

End of Year Message from Lindsey Anderson; UIVA President 2006-2007

Hey all!

I just wanted to thank everyone again for all your hard work this year! We have progressed so much with the inclusion of community outreach projects; website and newsletter just to name a few.

I have been so glad to be a part of this organization and I hope each year progresses as much as this year has. I know it will!

Good luck to our new executive officers: Scott and Cathleen Waddle, and Aaron Schlumbohm! I know you will be great! Thanks again for all your input and dedication to this group!!!

Lyndsey Anderson

See you next fall...

Well, that's it until the Fall semester. This is the special summer issue to help keep everyone busy until then. We'll be opening up next fall with an initial meeting and a barbecue, and hopefully meeting all the new vets coming to UI next year. Until then keep checking our [website](#) and Facebook group for any updates.

BYE!

Renewing your GI Bill for Summer/Fall; Msg from the Registrar

Greetings from Skip and Dennis:

I'm getting messages from several of you a day asking about how to keep your benefits going for summer and/or fall. This is a repeat of an earlier message.

To receive veterans benefits beyond this spring semester you need only complete the worksheet we provide, but you should do it as soon as possible. This can be completed in our office in room 1 Jessup Hall, or you can pull it off our web site at

<http://www.registrar.uiowa.edu/veterans> and mail it to us after completion. If you are not planning on using your VA benefits this summer but want to for the fall, please do the worksheet as soon as possible so we can update the Dept of Veterans Affairs as soon as possible. If you wait until AUGUST to do the fall worksheet your first fall check will not likely come until as late as end of October.

Even if you are only partially enrolled and plan on making changes, the sooner you complete the worksheet the sooner we can get the DVA to pay you.

For those of you who are in the guard or reserve and want to start the process for tuition assistance, remember to consult with your military chain of command, to insure that process is begun when it needs to.

We're here if you need us, or if part of this message is unclear.

Skip Kempnich and Dennis Arps
Office of Registrar
Room 1 Jessup Hall

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UIVA Bar Crawl Spring '07; Group Photo @ Brother's

Spring '07 Vet Bar Crawl Keeping up 2 Reps as Hard-Partying Veterans/College Students

On Friday, April 20th UIVA members kicked off the Spring Vet Bar Crawl and finished it 8 hours later with no casualties and no major incidents (aside from a brief post-vomit clash with a bouncer @ Mickey's). The turn-out was about the same as December, about 15 people, some coming and going through out the night.

This semester's shirt was a simple design-- the new army digital camouflage pattern with "VETERAN" on the front and the schedule on the back. We adhered to the schedule with the exception of skipping Bo James to finish our Keg Party @ Brother's. The Brother's Keg Party is a great deal... 35 pitchers of Keystone Lite and all it costs is \$20 and some of your dignity.

Everyone had a good time until Mickey's, which is not to say that Mickey's was a bust, just that most bar-goers don't remember much after we got there.

SPRING 2007

- 5-6 [Brothers](#)
- 6-7 [Buffalo Wild Wings](#)
- 7-8 [Joe's Place](#)
- 8-9 [Brothers](#)
- 9-10 [Bo James](#)
- 10-11 [Mickey's](#)
- 11-12 [Q Bar](#)
- 12-1 [Airliner](#)

The War on YOU

By Aaron Schlumbohm

In between the politicians going back and forth with "Support the Troops" they're getting busy slashing Veteran's benefit programs.

With budget issues being highlighted, Vet funding faces cutbacks in 2009 and 2010 followed by a freeze, even as the cost of medical care for veterans grows by 10% a year. While it is true that Veterans funding has greatly increased under the Bush administration, there is a reason for that...

WE ARE AT WAR.

In Vietnam and Korea, about three Americans were wounded for every one who died. The ratio in WWII was nearly 2-1. In Iraq, 16 soldiers are wounded or get sick for every one who dies. This is due to better body armor and helmets that protect more soldiers from fatal wounds, and advanced emergency care that is keeping more of the wounded alive. Servicemen who survive the first few minutes after an explosion have a 98 percent chance of surviving altogether. But that means an increased burden on the VA's health-care system... a burden that many politicians are not willing to shoulder.

Spokesmen for the Pentagon have even said that it would "rather use [the funds] to help troops fighting today." David Chu, the Pentagon's undersecretary for personnel and readiness, was quoted as saying...

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“The amounts have gotten to the point where they are hurtful. They are taking away from the nation’s ability to defend itself” (All told, it could cost as much as \$600 billion to care for GWOT veterans over the course of their lifetimes.)

With America’s Military already hurting from the extended conflict of the last several years, forsaking Veterans doesn’t seem like a smart course of action (OR the right thing to do).

What’s the American Legion got to offer you?

By Aaron Schlumbohm

On the wall of the Stars & Stripes Grill of Iowa City American Legion Post #117 is the quote **“The price you paid to belong is not near the price you paid to be eligible.”**

The American Legion is the largest vet service organization in the US. It’s about vets helping vets, serving the community, and pushing Americanism & Patriotism and what it is to be a veteran. It is also notable for being an influential lobby on behalf of veterans.

The requirement for membership is having served in a conflict period. However, from 1990 to the present is all qualified as a conflict period. The majority of their membership used to be WWII vets, but as that generation passes, Korea and Vietnam vets make up the bulk of the organization. Legion membership is graying, and they’re seeking younger membership.

But does the American Legion have much to offer student vets? If you’re interested in supporting the community and the veterans lobby, then yes. At \$20 a year, membership doesn’t break the bank, but the GI Bill only stretches so far, especially when the Legion doesn’t seem geared towards younger members. Maybe that will change as the number of younger veterans increase and they want to be around people with similar wartime experiences.

The Iowa City Post on Muscatine Avenue does have the Stars & Stripes Grill which is open to the community, with Texas Hold’em Poker tournaments and Karaoke night. Improvements to the post are also planned.

To learn more specifics on the American Legion, go to <http://www.legion.org/>.

UIVA @ RIVERFEST!

UIVA members manned a booth at [Riverfest](#) on April 27th & 28th. At the booth kids could make hacky sacks out of red, white, & blue balloons and split peas, write a message to vets on a banner, and get their picture taken trying on a Marine Corps flak jacket, rucksack, and daypack.

The event was an overall success! We ran out of supplies meaning we had an overwhelming number of people stop to see us. I even talked Herky into wearing the ruck!

A big thank you to those of you who were able to donate equipment. People were thrilled to have the hands on experience. Another big thank you to those of you who were able to donate your time. Without you we couldn't have been successful.

- Cathleen Waddle



SUMMER IN THE CITY

(Iowa City)

I'm finishing up my first year since my EAS, and my first year back at the University of Iowa. Like most vets, I've got a year-long lease in Iowa City and I'm too cool spend the summer in my parents' basement. I'll be spending my summer in IC working, taking ONE class (to finish my Gen Eds and keep that sweet GI Bill \$ flowing), and hanging out. So I decided to check out what Iowa City has to offer...

- Aaron Schlumbohm

[Iowa City Parks & Recreation Program/Activities Guide](#)

This is a lot better than I could do, but I'll try to break everything down for you.

Recreation Division – they have specials on things like theme park tickets and other great things when you stop in here and ask...

220 S Gilbert Street
Iowa City, Iowa, 52240
Office: 319-356-5100
FAX: 319-356-5487

SPECIAL EVENTS

[Friday Night Concert Series](#)

[Saturday Night Free Movie Series May 19 – Sept 15](#)

[Iowa Arts Festival June 1-3](#)

[Iowa City Jazz Festival](#)

POOLS

[Robert A. Lee Community Recreation Center Pool](#)

[Located in the Robert A. Lee Community Recreation Center](#)

220 S. Gilbert St
Iowa City, IA 52240
(319) 356-5100

[Mercer Park Aquatic Center](#)

[Located in Mercer Park](#)

1317 Dover Street
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

[City Park Pool](#)

[Located in City Park](#)

200 E. Park Road
Iowa City, Iowa 52245
Open Memorial Day to Labor Day

[Iowa City Farmers Market](#)

Wednesdays & Saturdays
May 2 through Oct. 31
Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 pm
Saturdays 7:30-11:30 am

[Thornberry Off-Leash Dog Park](#)

For anybody with a dog who likes the outdoors...

[Iowa City Parks](#)

This town has parks all over the place

[Frisbee Golf Course](#)

IC has a Frisbee golf course @ Peninsula Park. And it's really nice. Weird.

[UI Division of Recreational Services](#)

Links to UI trips, events, sports, and classes offered this summer.

[UI Touch the Earth Outdoor Rental Center](#)

Rent sporting goods by the day, weekend, or week. CHEAP!

[IC Trails](#)

We've also got tons of multi-use trails. I've been hitting the bike trails and they're awesome. A lot more fun than I would have expected.



Interesting in biking Iowa City? Click for more info from the [Bicyclists of Iowa City](#). There's Scheels, plus two bike shops on S. Gilbert ([World of Bikes](#) and [Geoff's Bike & Ski](#)), a bike sales & repair place on S. Dubuque ([The Broken Spoke](#)), and an awesome community program called [The Bike Library](#) on E. College St that checks out bikes on deposit for 6 month periods.

[Iowa Cultural Corridor](#)

This is a good calendar of cultural events in the area.

[University of Iowa Master Calendar of Events](#)

That's all I can come up with right now. This town has so many great things going on and great places to go. I'm currently working my way through the almost-50 bars in the immediate Iowa City area (for more on that look up [barmaster](#) on Facebook). Hopefully these links will get you started enjoying the summer civilian-style.