

# SERVICE FIRST

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed., July 4	Independence Day
Fri.-Sun., July 13-15	Iowa Dept. Convention, Ames
Tue., July 17, 7:00 p.m.	WAVP General meeting, Legion Hall
Fri.-Sun., July 20-22	Waverly Heritage Days
Thu., Jul. 19, 8:00 p.m.	Bremer County Legion, Plainfield
Sun., Aug. 12, 5:30 p.m.	Legion Picnic Social
6:00 p.m.	Legion Potluck Picnic
Fri.-Thu., Aug. 24-30	National Conv., Indianapolis, IN
Mon., Sep. 3	Labor Day
Mon., Sep. 10, 6:45 p.m.	Auxiliary Executive Board meeting
7:30 p.m.	Post and Unit meetings

## BREMER COUNTY LEGION MEETING

The next meeting of the Bremer County Association of American Legion Posts is Thursday, July 19, 8:00 p.m., at Plainfield Post 472, Plainfield. All members of this Post are encouraged to attend.

## IOWA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of The American Legion, Department of Iowa will be Friday-Sunday, July 13-15, at the Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, 2100 Green Hills Drive, Ames. For reservations, call 800-367-2637. For more details, see the June 2012 issue of the *Iowa Legionnaire & Auxiliary Communiqué*.

## W A V P ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Waverly Area Veterans Post will have its second annual general meeting at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 17, 2012, at the Legion Hall, 208 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, 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.

At our June meeting we elected Mike Kukral as our member on the Board for a three year term 2012-2015 and since Brent Wightman is resigning from his term, Marvin Behrens was elected to complete the last year of his term for 2012-2013. They will be installed at the annual meeting.

All members, both veterans and auxiliary, of all four member organizations, are encouraged to attend.

## POST AND UNIT PICNIC

Sunday, August 12, 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, and bring your own table service. Beverage will be furnished by the officers.

## NATIONAL LEGION CONVENTION

The 94<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention of The American Legion will be Friday to Thursday, August 24 to 30, in Indianapolis, Indiana. 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, Marvin Behrens and Brent Wightman from this Unit and Post will be attending.

## WAVERLY AMERICAN LEGION POST # 176 AUXILIARY UNIT # 176

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

## ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Since the election of officers Arnold Imbrock resigned as Chaplain and Marvin Behrens was elected to replace him. The officers for 2012-2013 installed by David Lahmann are:

Commander	Richard Miller
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Gordon Licht
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Vern Oberheu
Adjutant	Burton Boevers
Finance Officer	Martin Heering
Chaplain	Marvin Behrens
Historian	Marvin Behrens
Sergeants-at-Arms	Harry Janssen and Leroy Wooff
Service Officer	Brent Wightman

Their terms will begin July 15, 2012.

In addition to the above Richard Miller was elected to replace Marvin Behrens on the Waverly Area Veterans Tribute Board. The two other representatives from our Legion Post are Martin Heering and Roger Metzger.

## POST MEMBERSHIP

The target for our post for 2012 is 155. On May 17 our membership was 134, 86.45% of target. Dues are \$30.00 per year. Please pay yours as soon as possible. Anyone whose dues are not paid on or after February 1 for 2012 is no longer a member in good standing. Pay your dues to remedy this.

## RETRIEVING FREEDOM INC

Retrieving Freedom is holding its First Annual Fundraiser on Saturday, July 7, at 5:00 p.m. in the 4-H Building on the Waverly Fair Grounds.

"Retrieving Freedom is a new not-for-profit organization located near Waverly.

"Retrieving Freedom will provide disabled veterans and children living with autism independent living with the assistance of a trained service dog."

Until it is fully certified by the IRS as eligible to receive tax deductible contribution, Waverly American Legion Post 176 is conducting a raffle as part of the fundraiser. When Retrieving Freedom is certified, the net proceeds will be given to them.

Watch for all the notices and publicity and generously support this worthy new endeavor.

## HERITAGE DAYS

Waverly Heritage Days are scheduled for Friday-Sunday, July 20-22, this year. More detailed information will be published in the Waverly Newspapers between now and then.

We are invited to have a Color Guard near the head of the parade along with the other veterans service organizations in Waverly. The parade will begin at the Sale Barn at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 21. Reporting time for the parade is between 9:00 and 9:30 according to the people in charge.

## HONOR GUARD

Some changes are being made in the local Funeral Honor Guard arrangements. They will be explained and discussed at our September meeting. A name for the joint detail is being used and Roger Metzger is the apparent detail leader.

**AMERICAN LEGION POST # 176**

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**AUXILIARY UNIT # 176**

**NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Legion Auxiliary Members:

Thank you for putting your confidence in me as your President. I will do my best to serve you. Keep up the good attendance at the meetings and your willingness to work when needed. We will continue to serve funerals when asked and work on other projects.

I have not received our department symbols, slogans and projects at this time. We are working on the new books for now.

Thanks to Esther Folkerts for installing our officers for 2012-2013. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. with board meetings at 6:45 p.m.

The first meeting of the summer is the picnic and social on Sunday, August 12, at 5:30 p.m., eat at 6:00 p.m.; then back to our regular Monday night schedule starting September 10.

That's all for now, God's blessings,  
Vera Hoins

**2012-2013 AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

Officers were elected at the May meeting and installed at the June meeting by Esther Folkerts, Bremer County American Legion Auxiliary Past President.

President	Vera Hoins
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Leola Westendorf
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Maxine Barber
Secretary	Portia Licht
Treasurer	Janet Hoins
Historian	Dorothy Bahlmann
Chaplain	Alisha Stiles
Sergeants-at-Arms	Beth Lovejoy and Marlys Minnaert
Executive Board	Joyce Heyer, Donna Kay Oberheu, and Dottie Heering

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership for 2012 is 110 as of June 23, 95.65% of goal. Membership goal for our unit is 115 (110 for 2013).

Dues will increase for the 2013 membership year from \$15.00 to \$20.00. National dues are increasing \$4.00 beginning the same membership year as voted at the 2011 national convention.

Junior dues continue to be \$4.00 because national remains the same for them.

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**WAVERLY VETERANS TRIBUTE**

Waverly Veterans Tribute needs your support and tender loving care. We are a party to creating and sustaining it. The City of Waverly is only a major party to its maintenance and existence. We have to keep our part of the agreement. This calls for continuing investment of action and financial resources. "Elbow grease and cash!"

Memorial bricks can still be purchased and installed. Annual orders are due no later than March 15. They can honor veterans who are friends and relatives from anywhere, not just in this area. We have plenty of space left for more bricks to be added. Those currently in service may also be included. Only information about the veteran may be on the brick.

Tax deductible contributions can also be made since the balance from the sale of bricks is far less than the annual maintenance costs and the trust fund is shrinking. Send any contribution to: Waverly Veterans Tribute, P.O. Box 93, Waverly, IA 50677-0093.

**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.

**DEPARTMENT SYMBOLS, SLOGANS AND PROJECTS**

The Legion Symbol is the American Eagle. The Auxiliary symbol is the Poppy.

The Legion slogan for the year is "Lead the Legacy" The Auxiliary theme is "Remembered, Not Forgotten."

Department Commander Dennis Soppe's project is the Iowa American Legion Foundation.

Department Auxiliary President Martha Travis' projects are (1) needs of the Iowa Veterans Home, (2) needs of the Iowa City VA Hospital, and (3) the Honor Flights for World War II Veterans.

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