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Winners in the 2016-2017 IALPA contest were announced during the joint session of the Department Convention in Des Moines, on Friday, July 21. A special thanks go out to the judges: Aaron Schmidt, Dave Schaefer, Jim Crowley, and Roger Norfolk. Iowa's contest follows the guidelines of the National American Legion Press Association.

As the IALPA continues to build awareness and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The American Legion in 2019, we will add an additional category to recognize the best Post Centennial website. Details on how to enter are available on the website at www.ialegon.org. Post, Auxiliary Units, Sons of the The American Legion, County Legion family organizations, and Districts are encouraged to share their news!

1st Place E-Newsletter
Ames Post #37

1st Place Website
Dubuque Post #6

1st Place Multiple Sheet
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1st Place Single Sheet
Bellevue Post #273

National Veterans Employment and Education Awards

The first American Legion Economic Commission award was established in 1947, and recognized individuals across the country who had established outstanding records in the employment and retention of workers with disabilities.

Since that time, categories were added to the current award programs. The Veterans Employment and Education Commission is striving to award all possible pending awards that are available to The American Legion.

Award categories include: Employer of Veterans Award, Employment Service Awards, Homeless Veterans Outreach Award, Award to Enhance Lives of Disabled Persons, and Employer of Older Workers Award. Downloadable PDFs for these awards and criteria are on the website at www.ialegon.org.

The deadline for submittals to the Department, for distribution and judging by the Veterans Employment and Education Commission, is October 15. It is important that the Post nominations are submitted by this time to ensure that they are considered for the Department Awards to be delivered at the annual Department Convention.

All entries must be accompanied by an official nomination form and must not be longer than two pages of narrative. Supporting documents, which may also be submitted with the nomination, must not exceed 10 pages.

Nominations from Posts, or sources outside The American Legion, must be sent to Department Headquarters. The VA&R Committee then selects one nominee as its winner and sends the nomination form for the winning employer (in each category) to the National Economic Commission.

Selection of the national winners will be made by the National Economic Commission Awards Subcommittee during the annual Washington Conference. The National winners will receive a stipend for travel expenses and are presented award plaques at the National Convention.

Taking the Legion Baseball journey . . .

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Johnston showed them that they came to play, taking an early lead of 3-0, that took Creighton three innings to catch up to.

"Iowa Legion baseball was viewed [there] as being behind in baseball talent abilities," said Hatten.

That image changed. Names like Buckallew, Stiles, Williams, Hackman, and Burger, were repeated over the airwaves of KDIX 1230 AM radio, and heard by Iowa fans who were glued to the app they downloaded on their phones and tablets.

"[Johnston Post #728] loads up the bases in the top of the sixth. Two outs on the board. Peyton Williams steps up to the plate . . . a solid hit, and, its . . . OVER THE WALL! Grand Slam home run brings Iowa back on top over Creighton, with a 7 to 4 lead!"

The game, however, ended with Creighton on top, 8 to 7, and set Iowa up to play the once-defeated Fargo Post #2.

Iowa didn't feel nine innings was enough to decide the better team, but came out on top of a 10-inning, roller-coaster, back-and-forth ballgame, to win, 6 to 5.

That brought them back to play against the undefeated Nebraska team. In the championship bracket, Iowa settled for Central Plains

Regional Runner-Up on Sunday, August 6, 2017, in a 7 to 2 loss.

"I think the players and coaches had as much fun playing American Legion baseball as the members of Post #728, who were following the action," Westpheling concluded.

"The [Post] is very pleased and looking forward to next year. I hope the coaches and managers of the Johnston team will seek another season with us. Job well done by the team and coaching staff!"



\$20,000 Salute Your Post Giveaway

In an effort to show support for The American Legion at a local level, USAA will be giving out \$20,000 for a Legion Post the week of Veteran's Day 2017. Both existing USAA members and non-USAA members can enter the sweepstakes at www.usaa.com/talgiveaway from July 22nd - October 31st. To enter the drawing, non-USAA members need to complete USAA eligibility by going to www.usaa.com/talgiveaway. If you are already a USAA member, go to www.usaa.com/talgiveaway and login with your USAA username/password. The drawing will be held in early November and the winner will be able to select a local post to give \$20,000 towards post improvements.

Veterans Healthcare System - 2017-2018 Facility Tours

Each year The American Legion of Iowa conducts an annual tour of Veterans Affairs Health Care System facilities serving the veterans of Iowa and the Iowa Veterans Home. Below is a schedule of this year's tours. All Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members are encouraged and welcome to participate.

Spring 2018 (TBA)

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October 6

9 a.m., Meet in Lobby

Date to be Announced

October 27

1 p.m., Conference Rm. 3W102

VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System (Omaha)

Sioux Falls VA Health Care System

VA Central Iowa Health Care System (Des Moines)

3600 - 30th St., Des Moines

Iowa Veterans Home

1301 Summit St., Marshalltown

Iowa City VA Health Care System

601 Highway 6 West, Iowa City

2017 District Fall Conferences

First District: October 28.

American Legion meeting at Post #76, 1240 LaFayette Ave., Marengo. Auxiliary meeting to be held at First Presbyterian Church, 902 Marengo Ave., Marengo. Banquet will be at Post #76. Hospitality will be held on Friday, October 27, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Legion Post #76. Accommodations are available at the Sudbury Court Motel and RV Park, 2211 Hwy 6 Trail, in Marengo, by calling 319-642-5411 or via fax to 319-642-5646.

Second District: September 23.

American Legion meeting at Post #298, 625 - 31st St., Marion. Auxiliary meeting to be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 915 - 27th St., Marion. Banquet will be held at Post #298. Hospitality will be held on Friday, September 22, from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Post #298. Accommodations are available at the Microtel Inn and Suites, 5500 Dyer Ave., in Marion, by calling 319-373-7400 (ask for American Legion rate).

Third District: October 21.

American Legion meeting at Post #681, 102 E. Center St., Conrad. Auxiliary meeting will be at Beaman Memorial Hall, 215 Main St., in Beaman. Banquet will be held at the Beaman Memorial Hall. Hospitality will be held on Friday, October 20, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Conrad Post

#681. Accommodations are available at Super 8, 3315 S. Center St., in Marshalltown by calling 641-352-3403.

Fourth District: October 21.

American Legion meeting at Bethel Presbyterian Church, 208 N. Vine St., in West Union. Auxiliary meeting will be at Post #15, 103 N. Main St., in West Union. There will be no luncheon. Hospitality will be held on Friday, October 20, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Post #15 in West Union. Accommodations are available at the Best Rest Inn and Suites, 108 Highway 150 N., in West Union, by calling 563-422-3537 or by going to info@bestrestia.com.

Fifth District: October 28.

American Legion meeting at Post #34, 302 High Ave. E., in Oskaloosa. Auxiliary meeting to be held at St. Mary Parish Center, 301 High Ave. E., in Oskaloosa. Banquet will be at Post #34. Hospitality will be held on Saturday, October 28, following the Legion meeting. Accommodations are available at the Super 8, 308 S. 17th St., in Oskaloosa, by calling 641-673-8481.

Sixth District: October 7.

American Legion, Auxiliary meetings, and banquet, to be held at Southeast Warren High School, 16331 Tyler St., in Liberty Center. There is no hospitality scheduled. Accommodations are available at

the Country Inn and Suites, 501 Trail Ridge Ave., in Indianola, by calling 515-962-5777 (\$91+tax).

Seventh District: September 23.

American Legion, Auxiliary meetings, and banquet, to be held at Carson Community Center, 252-298 S. Commercial St., in Carson. There is no hospitality scheduled. Accommodations are available at the Red Roof Inn and Suites-Omaha/Council Bluffs, 500 - 30th Ave., Council Bluffs, by calling 712-366-5555.

Eighth District: October 14.

American Legion, Auxiliary meetings, and banquet, to be held at Post #18, 28 Court Square, in Pocahontas. Hospitality will be held on Friday, October 13, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Park View Inn and Suites, 13 - 4th St. NE, in West Bend. For reservations, call Park View Inn and Suites at 515-887-3611.

Ninth District: September 23.

American Legion, Auxiliary meetings and banquet, to be held at Skate Palace, 201 Oak Grove Dr., in Ida Grove. Hospitality will be held on Friday, September 22, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Zimmy's Bar and Grille (Family Table), 88 E. State Highway 175, in Ida Grove. Accommodations are available at the Super 8, 90 E. Hwy 175, in Ida Grove, by calling 712-364-3988.



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Please e-mail articles and information to: kathy@ialegon.org