

## **SOLDIER & CITIZEN**

A Monthly Newsletter free for our Members

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### **The Washington Monument**

The Washington Monument is an obelisk on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., built to commemorate George Washington, once commander-in-chief of the early Continental Army and the first American president. Construction of the monument was completed in 1884.

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### Davenport Post #26 2013—2014 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 DeBlieck	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 November**

November 4 - 17:00 Executive Board Meeting

November 5 - Bingo

November 10 - 18:00 Post 26 Membership Meeting

November 11 - Veteran's Day Parade downtown Davenport, Chili dogs after at the Post 1100-1400

November 12/19 - Bingo

# **Schedule of Events December**

December 2 - 17:00 Post 26 Executive Board Meeting

December 3 - Bingo

December 8 - 18:00 Post 26 Membership Meeting

December 10 - Bingo

December 25 - Merry Christmas

December 17/24/31 NO BINGO

### **Post Everlasting**

# Funerals Conducted September 2014

David Funk
Laverne Thompson
Beverly Smith
Allen Miller
Jacob Nagle
Alfred Liddell
Don Costello
Larry Goldsberry
Gary Blackledge
Micheal Yeast
Mike Marolf
Willy Henderson
Rich Concannon

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

### **Veteran's Day Parade**

Veteran's Day is Tuesday, November 11, 2014 and Post 26 is again participating in the Davenport parade starting at 10am. Everyone from the Post is welcome to participate in the parade.

If you want to participate but cannot walk the route and would like to ride please contact Chris Ekstrom at email: chrisaekstrom@gmail.com or cell phone: 563-449-2491
Limited space available and contact must be made prior so he knows that there is interest.







## **Auxiliary County Meeting**

Unit 26 Members who attended the September 25, 2014 Scott County American Legion Auxiliary Meeting in LeClaire, Iowa under the leadership of President Mary Chrysler, a Unit 26 Member.

# REGULAR MEETING AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 26 October 21, 2014

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 were present.

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

Discussion was held concerning the unit bank accounts. Deb Rice moved that funds from the savings account be placed into the checking account, leaving a small balance in the savings account. Funds from the investment account will be placed into the savings account. Lilah Hurley seconded. Motion carried.

Thank you notes were read from Dave Ramsey, Iowa Veterans Affairs Office, Shinnen Commissary, and Bridging the Gap.

October bake sale brought in \$142.

Reports were given for the Scott County Fall Conference and the Second District Fall Conference.

Ruth Davis reported on the October 19 packing party for Molly's Adopt a Sailor with the boxes being sent to those serving at Guantanamo Bay. Sixty-four people helped pack eighty-two boxes. Thanks to all who contributed items and helped pack boxes!

Hats and gloves can be brought to the next meeting and a decision will be made as to the organization that will receive the donated items.

It was decided that up to four girls will be sent to Girls State in 2015.

The vendor sale in March will be organized by Kay and Deb.

Kay will make denim laundry bags for the February Stand Down. Arrive at 9:30 to the next meeting on November 18 to help tie fleece blankets for the Stand Down.

Membership stands at 108.

November 2 there will be no bake sale with the breakfast. December 7 will be the next bake sale.

The Veterans Day Parade in Davenport will be November 11 with line-up at 9 a.m., step-off at 10 a.m. and ceremony at 11 a.m. Post 26 will serve chili and hot dogs on Veterans Day. November 17 Golden Corral will offer a free meal to all veterans.

Kay reported that cards have been sent to Jeanette Smith, Elizabeth Casillo, Margaret Ramsey, and Ruth Bendfeldt.

Quarter awards went to Carletta, Lilah, and Phyllis.

Meeting was adjourned by Andrea Kimmerle. Prayer by Syvena Letts. We recited Proverbs 4:23 to close the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thea Welke Secretary

### **Military Support Care Packages**



Every month "Molly's Adopt a Sailor" Navy moms across the nation adopt a unit that has requested a morale boost. Locally, the Davenport American Legion Auxiliary participates in one or two adoptions a year. The adoption in October was for the military at Guantanamo Bay Naval Station (GITMO) in Cuba. A "packing party" was held October 19 at the Davenport American Legion that resulted in 82 boxes from this area being shipped. More boxes are being sent from Navy moms in Colorado, Massachusetts, Florida, Michigan, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

As the organizer of this packing party, I want to thank my Auxiliary for their support of over \$500 to shop and their helping hands before and during the packing party. Sixty-four volunteers from age 4 to 84, from across Iowa and Illinois,

helped us pack donated, requested items. We packed snacks, candy, current magazines, toiletries, greeting cards, sunscreen, bug repellent, and pillowcases.

Special thanks goes to the American Legion Auxiliaries of Davenport, but also Blue Grass, Walcott, and Donahue for their generous donations; Walcott Royal Neighbors; Simply Soothing of Columbus Junction for 1000 bottles of Bug Soother; Rock Island Academy; North Scott Schools; Sheldon Schools. Donations came from too many individuals to thank here, but I want to recognize Linda Walsh and Kathy Quinn of Davenport, Karin White of Oxford, Maggie



Christy of North Liberty, and Wendy Canada of Moline for making and donating over 150 pillowcases.

Thank you to everyone that donated and packed so that we could ship love to GITMO.

Ruth Clayton-Davis Navy Mom and Unit #26 member





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# **October Dates in History**

10/02/1908 - Henry Ford introduced the Model T automobile

10/03/1789 - George Washington proclaimed the first National Thanksgiving

10/03/1938 - The play, Abe Lincoln in Illinois, opening in Washington, D.C.

10/03/1990 - The end of the Berlin Wall occurred

10/07/1765 - The first Colonial Congress met

10/09/1888 - The Washington Monument opened to the public

10/16/1793 - Queen Marie Antoinette was beheaded

10/17/1978 - A bill creating the Department of Education was signed by President James Carter

10/20/1803 - The United States Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase

10/21/1964 - President Herbert Hoover died in New York City

10/21/1879 - Thomas Edison invented the working electric light

10/25/1983 - The United States invaded Grenada

10/26/1825 - The Erie Canal was opened

10/28/1886 - The Statue of Liberty was dedicated in New York Harbor by

President Grover Cleveland

10/29/1929 - The New York Stock Exchange crash occurred

10/31/1940 - The Battle of Britain ended

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