



WWII Veterans of Post 26 Membership who were present at the September Membership Meeting received a commemorative coin as a token of appreciation from the District 2 Historian and the District 2 Commander.

## SOLDIER & CITIZEN

A Monthly Newsletter free for our Members

### American Legion Post #26

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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 DeBlick	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

##### October

- Oct 4 - Pancake breakfast @ Post 26
- Oct 6 - Board Meeting 1700 @ Post 26
- Oct 12 - Membership Meeting, Dinner 1800 @ Post 26
- Oct 18 - Packing party
- Oct 23 - VVA Trivia Night @ Post 26
- Oct 27 - 4th Honor Flight of 2015

An additional WWII Veteran and Post 26 Member who received his recognition during the September 2015 Membership meeting after the Post dinner.



## Schedule of Events

### November

Nov 1 - Pancake Breakfast @  
Post 26

Nov 3 - Board Meeting 1700 @  
Post 26

Nov 9 - Membership Meeting,  
Dinner 1800 @ Post 26

## Post Everlasting

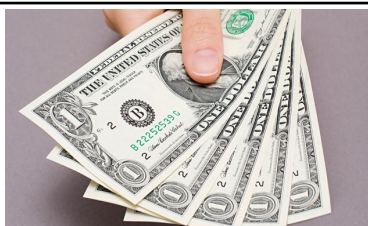
### July 2015 Funerals

Russell Myers  
Elmer Metzger  
Pete Bushma  
Gerald Geiger  
John Becker  
Doris Steffan  
Thomas O'Leary  
Sam Wince  
Ronald Sherrill  
Frank Perrish  
Gerald McKinney  
Leon Reese  
Kenneth Hahn  
Jack Hunter  
Richard Wiese  
Eugene Smelek

### August 2015 Funerals

Kenneth Lorenz  
Forrest Wacker  
Donald Heggon  
Norma Harmer  
James Mudd  
Arthur Hostens  
Victoria Lowe  
Bob Jones  
Robert Rasmussen  
Samuel Hohenadel  
Keith Mattke  
Gerry Fuller

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



### Increase in Legion dues

The National Executive Committee passed a resolution at the 2015 Spring Meetings in Indianapolis to recommend a \$5 per-capita annual increase in national membership dues. It amounts to about 1.4 cents a day. -

The NEC's recommendation comes at a time when the need for American Legion advocacy, expertise, influence, services and programs are sorely needed in every corner of our nation. Veterans are waiting too long for benefits claims decisions and medical appointments, and need well-trained and accredited American Legion service officers right now and for years to come. Nearly 4,000 veterans sought help at about two dozen Veterans Benefits Center events over the last year where they received firsthand, on-the-spot assistance, including over \$1 million in retroactive, past-due disability benefits.

Be sure to contact the Legion office or send your dues prior to Jan 1, 2016 in order to save money on membership dues!

### Lunch Social

Unit 26 Auxiliary will be sponsoring a weekly lunch on Wednesdays.

**The lunch will be open to the public from 11: 00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Post 26 Hall at 702 W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Davenport, Iowa.**

Food available will consist of *Homemade Soup – Sandwiches – Desserts.*  
The Bar in the Bunker Room will be open during this time, also.

**REGULAR MEETING  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
UNIT 26  
AUGUST 18, 2015**

On September 15, 2015 Unit 26 members enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner at noon. President Lilah Hurley called the meeting to order at 1: 00 p.m. with Chaplain Syvena Letts offering a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and reciting the American Legion Auxiliary Preamble.

Doug (Papa) Dee shared about the **PAPA'S HELPING VETERANS** program. It is a nonprofit organization that helps veterans and other homeless families with everything from bedding to kitchen needs and furniture, at no cost, since 2007. They pick up donations from all over the Quad Cities. They are in dire need of monetary donations to help pay fuel costs, storage rent of \$ 650.00 a month and utilities. If you wish to contribute send a check to Papa's Helping Vets, Inc. 2716 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201 or give them a call at 309-269-7302.

Paul Lappin of **Healing Heroes in the Heartland** informed us about this organization who especially worked with service members and veterans living with PTSD. This group is holding a benefit event for PAPA'S HELPING VETS, INC. on Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 2-6 p.m. at CRU Wine Bar 221 Brady St., Davenport, IA. Live Music; Tasty Eats, Guest Vet Bartenders; Silent Auction and Quilts for Valor Raffle will be there. Ten dollars is a suggested donation.

On October 10, 2015 from 7-10 p.m. a benefit for **Healing Heroes in the Heartland** will be at the American Legion Post # 26. It will be a trivia night with our local trivia master celebrity George Eaton, historian of the Rock Island Arsenal, hosting that evening. To register your team or find a team call 309-283-7316.

Bettendorf Auxiliary Unit 154 will be hosting the Scott County Fall Conference at American Legion Post 26 on September 24, 2015. Registration is 5:30 p.m. Food will be provided and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

During the business meeting it was voted on to make a monetary gift to **Papa's Helping Veterans, Inc.**, send four Junior girls to Girls State next June and a committee will decide on how many poppies to buy for the distribution next year.

A discussion was held on hosting a dinner for Veterans and their families between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The committee for this event is Jane Cox, Deb Rice, Andrea Kimmerle and Lindsey Chapman.

Molly Adopts a Sailor packing party will be Oct. 18 at 2:00 p.m. Those boxes will be sent to an Army unit in Kuwait. If you wish to donate items such as wipes, razors, beef jerky, cashews, salt water taffy, toiletries, current magazines, drink mix, Thanksgiving or Christmas decorations drop them off at the Legion office.

Rhonda Riede passed out seven red hats for women to decorate with a patriotic theme. They are to be worn to the Scott County Fall Conference.

Girl Scouts will be hosting a pillowcase decorating project on Sept. 27 at the Davenport Legion from 1-4 p.m. All material will be provided. Kids are welcome to attend. The pillowcases will be given to active service men and women in various parts of the world.

The quarter awards went to Andrea Kimmerle, Mary Stallings and Gail Votroubek. We now have 64 paid up members. Please check to see if your \$ 15.00 dues are payable now.

We are now collecting winter hats, gloves and scarves for children. You can drop off your donation at the Davenport Legion office or bring them to our October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Hope you will be able to attend this meeting

Submitted by,

Shirley Plumb – VP of Unit 26  
[This was a very good meeting!]

## 2015 POLICE & FIRE RECOGNITION DINNER & AWARDS PRESENTATION



Left - Eng. Jack Solace was awarded the American Legion Post 26 Fire Fighter of the Year for 2015 for implementing a free smoke detector program at Garfield Elementary School. Eng. Solace was joined by Fire Chief Lynn Washburn-Livingston (left) and Al Johnson (right).

At the American Legion membership on September 14, 2015 the Post gave out our annual Police and Fire awards to two well deserving members of our City Police and Fire Departments. All of our thanks to these two individuals and also to the rest of the department members for what they do everyday to keep the City safe.

The awardees and their family members enjoyed a nice dinner prior to receiving their awards.



Left - Cpl. Chris Mahieu was awarded the American Legion Post 26 Officer of the Year for 2015 for providing life saving medical attention to the subject who sustained severe injuries during a household accident. Cpl. Mahieu was joined by Chief of Police-Interim Paul Sikorski (left) and Al Johnson (right).

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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

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