

# SERVICE FIRST

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thu., July 2, 5:30 p.m.	Hors d'oeuvres, Legion Hall
Sat., July 4	Independence Day
Sat., July 11, 7:30-	
10:00 a.m.	WAVP Breakfast, Legion Hall
Mon., July 13, 6:00 p.m.	WAVP General meeting, Legion Hall
Thu., July 16, 7:00 p.m.	Bremer County Legion, Sumner
Fri.-Sun., July 17-19	Iowa Dept. Conv., Cedar Rapids
Fri.-Sun., July 17-19	Waverly Heritage Days
Sat., Aug. 8, 7:30-	
10:00 a.m.	WAVP Breakfast, Legion Hall
Sun., Aug. 9, 5:30 p.m.	Legion Picnic Social
6:00 p.m.	Legion Potluck Picnic
Fri., Aug. 28-	
Thu., Sep. 3	National Conv., Baltimore, MD
Mon., Sep. 7	Labor Day
Mon., Sep. 14, 5:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:45 p.m.	Auxiliary Executive Board meeting
6:30 p.m.	Post and Unit meetings
Sat., Sep. 12, 7:30-	
10:00 a.m.	WAVP Breakfast, Legion Hall

## W A V P ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Waverly Area Veterans Post will have its fifth annual general meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 13, 2015, 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 May meeting we reelected Mike Kukral as our member on the Board for a three year term 2015-2018. He will be installed at the annual meeting. Our other two members on the board are Marvin Behrens 2013-2016 and. Richard Miller 2014-2017

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

## BREMER COUNTY LEGION MEETING

The next meeting of the Bremer County Association of American Legion Posts is Thursday, July 16, 7:00 p.m., at the Thomas E. Woods Post 223 Legion Hall, 113 East First Street, Sumner. The officers for 2015-2017 will be installed by Marvin Behrens, Past Third District Commander. All members of this Post are encouraged to attend.

## IOWA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of The American Legion, Department of Iowa will be Friday-Sunday, July 17-19, at the Cedar Rapids Marriot, 1200 Collins Road Northeast, Cedar Rapids. For reservations, call 319-393-6600. For more details, see the June-August 2015 issue of the *Iowa Legionnaire & Auxiliary Communiqué*.

## POST AND UNIT PICNIC

Sunday, August 9, is the date for our Post and Unit Picnic. The Social begins at 5:30 p.m. and the Potluck Dinner begins

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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 97<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention of The American Legion will be Friday, August 28 to Thursday, September 3 in Baltimore, Maryland. It is still possible to attend as an unregistered guest. Call the Department of Iowa at (800) 365-8387 for details if you are interested in attending.

## HERITAGE DAYS

Waverly Heritage Days are scheduled for Friday-Sunday, July 17-19, 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 19. Reporting time for the parade is between 9:00 and 9:30 according to the people in charge.

## ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The officers for 2015-2016 installed by Third District Commander Jim Zacharias are:

Commander	Richard Miller
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Gordon Licht
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Loren McEnany
Adjutant	Burton Boevers
Finance Officer	Martin Heering
Chaplain	Marvin Behrens
Historian	Marvin Behrens
Sergeants-at-Arms	<i>vacant</i>
Service Officer	<i>vacant</i>

Their terms will begin July 19, 2015.

Marvin Behrens was appointed membership chairman for 2015-2016. The position is either appointed separately or held by the adjutant.

## POST MEMBERSHIP

The goal for our post for 2015 is 131. On June 19 our membership was 119, 90.84% 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 2015 is no longer a member in good standing.

Membership is still defined by the calendar year noted on the membership card. We began renewals the July before, but the renewal must be on or before January 1 to be in good standing.

## SOCIAL AT BARTELS ANOTHER SUCCESS

Veterans and spouses from the community inside and outside Bartels gathered at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 17, for another social with snacks in the Bartels Community Room. All who attended had an enjoyable time of fellowship. More are planned for the future.

Thank you to Bartels for providing the space and facilities. And thanks to Rich and Janell Miller and others for the planning and work to make it possible and enjoyable. More are anticipated in the future.

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**AUXILIARY UNIT # 176**

**NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hello everyone! I hope your summer is starting out well!

On June 17, we hosted our third social for veterans & spouses at the Bartels Chapel. This event helps those in the community come together with old friends now residing at Bartels, Eichorn Haus, or Linden Place. It was well attended and we were asked to continue this on a more frequent basis. This will be discussed at our September meeting.

Once a month there is an hors d'oeuvre party at the WAVP. Everyone who comes brings an hors d'oeuvre to share. The hosts are responsible for making coffee, setting up the serving table and clean up (which is minimal). This is a wonderful way to bring members from all of the service organizations together. We voted to host the next one which will be on Thursday, July 2 at 5:30 p.m. If you are coming to help set up, please plan to be there between 5:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Please plan to attend.

Remember our Legion and Auxiliary Potluck is August 9 at 5:30 p.m. social, with picnic at 6:00 p.m.

Thank-you, God Bless!

Janell Miller

**2015-2016 AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

Officers were elected at the May meeting and were installed at the June meeting by Leola Westendorf.

President	Janell Miller
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Maxine Barber
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Joyce Heyer
Secretary	Eileen Behrens
Treasurer	Janet Hoins
Historian	Delores Banser
Chaplain	Kathy Epley
Sergeants-at-Arms	Beth Lovejoy and Portia Licht
Executive Board	Vera Hoins, Dottie Heering, and Luvina Hoins

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership goal for our unit is 100. On June 12 our membership was 91, 91.00% of goal. Please pay your dues as soon as possible.

Senior dues for 2016 are \$20.00 and junior dues are \$5.00. Membership renewal begins soon; renew early.

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**POPPY REPORT**

Contributions for large poppies totaled \$1,477.94 this year while contributions for small poppies totaled \$1,612.26. More volunteers are needed next year.

Two canteen books or a gift card were given to poppy makers at Iowa Veterans Home. In the past all poppies were made by veterans with some disabilities.

**TRANSITIONS**

Changes are not often comfortable but many times inevitable. We always age one year at a time. We need successors who are not always there or of our choosing. Missions continue but need new workers. Organizations need people, programs and places. Right now we are working on a new place, but we need to keep the other two, especially people.

**THANK YOU**

I thank you for your prayers, expressions of support, helping when I could not, and patience when the last newsletter was late during my recent surgery and recovery. I was homebound during most of my recovery period, but could finish the last newsletter during that time. However, surgery interrupted the completion and it was mailed late. It is great to be among you again and this one will be on time. Again, thank you!

Marvin Behrens, Editor

**DEPARTMENT SYMBOLS, SLOGANS AND PROJECTS**

The Auxiliary symbol is a Hand Holding a Heart.

The Legion slogan for the year is "Legion Leads the Way" The Auxiliary theme is "Heart and Hands for Veterans."

Department Commander Ronald R. Struble's projects are (1) Iowa American Legion Foundation and (2) National Emergency Fund.

Department Auxiliary President Diana Shadduck's projects are (1) Homeless Veterans Projects, (2) Adopt a Military Family for Christmas, (3) Continue Quilts of Valor Project, and (4) Junior Camp and Girls State Programs.

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