

Sons of the American Legion (SAL)

We held our first Squadron 2 Initiation of Members on July 15. I hope to continue this tradition of welcoming new members and some that have been long time members. We as a Sons organization have many traditions that need to be practiced to make our members a family. Again, we welcome each of our members and those who will follow. We as a group will change Squadron 2 into a Sons program that will make each of us proud to be members. We are in the first stages of planning a couple of fund raisers to support the Veterans of our community. We are looking forward to announcing what we have planned in the near future. Leading through mentorship and learning from one another.

Squadron Commander Rex Croson

American Legion Post #2 Riders

We have had elections for our officers. Presenting to you Director Larry Culver, Asst. Director Rex Croson, Treasurer Scott Kvammen, Chaplin Tony Luneke and James Floyd, Ride Captain Eric Kjos, and Sgt. at Arms Ted Dewitt. We are ready to keep building the Chapter 2 Riders into the best group in the State of Iowa. Flags for Vets is set to do our presentations in Oakland, IA, Avoca, IA and Walnut, IA. With a special presentation in Lewis, IA. All on Aug.1st. Meet at the post at 8:30am. We will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs Aug.22 for the Duck Race, a fund raiser to support the many missions the Riders do at Rainbow Post 2. Please attend our next meeting Aug.19 @ 7pm. The National American Legion Legacy Ride is coming to Iowa this year. Starting in Lincoln, NE, crossing into Iowa in MO Valley, IA. There could be upwards of 400 motorcycles on Sunday Aug.23.

Ride Safe with the wind to your back. Asst. Director Rex Croson

TAPS

The Honor Guard did funerals for 2 members in June and July, Marvin Wacker and Bob Gittins. We have done 45 funerals' so far in 2026. Contact Brad Powell at 402-319-3999 or bradhawk91@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the Honor Guard.

Brad Powell, Captain

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August/September 2026 Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2026 – NATIONAL WELLNESS MONTH

Monday	3rd	6:00-8:00PM	EBoard meeting (changed to Monday this month)
Monday	10th	6:30-7:30PM	General Meeting
Tuesday	11th	4:00-8:00PM	Post 2 fundraiser at Lansky's. 10% of sales, leave receipt!
Wednesday	12th	6:00-8:00PM	Auxiliary Meeting
Wednesday	19th	6:00-7:00PM	SAL Meeting
Wednesday	19th	7:00-8:00PM	Riders Meeting

August Military Observances

August 4 – Coast Guard Birthday
August 7 – Purple Heart Day

August 29 – Marine Forces Reserve Birthday

SEPTEMBER 2026 – NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Tuesday	8th	4:00-8:00PM	Post 2 fundraiser at Lansky's 10% of sales, leave receipt!
Wednesday	9th	6:00-8:00PM	EBoard meeting (in small meeting room)
Wednesday	9th	6:00-8:00PM	Auxiliary Meeting
Monday	14th	6:30-7:30PM	General Meeting
Wednesday	16th	6:00-7:00PM	SAL Meeting
Wednesday	16th	7:00-8:00PM	Riders Meeting

September Military Observances

Sep 11 – Patriot Day Sep 18 – Air Force Birthday

Sep 18– POW/MIA Recognition Day Sep 27 – Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

*Additional VSO meeting; VVA 3rd Thu 6:30pm, DAV 4th Tue 6:30pm, and VFW last Wed 6:30

Message from the Commander

Elections were completed and officers were installed = Patty Holeton Commander, Rex Croson 1st Vice, Jon Coover Finance Officer, and Brad Powell Member at Large. The 250th Celebration was rained out but not until the kids were able to have an hour of fun. The event may still occur but a date has not been set. August 17 several legionnaires will walk in the Veterans parade at the Iowa State Fair. Our first annual Duck Race will be August 22nd near Creekside Church. Contact me if you need a duck ticket. Several members went to Department Convention and Post 2 received two awards. One for Community Service and another for our CPR. Thanks to Adjutant Scott Kvammen for such a detailed report. The hall floor has been replaced and paint touched up. Thank you to the volunteers who painted the dining/bar area. Brandon Clay with BTS Floors donated his labor and some product to put down a new floor in the dining/bar area. The inside of the building is shaping up and we are holding our meetings in the hall. We hope to start renting out the hall soon and open up for some fun events.

Patty Holeton, Commander

Message from Vice Commander/Memberships

A big question for all of you Veterans that belong to Rainbow Post 2. Do you have Sons, Grand or Great Grand Sons? Did you know that you can help the Sons of the American Legion by asking them to join us. Think of it as a way that they can continue to honor the service you have given to this great country of ours. You can contact me through the post email or phone rainbowpost2@gmail.com or 712-435-0883. It's also time to start renewing your very important membership dues. Legion is \$70.00 Sons \$30.00. Riders \$15.00 or \$100.00 for a life membership for Chapter 2 Riders. Thank you all for supporting us at Lansky's. By eating there we earned \$105.83.

This we Will Defend. Rex Croson

Adjutant

Our 2027 Membership cards are now available! If you or someone you know forgot to renew your 2026 dues, it's not too late. Several 20+ year members forgot to renew. If you pay 2027 & not your 2026 membership, you lose your continuous years. If you are a PUFL, you will get yours mailed to you by National Headquarters. If you have questions on becoming a PUFL and want to know your fee, which is based on your age, please call Patricia at 317-630-1221. Membership is still \$70. 1, 2 or 3 years can be paid. If fees go up, you will not be charged more and you will not get those annoying reminders every quarter. The Auxiliary President & I spent some time last weekend going through addresses and e-mails. Some addressed did not match the newsletter directory and mylegion.org addresses. If you do not receive a newsletter by mail or e-mail, please let me or Beth know so we can fix this. To save monies, if you have an e-mail you use, please ensure we are sending you an e-mail vs mailing it. Postage went up which means our expenses increase. Thank you

Program Committee Update

Phil Solars – no update.

American Legion Auxiliary

Happy The Auxiliary installation of officer's took place during our June 2026 meeting; Beth Holeton President, Patty Raymer 1st Vice and Chaplin, Janice Watts 2nd Vice and Chaplin, Cheryl Winchester Treasurer, Maren Palmer Secretary, Regina Chambers Historian, Donna Knop Correspondence, and Sharlene Anderson Sgt. At Arms. Congratulations to everyone on their office and I wish us all a great year! During the Memorial Day event at Bayliss Park, Mayor Jill Shudak presented The American Legion Auxiliary with a Poppy Proclamation, and Janice Watts read a brief description on Flanders Field. Nice work putting it all together, Janice! The Auxiliary received a 100% membership achievements' award for 2025-2026 during the Summer Conference in Des Moines July 17-19. On August 17th, a few of our Auxiliary members along with additional Legion Family members will walk in the Veterans Parade at the Iowa State Fair. Auxiliary meetings are every 2nd Wednesday of the month and we welcome you to join. Our next meetings are August 12th and our September 9th, both 6:00 PM at the Post. Cans for a Great Cause is doing well and anyone who would like to provide cans for our cause, call Beth 402-253-7684. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Beth Holeton – Auxiliary President