

July 25, 2011 Post Meeting 6 p.m. Start

The Eight Annual Jensen, Knuth, Meyer hosted Post meal will be July 25, 2011 at the Little Bridge Park in DeSoto with start time of 6 p.m. Main entrée food items of hamburgers, hot dogs, Cheesy Potatoes and baked beans are the host family's meal preparations. This meal is always superb and somehow our hosts haven't had a rainy day since the first year they hosted and were grilling up outside the old Community Center in Van Meter – they're good. Leave a reservation message at 225-5642 for numbers attending – to help in the planning, **please**. RSVP is not required, but it sure helps to know numbers for proper amount to purchase for food order. Potluck side dishes to complement are encouraged and as always -- it would be an excellent time to bring along spouse and/or new member. Thanks.

2012 Legion Dues Off to Great Start

Collections of the 2012 American Legion dues are off to a great start with the following members already having paid – Albaugh, Baker, Bomar, Gunzenhauser, Harris, Hazen, Terry Hoy, Toby Hoy, Joura, M Koch, C Marten, G. Martens, Olson, Pirillo, Richards, Rockhill, Strong, Taylor, Volk, Wemer, and White. And then of course, there are always those members who are in the PUFL (Paid Up For Life) category – Carpenter, Clark, F Jennings, Jensen, Joiner, Knuth, J Koch, Lienemann, F Martens, Manning, Smith, J Stewart, Vande Kamp, and Wild. Post total percentage is 35 out of 86 of last years members. Thank you – it makes the job easier when dues are out of the way.

If you would like information on how to become a PUFL (even if you have already paid 2012 single dues – contact Vande Kamp at terrvnd@aol.com or 515-996-9144. Thanks..

All Dallas County Legion Meeting June 28, 2011 – Held at Adel Post

Roland Joiner and Denny Sutherland attended the June 28, 2011 American Legion County meeting held in Adel. Both took notes on the meeting and have turned those in to report County activities. Main entrée food item was "Grill Your Own Steak" which both Post attendees noted was well worth the trip – along with the other meal items served. It was noted that Ed Voss, the County Veteran Affairs Director stressed the importance of the Legion connecting with war returnees. Returnees have 12 months to report any health issues – even small ones – chances for government help when reporting after the 12 period may be much less. Ed stressed the importance of Post Service Officer in connecting with returnees to monitor their well being. State Commander Jerry Seiben from the Granger Post added that Ed would be good for members to direct returnees to and re-emphasized educating returnees on benefits they

may be entitled to. State Commander Seiben also noted that American Legion played a big part in legislation to honor WW II vets and also encouraged members to attend State and National Conventions. Denny obtained copy of Boy's and Girl's State accounting in which Post obtained \$590 from where Jon West on County level contacted businesses to see if they would help support cost to send candidates to these education opportunities for youth. Sheet showed balance of \$605 – but at meeting it was reported that balance was actually around \$15. Other items collected by Post reporters: (1) looking for business to help support next year Boys State and Girls State registration cost.. (2) keep county meal costs at \$5. (3) suggest each County Post on a rotating basis do a flag disposal ceremony quarterly – stressed that this be referred to as flag disposal not flag burning (4) next County meeting is Sept 27, 2011 hosted by Redfield

Department Legion Meeting July 15-17

The 93rd Department of Iowa Annual Convention was held in Davenport, IA from July 15 thru July 17. Adjutant Vande Kamp attended the Saturday, July 16 sessions. Notes: (1) Post did not receive Foundation Grant; (2) Law Officer of Year award to Marty Demuth by Post 299; (3) Department membership did not make 100% -- over 1000 short; (4) National Vice Commander tour ended in Bondurant; (5) 2010/2011 Post revitalize occurred in 4 Posts; (6) Legion Rider Legacy run raised over \$450,000. (7) budget continues to get tight with reduction in members – may have to raise dues in year or so; (8) Legion baseball teams – sign up by Feb 3, 2012; (9) Boy Scout of Year – Eagle Scouts – 1st place \$2000; 2nd place \$1500; 3rd place \$1000; (10) Youth baseball had deadline of May 2 and only 3 teams responded – youth baseball was cancelled; Dave Rehbein sponsored matching funds for purchase of rifles for Junior Shooting Sports; (11) changes on how judges can be selected and instructed for Oratorical; (12) only 35 out of 52 in 6th District completed the CPR report – last year this was 100%; (13) 286 Posts reported actions for Military Honors activities.

The American Legion

Breakfast 2011 / 2012

Sunday, Sep 11, 2011	Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012
Sunday, Oct 2, 2011	Sunday, Mar 4, 2012
Sunday Nov 6, 2011	--- Daylight savings ends
Sunday Dec 4, 2011	Sunday, Apr 1, 2012
Sunday Jan 1, 2012	Sunday, May 6, 2012

Serving Hours: 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM

School Lunchroom

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