

April 26, 2010 Post Meeting

Sixth annual Steak and Baked Potato meal prepared by families of Golightly and Radke is the main entrée meal fare for the April 25, 2011 Post meeting. This is always a well attended meal. **Reservations are needed** in order to give Dale and Bob a close count on how many steaks to purchase and cook. Call **225-5642** now to put in your order for number of people coming with you. The location will be Wells Fargo bank – starting at 6:00 p.m. The donation “kitty” will be “open” big to help reimburse Dale and Bob for the cost of the steak. Potluck side dishes are encouraged and it would be an excellent time to bring along spouse and/or new member. Reservation number again is 225-5642 – leave name and number of persons coming with you.

American Legion County Mtg Highlights

March 29 meeting was attended by Terry Clark, Roland Joiner, and Terry Vande Kamp. Highlights learned were (1) Dallas County Farm Bureau would again reimburse Post \$50 for each boy and girl sent to Boys and Girls State “Experiences”. (2) John West out of the Minburn Post visited with county businesses to help sponsor sending boys and girls to Boys State / Girls State. John’s efforts have resulted in a collection of funds that Post can request reimbursement of Boys State / Girls State cost. Some of the businesses supporting this were Van Waal Foundry in Perry, Stein Seed, Spellman, Spellman Law firm, Von Kirk (sp), etc. Post members can say, “Thank You, John West.” (3) County membership totals reflected a shortage of three to reach County target of 800. The Van Meter Post was able to pledge one with late payment not yet turned in to help decrease this deficit. Department membership is still short by 2,500. (4) Ed Voss is the new Dallas County Veterans Affairs representative – this is still a part time job. (5) Adel is looking at performing a “Flag Retirement ceremony sometime in May. (6) American Legion has signed on with USAA for member insurance needs – Department Commander Jerry Sieben at the County meeting noted this is an outstanding program for Legion members and encouraged members to inquire at National website of www.legion.org. (7) Adel will host the next County Legion meeting – last Tuesday in June.

American Legion District Meeting – April 30

Sixth District Conferences are to be April 30, 2011 at American Legion Post #274, 2211 East 42nd St, Des Moines. Unofficial start time for registration is 8:30 a.m. and kickoff at 9:00 a.m. - registration cost is \$5. The meeting will go into early afternoon with a lunch available for purchase. Please call 225-5642 if you would like to carpool and learn more about Legion activities beyond the Post level..

Post Fundraiser – 5K Run – May 21

In the on-going efforts of the Fundraising Committee and individuals stepping forward to assist the Post – welcome new Post member Toby Hoy. Toby has introduced the idea of an Armed Forces Day 5K Run / Walk event. Race would start at 10:00 a.m., May 21, 2011 on the new Post grounds. Refer to flyer details attached to this mailing for more details.

Former Iowa Football Players Autograph Signing Event at Bob Feller Museum

Tying in with the 5K Run / Walk event is a corresponding signing event to be held at Bob Feller Museum on May 21 starting at 1:30 p.m. Former Iowa football players; running back Shonn Green of the New York Jets; tackle Bryan Bulaga of the Super Bowl champions Green Bay Packers, and wide receiver Tony Moeaki of the Kansas City Chiefs will be present. Visit website www.bobfellermuseum.org and click on upcoming events for details and costs.

Memorial Day Ceremony 2011 – May 30

Honor Guard and Color Guard volunteers please step forward two steps and call 720-7624 to indicate you will help. Program will be held Monday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Committal Building at the State Cemetery.

Raccoon River Days – June 4, 2011

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Where’d that b%@@ Duck Go?

Post members are to be involved with (1) marching or “floating” in the parade starting at 10:00 a.m. and then (2) subsequent game carnive activity after the parade to provide fun and sport to area youth. This year game activities will be held on street in front of City Hall. And finally, (3) Post 403 will also be sponsoring an additional afternoon fundraising event of the “GREAT LEGION DUCK ESCAPE”. Toy ducks will be racing down from the river fork west of Van Meter to the Van Meter bridge. Post members are to sell advance tickets for numbered ducks at \$5 each. First duck across finish line earns \$500 prize; \$250 second place prize; and \$100 third place. People will also have opportunity to guess closest first place duck winning time up to one-hundredth of a second for an additional \$5 donation and \$150 additional prize. (It is not necessary to be present to win.) Van Meter Fire and Rescue will be showcasing their new rescue boat in their assist to the Post to capture the ducks as they cross the Finish Line.

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