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VETERANS LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD



The American Legion believes that VA is a **System Worth Saving**.

The specialized care that veterans receive is unparalleled.

In order to help the VA deliver the best possible care, The American Legion conducts town hall meetings and site visits to identify problems, challenges, and solutions.

Come share your VA experience at our next event:

SYSTEM WORTH SAVING
TOWN HALL MEETING

7:00 PM, June 19, 2017

Walter Johnson
American Legion Post 721
901 Second Avenue
Coralville, Iowa 52241



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*Veterans served by the
Iowa City VA Health Care
System are invited to
attend and share your
health care experiences
with The American Legion
task force and VA
officials and staff.*



CALL FOR NINETY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

The Ninety-Ninth Annual Convention of The American Legion, Department of Iowa, will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, July 21, 22, 23, 2017. The Convention will be called to order at 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 21, in the Ballroom Central/South of the Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport in Des Moines, Iowa.

PURPOSE

The Convention is called for the purpose of:

1. Electing Department Officers for the ensuing year;
2. Ratification of Constitution and By Laws;
3. Selecting the place of holding the One Hundred and First Annual Department Convention;
4. Selecting delegates and alternates to the Ninety-Ninth Annual National Convention; and
5. For the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the Convention.

REPRESENTATION

Representation will be by Post. Each Post is entitled to two delegates and two alternates, provided it has at least 15 paid up members by June 21, 2017. Each Post is also entitled to one delegate and one alternate for each additional 50 paid up members or a major fraction thereof, whose dues have been paid on or before June 21, 2017.

The vote of each Post will be equal to the total number of delegates to which it is entitled.

All Past Department Commanders of the Iowa Department of The American Legion, who are members in good standing in any Post in the Department, present and in attendance at the Department Convention, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a delegate to said convention, and entitled to a vote therein.



SELECTION OF DELEGATES
All Post delegates and alternates to the Convention will be selected at a regular meeting of the Post, or a special meeting called for that purpose.

Post Adjutants should give notice in writing to each member of the Post of the date, time, purpose, and place of such meeting, and the number of delegates to which it is entitled in the Convention.

Alternates have power to vote only in the absence of delegates, but have all other privileges of delegates.

Delegates should be chosen with care as they have the voting power of the Post on all questions brought before the Convention.

EXPENSES OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Expenses of delegates and alternates who attend as Post

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Deadlines & Dates

May 29
Memorial Day
Department Offices Closed

June 2
District Commander
Orientation

June 2-4
Department Leadership
School

June 11 - 16
American Legion Hawkeye Boys
State, Camp Dodge

June 15
Consolidated Post Reports,
Legionnaire of the Year
Nominations, and National
Convention Registrations Due

July 1
National Legion College
Applications Due

July 4
Independence Day
Department Offices Closed

July 21-23
Department Convention

August 14
Walk for Veterans

September 4
Labor Day
Department Offices Closed



The American Legion of Iowa Foundation grants

nearly \$100,000 at annual meeting

By PNC David K. Rehbein
Iowa Foundation President

The annual meeting of The American Legion of Iowa Foundation was held May 19, 2017. All directors were present Governor Terry Branstad. His absence was due to his upcoming appointment and confirmation as US Ambassador to China.

At the close of the previous fiscal year, the Foundation investments had a balance of \$2,078,970.13. Of the \$100,000 is restricted for certain purposes due to agreements with the Ward Rummel Trust and the 40&8 during their donations to the Foundation. The Foundation has a practice of granting requests up to a total of 5% of the fund balance each year except for the restricted funds where only the actual interest from those funds is used to grant requests.

Available funds this year for grants was \$101,698.81. We received 97 grant requests to consider. Several of those requests were asking the Foundation to be part of a larger project so the total

amount of grant requests is an unrealistic figure. Eight requests were in direct support of youth programs and other projects of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary. Those requests were a total of \$25,750. With the exception of the Boys and Girls State Outstanding Citizen scholarships, all those requests are matched by funding from one of the Legion family members.

The real work of the Foundation board begins with the other 83 requests. They fall into the areas of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Americanism/Children & Youth and Community Service. Obviously not all of those 83 could be approved. The Board's decisions must balance which requests are deemed most deserving and where the Foundation funds can be spent to most effectively to help the people of Iowa with the secondary thought of promoting the work of the Foundation.

The requests that were funded will be listed in detail in a later edition of the Iowa Legionnaire. The totals for each of the five

WOOD Magazine Charity Build donates 100 urns to Iowa Veterans Cemetery



Weekend With
WOOD

The American Legion of Iowa read the POW-MIA Remembrance Service at WOOD Magazine's annual Charity Build in Des Moines.

Dave Campbell, Editorial Content Chief and organizer of the instructional weekend, wanted a memorable and meaningful project for this year's attendees. He was surprised, and pleased, to see so many of them were veterans.

As they gathered late on a Saturday afternoon in the lower level of the parking garage, wood enthusiasts were divided into teams to assemble the special urns. (See photos and full story on Page 16.)

Working directly with the Iowa Veterans Affairs Executive Director Jodi Tymeson, and Cemetery Superintendent Keith Blum, the urns were built to specifications, adhering to the intricate detail.