Denver American Legion

Acker-Matthias Post #653

161 East Main Street, PO Box 653,

Denver, Iowa 50622-0653

Phone: (319) 984-5986

July 2026 Issue 7

Check our website at: https://denveramericanlegionpost653.org

Follow us on Facebook, X, Instagram, YouTube, Pinterest, & Linkedin

Emailed Newsletter Send your email address to **robert.e.schmitz@gmail.com**

Calendar Events

Jul 21 Exec Council Meeting
Jul 22 Weds Night Social
Jul 24 Fish Fry
Aug 2 Waffle Breakfast
Aug 5 Weds Nicht Social
Aug 5 Legion Meeting (CHANGE)
Aug 12 Weds Night Social
Aug 15 Open House
Aug 19 Weds Night Social
Aug 19 Exec Council Meeting
Aug 26 Weds Night Social
Aug 28 Fish Fry

Legion Meeting: Aug 5, 2026 1830 hrs; **THIS IS THE SCHEDULE CHANGE TO OUR MEETING!** Please come, and bring a friend or potential member.

Executive Council Meeting

Aug 19, 2026 1830 hrs **THIS IS THE SCHEDULE CHANGE TO OUR MEETING!**

Sick Call: Bob Bonorden, Denny Cox, Bob Davidson, Jim Happel, Neil Hartman, Verner Jaschen, Arlan Laube, James Meyer, Duke Schneider, and Jerry Swanson.

Officers:

Commander: Mike Gorshe 319-269-8847
Adjutant: Brian Bartels 319-239-0948
1stVice: Richard Beery
2nd Vice: Robert Schmitz 319-230-1437
Chaplin: Butch Milius 319-939-7792
Finance: Candi Lanning 319-239-2646
Service: Joel Wikner 319-415-2228
Sgt at Arms: Harold Hyde 319-415-1115
History: Ron Milius 319-239-5976

Executive Committee:

James Kurtt 319-240-3901
Darrell Groth 319-390-0718
Robert Platte 319-240-5052
Rick Mortenson 319-559-1524
Wayne Bramstedt 605-929-6874

As always, feel free to call any of us if you have questions concerning Legion business.
For God and Country, **Mike**

Commanders Corner

Mike Gorshe

Hello everyone. I trust you all had a great 4th and celebrated our country's 250th year most vigorously.
Officers and committeemen have been chosen at our July meeting and will be Installed at our August meeting. The August meeting is scheduled for 5 August at 6:30pm upstairs.
New meeting schedules.
Starting in August the members meeting is every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 6:30pm. Same night as the Wednesday night social. The reason is attendance is down on Saturday mornings and we have too many conflicting schedules from some of our officers. Hopefully this will help solve that. If food is being served then everyone could come in and eat before the meeting. The Executive Council meeting will also change starting in August to every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Please change your

calendars accordingly. The upstairs is officially complete and is turned over to the House Committee for any issues. We had a new member at the July meeting. Please welcome Bill Doolan as our latest member. Don't forget that Denver Days is approaching fast. Check out the events calendar in this News Letter as well as our Website, Facebook and local papers for upcoming events.
For God and Country, Mike

God's Little Lessons for Leaders: Confusion

God is not the author of confusion, but of peace.
1 Corinthians 14:33

JUST ONE TREE:

A young man was concerned about the uncertainty of his future and confused about which direction to take with his life. He sat quietly on a park bench, watching squirrels scamper among the trees. Suddenly, a squirrel jumped from one high tree to another, aiming for a limb so far out of reach that the leap looked like sheer suicide. Though the squirrel missed its mark, it landed safely and seemingly unconcerned on a branch several feet below. The squirrel than scampered upward to its original goal, and all was well. An old man was sitting on the other end of the bench. "Funny thing," he remarked. "I've seen hundreds of 'em jump like that. A lot of 'em miss, but I've never seen any hurt in trying." Then he chuckled and added, "I guess they've got to risk something if they don't want to spend their lives in just one tree."

The young man thought about this. A squirrel takes a chance, have I less nerve than a squirrel? He made up his mind in that moment to take the risk he had been considering, and sure enough, he landed safer and higher than he had dared to imagine.

Break through confusion by taking a bold leap of faith!

Chaplin's Corner

Butch Milius

Thank you to everyone who helped on Flag Day, June 14. We had accumulated over 170 flags for retirement. Thanks to Scout Troop 118, who again were very involved in the retirement ceremony. Thanks to Commander Mike Gorshe and Sergeant At Arms Harold Hyde for their help as well. Special Thanks to the Denver Forum for the write up and pictures of this worthy occasion. Thank you to all Legion Members who helped with the Military Funeral honors over the last year. We've sent our application for the Annual disbursement for these Details on July 1. We will receive $400.00 from the State of Iowa for this program. These funds will go into our Memorial Fund account. I've been in contact with our Boys Staters, Max Pavelec, and Logan Pinter. Both were thankful for the great experience of attending Boys State this year. Both are ready and willing to speak during our Veteran's Day festivities, and tell us about their experiences. Hopefully they will encourage the junior class of young men to attend next year's event. Our Post Home is now completely finished, and ready for the public to come and see the vast improvements. The final touch was the new bar in the upstairs hall, which was built by our own Sterling Tops from Denver, who did an amazing job Please come and see for yourself.

Note: A friend is one of the nicest things you can have and one of the best things you can be.

For God and Country, Butch