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# The Commanders View

Hi Members of the American Legion Post #26, Auxiliary Unit #26 and SAL members,

At our June 9<sup>th</sup> 2013, membership meeting. The nominating committee will give a report of members who are interested in different positions on the executive board for 2013-2014. If you are interested in a position on the executive board you can have someone nominate you.

Our guest for the June membership meeting will be the graduating seniors from Davenport High Schools that were awarded a Harvey W. Klindt Scholarship.

The next Scott County Meeting will be June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, hosted by Eldridge Post # 639 located at 220 West Davenport Street, Eldridge (US Bank basement) Dinner served at 6:30 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM.

There will be a nomination of County Officers at the meeting for 2013-2014. These positions are open to any American Legion member in Scott County of the American Legion in good standings.

Glenn Kimmerle Commander American Legion Post #26



#### Adjutants' Notes

Coming Events – June

**Saturday June 1** – approx. 9:30 a.m. your post will hold its' annual Flag Disposal Ceremony at the Izaak Walton League. Plans are to pick up all the worn flags at the post around 8:30 and then head out. Need assistance on loading the trucks at the post, and then help watching the burning and clean-up afterwards.

Sunday June 2 from 7:00 - 11:00 a.m. is our monthly pancake breakfast. Come on down and enjoy a great breakfast with your fellow post members and friends.

**Sunday June 9 – 14** is Boys State at Camp Dodge. Your post is sponsoring 5 boys and has worked with a couple of other posts to sponsor 2 more, for a total of 7. Thanks to Don Dorrance for stepping up and making this program work!!

Monday June 10 we host our scholarship winners and their parents at our regular meeting. Let's show our support for these outstanding students, by our attendance! Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., followed by the festivities.

**Thursday June 27** is the Scott County Legion meeting and also the meeting night for the Illowa Detachment of the Marine Corps League, which, incidently, meets at our post facilities [at 7:00 p.m.]. The Marines' annual SOS Dinner will be held at the post on Saturday June 29, starting at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!!

Nominating Committee: - - Committee members are hard at work putting together a slate of officers, to be voted on at our July meeting. If you would like to serve as a Post #26 Officer or on the Executive Board, let Don Dorrance or one of the current officers know!!

Our thanks to the members of our Honor Guard Detail for the extra effort and time required during the month of May, with all the funerals and Memorial Day, and special events going on They have been asked to do a lot, and as always have stepped forward with professionalism THANK YOU!!!.

**July 12 -14 Sioux City** will host the Department of Iowa Convention, with at least 4 of our membership planning to attend.

Also in July – Pancake breakfast on Sunday July 7, and members of the Honor Guard will participate in the "Bix" with a color guard at the 7:00 a.m. opening ceremony.

GOLFERS - - - August 17 and 18 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Golf Tournament hosted by Bellevue. We would like to see at least 3 teams representing our post at this event, so let's start putting your team of four together [teams only play one of the scheduled days]. Sign up sheets and details are available at the post!!

August 23 – 25 is the Healing Fields at Davenport Memorial Cemetery. We will be participating in the opening and closing ceremonies. This goes on 24 hours a day during that weekend!!

#### **CHAPLAINS COMMENTS**

#### IT'S ALL IN YOUR ATTITUDE

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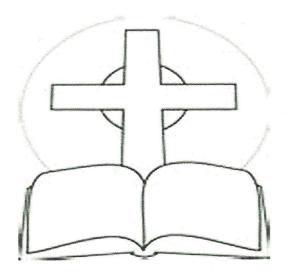
Suffering is one of the most difficult things to understand in life and Christianity. We know that GOD is good and we know that HE sees everything and is all powerful, but why does HE allow us to suffer, especially unjustly?

GOD does not delight in our suffering, but HE is honored and pleased when we endure it with a good attitude. Trust requires unanswered questions. If we knew all the answers, faith would not even be necessary.

FIRST PETER teaches us that there is such a thing as godly suffering. Some suffering is done in CHRIST and some is done for HIM. When a believer suffers in order to do GOD'S will, that is cause for rejoicing. Say no to self and suffering in the flesh leads to the death of selfishness, and that kind of hardship yields tremendous freedom and strengh.

The true test of faith is how we behave during trials and tribulations, especially ones we feel are totally unfair. Peter said that fiery ordeals will come to test the quality of our faith and that we are not to be amazed or bewildered. Instead of being concerned about "WHY YOU SUFFER", just make a decision to get through it with a good attitude.

GOD"S PEACE: LOVE: and BLESSING'S Chaplain Don June Events D-Day June 6, 1944: Flay DAY; Father's Day



### **Post Officers**

Commander Vice-Commanders

Adjutant
Chaplain
Finance
Judge Advocate
Historian
Sgt at Arms
Service Officer
Honor Guard Commander

Glenn Kimmerle
Dale Chrysler
Marlene Marolf
Allan Johnston
Don Heister
Bill MacDougal
Terry Dell
Wil Ensenat
Ron Mueller
Dave Woods
Nick DeBolt



## Funerals Conducted May

Merrill Ohl
Ronald Bennett
Ron Kitzman
Floyd Jacobsen
Robert Lorentz
Kenneth Chumbley

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

## Chaplain's Message

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.

## \*\*\*Pancake Breakfast\*\*\*

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.

#### Menu

Pancakes, Scrambled eggs, Sausage Links, Potatoes and Biscuits and Gravy.

Coffee, Juice and Milk \$7.00 for adults. This is open to the public.

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#### **New Bar Hours**

Barroom and kitchen are now open to membership and the public.

The hours of operation are:

Wednesdays—5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

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# **Membership**

Please Help! We have several members that are not current on their membership dues that have more than 10 years membership. If you are aware of any special circumstances with these members please contact me.

We're closing the gap but we have a ways to go, and please keep in mind all the good that the legion supports in our community.

Marlene Marolf, Membership Chairperson

## **Nominating Committee**

Hi, I am Don Dorrance, a member of the Post Officer Nomination Committee for the 2013/2014 year that begins on August 1, 2013. Also on the committee is Jerry Dykes and Rennie Waech. The annual election of the Post Officers will take place at the July 8, 2013 Membership meeting.

If you want to be learn more about a particular Officer position and/or be considered for nomination to a Post Officer position, please email or call one of us listed below indicating the Officer position you are interested in.

Thank you,

Don Dorrance dddorrance@aol.com 563-391-8103

Jerry Dykes msgjerry@q.com 563-505-7788

Rennie Waech rpwaech@netexpress.net 563-508-5123

## **VA Coordinator**

Anyone needing help with a claim or information about the VA you may contact Dave Woods at :

(563)326-8723

## **Newsletter**

If you are going to a warmer climate for the winter, please do not forget to stop your news letter. We mail at a bulk mailing rate and the post Office will not forward this type of mail. Any mail returned to us will cost the post \$0.44 plus the original cost of mailing.

It is the responsibility of the member to notify us. We can not start and stop automatically.

## **JROTC AWARDS**

During our last month's membership meeting we had three Central High School Student come and receive JROTC Awards. The students are listed Below:







Company Cdr Bravo Co. Mackenzie Gibson, Bat. Cmdr Roy Schindler, and Capt S-4 Jake Heiber

## **Bingo News**

We are in need of Volunteers for our Bingo Operation. We accept anyone, if you have 1 to 2 hours or perhaps you can't sleep come out and help us clean-up the hall any time is appreciated we are also looking for a back up Cashier. Please Let me Know?

Dave Jones - 563-570-0154

# **Auxiliary Newsletter**

Unit 26 June 2013

The meeting was opened by President Andrea Kimmerle, the prayer by Thea Welke, the chaplain. The Pledge Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution was recited.

We had one guest, Mary Littrell, she is Department President. Mary said she put 2600 miles on her car this year. She does a lot of work at the V.A. in Iowa City. They need ditty bags for children.

Our Unit is one over goal at 171 now. I want to thank those members who sent them in. I knew we could do it. We got another box of pop tabs to go to Iowa City. I want to thank everyone for bringing in the can pull tabs. We got \$10,000 in coupons clipped so far for next year.

Carletta Campbell read the minutes and the treasurer's report. The treasurer was sick.

We took in \$4720 in our Poppy drive. We sent \$950 to Department for their part. Thanks to all that helped with the poppies. There will be a free lunch for those who helped. We made \$176 at our bake sale on May 5<sup>th</sup>. There will not be anymore bake sales till September.

Shirley made a motion we give each girl that went to girl state \$50 for expenses. It was second by Kay Schrieker and motion passed by all.

Shirley Plumb had a birthday this month. The quarter awards went to; Carletta, Dorothy, Andrea, Lois, and Debbie.

We will kept Phyllis Dengler in our prayers, she is having a pace maker put in May, 30th.

Our next meeting is June18th; we are having election of officers.

Prayer by Thea and the meeting was adjourned by President Andrea Kimmerle.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Carletta Campbell.



# 2013 Poppy Sellers











Glenn & Andrea Kimmerle

Al & Bette Johnston

Lois Beckman

Carletta Campbell









Ken & Shirley Plumb

Al Chavez

Mary Chrysler









Ruth Davis

Dick Hennemen

Arn Hilbert

Bill MacDougall





Alan Plumb

Neil Reide

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Membership Meetings 2nd Monday of the Month Dinner—6:00pm [\$5.00] Meeting follows

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## Battle of Midway, 4-7 June 1942

The Battle of Midway, fought over and near the tiny U.S. mid-Pacific base at Midway atoll, represents the strategic high water mark of Japan's Pacific Ocean war. Prior to this action, Japan possessed general naval superiority over the United States and could usually choose where and when to attack. After Midway, the two opposing fleets were essentially equals, and the United States soon took the offensive.

Japanese Combined Fleet commander <u>Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto</u> moved on Midway in an effort to draw out and destroy the U.S. Pacific Fleet's aircraft carrier striking forces, which had embarassed the Japanese Navy in the mid-April <u>Doolittle Raid</u> on Japan's home islands and at the Battle of Coral Sea in early May. He planned to quickly knock down Mid-

way's defenses, follow up with an invasion of the atoll's two small islands and establish a Japanese air base there. He expected the U.S. carriers to come out and fight, but to arrive too late to save Midway and in insufficient strength to avoid defeat by his own well-tested carrier air power.

Yamamoto's intended surprise was thwarted by superior American communications intelligence, which deduced his scheme well before battle was joined. This allowed Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, the U.S. Pacific Fleet commander, to establish an ambush by having his carriers ready and waiting for the Japanese. On 4 June 1942, in the second of the Pacific War's great carrier battles, the trap was sprung. The perserverance, sacrifice and skill of U.S. Navy aviators, plus a great deal of good luck on the American side, cost Japan four irreplaceable fleet carriers, while only one of the three U.S. carriers present was lost. The base at Midway, though damaged by Japanese air attack, remained operational and later became a vital component in the American trans-Pacific offensive.