



## SOLDIER & CITIZEN

A Monthly Newsletter free for our Members

### American Legion Post #26

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#### Davenport Post #26 2015-2016 Officers

Commander	Marlene Marolf
V. Commander	Dave Jones
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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

##### February

February 2 - Executive Board Meeting

February 7 - Post 26 Pancake Breakfast  
0700-1100

February 8 - Post 26 Membership Meeting  
1800 dinner and meeting @ 1830

February 15 - Presidents' Day

February 16 - Post 26 Auxiliary Meeting

February 18 - Standdown

February 25 - Marine Corp League Meeting

<u>Schedule of Events</u>	<u>Post Everlasting</u>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>March</u></b></p> <p>March 1 - Post 26 Executive Board Meeting @ 1700</p> <p>March 6 - Post 26 Pancake Breakfast 0700-1100</p> <p>March 14 - Post 26 Membership Meeting 1800 dinner and meeting @ 1830</p> <p>March 15 - Post 26 Auxiliary Meeting</p> <p>March 24 - Marine Corp League Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Nov 2015 Funerals</u></b></p> <p>Ronald Moosery John Kempton Dennis Hartenhoff David Rosenblum Dick Henneman Ronald Clouse Alfred Luett Charles Hooper</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Dec 2015 Funerals</u></b></p> <p>Patrick Kellar John Harris Ronald Farrell Charles Harper Robert Baker Leslie Larssen Edward Wagner Jon Czametzki Larry Darnell</p> <p>It is with saddened heart that we report the passing of Dick Henneman, on Friday November 13, 2015. Dick was a long time devoted member of Post #26 and of our Honor Guard. He was most proud of his time in service with Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division, as it pushed through France.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Let us always remember our fallen military and what legacy they leave behind.</b></p>

**SAVING POST HISTORY**

If you haven't noticed, there is now a rather large Legion Emblem, imbedded in concrete, standing up-right in front of Post #26. This emblem was carefully cut out of the floor of our old Legion building on the river front. Originally, this was incorporated in the flooring of the building in 1949,. A number of post members have been trying to save this emblem from demolition for the last 13 years.

Our thanks to Holst Trucking, Alderman Matson, and especially the crew at Davenport's Public Works for their assistance in removing it from the old building, transporting it to the post and assistance with getting it moved in place. This was no easy task! Our thanks also to Post member Bill Macdougall for the site preparation and anchoring it in place. Hopefully, it will be part of post history for years to come!

**FROM THE ARCHIVES**

The following are a few highlights of our post history from "Soldier & Citizen" December 1939...

Eddie Cantor donates a scholarship of \$4,000 to the American Legion to be used as a four year scholarship .

The National High School Oratorical Contest in 1939 had 24,000 students from 20 different States participate. Indications are that over 30 States will compete in 1940.

**REGULAR MEETING  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
UNIT 26  
JANUARY 19, 2016**

Meeting was opened by President Lilah Hurley. Prayer by Syvena Letts, Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited as was the Preamble to the Auxiliary Constitution. Fifteen members and two guests were present.

The Secretary's report was read. Hats and gloves were delivered to the schools by Andrea. The minutes were approved as corrected. The Treasurer's report was read and placed on file for audit.

Dues are \$15 and are to be paid August 1<sup>st</sup>. We currently have 156 members. \$188,895 in coupons and 1/3 box pop tabs have been collected.

Mid-Winter Conference will be held February 12-14 in Des Moines.

February 18 will be the Stand Down at Post 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ten blankets were made today for this event. Mary Ann moved that we donate \$300 for the Stand Down. Nancy seconded. Motion carried. Gold Star Moms made 51 fleece bags for the Stand Down.

Thank you notes and correspondence was read by the Secretary.

Rhonda moved that we send \$100 to the VA in Iowa City for Valentines Day. Carletta seconded. Motion carried.

Jeanita stated that there are 7 applicants for Girls State from Central and 1 applicant from Bettendorf (she paid her way so will be going but will be interviewed as well). February 21 at 1:15 Jeanita, Deb and Thea will be conducting interviews for Girls State. We will send four girls from Unit 26.

Activity Committee members Jane, Deb Andrea, Lindsey, Lilah and Mary Ann decided to replace the golf tournament with an Ice Cream Social to be held on April 16 from 2-4 p.m. at Post 26. Rhonda will ask her daughter who owns an ice cream shop in Eldridge to possibly donate to this event. A sign up sheet for baked goods was passed around. This will be a free will event with any donations given to the September Stand Down. We need to advertise at businesses, colleges and newspapers two weeks before the event.

Breakfast will be held on February 7. Enough ladies expressed interest in providing baked goods (excluding cup cakes) to participate in the bake sale.

May 6 and 7 will be Poppy Days with Andrea organizing this event.

Rhonda made a motion to give Lindsey Chapman a \$50 gift card to help with expenses as they travel to Iowa City to care for their very ill 2 year old son. Jane seconded and motion carried. Lilah asked us to pray for them.

Jane reviewed the Gold Star Mother organization and the good work they are doing in the area.

Rhonda announced that two units in Second District have reached membership goals. Those units are Bettendorf and Springville.

Second District Spring Conference will be April 9 in Anamosa with a social evening held April 8.

Birthdays this month are Mary Ann and Jane

Quarter Awards went to Pat Dominacki, Nancy Czubara, and Syvena Letts.

Meeting adjourned by Lilah Hurley. 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

December 2015/January 2016  
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## **From the Iowa American Legion...**

### **Mid Winter Conference**

February 12-14, 2016

Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, IA.

For more information... visit [www.ialegion.org/mid\\_winter\\_conference.htm](http://www.ialegion.org/mid_winter_conference.htm)

### **Job Opening**

The American Legion, Department of Iowa, is currently seeking a Claims Representative for our Service Office. This is a full time position with benefits in our office located in the Federal Building at 210 Locust Street in Des Moines, Iowa. Obtain a job description and application by visiting [www.ialegion.org](http://www.ialegion.org) Questions about the position may be directed to Service Officer Gary Carter at 515-323-7532 or Adjutant John Derner 515-282-5068

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