

First Class Credit Union makes donation to Vets of Valor at annual Salute to Military Moms banquet



V E T S OF VALOR

Pictured, from left, DVC Ron Foster, KIOA's Amy Sweet and Maxwell Schaeffer, and First Class Credit Union's Executive Vice President Zac Pollock, hold a check for \$2,500, for the Vets of Valor fund, designed to assist military veterans and their families, and administered by The American Legion of Iowa.

Battleship Iowa American Legion Post #61



The Department of California has transferred American Legion Post #61 from Sacramento to the USS Iowa which is moored as a permanent museum in Los Angeles harbor. The Iowa was designated BB-61 hence the Post number 61. They recently installed their first officers in the new location. If you are visiting that area, add this stop to your list. Remember to show your ID from the state of Iowa and you will receive free admission to the ship.

Aspen Dental to Provide Free Care

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On Saturday, June 24, Aspen Dental practices in central Iowa will open their doors to provide free dental care for veterans. Veterans in that area can call 1-844-AspenHMM to schedule an appointment at a participating office in the Des Moines area. Appointments are required and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.



The June 24 Day of Service will be Aspen Dental's fourth annual and is the largest single-day oral health initiative targeted at veterans. It's part of Aspen Dental's Healthy Mouth Movement, a community-giving initiative to deliver free dental care to veterans.

Vets of Valor Ride

Saturday, July 8

100% of the registration fee is a donation to the American Legion

Visit 93.3 KIOA on facebook or contact Kyle Lee at (515) 280-1350 for more information



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Register from 9 am - 11 am
Zylstra Harley Davidson in Ames
1930 E. 13th St.

Kickstands up at 11:30
Ride ends in Marshalltown
American Legion Post
1301 S. 6th St.

\$25 registration fee
Lunch included
The Authority band plays 2 - 5 pm

WOOD Magazine Donates Urns to Iowa Veterans Cemetery

The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs accepted delivery of 100 urns from WOOD Magazine's Fifth Annual *Weekend with WOOD* event on May 23, at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery. Volunteers at Meredith's WOOD Magazine Charity Build built a year's worth of urns to be given to the Iowa Veterans Cemetery. These urns will be used for the unclaimed remains of Iowa veterans.



The inspiration for the charity build came from a Florida-based woodworking club that, after hearing of a veteran's remains being buried in a cardboard box, began putting their talents toward creating urns for veterans whose remains would not otherwise receive any deferential treatment.

"One of my favorite things about being a woodworker is creating something that makes a difference in someone's life," said Dave Campbell, Editorial Content Chief of WOOD



Magazine. "I think all woodworkers find fulfillment in sharing our talents and time to help others. That's why we chose to craft cremation urns for veterans at this year's charity build. It gives our attendees - a number of whom are veterans themselves - an opportunity to combine their passion and generosity to benefit such a worthy cause."

"The Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs is deeply appreciative that WOOD Magazine has chosen to honor deceased veterans with this year's *Weekend with WOOD* charity build," said Jodi Tymeson, Executive Director of the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs. "As a veteran myself, I feel strongly about making sure those who served our country receive the dignity and respect they deserve in burial. We are incredibly grateful to the skilled woodworkers using their talents to create something meaningful for these veterans, their families and our country. As an Iowan, I am proud to know that the military men and women in our state are laid to rest in a piece of Iowa craftsmanship that celebrates their service."

On hand for the Charity Build were, from left, Iowa Representative Stan Gustafson, Department Vice Commander Ron Foster, Iowa Veterans Affairs Executive Director Jodi Tymeson, Iowa Veterans Cemetery Superintendent Keith Blum, and WOOD Magazine's Dave Campbell.

Every Department Has a Story Placemats

The American Legion's 100th Anniversary Observance Committee recognizes that every post, district, and department has a unique story. Thus, the committee is working toward telling just a portion of that story for every Department in the form of a placemat. One will be done for each Department leading up to the 100th Anniversary, and Iowa's is now complete.



The placemat is not intended to tell a complete history of the Department, but rather to provide interesting and entertaining snapshots of our history.

The Department office can print 11"x17" copies in black & white for \$0.10 each and color for \$0.20 each. The post is responsible for all shipping costs. An electronic version is also available for those who wish to have them printed locally.



JULY 24, 2017
GLEN OAKS COUNTRY CLUB

BENEFITING
Vets of Valor

AMERICAN LEGION

MONDAY JULY 24TH, 2017
10AM REGISTRATION OPENS
12PM SHOTS
5PM AWARDS RECEPTION

EARLY BIRD PRICING
SIGN UP ONLINE:
VETSOFVALORGOLF.COM

HIGHLIGHTS:
18 holes of golf at Glen Oaks Country Club-Continental breakfast prior to shotgun start
Awesome player top of five-Box lunch served on course-Complimentary beverages
Fun on-course activities and entertainment-intra-team Awards-Start and live auction
19th Hole awards Dinner

In addition to the annual Veterans Day Vets of Valor Radiothon, 93.3 KIOA and the Des Moines Radio Group present two additional Vets of Valor events in 2017. Because of Vets of Valor, The American Legion of Iowa has been able to provide Iowa veterans and their families with assistance and services totaling \$39,025, so far, with more requests coming in!