

# SERVICE FIRST

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., July 4, Independence Day  
Thu., July 15, 8:00 p.m. Bremer County Legion, Sumner  
Fri.-Sun., July 16-18, Iowa Dept. Convention, Cedar Rapids  
Sun., Aug. 15, 5:30 p.m. Legion Picnic Social  
6:00 p.m. Legion Potluck Picnic  
Fri.-Thu., Aug. 27-Sep. 2, National Conv., Milwaukee, WI  
Mon., Sep. 13, 6:45 p.m. Auxiliary Executive Board meeting  
7:30 p.m. Post and Unit meetings  
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## HAPPY FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

July 4, 2010, is the fiftieth anniversary of the fifty star flag as the official flag of the United States. Hawaii became the fiftieth state by act of congress August 21, 1959, too late to have a star added in 1959. The addition of the star becomes official the following July 4.

The forty nine star flag was official for only one year following the admission of Alaska January 3, 1959. It became the official flag July 4, 1959; not much time to produce enough flags for the entire nation before being replaced by the fifty star flag.

Happy Golden Anniversary, Fifty Star US Flag!

## BREMER COUNTY LEGION MEETING

The next meeting of the Bremer County Association of American Legion Posts is Thursday, July 15, 8:00 p.m., at the Thomas E. Woods Post 223 Legion Hall, 113 East First Street, Sumner. All members of this Post are encouraged to attend.

## IOWA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 92nd Annual Convention of The American Legion, Department of Iowa will be Friday-Sunday, July 16-18, at the Cedar Rapids Marriott, 1200 Collins Road, Northeast, Cedar Rapids. For reservations, call 319-393-6600. For more details, see the July 2010 issue of the *Iowa Legionnaire & Auxiliary Communiqué*.

## POST AND UNIT PICNIC

Sunday, August 15, is the date for our Post and Unit Picnic. The Social begins at 5:30 p.m. and the Potluck Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring a hot dish and a cold dish for a family or either one for one person. Beverage will be furnished by the officers.

## NATIONAL LEGION CONVENTION

The 92nd Annual National Convention of The American Legion will be Friday, August 27 to Thursday, September 2 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is still possible to attend as a guest. Call the Department of Iowa at (800) 365-8387 for details if

you are interested in attending. Eileen Behrens and Marvin Behrens will be attending as delegates from the Department of Iowa.

## POST OFFICERS 2010-2011

Post officers for 2010-2011 were elected at the May Post meeting and will be installed at the beginning of the September

## WAVERLY AMERICAN LEGION

### POST # 176

### AUXILIARY UNIT # 176

208 8<sup>th</sup> Ave SW 352-9163

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Post meeting by Bremer County Commander David Lahmann.

Commander: Marvin Behrens

First Vice Commander: Richard Miller

Second Vice Commander: Lester Zelle

Adjutant: Vern Oberheu

Chaplain: Arnold Imbrock

Finance Officer: Martin Heering

Historian: Burton Boevers

Service Officer: Brent Wightman

Sergeants-at-Arms: Roger Anhalt and Leroy Wolfe

We thank our 2009-2010 officers for a job well done. We welcome our incoming officers and pledge to support them to fulfill their duties.

## AUXILIARY NOTES

### Membership

Membership for 2009 is 118 as of April 28, 100.85% of goal. Membership goal for our unit is 117.

### Auxiliary Projects

1. Save grocery coupons. They must be national coupons, but most cannot be used more than six (6) months beyond the expiration date. They should be for food, household, and baby items. They are sent to various military installations for use by military personnel. These coupons can be used in the commissary on double coupon days and are a tremendous help to supplement allotments.

2. Canceled postage stamps are again being collected and sent to a veterans' treatment facility where processing them is part of a therapy program.

3. Save soda (pop) can tabs for the Ronald McDonald houses in our area.

4. Save "Courtesy" items. These include such things as soap bars, lotions, shampoo, etc. placed in hotel/motel rooms. These are distributed to other facilities that can use them.

## AUXILIARY UNIT OFFICERS 2010-2011

Officers were elected at the May meeting and installed at the June meeting by Eileen Behrens, Third District American Legion Auxiliary President.

President: Donna Kay Oberheu

First Vice President: Leola Westendorf

Second Vice President: Maxine Barber

Secretary: Terry Cotter

Treasurer: Janet Hoins

Historian: Evelyn Tudor

Chaplain: Delores Banser

Sergeants-at-Arms: Dot Bahlman and Lori Westendorf

Executive Board: Vera Hoins, Joyce Heyer and Dottie Heering

## THANK YOU!

Memorial Day parade and services went well thanks to all the help from fellow legionnaires, auxiliary members, other veterans and community members. Thank You! The spirit of the community is alive and well.

**AMERICAN LEGION POST # 176**  
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**208 8th Avenue Southwest**  
**Waverly, IA 50677-3744**

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**POST MEMBERSHIP**

The target for our post for 2010 is 151. On June 21 our membership was 156, 103.31% of target. Dues are \$30.00 per year. Please pay yours as soon as possible.

**LIT RENEWAL TIME**

Current Legionnaire Insurance Trust NO COST \$1.000.00 Accidental Death coverage expires after August 31, 2011. To continue it or enroll in it through August 31, 2016, you must complete and mail the enrollment card given or sent to you with your 2011 membership card. Don't delay!

In order to keep your coverage in effect at all times you must be a member in good standing. This means renewing your annual membership before January 1 of the membership year. (Any Post holding dues payments beyond that deadline becomes the default insurer until the dues are properly forwarded.)

**OPERATION TROOP SUPPORT (reprint)**

Operation Troop Support is a program of The Iowa American Legion Family developed to assist Iowa Guardsmen and Iowa Reservists and their families during active duty deployment and after deactivation. See the homepage at [www.ialegion.org](http://www.ialegion.org) for more information.

We are presently attending as many "Yellow Ribbon" and "Town Hall" events as possible to hand out as many "deployment packs" as possible to inform them of all the help we may be able to provide during and after deployment. To some of them we may be the closest family and friends they have. We must not abandon them.

**WE ARE ON THE INTERNET**

Thanks to [www.waverlyvets.us](http://www.waverlyvets.us) we are on a website. It is a work in progress designed for all veterans service organizations in Waverly. The first resident was AMVETS Post # 79. The home page provides buttons to VFW Post # 2208, Waverly Legion Post # 176, AMVETS Post # 79, and Marine Corps League Detachment # 1241. We have just been added along with the VFW. The Marine Corp League is still a work in progress.

So far we have a reformatted newsletter on the site and a PDF printable newsletter. Other features may be added later, much like the AMVETS pages. What we have now is no charge.

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**FLAG RETIREMENT**

A Dignified US Flag Disposal Ceremony is planned before our September 13 meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. Watch for more information in the September-October news-letter. We would like to have good attendance and may ask the Scouts to participate. We have not had one for some time and it is about time for another one.

**WINTER MEETING TIME?**

Meeting times are always problems. Recently some have suggested changing to daytime from December to February to avoid nighttime travel. We are conducting an informal survey to find an alternate time arrangement.

If you are a Unit or Post member, send your suggested time to the commander by September 10. The address is: Marvin Behrens, 320 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, Waverly, IA 50677-1548.

A joint committee will survey the results and make some recommendations.

**WAVERLY AREA VETERANS POST REPORT**

Plans are underway to invite approximately 350 veterans who are members of one or more of the participating organizations in the project to a meeting Tuesday, August 3, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The location will be announced later on the [www.waverlyvets.us](http://www.waverlyvets.us) website and elsewhere. The purpose of the meeting is to pass out information on the project and to solicit support--financial and otherwise.

**DEPARTMENT SYMBOLS, SLOGANS AND PROJECTS**

The Auxiliary symbol is the Unicorn.

The Legion slogan for the year is "Carry the Banner." The Auxiliary theme is "Follow the Dream."

Department Commander Marlin Tillman's projects are (1) Children's Miracle Network, and (2) Honor Flights.

Department Auxiliary President Fran Kirk's projects are (1) The American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund, and (2) The American Legion of Iowa Foundation.

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