



Reports to the

Department

Executive

Committee

The training committee, consisting of Whitney Smith-McIntosh, Polly Graham, Cliff Barker, Ken Fields and David Rehbein has met monthly over the past year to conduct Mid-winter and leadership school. Mid-Winter showed lower attendance than previous years but had a variety of training that was well received, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who stepped up while I was dealing with a family illness and was unable to attend. On June 6th, 59 attendees showed up to the holiday inn mercy campus and stayed until Sunday to complete leadership school. As a goal the committee set out to have the course material for leadership school put out before the spring conference to which I can say we accomplished that goal. Our second unwritten goal was to have over 25% of attendees to leadership school be first time attendees. We had 24 first time attendees That's 40%!

District commanders I asked you to step up and find those new leaders and you showed up I thank you so much for that. At the time of this report, we have not read the feedback from every person in attendance. This year we are trying something new and asking for feedback from every course and sending a follow-up email asking for more feedback after everyone has had time to process what they learned. I want to thank all the presenters that took time out of their weekend to deliver their classes. I also want to thank Whitney, Polly, Cliff, Ken, and Dave as they made this year a success. I want to extend a thank you to Ms. Ann for setting up our meetings and for always greeting my phone calls with cheer rather than a sigh and an eyeroll. I'd also like to thank Adjutant John for all your help and support, you are the one who did all the leg work to set up all the meeting spaces and getting the hotel taken care of. Finally thank you, Mr. Commander, for your support and bode of confidence for allowing me to chair this committee. I wish all the success to the chair next year and hope that we left the committee in a place where you can take off running.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Johnson

Training chair

Strategic report to DEC June 2025

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM via zoom all members were present. Dennis Soppe, chairman
Dave Rehbein Dick Hogan Bruce Ferbach Brian Ring Dwight Dinkla and John Derner

A number of issues were discussed

(1) Commission and committee responsibilities

The committee felt that we need to have a job description of what the Chr. Duties are.

We feel if we have a video it needs to be from 4:00 to 7:00 minutes long otherwise a paragraph or two with the description of the job. We feel we need to start at the department level before moving on to post levels. We are hoping that this will carry down to the post level. Each member will do a write up of chr. Job and then consolidate to book form.

(2) Department legislative council

We discussed on how to make this stronger. We feel that every district commander should make contact with their legislative person in their district before the legislative session starts in January, during, and at the end of this session. We will ask legislative chairman Randy Johnson to make up a template that the district commanders and vice commanders can use in contacting they're legislators. Along with this all Commission and committee chairman and members will be asked to do the same thing. We need to contact our representatives so they know what we're trying to do to help veterans.

(3) Department liaison committee

We feel that the liaison committee must become stronger as we need well qualified people for that committee. One of the requirements is that they are well respected within their district and that they need to visit other posts to find qualified people to run for office. We will attempt to have a class at midwinter to let the blue caps know what is involved. If the members know what needs to be done it will strengthen our liaison committee.

(4) Building updates

We are still waiting to hear from our contractor on if and when he will do the updates to the doors. We have asked Randy to contact him and see where he is on this.

(5) Leadership school

Adjutant John stated that it was very well attended we had 25 to 27 new people there and he thought the program went very well.

Thank You

Report to Department Executive Committee for Membership

2025 was not a good year for membership. As I write this the Department is in 32nd place in the national standings. The National report shows us at 91.56% of our target of 34,665. When we include the DMS that do not count toward our goal we have 32,115 registered legionnaires. We still have 2,624 members who did not renew for 2025, despite our efforts.

Some of the factors that affected our renewal included a total of \$10 increase in dues, five dollars the Department raised last year and the five dollars that National raised July 1. Another factor I believe was the fact that a significant number of our posts in the department were underwater, that is that their stated dues were less than what was required for their obligation. This prohibited individual members from renewing online. We don't know how many people tried to renew online and because they couldn't, then didn't pay their dues. I do know that I received 30+ emails from people who tried to renew online but couldn't. They were of course referred to their individual Legion posts.

What we did this year to promote membership:

Promoted a lottery awarding \$250 to individuals that renewed prior to 31 December 2024.

Promoted a lottery awarding \$250 to posts reaching hundred percent by May 15.

Sent emails to all legionnaires when not renewed and had an email address in the system. This was two separate emails, one to post members and one to the 729 members. Part of that email included a suggestion for them to sign up for the electronic newsletter, approximately 50+ signed up for that. Metrics show that within five days 40% had opened that email.

We also changed the commander's membership tour to a three-day marathon where the vice commander was on the radio on nine separate stations promoting "Be The One". Evenings were spent at Legion posts where a significant number of legionnaires could be present. It is worth noting that seventh district held an impromptu meeting at the hotel where we stayed the first night and I felt we had more members at that activity than they had at the district meeting.

In summary I feel we need to better motivate our individual Legion posts to encourage the renewal of members currently in the post.

Legion Riders Committee Report to DEC
June 21, 2025

The 2025 Riding season is underway. Legacy Rides are in the planning stages in many districts. Last year we delivered \$17,378.00 to the National Convention. For 2025 the goal is to continue to grow and exceed that amount to support the Veterans and Children's Foundation. Several Iowa Riders are registered and booked for the 2025 Legacy Ride. A nearly 3000 mile round trip is sure to provide challenges and experiences and we're looking forward to delivering the funds to the National Commander.

Overall, The Veterans Emergency Fund continues to be a focus for many Chapters. For 2025 I will encourage Chapters to support this fund as Iowans helping Iowa Veterans, as well as asking Chapters to continue to look around their own communities for areas that they can make a difference, and for those that need assistance.

New for 2025 is a publicly accessible Legion Riders Facebook presence. On the new Iowa Legion Riders Facebook page, you will see riders donating funds they have raised, escorting homecoming parades, honoring our fallen and at times forgotten veterans. They are actively supporting IVH, the American Legions Be the One, Boys State, and Oratorical programs both as leaders and as volunteers.

It is my intent again this year to challenge the chapters to make a difference in 2025. I would like each chapter to Choose one recurring local event to call their own, and do their best to bring the positivity and capability of the American Legion as an organization out to their community. I expect to look back at 2025 and report that we took the opportunity to showcase our dedication and our commitment to the American Legion and what it stands for.

Please continue to use the Riders however and wherever you can. Together we can begin and continue to make a difference.

Thank you,
Respectfully submitted,
Cliff Barker
Chairman, Department of Iowa Legion Riders Committee

D.E.C. Americanism Report
Department Headquarters
Des Moines, Iowa
June 21,2025

Commander Ring Sr, Adjutant Derner, and guests, greetings from your Department Americanism Chairmen.

Your department had a successful year throughout its Americanism Programs for the participation in its various programs, however there is much improvement to be made in all the programs. I will take some of the responsibility for our programs not performing as they should, but the department chairmen cannot and should not have to bear all the responsibility. Each department chair bears a certain responsibility in contacting the district program chair and in return the district chairmen need to contact the county chairmen to contact the post chairmen or the post commander to ensure our programs are being promoted. The cooperation of many makes our programs successful. The success of any program takes dedication, and persistence makes a program be what it should be. The consistency of being present in your schools and being in front of the teachers and especially the students in the classroom tells the story of success a particular program will be.

Being there is important, but equally important is the message itself in how it is delivered and how the message is received by whom it is presented too. Is your presentation given with enthusiasm and a smile, that shows you as the chairmen of this program is excited about what you're wanting the students to be in this program? A presentation given with a smile, enthusiasm, and knowledge of what you want to say goes a long way in getting a commitment of participation. The success of all programs depends on the posts being in front of the students making the presentation and asking for participation. When the American Legion Post, does not make the presentation, why should the teacher or students want to be excited about participating in The American Legion programs? Be sure to wear some type of American Legion apparel or at least your Legion cap so there is some type of name recognition to the name of the American Legion, be sure to introduce yourself and leave contact information.

Commander Ring Sr, thank you for asking yours truly to be your Department Americanism Chairman, I truly apricated the ask and the honor was mine to serve in this capacity.

For God and Country
James B. Kessler
Department Americanism Chairman



Baseball Committee Report

June 9, 2025

The 2025 Department Legion Baseball champion is Swisher Post 671 from the 1st District. They won the State Tournament by beating Dubuque County by a score of 8-0 on May 4th. Swisher has won the championship game three years in row. Swisher will play in the National tournament Aug 6th in West Fargo, ND. Swisher played the host team Marion Post 298 Linn-Marr in the semifinals beating them 2-1. Grayson Kirsch of the Swisher team was awarded the Earl H. Proctor & Esther J. Proctor Most Valuable Player of the State tournament. In the championship game Grayson pitched 5 scoreless innings, had 5 strikeouts, at the plate he went 2 for 3 with a 3 run homer and a total of 5 rbi's.

There were 9 teams that participated in the tournament. Area 1 was played at Spirit Lake hosted by Iowa Lakes Milford Post 384. Merville Post 303 Futures won the area by beating Iowa Lakes 12-1 and beating Le Mars Wasmer Post 241 11-1.

Area 2 was played at Carroll, Swisher won by beating Carroll 5-0 and beating Ottumwa 9-1.

Area 3 was played at Marion hosted by Marion Post 298. Dubuque Co won by beating Marion 6-0 and beating Hiawatha 5-2.

A big thank you to all the volunteers and Legion Families that helped out.

Department Baseball Committee is looking for Post's to host the 2026 Area & State tournaments.

There were 17 senior teams registered in the Baseball program in 2024.

We had 10 senior team registered in 2025.

The vacancies at the District Chairman position needs to be filled with baseball minded people for our program to grow. Currently there are vacancies in District 3, 4 & 5

The baseball program is restricted to a spring season due to the High School season running May to July.

Mike Weber

Baseball Committee Chairman

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The Dept. finals of the Oratorical Contest were held at the Mid-Winter Conference on Feb. 16, 2025 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa. There were 3 contestants and they finished in the following order:

1st Place: Karli Roth of Earlham sponsored by Barnett-Swallow Post #737 of Waukee

2nd Place: James Peng of Cedar Falls sponsored by Becker Chapman Post #138 of Waterloo

3rd Place: Payton Wadesworth of Cedar Rapids sponsored by Floyd W. Brown Post #11 of Jefferson

Karli Roth advanced to the National Finals, held at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan, which were held on May 17-18, 2025. Roger & Sharon Hopwood and myself went as volunteers to assist with the Finals and to give Karli support. The title of her oration was, "Unity from Division: The Forgotten History of our Constitution". With 50 contestants in the quarter finals, on Saturday morning, Karli was selected as 1 of the 18 to advance to the semi-finals. In the semi-finals on Saturday afternoon, sadly enough, Karli was eliminated, but on a bright note, she was eliminated by the eventual Champion. So we can proudly say, she was eliminated by the best and could have been 2nd place if placed in a different bracket.

Karli represented Iowa with pride and dignity and we are very proud of her and we wish her well in her college career at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee, majoring in Music Industry Studies.

I will be stepping down as Dept. Oratorical Chairman, but will continue to volunteer and assist with the program and mentor the new chairman. I would like to thank Commander Ring for allowing me to work with this program. I feel it is one of the best we have and I very much encourage more posts to find High School students to take part in this great opportunity. Also, I would encourage all my fellow legionaires to become involved and volunteer to help with this program. You will find it very rewarding in what these young men and women have to say about the foundation of this nation, it makes you realize that there are some very bright students out there and give this nation a brighter future. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered and made my time as chairman very enjoyable, we couldn't do it without you!!

If there are no questions, this completes my report.

Bob Waugh

Dept. Oratorical Chrnm.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION REPORT TO THE
DEPT OF IOWA CONVENTION, JULY 18-20, 2025**

Year In Review

Our American Legion, Dept of Iowa Veterans Service Office at 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, in partnership with our County Veterans Service Offices are responsible for \$36 Million in monthly benefits (\$432 Million yearly) to Iowa Veterans with service related disabilities.

VA compensation is intended to improve the quality of life for a veteran suffering from service-connected injuries and illnesses. Our Veterans Service Officers literally "Change And Save Lives" on a daily basis. Well earned service connected disability compensations combat Veteran Suicide, Veteran Homeless and Childhood Hunger.

The American Legion, Department of Iowa 2025 Legislative Priority #1 is securing Funding for Veterans Service Organizations Representing Veterans with the Veterans Benefits Administration at the Federal Building. It has become more difficult for the VSOs to provide the needed level of assistance to veterans with claims for compensation from the VA due to reduced revenue of the organizations and the increasing number of claims for VA benefits. The appropriation in the form of matching grants would be used to increase the number of professional service officers supporting Iowa's veterans and our county veterans service officers.

Priority #2

Veterans Treatment Courts. The American Legion urges the State of Iowa to establish and expand Veterans' Treatment Courts. Veterans' Treatment Courts are hybrid Drug Courts and Mental Health Courts and have evolved out of the growing need for a treatment court model designed specifically for justice-involved veterans to maximize efficiency and economize resources. Many veterans that enter the veterans' treatment courts are not aware of their federal, state, or county benefits, such as Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits for compensation, pension and health care. Grouping veterans into a specific court docket significantly expedites access to veteran-specific resources, including benefits and treatment earned through military service, and provides options for treatment as opposed to incarceration.

Priority #3

Military Homeowners Assistance Program. The program continues to be marketed to Veterans even after the funds have been exhausted for the fiscal year and Veterans are placed on a waiting list. Shortly after the Legislative Session began on Jan 13, Governor Reynolds increased the fund by \$500,000 and it was placed in her budget for the coming year, bringing the total available funds to \$2.7 Million.

The American Legion, Department of Iowa Legislative Commission begun the process in making contacts at the Iowa State Capital well ahead of the January 13, 2025 Session. We had our first meeting with Governor Reynolds office Nov 18, 2024 and presented our Legislative Priorities.

Legislative Commission meetings leading up to Veterans Day at the Capitol.

Oct 17, 2024

Legislative Commission met to discuss possible Legislative Priorities.

Nov 18, 2025

Legislative Commission met with Governor Reynolds office to discuss the Depts Legislative Priorities.

Dec 13, 2024

Legislative Commission met with Representative Boden, VA Chair to discuss the Depts Legislative Priorities.

Jan 10, 2025

Legislative Commission met with Senator Reichman, VA Chair to discuss the Depts Legislative Priorities.

Jan 13, 2025

Legislative Commission met to discuss Veterans Day at the Capitol (Jan 22, 2025).

Jan 22, 2025

Veterans Day at the Capitol. The Legislative Commission met with Senate Majority Leader Witver, Senate President Sinclair, Speaker of the House Grassley, House Leader Windschitl, House Minority Leader Konfrst and Senate Minority Leader Weiner. We were received well at all the meetings and all were in agreement our priorities were Veteran centered, presented well and needed.

There was a lot of discussion throughout the remainder of the session. Our Commission continued to follow HF 1000 through the legislative process. We knew going into session funding was going to be an issue - and it was. But on April 30, the House found funding. The House version of the Health and Human Services Budget included our VSO matching grant program bill language and funding! Negotiations on the Health and Human Services (HHS) budget continued through May 13. The House had our VSO matching grant program funding and the HF 1000 language in their HHS budget, but the Senate did not. Unfortunately, the money was not included in the final HHS budget after negotiations. The House passed the bill unanimously and had it in their budget, but the Senate was unwilling to move it in this tough budget year. This means the bill will still be alive next session and only have to go through the Senate. We have all interim to work the Senate on this issue. We need to start conversations on possibly putting together a public campaign on the issue and have local legion members get their Senators to sign a commitment to get the bill done. Let's all take a deep breath as this session comes to an end. HF 1000 should not be looked upon as a failure. We knew going in funding was going to be an issue. Look at it this way: It's not gone - it's delayed. We'll quickly regroup and hit it very early the next time around and get HF 1000 through the Senate.

I'd like to thank Commander Ring for opportunity to chair the Legislative Commission. Thank you to the Commission Members, our Dept Staff and everybody that helped us along the way. See you next session.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Johnson
Legislative Commission Chairman

Marketing Report

DEC

June 21, 2025

The Marketing committee has been meeting by zoom monthly. We will have had three events this spring. Stars and Stripes Spirit 5K, Scheels flag exchange. We have been moving forward with the State Fair Booth as we have been able to get the funding from most Districts.

Budgets were reviewed and will be presented to the Finance Commission for approval. It may be time to look for a new fundraising company as V360 is struggling to gain revenue.

Iowa speedway is July 11-13 and the mobile marketing booth will be there for the Dept. of Iowa to gain more visibility.

Promotion and Revenue Committee

The 5K race had 114 participants which is down from last year but we believe the weather was very impactful as it was on the cool side. The area where we were set up gave us a lot more visibility than the previous year.

Iowa City Scheels and Jordan Creek flag exchange are still gaining and look to be promising.

Media and Communication

The Department electronic Newsletter currently has 7540 subscribers and the new editor, Mike is getting his feet under him!

The Department Facebook page has 2798 followers. The most viewed post recently was a post about the Walk For Veterans followed by a post about the 5k. Views over the last 30 days are down 23% but reach is up 6%. Please like and share the posts you see and share the page with your friends!

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Respectfully submitted
Darrin Alderson

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Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Rehbein
Media and Communications Chair

JUNE 2025 DEC Meeting

VA&R Health Administration Report

IOWA CITY VA MEDICAL AREA

On march 27, 2025 met with IOWA CITY VA MEDICAL Public Affairs for site/ area update.

Currently VA Iowa City oversees fourteen Community Base Outreach Centers (CBOC).

“It is a great honor to be awarded the **Pathway to Excellence accreditation,**” said Andrea Hayes, the Associate Director for Patient Care Services at the Iowa City VA.

January 7,2025 Iowa City VA Medical Health Care System was joined by builder Covenant Construction and conducted a groundbreaking ceremony for an expansion of specialty service clinical space. One of the two new stories will have an entire floor be Women Services.

Decorah new CBOC, 1106 Military Blvd, Decorah, Iowa 52101 will be held an Open House on April 28. 2025 for the Community to view all the specialty services available for the area veterans and their family.

Burlington, Iowa gained access to new site for their CBOC at 1000 North Roosevelt Avenue, Burlington. Services included Telehealth Services, Family/Internal Medicine, Primary Care, Mental Health, Audiology, and Addiction/Substance Abuse

DES MOINES VA MEDICAL- Central Iowa- Serves six CBOCS, Carroll, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Knoxville, Marshalltown and Mason City

Marshalltown gained a NEW CLINIC on August 29, 2025.

CMS rated Des Moines a **FIVE STAR RATING.**

Des Moines Area completed a patient survey which stated 91,9 patient TRUST RATING by veterans being served.

NEW: VIRTUAL MOBILE CLINIC- (VMC) Started medical services to rural counties and now serves as HOMELESS Veteran services in the Des Moines METRO AREA.

Also help for homeless or at risk Veterans NATIONAL CALL 877-424-3838 - 24/7

- a counselor will answer!
- VA Medical Social Worker
- VETERANS PROGRAM MANAGER

IN CRISIS – 988 PRESS 1 or TEXT 838255 (FREE and CONFIDENTIAL)- Responders will connect to RESOURCES NEEDED- WITH FOLLOW UP NEXT DAY

VA SIOUX FALLS MEDICAL AREA-is a TEACHING HOSPITAL with full array of services affiliated with thirty Universities/Colleges. Nurses are the backbone of site.

Also serves five CBOCS- Aberdeen, Sioux City, Spirit Lake, Wagner and Watertown.

Sioux City received PATHWAY to EXCELLENCE for second time- the Award takes great effort in supporting their staff by completing a 335 page document detailing six standards for idea nursing practices.

The yearly site visits were postponed by Iowa Legion Commander/ Auxiliary due to the DISTRICT Conferences were in locations greater distance for Legion Family to attend on the Friday before conferences this year.

Submitted on June 9, 2025 by Janet Grass

VA& R Health Administrative Chair

VETERAN DONATION REQUESTS FOR IOWA CITY REGIONAL

LOW INCOME W/O PRIORITY: (Items for attending VA Appointments)

- Track Phones
- Gas Cards- Come-n-Go, CASEY'S, Hy Vee
- Meal cards for Quick/Fast Food

BABY SHOWER ITEMS for the Iowa City Baby Shower

SPECIAL FUNDS-i

:4408 funding the Iowa City Medical Center Meal Program

SPECIAL FUNDS: 4484- Women Clinic Support (NEW SITE COMING)

Galesburg CBOC Spotlight



By Keiko Rector, Public Affairs Specialist

November 25, 2024

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Galesburg staff have successfully moved into their new Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) location at 1090 W. Carl Sandburg Dr. Suite 100, Galesburg, IL where the old mall once stood.

The new clinic is 10,000 square feet more than the previous one, offering a more open waiting room, a larger physical therapy room, a larger lab, and more exam rooms, including telehealth. Some new specialties provided will include an eyeglasses station, a women's health exam room with an attached bathroom, and radiology. With more space, the clinic is hopeful to add more specialties to better serve the Veterans in the area. Another upgrade offered at the clinic to help improve healthcare visits for Veterans is the addition of a new audiology booth. Previously the clinic used a mobile van for audiology appointments. "It was nice to have, but it meant that our patients would have to go outside in the cold into a van and get

that service,” said Clinic Coordinator Tammy Heap. “Now we have the booth inside the clinic, so we can save them from extra steps and bad weather.”

The clinic staff is excited to be able to host different group activities in the new space, such as cooking and battlefield acupuncture, a sentiment shared by the patients. “The staff as a whole couldn’t be more compassionate, caring, helpful, concerning, and kind,” said one Veteran, “All medical facilities should use Galesburg VA as a model!” With other comments raving about how great the staff and experiences at the Galesburg VA are, it is not a shock that the CBOC has a trust score of 94.4%.

The clinic was named in honor of Lane A. Evans—a dedicated Marine Corps Veteran, and congressman for Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Evans was a passionate supporter of veterans' rights, and his dedication to our country and its heroes is evident in the mission and values of the new facility. During his tenure in Congress, Mr. Evans was instrumental in advancing legislation that provided critical support to Veterans affected by Agent Orange exposure and became a key figure in elevating national awareness around Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injuries (TBI) among returning service members. Although Mr. Evans died on November 5, 2014, his commitment to advocacy still motivates initiatives aimed at improving care for our country's Veteran

CBOC Spotlight: Waterloo VA Clinic



By Keiko Rector, Public Affairs Specialist
June 3, 2024

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The Waterloo Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) provides a range of services to Veterans, including audiology, optometry, radiology, physical therapy, primary care, and mental health.

Tom, a Veteran sitting in the waiting room, says he appreciates the convenience of not having to travel to Iowa City for his appointments. Other Veterans have shared their appreciation for the staff saying, “My experiences while utilizing the services of the Waterloo VA Clinic have been very positive. I would go so far as to say, that it was always outstanding, and I would highly recommend them to any veteran and all veterans residing locally needing care. Everyone I encountered while visiting the clinic was always very personable and professional while being knowledgeable and willing to help.”

When reading through the positive comments patients have left regarding their experience at the Waterloo VA Clinic it is understandable how the CBOC has earned a V-Signal Trust score of 95.6, outperforming the National score by 4.1%. “My doctor is very thorough, knowledgeable, and is always very attentive to my needs,” said one Veteran. “I was very impressed with all the staff and particularly the great facility. As a veteran of 32 years, I was given the best care.”

A new service the clinic now offers is their Mobile Prosthetic and Orthotic Care (MoPOC). The van will be used as a production area to modify Veteran prostheses or orthoses. This initiative aims to provide better care to Veterans in the areas of Waterloo, Dubuque, and Ottumwa Clinics. When a provider determines their patient needs this service, they will request a consult at one of the clinics and schedule the Veteran for an evaluation. Because of this initiative, the Certified Prosthetists Orthotist (CPO) will be able to see any patient with prosthetic, orthotic, and pedorthic needs, including artificial limbs, bracing, and footwear.

The clinic also offers remote visits with healthcare providers to make getting top-notch healthcare even easier for those who have a hard time moving around. These telehealth visits cover various specialties including mental health, retinal care, general surgery follow-up, dermatology, rehabilitation, primary care, audiology, speech, neurology, sleep medicine, prosthetics, physical therapy, occupational therapy, kinesiotherapy, and transplant follow-up. The clinic has also introduced Technology-Based Eye Care Services (TECS) to address the increased likelihood of eye disorders in Veterans of the Vietnam, Korean, or early wars. Additionally, the presence of Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) staff on-site allows the clinic to provide direct support to Veterans in signing up for benefits.

The American Legion of Iowa Foundation

Report to The Department Executive Committee June 21, 2025

The American Legion of Iowa Foundation has seen the same struggles with the economy and inflation experienced by our members and the rest of the nation. Thanks to our financial advisors at Regions Bank and a strong investment plan, the portfolio is holding right around \$2,500,000. Our new goal of \$3 million is still on the horizon and in this time of market volatility, with strong donation support we will make gains toward the goal.

The annual Meeting was held on May 22, 2025 at 10am at department headquarters.

With a larger number of grant applications (99) asking for \$503,778.19 and \$118,461.42 available to be awarded.

American Legion programs \$16,500 awarded asking for \$17,500

Department of Iowa Be the One QPR was not funded.

American Legion Auxiliary programs \$9,750 awarded asking for \$9,750

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation \$46,811.40 awarded asking for \$187,238

Americanism, Children & Youth \$ 24,624 awarded asking for \$74,806.51

Community Service \$ 20,776 awarded asking for \$184,483.68

Late \$0 awarded asking for \$30,000

Elections were held and Steve Dixon is the President, Chuck Brunsting is Vice President and John Derner is Secretary / Treasurer

Beyond the economic news, we will continue to ask our donors to be generous and continue to tell them the stories of where their donations go and the people that they help. Our board of directors thank you for your support.

Thank you.

Steve Dixon

President