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Department Calendar
September 11 attack on American
GR01 11 September Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony

GR42 13 September Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony

Birthdays
Carl Hackworth GR14 07 September
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Michael Young GR01 14 September
Gary Miller GR06 18 September
Stuart Schuyler PO01 27 September
Nola Maloney GR03 28 September

I had the opportunity to camp out with GR42/ Auxiliary Unit 42/ Post GR 30 from 1-3 August. The event was well planned and executed, thanks to the time Diane and Frank Hanchak, and Shawn Ashe invested into the event, all of us had a wonderful time. I visited GR03 for their annual Grill Party at Commander Sherman’s house, and all their had a great time, and it was a great turnout for this event. I had the opportunity to speak with Post Commander’s from GR01, GR03, GR05, GR06, GR07, GR09, GR45, GR20, GR42, and GR79, all post are moving forward. I would like to thank the 15 post (FR01, PO01, FR05, GR01, GR03, GR06, GR13, GR14, GR20, GR30, GR42, GR79, GR1982, and Ch01) who made the 50% target date 1 September (Great Job) , if we keep up the good work we can surpass the 55% target date on 1 October. I have spoken to Carl Hackworth, he is back home recuperating, doing good and in good spirits. Summer vacation is at its end, and the Department needs to get back to work, and take care of our fellow Legionnaires. Let’s keep this department at the TOP. Do not forget to fly Old Glory on September 11th in remembrance of those who gave their lives on the attack on America. As always, I stress to all of you to take a few moments out of your busy day and say a small prayer for all of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines, that are still in harm’s way that they may return home safely to their loved ones. May God bless you all. If you are having any problems please do not hesitate to contact your Post Officers, Department VC, or myself.

For GOD and Country
Joe D. Brown
Department Commander

From the Department Adjutant:
My Fellow Legionnaires,

I had the opportunity to camp out with GR42/ Auxiliary Unit 42 and Post Gr30 from 1-3 August. The event was well planned and executed, thanks to the time Diane and Frank Hanchak, and Shawn Ashe invested into the event, all of us had a wonderful time camping(adults included) together. In this Newsletter (page 8) you will find a Picture and Bio on the New National Commander, Commander Rehbein. Time is running out, if you
have not sent off for your Absentee Ballot yet. If you have not, here is a site where you can fill out the request on line and either E-mail it to yourself, or print it out sign and date it and send it off to your state.  www.votefromabroad.org

Those of you that supply inputs to the Department Newsletter please send your input to americanlegion@hotmail.com. In closing please, remember if you need to contact me I am just an E-mail away pisces@t-online.de. Please keep those in harm’s way and their families, not only in your thoughts but your prayers as well.

James M. Settle
Department Adjutant

Department NECman’s Comments
NO REPORT FOR THIS MONTH
William Marshall
Department NECman

Vice Commander’s Corner
Vice Commander at Large Liam Kane
BE02, DK01, FR01, FR05, IR02, IR03, IT01, GC01, NL01, PO01, SP292, CH01

We are still in Holiday mood judging from the lack of reports on POST Activities received from Vice Commanders. I too had a quiet time with just one trip to GERMANY and a few IRISH Events thrown in between the terrible wet weather here in IRELAND. I hope that there is a huge improvement in September all-round especially on the Membership side. I hope that all Posts have seen the Proposed Achievement Awards on offer from our new National Commander if you need more info contact your VC or of course the Department Membership Chairman Mike Umland for help. I have taken a little holiday myself away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. IF any Post needs assistance please contact your VC Frank, Jerry, Robert, Shawn, or myself

Liam Kane
Vice Commander at Large

Vice Commander Shawn Ashe
GR05, GR06, GR30

Greetings my fellow Legionaries, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. Members
NO INPUT FOR THIS MONTH
Shawn Ashe
Department Vice Commander

Vice Commander Robert Gray
GR03, GR07, GR09, GR14

NO REPORT FOR THIS MONTH
Robert Gray
Department Vice Commander

Vice Commander Frank Hanchak
GR01, GR20, GR45

The month of September is a very special month!
It is special because of a relatively small group of heroes. The heroes I’m referring to are a truly great and famous group, whom should never, ever be forgotten. And yet, I confess; I don’t know any of their names.
How can these people be so famous and I don’t even know their names??? It is because they are the heroes of 9/11.

My most vivid memories of that fateful day are of three New York firefighters who were raising the Flag of our Nation amid the wreckage and rubble of New York’s World Trade Twin Towers. Although this event took place days after 9/11, it is the one memory that stands out when I think of those events that occurred eight years ago this month.

But these weren’t the real heroes. Real heroes called their families from the doomed airplanes to tell their loved ones one last time that they loved them. Real heroes attempted to thwart the hijackers above a vacant Pennsylvania field. Real heroes gave their lives as the ill-fated aircraft crashed into towering skyscrapers. Real heroes are those who, even to this day remember the sacrifices of the brave men, women and children who gave their lives for the freedom that we enjoy today. The real heroes are those who died on September 11, 2001 in New York City and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Please take the time on Thursday September 11, 2008 to honor and say a prayer for the Heroes of 9/11. Better yet, go to any of the many community memorial events that are happening at your local military community. I hope I see you there! NOTE: Omar Bradley Post GR-42 will host a "FREEDOM WALK" on Saturday, September 13th.

POW/MIA day is only days away. If you have no plans for Friday, September 19th, put this newsletter down right now and find a Post near you that is having an event to remember our comrades who have not returned. With the exception of Memorial Day and Veterans Day, I hold POW/MIA day as a solemn day of remembrance for all Veterans. I hope you feel the same way.

Don’t forget to register to VOTE! There are only about 120 days till November 4th. Go to http://www.fvap.gov/ for details. Take a moment NOW and go online and get registered and start the process to submit your absentee ballot.

NOTE: New mobile phone, and new Email address!
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Frank J. Hanchak
Vice Commander

Vice Commander Jerry Aman
GR13, GR42, GR73, GR1982, IR63

NO INPUT FOR THIS MONTH
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For God and Country
Jerry Aman
Department Vice Commander

Department Chaplain Ronald Moore
NO REPORT FOR THIS MONTH
Service to God and Country!
Pastor Ronald Moore,
Dear Uniformed Services Retiree:

Thank you for your interest in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP), a voluntary group dental program authorized by Congress that is available for you and your family. The Department of Defense and the Federal Services division of Delta Dental of California invite you to join over one million other retired service members and their families who are currently enrolled in this valuable dental benefits program.

The TRDP began in 1998 as a basic program and has emerged today as an innovative program of comprehensive dental care. Through the Enhanced-Overseas TRDP, coverage is available worldwide for Uniformed Services retirees and their family members who live outside the program service area that includes the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Canada.

Here are just a few of the advantages offered by this affordable group dental coverage: Comprehensive coverage for all the commonly needed dental services. The Enhanced-Overseas TRDP includes coverage for basic and preventive services such as cleanings, exams, annual x-rays and fluoride treatments; fillings; oral surgery; periodontal treatment; root canals; emergency services; and dental accidents. These services are available to you beginning the very first day of the month following your enrollment.

Additional services such as cast crowns, bridges, full and partial dentures, implants and orthodontics are available after only 12 months of continuous enrollment. But, if you enroll within four months after you retire from active duty or transfer from the National Guard/Reserve to Retired Reserve status, the 12-month waiting period will be waived, and you and your family will be able to enjoy these additional benefits on your coverage effective date.

Your choice of dentists. Enrollees in the Enhanced-Overseas TRDP can seek care from a wide variety of dentists. A list of over 3,000 dentists and dental clinics in nearly 200 countries overseas is available through International SOS Assistance, Inc. in addition, Enhanced-Overseas TRDP enrollees can search for a dentist on the “Host Nation Provider List,” by visiting our web site at www.trdp.org. And enrollees in the Enhanced-Overseas Program can also seek treatment from a participating TRDP network dentist in one of over 100,000 locations in the USA—or choose any other licensed dentist—when traveling within the program service area described above. With all these options available, you’re assured access to the dental treatment you need, no matter where you are in the world.

Liberal enrollment requirements. If you are retired from the Uniformed Services or are a member of the National Guard/Reserve in Retired Reserve status (even if you are in the “gray area” under age 60) and permanently reside outside the program service area described above, you and your family members are eligible for the Enhanced-Overseas TRDP—regardless of your age. Un-remarried surviving spouses are also eligible to enroll, as are Medal of Honor recipients regardless of their retirement status. The enclosed brochure will help answer questions you may have about Enhanced-Overseas TRDP eligibility requirements.

Affordable premiums. Premiums for the Enhanced-Overseas TRDP are based on the enrollment option you select. The premium rates for Enhanced-Overseas TRDP enrollees are listed below so that you can see firsthand just how affordable coverage can be for you and your entire family.

Please read the enclosed detailed brochure and discover why so many eligible beneficiaries and their families are signing up daily to take advantage of the quality, affordable dental care offered by the TRDP. Once you’ve enrolled, you’ll have 30 days from the time your coverage begins to review the program and decide if it is right for you.

Enrollment in the Enhanced-Overseas TRDP is quick and easy. First, carefully read the enclosed material, then simply visit our web site at www.trdp.org to enroll right away using your VISA® or MasterCard®. You may also call our international toll-free number to enroll at (866) 721-8737 or, if you prefer, complete and mail the application included inside the brochure.

Once we have received your enrollment information and premium prepayment and can confirm your eligibility, your TRDP coverage will be effective the first day of the next month. Your Enhanced-Overseas TRDP Welcome Packet, which includes your Enhanced Program Benefits Booklet, membership ID cards and supplemental information for overseas enrollees, will arrive by mail after your enrollment is processed. Better yet, you can opt to receive your welcome materials electronically by supplying us with your e-mail address when you enroll. We encourage you to enroll in the Enhanced-Overseas TRICARE Retiree Dental Program today so that you can start enjoying good dental health at an affordable cost as soon as possible. Remember, too, that if you are about to retire and wish to enroll in the Enhanced-Overseas TRDP with no lapse in coverage, you should do so in the month prior to your retirement date to ensure your coverage under the Enhanced-Overseas TRDP begins as soon possible after your retirement is effective. In the meantime, if you have any questions, we encourage you to visit our web site at www.trdp.org.
Sincerely,
Lowell G. Daun, DDS
Senior Vice President
Enhanced-Overseas TRDP premium rates apply to you. The following chart lists monthly premium rates for each enrollment option and the corresponding two-month premium prepayment amount required for enrollment in the Enhanced-Overseas TRDP. Rates shown are effective October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009 and are subject to change on October 1, 2009. If you move from overseas or change your enrollment option, your premium rate may also change.

Enrollment Option Monthly Premium Premium Prepayment
Single $ 36.97 $ 73.94
Two-Person $ 71.25 $ 142.50
Family (3 or more persons) $ 118.30 $ 236.60

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Yours in Comradeship
George T. Hall Sr.
Department Service Officer

Sons of The American Legion Frank Hanchak
NO REPORT FOR THIS MONTH

Frank J. Hanchak
Commander,
Detachment of France
Sons of The American Legion

Americanism Carl Hackworth
NO REPORT FOR THIS MONTH
Carl Hackworth
Americanism Chairman

Scouting David Sears
Scouting Knots

Legionnaires and Scouts have traditionally held mutual programs such as Welcome Home Ceremonies, lining the streets with American Flags, to annual Service to America Good Turn placing flags throughout American Veterans National Memorials, to Flag retirements on Flag Day June 15th of each year.

Scouts can be found nearly in every community that we find our Legionnaire comrades. They are found in many of our Department of France military locations and American Embassies and consulates.

The local veteran community is sometimes the benefactor of some Scouting service projects.

Based on the principle of duty to God and Country, the Scouting Program serves youth, ages 6 through 21, regardless of ethnic background, creed, or physical or mental ability. In cooperation with organizations like The American Legion, Scouting offers a way for you and other dedicated volunteers of your Post and the Community to bring fun, adventure, and leadership skills to young people, and to provide effective citizenship training, and personal fitness opportunities for youth.

The local Scouting Program also gives Legionnaires the opportunity to touch the lives of the youth of our nation and share with them the skills necessary to build a generation of young people ready to do their duty to God and Country.

Scouting utilizes the service-learned skills and abilities of the veteran in building character and desirable habits in "Young America." It’s a Post activity that brings public credit and goodwill to the Post. Legion-sponsored Scout units should be a "must" in every Post.

In order to recognizing Comrades whom work with Scouting youth, the American Legion has established the American Legion Square Knot Award. This award is designed to recognize American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion members who are actively involved in the Scouting program. Its purpose is to recognize dedication and work by the member to assist in furthering the Scouting program in The American Legion.


“For God and Country”
Scouting Forever and Venture On!
Dept of France Scouting Chairman
Dave Sears

Ways and Means/Historian Jim Dennis

Historian: All my pictures will be available to view at the 2nd DEC. At this time, I wish to have some input on some picture to include in the Historian’s book. Granted, not all the pictures everyone wants will go into the book but the most popular and a specific few that I pick will go in. If you have some Department Pictures, bring them to the 2nd DEC. Have them on a flash drive (stick) or disk is best. I can let the membership see them as well. Thank you

James Dennis

Ways and means: Here is the most updated list of items in the Department store. These are the prices until after the 2nd DEC, where I can consult the commander on some price changes. Please if you need any of these items, contact me. Only the items that are listed as “BOX or CASE” will be with me at DEC. IF you want something from the "FOOTLOCKER" you need to let me know in advance, meaning 2-3 days before DEC. I do want to order other items for sale, let me know what type of items your Post needs.
Editorial

**Wounded Warriors, Empty Promises**

The bad news about the Army’s treatment of wounded soldiers keeps coming. The generals keep apologizing and insisting that things are getting better, but they are not. The latest low moment for Army brass came on Tuesday in Washington, where a subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee held a hearing to examine the sorry state of the Army Medical Action Plan. That’s the plan to prevent the kind of systematic neglect and mistreatment exposed by The Washington Post last year at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. After a flurry of apologies, firings, investigations and reports, the Army resolved to streamline and improve case management for wounded soldiers. Under the plan, “warrior transition units” would swiftly deliver excellent care to troops so they could return to duty or be discharged into the veterans’ medical system. Each soldier would be assigned a team to look over his or her care: a physician, a nurse and a squad leader. It all sounded sensible and comprehensive. It has not worked out so well. Staff members of the House subcommittee who visited numerous warrior transition units June 2007 to February found a significant gap between the Army leadership’s optimistic promises and reality. Among other things, the Army failed to anticipate a flood of wounded soldiers. Some transition units have been overwhelmed and are thus severely understaffed. At Fort Hood, Tex., last month, staff members found 1,362 patients in a unit authorized for 649 — and more than 350 on a waiting list. Of the total, 311 were identified as being at high risk of drug overdose, suicide or other dangerous behavior. There were 38 nurse case managers when there should have been 74. Some soldiers have had to languish two months to a year before the Army decided what to do with them, far longer than the goal the Army set last year. Under skeptical questioning during a hearing in February, Lt. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, the Army surgeon general, told the subcommittee that “for all intents and purposes, we are entirely staffed at the point we need to be staffed.” He also said: “The Army’s unwavering commitment and a key element of our warrior ethos is that we never leave a soldier behind on the battlefield — or lost in a bureaucracy.” That was thousands of wounded, neglected soldiers ago. There are now about 12,500 soldiers assigned to the warrior transition units — more than twice as many as a year ago. The number is expected to reach 20,000 by this time next year. The nation’s responsibility to care for the wounded from Iraq and Afghanistan will extend for decades. After Tuesday’s hearing, we are left pondering the simple questions asked at the outset by Representative Susan Davis, the California Democrat who is chairwoman of the military personnel subcommittee: Why did the Army fail to adequately staff its warrior transition units? Why did it fail to predict the surge in demand? And why did it take visits from a Congressional subcommittee to prod the Army into
recognizing and promising — yet again — to fix the problem?

Gilbert Wells
Portugal PO01 Adjutant

Information on Legacy Run submitted by
Department Chaplain Rev. Ronald Moore

The Legacy Run brought in about $515 thousand so we reached our goal of $350 thousand set by then National Commander Marty Conatser. It was a great ride again this year, but we have to organize for the 2009 Legacy Run.

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AL PE Messenger Service Coordinator
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Information on Tricare (Re-RUN from Last Month for Information purposes)
Submitted by Gilbert Wells

TRICARE Overseas Program Maximum Allowable Charges Reductions and Claims Processing Roadblocks

We are at a critical turning point concerning our battle to retain our earned medical benefits. We need all the help we can get to let the service organizations know that you are not happy with what the TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) is doing to military retirees and their families living in the Philippine, Panama and eventually most other countries overseas.

The problem is that TMA intends to reduce the maximum allowable charge levels to the point that about 10 to 20 percent of inpatient care costs will be above these levels requiring the beneficiary to pay their co-pay and the amount over the allowed charge. The same will happen with 90% or more of ancillary care. Things like blood tests, x-rays, Ultrasound examinations, MRIs and many others. Our cost share for ancillary services will exceed 56% starting 1 October 2008.

The second problem is TMA, on the recommendation of the DODIG, added multiple roadblocks to approving claims submitted by beneficiaries; these roadblocks do not apply to providers and defrauders that submit claims, only us. There is now a requirement that you provide a cancelled check, credit card receipt or bank statement showing you withdrew the amount of money spent to pay for your medical care and the date needs to coincide with they payment for the care for refunds. Now WPS tells some retirees this is required on all care that exceeds $500 but when they require this seems to be pretty much up to the claims processor. This is in addition to the requirement that an itemized bill and official receipt be submitted; in the U.S. beneficiaries don’t even have to pay the bill or show a receipt to process a claim. For some they are asking that the beneficiary obtain and pay for copies of all their medical records pertaining to their condition and send them to WPS. Even if the provider you see is certified but happens to see you at a different location from the one where he was originally certified the claim will be denied under the premise that the provider is not certified. For example if the provider is certified at his clinic location but happens to see you at the hospital the claim will be denied for non-certification. Some retirees here have tens of thousands of dollars tied up in pending and denied claims and need to find alternate funds to continue their treatment.

This is not right!!!

A number of military service organizations have come together to possible take these issues on for us and they have scheduled a meeting with TMA on 6 August for them to explain the processes. My feeling is they know enough to not buy into TMA’s song and dance. However, these organizations haven’t heard from very many people on this issue and some have voiced a concern that maybe this is not a real issue if the very people affected don’t care enough to contact them with their concerns.

So it is imperative that we increase the number of contacts to these organizations. A simple email stating that you do not agree with the TRICARE Management Activity changes to overseas maximum allowable charges and the added roadblocks to claims processing will alert them that you do care.

That can’t take to much time now can it?
To make it even easier I’ve included a number of organizations, with email address, that I know are already on board with these issues. Simply send an email to five or ten of them telling them in one or two paragraphs what you think. Who knows you might save the life of a retiree or family member.

Do it now, don’t put it off!

Air Force Association grl@afa.org Attn: Shane Barker
Air Force Sergeants Association staff@hqafsa.org Attn: Robert
Price
Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S. Amsus@amsus.org
Attn: Steve Mirick
Association of the United States Army bloper@ausa.org Attn: Julie Rudowski
Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS jrensberger@coausphs.org Attn: Judy Rensberger
Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association of the USCG cwouasg@verizon.net Attn: Bob Lewis
The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States eangus@eangus.org Attn: Frank Yoakum
Fleet Reserve Association BobW@fra.org Attn: Bob Washington
MOAA Military Officers Association of America msc@moaa.org Attn: John Class
National Association of Uniformed Services rjones@naus.org Attn: Rick Jones
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association neraexec@nera.org Attn: Joanne Elliott
National Guard Association of the United States ngaus@ngaus.org Attn: Pete Duffy
National Military Family Association families@nmfa.org Attn: Barbara Cohoon
Reserve Officers Association mhanson@roa.org Attn: Marshall Hanson
Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces margo@smcaf.org Attn: Fred Sanford
The Retired Enlisted Association treahq@trea.org Attn: Deirdre Holleman
If you want more information on these issues go to https://sites.google.com/site/militaryretireesoverseas/

Jim Houtsma
1SG Army (Ret)
Naga City, Bicol

Information Release from National
(RE-RUN From Last Month for information Purposes On FREEDOM WALK)

“Freedom Walks” Urged for 9-11 Commemorations

INDIANAPOLIS (July 2008) - The Department of Defense has asked posts of The American Legion to consider coordinating a “Freedom Walk” in their communities to commemorate the 7th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our nation on or near September 11th.

“As we say in our Preamble, it is appropriate for The American Legion to ‘preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars,’ and lead the way in ensuring that the memories of those who died on and after 9-11 are not forgotten,” said Marty Conatser, National Commander.

The event started several years ago at the Pentagon and has since grown to several hundred nationally. According to the DoD website, “It is becoming a national tradition that calls on people to reflect on the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, remember those who responded, honor our veterans past and present and renew our commitment to freedom and the values of our country.”

“Posts do not need to do all the work – simply coordinate and publicize a short walk, no longer than two miles, with the help of a community committee of civic and religious leaders, school officials, youth and other organizations,” Cmdr. Conatser said.

“Whether a post mobilizes ten people or ten thousand, it is important that we reflect on the sacrifices made by thousands of Americans to preserve our liberties.”

In cities or towns where other organizations are already coordinating Freedom Walks, Legionnaires can participate in the event to show their support.

Each post that coordinates a Freedom Walk can be identified on the America Supports You – Freedom Walk website at: http://www.americasupportsyou.mil/FreedomWalk/

Posts can download a four-page planning guide that lays out details on how to coordinate a walk in their town, obtain media materials and sign up as an event organizer.

“I hope that you will encourage members of your communities to come out for an hour or two and join The American Legion in this growing national tradition,” Conatser concluded.

New National Commanders Bio and Picture

Biography
David K. Rehbein
National Commander
The American Legion

Dave Rehbein of Ames, Iowa, was elected National Commander of the 2.7 million-member American Legion on Aug. 28, 2008 in Phoenix during the 90th National Convention of the nation’s largest veterans organization.

A U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam era, Rehbein served as an infantryman with the 4th and 1st Armored Divisions in Germany from 1970 to 1971. After leaving the Army, he attended Wayne State College and Iowa State University, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in physics and a master’s degree in metallurgy. Following graduation, he accepted a position as research metallurgist at the Ames Laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy, where he remained until his retirement in July 2008.

Nat. Cmdr. Rehbein is a member of Ames Post #37 where he served as commander and adjutant as well as 12 years
as finance officer and 16 years as newsletter editor. He has been district commander and state vice-commander and represented Iowa on The American Legion's National Executive Committee. He served on many department committees, including Membership, Oratorical, Strategic Planning and Junior Shooting Sports. During his term as department membership chairman, Iowa achieved target membership three times in 1991, 1992, and 1993. He was appointed by Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack to a position on the Iowa Commission on Veterans Affairs.

Rehbein served on the National Americanism Commission 1989-99, with service as an instructor on the National Information Conference staff, conducting the judge’s briefing for the National Oratorical Contests and as Match Director of the Junior Shooting Sports national finals. He has served as chairman of the National Foreign Relations Commission, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission and the Legislative commission.

Cmdr. Rehbein resides in Ames with his wife, Ann. His son Chris, and his wife Beth, and daughter, Jennifer, are all active members of The American Legion family. Ann is a past department president of Iowa; Chris is a past squadron commander and Jennifer is the current Unit President and holds dual membership in The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary. The commander and his wife have two grandchildren, Greyson and Devin.

POST EVENTS

GR42 / Auxiliary Unit 42 Camping Event 1-3 August 2008

GR42 / Auxiliary Unit 42 Camping Event 1-3 August 2008
POST HAPPENINGS

Below is a partial listing of Post and their General Membership Meetings and dates. If you would like to attend a post meeting, please contact the respective Commander and or the Adjutant.

- GR01: First Wednesday day of the month at Post Home
- GR03: First Thursday of the month Post Home
- GR06: Second Wednesday of the month Post Home
- GR07: First Tuesday of the month Post Home
- ALR (GR07) second Tuesday of the month
- GR13: Third Saturday of the month Post Home
- GR14: Second Saturday of the month Post Home
- GR1982: Third Wednesday of the month Post Home
- PO01: Third Wednesday of the month Past Com.
- IR03: First Saturday in April, first Sat. in Oct for elections
Editor’s Note:
Please support your Newsletter, send all inputs to the below listed E-mail address. Note new suspense date for Newsletter inputs is the 26th of the month. Remember anyone in the Department can submit inputs to the Department Newsletter.
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