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WAVERLY AMERICAN LEGION POST #176

WAVERLY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #176

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., May 7, 5:30 p.m. Lunch
 5:45 p.m. Auxiliary Executive Board meeting
 6:30 p.m. Post and Unit meetings

Sat., May 12, 7:30-10:00 a.m. WAVP Breakfast, Veterans Center

Sat., May 19 Armed Forces Day

Thu., May 24, 9:00 a.m. Small Grave Flags at Harlington

Sat., May 26, 9:00 a.m. Put up Avenue of Flags

Mon., May 28, 10:30 a.m. Memorial Day parade & service
 2:00 p.m. Pick up Grave Flags
 4:00 p.m. Take down Avenue of Flags

Mon., June 4, 5:30 p.m. Lunch
 5:45 p.m. Auxiliary Executive Board meeting
 6:30 p.m. Post and Unit meetings

Sat., June 9, 7:30-10:00 a.m. WAVP Breakfast, Veterans Center

Sun.-Fri., June 10-15 Hawkeye Boys State, Camp Dodge

Mon., June 11, 2:00 p.m. Veterans' Social at Bartels

Thu., June 14 Flag Day

Sun.-Fri., June 17-22 Girls State, Drake University

Wed., July 4 Independence Day

Fri.-Sun., July 13-15 Iowa Dept. Conv., Waterloo

Sat., July 14, 7:30-10:00 a.m. WAVP Breakfast, Veterans Center

Tue., July 17, 6:00 p.m. WAVP General meeting, Veterans Center

Sat., Aug. 11, 7:30-10:00 a.m. WAVP Breakfast, Veterans Center

Sun., Aug. 12, 5:30 p.m. Legion Picnic Social
 6:00 p.m. Legion Potluck Picnic

Fri.-Thu., Aug. 24-30 National Conv., Minneapolis, MN

Mon., Sep. 10, 5:30 p.m. Lunch
 5:45 p.m. Auxiliary Executive Board meeting
 6:30 p.m. Post and Unit meetings

POPPY DAYS

Please answer the call to help if you are able and available. At our May meetings we will be asked to sign up for a two- hour assignment to distribute poppies and receive contributions.

MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 24, 9:00 a.m. Place small flags on the graves of all veterans in Harlington Cemetery. Flander's Field crosses will also be put up.

Saturday, May 26, 9:00 a.m. Put up Avenue of Flags. We need lots of volunteers to help at Harlington Cemetery.

Monday, May 28, Memorial Day parade and service. American Legion Post #176 is in charge of the program this year. Parade begins at 10:30 a.m. at Kohlmann Park. Members in the parade should report there by 10:00 a.m.

A lunch will be served afterward on the lower level of the Waverly Veterans Center, 1300 4th Street Northwest to those attending the service.

Monday, May 28, 2:00 p.m. Gather the small grave flags on Harlington Cemetery. 4:00 p.m. Take down Avenue of Flags. Help is also needed to take down the flags and poles to put away until the next time they are needed. Also take

down Flander's Field crosses.

HAWKEYE BOYS STATE

Our post has selected one delegate for The American Legion Hawkeye Boys State at Camp Dodge this year. It will begin June 10 and end June 15.

Representing us this year will be Sai Damireddi. He is a junior at Waverly-Shell Rock Senior High School.

VETERANS' SOCIAL AT BARTELS

Monday, June 11 is Veterans' Social at Bartels, 2:00 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Chapel.

W A V P ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Waverly Area Veterans Post will have its eighth annual general meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at the Veterans Center, 1300 Fourth Street Northwest, Waverly, for the purpose of installing (seating) board members, presenting annual reports and conducting other business as shall be presented by the Board of Directors.

All members, both veterans and auxiliary, of all four member organizations, are encouraged to attend. More details will be published in the next issue of this newsletter.

IOWA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 100th Annual Convention of The American Legion, Department of Iowa will be Friday-Sunday, July 13-15, at the Ramada & Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center, 205 West 4th Street, Waterloo, IA 50701. For reservations, call 319-233-75.60.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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Thank you all for your past service to your country and your continued support of The American Legion, which is your voice in service to our Veterans.

Commander Richard Miller

POST MEMBERSHIP

The goal for our post for 2018 is 122. On April 27 our membership was 121, 99.18% of goal.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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We enjoyed getting together for the Legion birthday potluck on March 11 at the WAVP Veterans Center. Next year, we will be observing and celebrating 100 years of The American Legion.

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Our Legion and Auxiliary will be in charge of the **Memorial Day** events and meal on **Monday, May 28**. More details will be discussed at our May 7 meeting. Please sign up to help out with this event!

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Ten of our regular attending members submitted their volunteer hours for the last 12 months, and I'd like to share just a few numbers with you:

- Total hours volunteered for veterans/active duty/reserves: **506**
- Number of poppies, large and small, distributed in Waverly: over **2,275**
- Additional hours volunteered in our communities: **1,161**
- Miles driven: **5,183.5**

These numbers amaze me, and they represent only half of our current attendees. I want to encourage all of you to start now, and keep track, month by month, of your volunteer hours to both our veterans and their families, and to those in our communities! We **Do** make an impact, and that is our purpose as an organization! Thank you, again, ladies, for all you do in our auxiliary and the Waverly area! Have a wonderful Spring and Summer!

Kathy Epley, Unit President

MEMBERSHIP

Objective—79; April 27—68, 86.08 % of objective

DEPARTMENT SYMBOLS, SLOGANS AND PROJECTS

The Auxiliary symbol is a White Mustang.

The Legion slogan for the year is "Recruit, Renew, Retain." The Auxiliary theme is "America Runs Free Because of Those Who Served Our Country."

Department Commander Mike Etzel's project is the Headquarters parking lot replacement.

Department Auxiliary President Vickie Klinkhammer's projects are (1) Veterans Creative Arts and (2) Retrieving Freedom.

Richard Miller, Post Commander 352-9085

David Vobr, Post Adjutant 352-3511

Kathy Epley Auxiliary President 319-231-1991

Marvin Behrens, Newsletter Editor 352-0798 or 319-269-7324

Bi-monthly newsletter, May, June, 2018

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