support by Legion members, the Executive Committee decided to suspend weekly Bingo moving forward.

The last Bingo game was held Wednesday, January 21st where 128 players were in attendance. The jackpot was given away in accordance with State guidelines. In addition to the weekly volunteers, the Post extends a special thank you to Dave Jones for all his time, work and dedication put into this event over the past years. His countless hours of time volunteered to keep this running is greatly appreciated.

Please thank Dave and send him ideas on what to do with his Wednesday nights in 2015!

**REGULAR MEETING
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
UNIT 26
JANUARY 20, 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. Fourteen members and one guest were present.

Rhonda conducted a memorial ceremony for the three members who have passed in the last two months. These include Bertha Conger, Phyllis Dengler, and Jeanette Smith.

Rhonda stated that there will be twenty candidates from the various high schools for Girls State. Interviews will take place on February 22 and interviewers are needed. Four girls will be chosen.

Rhonda will be unable to attend Mid-Winter Conference.

Carletta mentioned that Hilda Brown has passed away. She was a member of the Auxiliary.

The Secretary's report was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and placed on file for audit.

The box of pop tabs is almost full. \$208,000 in coupons has been sent. The December bake sale raised \$160.25.

Marsha stated that Bingo will no longer be held at Post 26 so she is proposing lunch to be available each Wednesday to the public. She suggested trying it for three months to see if we get enough attendance. This will be presented to the Legion Executive Board for their approval. Marsha made a motion that we hold lunch on Wednesdays if the Legion approves. Nancy seconded. Motion carried.

Numerous thank you cards were read by the Secretary. They were given to the Historian to be placed in the scrapbook.

The fundraiser 'Leg Up for Olivia' was presented as a possible event to support. Alice moved that we donate \$100. Nancy seconded. Motion carried.

April is Children and Youth Month. Last year we paid half of the fee for Junior Camp to those who attended. Kay moved that we pay half of the fee for those who attend this year. Lilah seconded. Motion carried.

Carletta moved that we give \$100 to the Vets for Valentine's Day. Marsha seconded. Motion carried.

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The Stand Down at Post 26 will be held February 19. Twelve tie blankets have been completed for that event. Call the office if you are interested in helping that day.

Volunteer hours need to be turned in to Andrea so she can get the report updated.

Membership is at 156 and we need 200 by July 31.

The Mid-Winter Conference will be held in Des Moines on February 13, 14, and 15.

Shirley brought up the fact that Westboro Baptist Church has announced their intent to protest at several locations this coming weekend. If anyone wants to counter protest it must be as individuals, not representing any group.

Shirley brought two plants in memory of Phyllis and Jeanette. A drawing was held and Kay and Marian received the plants and were instructed to take good care of them!

Quarter awards went to Syvena, Charlene, and Marsha.

To close the meeting, Shirley read Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Thea Welke
Secretary



BLUE GRASS — Jeanette M. Smith, 83, of Blue Grass, passed away Dec. 23, 2014, at home. Cremation rites will be accorded. There will be no services. Online condolences may be left at www.rungemortuary.com.

She was born Nov. 22, 1931, in Dubuque. She was united in marriage to James Smith on March 26, 1949, in Davenport; he preceded her in death in 1984.

Jeanette was a cabinetmaker for the former Brammer Manufacturing in Davenport. She later worked as an office manager for many years at American Legion Post 26 in Davenport. She loved playing bingo.

Those left to honor her memory include her daughters, Donna Wailand, Davenport, Pat (Larry) Richter, Blue Grass and Debbie (Tom) Fierce, West Plains, Mo.; son, Jimmy Smith, West Plains, Mo.; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and sisters, Laura, Dorothy and Beverly. She was preceded in death by her

parents; grandson, Timmy; and two sisters.



DAVENPORT — Funeral Services and Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Phyllis Dengler, 91, a resident of Davenport will be 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 20, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 1923 N. Fillmore St. Davenport. Burial will be in Davenport Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, December 19, at the Halligan McCabe DeVries Funeral Home, 614 Main St. downtown Davenport. The family invites you to join them for a Prayer Service at 4 p.m. to begin visitation on Friday.

Mary died Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House, Bettendorf.

Mary Phyllis O'Boyle was born January 29, 1923 in Long Grove, Iowa, the daughter of Martin P. and Ida M. (Young) O'Boyle. She graduated from DeWitt High School, DeWitt, Iowa in 1941. Mary was united in marriage to Albert J. Dengler, 1942, at Sacred Heart Cathedral,

Davenport. He preceded her in death in 1990.

Mary was a longtime member of Holy Family Parish where she was an active volunteer for many years. She served as lecture, Eucharist minister and helped with the many funeral luncheons at

Church. She was a member and held many leadership roles in the American Legion Post # 26, Liedertafel, Moose Club, Royal Neighbors of America and Northwest Davenport Turners. She was also a member of the National American Turners Society and Old Settlers.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Ann (Harold, "Marty") Fitzgerald, Spring, Texas, and a son William "Bill" (Connie Lee) Dengler, Tampa, Fla; grandchildren, Keri, Stacie, Jonathan and Natalie; great grandchildren, Alexis and Addison; sisters, Jean Lynch, Rock Island and Helen Schumann, Davenport.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband; a brother, Darrell O'Boyle, a sister, Genrose Young and a brother in law, Jerry Lynch. May they rest in peace.



DAVENPORT — Bertha M. Conger, 95, of Davenport, passed away Monday, Dec. 8, 2014, at Ridgecrest. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, in Runge Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Rock Island National Cemetery, Arsenal Island. Memorials may be made to Faith United Methodist Church or a favorite charity.

Bertha was born Feb. 26, 1919, in Bettendorf, a daughter of Thomas and Alice (Sherwood) Jennings. She was united in marriage to Lonnie Allen Conger on July 2, 1939, at Wesley Methodist Church parsonage, Muscatine. He preceded her in death on Jan. 2, 2012. For Bertha, family and extended family came first. She lived a life of sharing and love.

She was a charter member of Faith United Methodist Church, taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and was active in the women's groups for many years. She was a life member of the American Legion Auxiliary at Post 26 and National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Other memberships included the Gideons Auxiliary and KAABA Shrine Ladies. She was a participant in the Women's Health Institute (WHI). Bertha was an excellent seamstress who made hundreds of garments for family and others. She was an avid reader. She was a runner-up in the Mrs. Iowa contest in 1963 and 1965. She enjoyed her 30 years as a Realtor with Carroll and Company Realtors. Bertha and Lonnie enjoyed traveling by car to Lonnie's countless meetings, conferences, conventions and so forth. They were privileged to make other trips by bus, train and ship. They drove thousands of miles to keep in touch with family and friends.

Those left to honor her memory include her children, Cary Alan (Carole) Conger, Sac City, Iowa, Larry Allan (Lin) Conger, East Derry, N.H., Janice (Bill) DePover, Davenport, Clare (Jim) Frevert, Iowa/Florida; eight grandchildren, John Conger (Kristine Minami), Christopher Conger, Marnee (Christopher) Michalman, Amanda MacDonald, Kent (Jane) Vensland, Kathy (Joe) Nohai and Larry (Suzie) Frevert and Anne (David) Cable; two great granddaughters; and 11 great-grandsons; a sister, Grace Neff; sisters-in-law, Esto, Joyce and Shirley Jennings; and brothers-in-law, Dale, Gerald (Jean) and Marvin (Judy) Conger; 29 nieces; and 33 nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Steven Arthur Conger; and six brothers, John, Arthur, George, Frank, Thomas and Charles Jennings; and two sisters, Ethel Plunkett and Edith Licht; many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; eight nieces; and 12 nephews.

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PACK 373 Cub Scout News

On Saturday, January 24, 2015 Cub Scout Pack 373 (Post 26 sponsored) held their Pack meeting and annual Pinewood Derby Race. Approximately fifteen Scouts in grades one through five raced their Scout-made cars down the wooden track in the Post 26 Legion hall while Scouts and their parents and friends cheered them to the finish line!

