



April 19, 1775 - The American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington & Concord

SOLDIER & CITIZEN

A Monthly Newsletter free for our Members

American Legion Post #26

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Davenport Post #26 2013—2014 Officers

Commander	Glenn Kimmerle
V. Commander	Marlene Marolf
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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

May

May 3 - 2nd District Friendship Dinner hosted by Post 238, DeWitt
 May 4 - (6-11am) Post 26 Pancake Breakfast
 May 4 - 14:00 Boys State Orientation @ Post 238, DeWitt
 May 6 - 17:00 Post 26 Exec. Board Meeting
 May 7 - 19:00 Armed Forces Day Mtg. Post #26
 May 7 - Bingo
 May 9&10 - Auxiliary "Poppy Days"
 May 11 - Mother's Day
 May 12 - 18:00 Post 26 Membership Dinner & Meeting
 May 14 - Bingo
 May 15 19:00 Armed Forces Day Mtg. @ Post 26
 May 17 - (6:30-11) Honor Flight Orientation Meeting
 May 17 10:00-16:00 Armed Forces Day @ Brady St. Stadium
 May 17 17:30-19:30 Marine Corp SOS Supper & Auction 19:30 @ Post 26
 May 21 - Bingo
 May 22 - 18:30 Scott Co. Legion Mtg. & Dinner Hosted by Post 26, Davenport
 May 22 - 19:00 Marine Corp League Meeting
 May 25 - Memorial Day Services
 May 26 - Memorial Day Ceremony @ Arsenal Island National Cemetery
 May 29 - Honor Flight

<p align="center"><u>Schedule of Events</u></p> <p align="center"><u>June</u></p> <p>June 1 - 7-11am Post 26 Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>June 3 - 17:00 Executive Board Meeting</p> <p>June 9 - 18:00 Post 26 Membership Meeting</p> <p>June 12 - 18:00-19:00 Evening w/ Major David F. Bice @ Post 26. Hosted by the Ma- rine Corp League. 18:00-19:00 Reception 19:00 General Bice</p> <p>June 15 - Boys State, Camp Dodge</p>	<p align="center"><u>Post Everlasting</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Funerals Conducted</u></p> <p align="center"><u>March</u></p> <p align="center">Bobby Jones Stanley Straight Clifford Heartsill James Shelton Janet Jones Glenn Osbourne Edward Callahan Robert Levsen</p> <p align="center">Let us always remember our fallen soldiers and what leg- acy they leave behind.</p> <div data-bbox="708 806 919 1079" data-label="Image"> </div> <p align="center">Lois K. (Wingler) Beckmann Feb. 15, 1931 - April 9, 2014</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> <div data-bbox="1263 1377 1451 1551" data-label="Image"> </div>
<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>	<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 (563) 326-8723</p>	

<div data-bbox="196 1617 342 1772" data-label="Image"> </div> <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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Post 26 Flag Essay Contest

At our Post 26 Membership Meeting on April 14, 2014 the Post had the pleasure of congratulating the winners of the flag contest. As a result of the devotion of Post 26 Executive Board member Larry Flathman, seven Davenport schools participated in the contest this year and 163 fifth grade students submitted essays under the theme “What does the flag mean to me?” The top three recipients were present at the Post 26 Membership meeting to read their essays to the Post members, family members and school administrators who were invited to attend.

The first place award went to Emma Davis, Harrison Elementary School, who went home with a \$40 check and who also competed at the District level and received \$25 for her sixth place finish there on April 5, 2014. Congratulations Emma!

It was a very close competition with only one point between the top three finishers. Sean Thompson (All Saints Catholic School) took second place and took home a \$30 prize while Luke Heinrichs (All Saints Catholic School) took third place and received a \$30 check. All three had great essays and we appreciate all of the students who took the time to participate and especially these three who were able to share them with our Post Members.



1st Place - Emma Davis
Harrison Elementary School. Reading her flag essay at the April Membership Meeting.



April 14, 2014 Post 26 Membership Meeting - Flag Contest Winners

(Left) **2nd Place - Sean Thompson**, All Saints Catholic School

(Right) **3rd Place - Luke Heinrichs**, All Saints Catholic School



Post 26 Auxiliary



This picture shows the lady's who made a dozen blankets for soldiers given during the stand-down in February 2014.



Thea and Rhonda making bags and filling them with children's items to keep them busy while their parents are visiting the VA doctors and hospitals.



This picture shows one of the half-dozen tie fleece blankets made for Binkie Patrol whose organization specializes in getting hats, blankets, and other items to foster and needy children in the Scott County area.

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
POST 26
APRIL 15, 2014**

Joseph Tirone, Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired, made a presentation of the Action Trackstander. This type of wheelchair will enable wounded warriors to be outdoors and can also be used for hunting trips. He is raising funds for a Trackstander and trailer which will cost a total of \$18,500.

Eric Swanson, Director, Patriot Place, made a presentation of this new endeavor which will serve Veterans in need of assistance. He outlined the goals which include training Vets to give them marketable skills, helping them find employment and providing assistance with other challenges they may encounter in returning to the civilian world.

Second District President Rhonda Riede thanked those who attended the Second District Spring Conference. The new Second District President is Nancy Krapfl from Linn County. The other officers remain the same. Rhonda presented Andrea with the Diamond Award for membership of 105%.

The Secretary's report was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read by the President, in the absence of the Treasurer, and placed on file for audit.

Twelve members and two guests were present.

Old Business:

We have a full box of pop tabs. \$13,000 in coupons has been sent. Last year totaled \$206,000 in coupons.

\$1,262.38 was raised from the Vendor Sale.

April 6 bake sale raised \$132.50.

Gift cards for Easter totaling \$400 will be delivered to needy Scott County Veterans this week.

Andrea reminded us to fill out the member year-end reports this month.

April is Children and Youth Month. \$165 was given to five girls for Junior Camp and five blankets were made for the Binky Patrol. Kay moved that we send \$300 to QC Operation Military Kids. Deb seconded. Motion carried.

Rhonda moved that we donate \$200 to the USO for coffee. Sue seconded. Motion carried.

May 3 is the Friendship Dinner at DeWitt.

May 4 is a Post 26 breakfast with bake sale. Also, at 2 p.m. a Girls State meeting will be held.

May 9 and 10 is Poppy weekend. \$233 has been collected so far. The bill from

L E Chute for mailing the Poppy letters was \$603.22. The Board suggested we give a donation to the Vets who made the poppies. Kay moved that each Vet receives \$25. Rhonda made a motion to rescind this amount and discussion followed. Rhonda stated that this is the only income the Vets receive in Marshalltown. Kay moved that \$300 be given to all the Vets who made poppies that we received and that amount be distributed equally to the Vets. Carletta seconded. Motion carried.

Marian reported that Grace reached her goal of one million pop tabs and now wants to continue until she reaches two million.

May 20 Department President will attend our meeting.

A local Veteran has made 150 baby hats and she would like them to stay in this area. Lilah will check with the Crisis Pregnancy Center to see if they can use them. The hats will also be distributed to the hospitals.

The lap robes which were given by Unit 676 will be taken to Marshalltown.

Kay will send a card to Marsha's husband who is in Iowa City.

Carletta expressed thanks to those who attended her 90th birthday party and also to those who sent cards.

Rhonda moved that we donate \$1,000 for the track wheelchair. Phyllis seconded. Motion carried. Quarter awards went to Phyllis and Carletta.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thea Welke
Secretary

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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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April Dates in History

04/04/1968 – Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee
04/06/1917 – U.S. enters WWI
04/09/1865 – Robert E. Lee surrendered the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House, Virginia
04/10/1942 – Bataan Death March
04/11/1991 – Persian Gulf War Official cease Fire
04/13/1743 – President Thomas Jefferson was born
04/15/1865 – President Lincoln died in Washington, D.C.
04/16/1962 – Bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia became law
04/19/1775 – The American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington & Concord
04/19/1898 – Spanish-American War began
04/22/1994 – President Nixon died
04/25/1898 – Spanish-American War Begins
04/28/2014 – Holocaust Remembrance Day
04/29/1975 – U.S. Forces evacuate Vietnam

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

