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WAVERLY AMERICAN LEGION POST # 176 AUXILIARY UNIT # 176 208 8th Ave SW 352-9163

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed., Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Mon., Jan. 6, 6:45 p.m.	Auxiliary Executive Board meeting
7:30 p.m.	Post and Unit meetings
Sun., Jan. 12, 2:00 p.m.	District Oratorical, Gilbertville
Thu., Jan. 16, 8:00 p.m.	Bremer County Legion, Janesville
Mon., Jan. 20	Martin Luther King Day
Wed., Jan. 22, 8:00 a.m.	Legislative Day, Des Moines
Sun., Jan. 26, 2:00 p.m.	Area II Oratorical, Waterloo
Mon., Feb. 3, 6:45 p.m.	Auxiliary Executive Board meeting
7:30 p.m.	Post and Unit meetings
Tue., Feb. 12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
Fri., Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Fri.-Sun., Feb. 14-16	Dept. Mid-Winter Conf., Des Moines
Mon., Feb. 17	President's Day
Fri., Feb. 22	George Washington's Birthday
Mon., Mar. 3, 6:45 p.m.	Auxiliary Executive Board meeting
7:30 p.m.	Post and Unit meetings
Sun., Mar. 9, 6:00 p.m.	Legion Birthday Potluck

DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTEST

Unless there is a need for a county contest, the next contest will be the District Contest Sunday, January 12 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Post 714 Legion Hall, 1110 Sixth Street, Gilbertville, Iowa. We would like good attendance for this event. We also need volunteers to help with the contest. To volunteer, contact Chairman Marvin Behrens.

Jack Potter, son of John and Leslie Potter of Waverly and a tenth grader in Waverly-Shell Rock High School in Waverly won first place in the Post 176 Oratorical Contest Monday, December 2.

BREMER COUNTY LEGION MEETING

The next meeting of the Bremer County Association of American Legion Posts is Thursday, January 19, 8:00 p.m., at the Janesville Post 522 Legion Hall, 515 Main Street, Janesville. All members of this Post are encouraged to attend.

LEGISLATIVE DAY

If you are interested in state legislative issues relating to wartime military veterans, **Legislative Day** Wednesday, January 22, is for you. Activities begin with an orientation meeting at Department Headquarters, 720 Lyon Street, Des Moines, at 8:00 a.m. From there everyone is shuttled as a group to the State Capitol for a group presentation and individual meetings with representatives and senators. The purpose is to maintain and improve veterans' benefits by the state of Iowa.

AREA II ORATORICAL CONTEST

This year the Area II Contest will begin at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 26, 2014, at Tama Hall, Hawkeye Community College, 1501 East Orange Road, Waterloo. District Three is host for the Area II contest. Help from the Third District, Post 176 and other posts is requested for the contest.

Department (State) contest will be 8:00 a.m., Sunday, February 16, 2014, at Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines.

DEPARTMENT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The Department Mid-Winter Conference will be Friday to Sunday, February 14-16, at the Airport Holiday Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321-9906. Members, especially some officers, are encouraged to attend. Reservations should be made soon. Ask for American Legion room rates. Call Holiday Inn (515) 287-2400 or Hampton Inn (515) 287-7300 to make a reservation.

For more information on the conference read your December 2013 *Iowa Legionnaire*.

AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sunday, March 9, is the day for our celebration of the birthday of The American Legion. Social gathering begins at 5:00 p.m. with potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Bring one hot dish and one cold dish (only one of the two for one person), and bring your own table service. Birthday cake, ice cream and beverage will be provided.

HAWKEYE BOYS STATE

We have made reservations for two to attend Hawkeye Boys State at Camp Dodge June 15-20. Our two delegates will be selected later from candidates selected from High School Juniors in Waverly-Shell Rock High School who apply to our selection committee. Two will be selected and one or two alternates will be designated. Richard Miller is our Boys State Chairman. For more information contact him at 352-9085 or chiefao51@aol.com

LEGION HALL RENTAL

Anyone wanting to rent the Legion Hall should contact Hubert Barber at 352-3112 or Martin Heering at 352-4509. Check with one of them for rates, availability, and terms of use.

POST MEMBERSHIP

The goal for our post for 2014 is 127. On December 19 our membership was 104, 81.89% of goal. Dues are \$35.00 per year. Please pay yours as soon as possible. Anyone whose dues are not paid on or after February 1 for 2014 is no longer a member in good standing.

ANNUAL FOOD BASKETS

We are continuing our tradition of giving food baskets in the form of food certificates (total value \$200.00) to families or individuals who need help with getting enough to eat. They are distributed in early December to people needing help identified by helping organizations without revealing their identities. We sometimes get thank yous from some of the recipients although that is not required. We do, however, identify ourselves as the giver.

LEGION INFORMATION

For more information on The American Legion, go on the internet and visit www.ialegion.org and explore.

GREETINGS FROM THE COMMANDER

Best wishes from our house to yours for 2014! I am looking forward to working with you in the coming year. Please join me in supporting the new veterans' facility in Waverly.

Richard Miller, Post 176 Commander

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AUXILIARY UNIT # 176

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear American Legion Auxiliary and Friends,

Luvina, Helen and I had a nice day in Marshalltown on December 4. It was foggy on the way down. I will tell you more at the meeting.

I'm praying all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2014.

The weather has been interesting to say the least; it could have been a lot worse.

Our January meeting comes early, January 6. If the weather is too bad, I will call Richard, and KWAY and KWWL. I can't recall ever having that situation in the past.

I hope this finds everyone in good health and anxious to get going in the New Year.

See ya in January & February. Til then, God Bless!

Vera Hoins, Unit President

MEMBERSHIP

Membership goal for our unit is 109. On December 20 our membership was 83, 76.15% of goal. Please pay your dues as soon as possible.

UNIT MISCELLANY

Helen Imbrock has agreed to replace Donna Kay Oberheu as a past president on the Executive Board.

Total attendance at the Membership Dinner was 75 members and guests. The meal was served at \$7.00 per guest. Special program was Lester Zelle telling about his experience at Boys State in 1940.

S A L ELIGIBILITY DATES

World War I	Apr 6, 1917 - Nov 11, 1918
World War II	Dec 7, 1941 - Dec 31, 1946
Korean War	June 25, 1950 - Jan 31, 1955
Vietnam Era	Feb 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975
Lebanon/Grenada	Aug 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984
Panama	Dec 20, 1989 - Jan 31, 1990
Persian Gulf	August 2, 1990 - (this eligibility period remains open)

(Note: potential S.A.L. members should use these dates to determine if their parents or grandparents are/were eligible for membership in The American Legion)

There are no age restrictions, lower or upper, and dual membership is permitted (S A L and Legion).

S A L SQUADRON COMING TO WAVERLY?

Sons of American Legion will come to Waverly if at least ten new members sign up in the next month or two. That many are needed to apply for a squadron 176 charter. Enough motivated and active members are needed to get the task done and keep it going.

We are looking for a few good men to get it started and keep it going. Contact Brent Wightman at 319-610-1261 for more information and to sign up if you are eligible.

To be eligible, you must be a male descendant (includes stepsons and adopted sons) of a member of The American Legion.

You would also be eligible to join the Sons of The American Legion if you are the male descendant (stepsons and adopted sons included) of a veteran who died in service during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, or the Persian Gulf War.

You would also be eligible to join the Sons of The American Legion if you are the male descendant (stepsons and adopted sons included) of a veteran who died subsequent to his or her honorable discharge from service during the same war eras.

DEPARTMENT SYMBOLS, SLOGANS AND PROJECTS

The Auxiliary symbol is a Baseball.

The Legion slogan for the year is "Serving Our Communities" The Auxiliary theme is "Pitch In."

Department Commander James Demarest's projects are (1) The American Legion of Iowa Foundation, and (2) the National Emergency Fund.

Department Auxiliary President Ann Crawford's projects are (1) Say "Thank You!" to a Veteran every day, (2) Make A Difference Day—October 26, 2013, (3) Continue Quilts of Valor Project, (4) Make Activity Bags for VA Medical Centers, (5) Purchase Craft Kits for therapy at the VA Medical Centers, and (6) Contribute to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

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Contact the Sons of The American Legion Squadron nearest you to obtain the necessary membership application form. Membership forms for the Sons of The American Legion should be available at any American Legion Post. Contact the Post nearest you and ask if a Squadron of the Sons exists in your area. If there is no Squadron in your area, contact The American Legion of Iowa and ask about membership in the Sons of The American Legion. It's also possible to organize a new S.A.L. Squadron.

For more information about membership or starting a squadron:

If you meet the eligibility requirements for membership in the Sons of The American Legion, we'd love to have you join our ranks! Contact The American Legion Post nearest you to see if a Squadron of the Sons has been organized at that Post. If not, an officer of that Post should be able to tell you where to find the nearest S.A.L. Squadron. You can also contact The American Legion Department Headquarters to find the location of a Sons Squadron near you.

Not everyone is eligible to become a member of the Sons of The American Legion. There are specific membership requirements.

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honorable discharge from service in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, or the Persian Gulf War (the same eligibility periods apply as above).

Active Duty Service Eligibility Dates For Membership in The American Legion

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