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# ALA TODAY



Department of Illinois

## Hugs for Heroes



Department President Janet Bacon, Unit 80 President Bonnie Wisbrock, 2nd Division President Linda Fagan and Department Membership Chairman Angie Mulligan attending the Downers Grove Unit 80 Christmas Party.

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# A MESSAGE FROM DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JANET BACON



Welcome to 2023!

This issue of the ALA TODAY will be covering events for the months of January and February. Since this issue is coming out in January, I would like to take this opportunity and wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope each of you were able to enjoy the holidays with friends and family and that 2023 is a prosperous and joyful year for all of us. Did you make any New Year's resolutions? A perfect one would be to recommit yourself to the American Legion Auxiliary. We need to continue to help our Veterans, their families and our communities. We still have a lot more to accomplish this year. Start with making sure that we have a strong foundation which is created by our Units. By being a Unit member first, that strong Unit foundation will help us to keep this great organization strong for years to come.

We are completing the plan for the Department Family Membership Caravan. It should be interesting and fun to see all of the Legion Family members in attendance. Our guest speakers will be speaking on programs that would benefit all of us while helping our Veterans. Membership can be turned in and purple 100% pins for Goal Units will be awarded. Congratulations to all those units for their hard work. Check with your District or Division President if you are unable to attend Caravan because they have the pins and award certificates. Just a reminder that if your dues are not paid you are considered to be "not in good standing" with the American Legion Auxiliary.

Lincoln Pilgrimage will be held on February 11th and 12th in Springfield at the DoubleTree/Abraham Lincoln Hotel. As always, Springfield Post #32 will do an amazing job as the hosts. Activities will start with a reception on Saturday where you can meet the National Leadership. Then there is the American Legion Family Breakfast on Sunday followed by the Pilgrimage to the tomb for the laying of the wreaths. After that we will return to the hotel for the Lincoln Commemoration Luncheon. The National Leadership will be speaking at these functions. Do not forget to rub Abraham Lincoln's nose when you are at the cemetery; it is supposed to bring good luck. We will also be giving out the Pilgrimage Awards. February 14th is Valentine's Day. Please remember to do something special for our hospitalized female Veterans.

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Patriotic Conference is quickly approaching. The date is March 17, 2023. It is being held at the DoubleTree/Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield. Following the Conference will be our Spring Board Meeting. More details are on page 6. Please remember that the Board Meeting is open to anyone, but only our voting members will need to sit towards the front of the room.

Just a reminder to all members and especially everyone in a leadership role, please be respectful to all members within this great organization. Be courteous and return phone calls and emails promptly. You do not want members to think that you do not value them as members.

Please let me know if you are having an event or meeting that you would like for me to attend. I will do my best to make it. I am hoping to chat with as many Unit, District and Division members as possible.

In closing I would like to share a quote that was stated in 2021 by a Past Department President. It holds a lot of meaning and is so very true. "Never regret a day in your life: good days give happiness, bad days give experience, worst days give lessons, and the best days give memories."

## A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN ANGIE MULLIGAN

Congratulations to our newest charters, Onarga Unit #551 and Schaumburg #1983. Hopefully, we will be processing lots of membership from our January Membership Caravan, along with the second processing of new PUFL Members. The easy renewals have been completed and now the heavy lifting begins. We are still working on following up with the "Lost Addresses" file from National. Thank you to those who have already assisted with this.

National Membership Chairman Linda Tome shared the following poem with us and I found it very powerful.

### STILL HAVING ISSUES? PONDER THIS . . . Is this your Unit?

Ten little members standing in a line, one disliked the President and then there were nine;  
Nine ambitious members offered to work late, one forgot her promise and then there were eight;  
Eight creative members had ideas as good as heaven, one lost enthusiasm and then there were seven;  
Seven loyal members got into a fix, they quarreled over programs and then there were six;  
Six eager members wanting the Unit to thrive, one dropped out and then there were five;  
Five happy members, not one a bore...they fought over Bingo and then there were four;  
Four cheerful members who never disagree, till one complained of meetings and then there were three;  
Three members left, all of them blue...one joined a bowling league and then there were two;  
Two tired members - our rhyme is nearly done, one joined a bridge club and then there was one....  
One faithful member feeling rather blue, she met with a neighbor and then there were two;  
Two earnest members each enrolled more, doubling their numbers and then there were four;  
Four determined members just couldn't wait, they each found another and then there were eight;  
Eight excited members signed up sixteen more (in another six verses there will be  
a thousand and twenty four)!

# A MESSAGE FROM DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LOMAC A. PAYTON



Happy New Year!

There are times we wake up in the morning wondering what our day will be like. Do we have plans in place for the day? Or do we just sit back and leave our responsibility as legionnaires in the hands of others, hoping they will be very successful for our organization? Please don't take this cop-out. We should care enough about our members to spend as much time as possible checking on them and making sure that they are doing well. That's what the buddy check was created for; to keep the line of communication open to our members. It only takes a few minutes to make a phone call.

This month starts a new calendar year and we should be thinking about how we can improve our strategy for signing up our members whose dues are delinquent. We must inform them that all their benefits are null and void as of December 31, 2022. One thing I feel that we fail to do is to work close with District Commanders to make sure they are making contact with Post Commanders, Adjutants and Officers. If a District Commander knows his/her responsibilities, it would be much easier to retain our present members and to recruit new Veterans in the American Legion.

There is one thing that all of us should do and that is to educate ourselves about The American Legion and its programs. When we approach a Veteran about joining The American Legion, it would be easy to explain the wide range of programs we offer for Veterans, their families, children and youth. We wouldn't have to think about what to say; it would be second nature. It is very important for us to increase our membership by recruiting young Veterans to join and become active. They're a new generation with a new way of seeing things. They are the key to our future. We need to include their families as well. The new year is here and it's time to do our buddy checks and make sure we start this year off on the right foot. Take care, be safe and keep one another in your prayers.

May God Bless!



# A MESSAGE FROM DETACHMENT COMMANDER KEVIN O'CONNELL



Greetings,

The holidays are past us and we are looking now into a new year with new opportunities. The Sons of the American Legion is currently meeting national standards for membership. That being said we want to increase our membership and also get those unpaid members up to speed.

We are excited that we currently have seven new Charters in the works. Hopefully within the next month we will be delivering the new Charters to those Squadrons. We are asking Legion Posts that don't currently have a Squadron to consider developing one. We are more than happy to assist with that process. After all who doesn't need help now with Post activities.

The Sons of the American Legion National Commander, Christopher Carlton, will be traveling the first leg of our Membership Caravan. This is a true honor. Commander Carlton has been to several events here in Illinois with the Sons of the American Legion and has supported our program in anyway he can.

Now that we are looking at the dead of winter facing us, lets not forget our Veterans that are homeless or in want or need. Let's show our support by doing coat or glove drives. I know some Posts are doing a Stand Down for homeless Veterans supplying them with basic life needs.

My program this year is called "Got Your Six", which means we have the backs of the American Legion, Auxiliary and all Veterans. Let's not forget to do Buddy checks. Buddy checks is a great way to identify those Veterans in need of help. Please reach out to those that need us and let's show them we care. For God and Country. Kevin O'Connell

# Patriotic Conference & Snip Sheet

97th Annual Patriotic Conference  
President Abraham Lincoln Hotel a Double Tree by Hilton  
701 East Adams Street  
Springfield, IL 62701

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 17th, 2023 if you haven't already! The exhibits and basket raffle will open at 8:00 a.m. The conference session begins at 9 a.m.

Come enjoy fascinating speakers, displays, raffles and the luncheon.

Hotel: Room rate for the Conference is \$111.00 plus tax. DEADLINE DATE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS FEBRUARY 23, 2023.

Call the hotel at (217) 544-8800 to make your room reservation. Be sure to mention you are with the ALA Patriotic Conference to receive the discounted rate.

## PATRIOTIC CONFERENCE LUNCHEON SNIP SHEET

Checks to be received by March 1, 2023 to: American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois

PO Box 1426 Bloomington, IL 61702-1426

UNIT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person picking up tickets \_\_\_\_\_

List below ALL those attending the Luncheon & Unit # (if different)

Name	Unit #	Chicken: Pan seared chicken Maderia w/mushroom and shallot Maderia wine sauce	Salmon: Oven roasted wild king salmon with citrus shallot butter	Vegetarian: Portobello Ravioli with sherry cream sauce.

\*\*\*Garden salad, yukon roasted herb potatoes and chocolate mouse served with all entrees.

TOTAL tickets for Patriotic Conference Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 each Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to ALA Department of Illinois. Tickets must be picked up at the Ticket Table prior to the opening of the Conference. If you wish to charge tickets to a credit card, please call the Department office at 309-663-9366.

# CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICES

## ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL OFFICES

If a member of your Unit is planning to become a candidate for a Department Office or is seeking endorsement as a candidate for National Office, please furnish the requested information **NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2023**. This information will be used for publication.

**ARTICLE:** Please keep between 100/150 words in length due to limited space. The article should cover member's record of accomplishments in the American Legion Auxiliary first and other interesting information as space allows. Article must be typewritten and mailed or emailed to [executivesecretary@ilala.org](mailto:executivesecretary@ilala.org)

**PHOTOGRAPH:** Email a photograph to Department Headquarters at [executivesecretary@ilala.org](mailto:executivesecretary@ilala.org) to be published in the ALA Today newsletter.

It is the Unit's responsibility to supply the above information or to see that your candidate responds to the request.

The article will be printed in the **May/June issue of The ALA Today**. This will be the only way many delegates will learn of the qualifications of those seeking Department Offices prior to Department Convention. We wish to give each candidate an equal opportunity to share her record of activities.

**DEADLINE: This material must reach Department Headquarters NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2023.**

Janet Bacon

Department President

# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REVISIONS

## CALL FOR REVISIONS TO DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, AND STANDING RULES, AND DISTRICT AND UNIT BYLAWS

In accordance with **ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS, Section 1**, of the Department Constitution and **ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS** of Department Bylaws, call is hereby issued for such proposed revisions to reach Department Headquarters **NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2023**.

As stated in **ARTICLE VII** and **X**, all suggested amendments proposed will be sent to each Unit and District, as re-quired, sixty days before the Department Convention, JULY 13, 14 and 15, 2023. Final action will be taken at the Department Convention in Springfield, Illinois.

Each proposed revision must be submitted in triplicate. Each must also be sponsored by a Unit or signed by two members in good standing in the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois.

Janet Bacon

Department President

**\*ATTENTION\*ATTENTION\***

**Senior per capita dues will be increasing to \$29 beginning August 1, 2023. This was voted on and approved at the 2022 National Convention.**

## **BASKET RAFFLE AT PATRIOTIC CONFERENCE**

At the upcoming Patriotic Conference, we will once again be holding the Basket Raffle. We are counting on Department Officers and Chairmen to donate the baskets at this meeting. It is a fun and easy way to raise funds and is always interesting to see what types of baskets are donated. If you go online and enter "fundraising baskets" or "themed baskets" you can get some unique ideas.

Please make a list of the contents of the basket and attach to the outside.

Please bring your baskets to the office when you arrive.

These baskets will be on display Friday morning and the winners will be announced after the luncheon.

This is always a fun event to see who will spend how much for one or more baskets.

Thank you to our Members!

The Finance Committee

## **AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY SWEEPSTAKES**

Drawings for prizes up to \$10,000 will be Sunday, February 12, 2023, during Lincoln Pilgrimage. Please remember to send in your ticket stubs and check for this extremely successful fund raiser.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERSHIP LIAISON



The Department of Illinois ALA is proud to welcome Ashley Rolf, Membership Liaison. For the last four months, she has been on staff with PrideStaff as a temp to hire employee. Ashley comes to the ALA from Elkhorn, Nebraska. She graduated in May 2022 from Morningside University with a Bachelor's degree in Nonprofit Management. She has interests in the arts, reading and travel. She and her significant other, Stephen, live in Normal. Please help us give her a warm ALA welcome!

## ALAMIS WORKSHOPS: INTEREST SURVEY

ALAMIS Workshops - Interest Survey (American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System)

Not sure what ALAMIS is? Unclear how or even if access can assist your unit membership efforts? Has your unit purchased access, but haven't started using it yet? Experienced user of ALAMIS, but looking to learn some tips and tricks?

We are here to help. We would like to offer some Zoom workshops in January to answer these questions and more. Please fill out the survey linked here: [ALAMIS Workshop Interest Survey](#) or found on the front page of the Department website at [www.ilala.org](http://www.ilala.org). In addition to your contact information, we are asking your access level (non-user, new user, experienced) along with days and times that would be most convenient. Based on interest of each level we will reach out to those interested with dates and times.

Please contact Angie Mulligan ([mickeym@ameritech.net](mailto:mickeym@ameritech.net) or 815-546-6486) with any questions.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/ DC CONFERENCE

## CHAIRMAN ANGIE GOLIGHTLY

Sara Riegel, the Executive Director for the ALA National office wrote our Department earlier this month, "The American Legion Washington Conference will take place in person from February 27-March 1, 2023. The Washington Conference, held annually in our nation's capital, gives our organization's leadership a chance to meet with elected officials to discuss legislative initiatives and priorities important to Legion members and their families. It also provides a forum that allows the Legion Family to hear from senators, representatives, and officials from the White House and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as they address our members at the conference."

Our Illinois representative will be NEC Patti Williamson.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Your donations may be sent in any time of the year. Here are some dates to keep in mind:

December 31: Six Point Program Donations need to be received at the Department office in order for a unit to receive the Unit citation for donating.

March 15th : Education and Children & Youth donations must be received by this date in order for a unit to submit scholarship applications for consideration.

April 10th: A donation in any amount to the Nurse's Scholarship AND Past President's Parley dues must be received for a unit to submit a candidate for the Nurse's scholarship.

May 31: Any donations received after May 31 will not appear in the Department Convention Book of Reports.

Many units send all their donations at once for the year using the snip sheet. Others spread their donations out over the year. It is the unit's choice when they want to donate.

# JUNIOR CONFERENCE INFO

## JUNIOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Please Note: Registration must be sent to ensure seating for Juniors! Please list names of ALL Juniors registering as well as ALL Seniors. Senior members MUST pre-register.

**PLEASE MAIL BY March 1st for Fairfield or April 1st for Arlington Heights or Washington to:**

**American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois, PO Box 1426, Bloomington, IL 61702**

**Please CIRCLE which Junior Conference you are registering for. Please note that you can attend any of them.**

March 25th – Fairfield Unit 176 (5th Div) April 22nd – Arlington Heights Unit 208 (1st Div) April 29th – Washington Unit 100 (3rd Div)

**Please type or print all information.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name and number \_\_\_\_\_ District Number \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Junior Advisor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Advisor's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Junior Advisor: I need your information so I can contact you with your Junior's responsibilities and times to appear.)

**Registration:** Junior members are **FREE**

Senior members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 each Senior member \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

**JUNIOR MEMBERS attending Conference, including the age** for each Junior member. Please use a \* to indicate any Junior interested in helping during Conference. Please use \*\* if Junior would be able to volunteer for a speaking part.

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**SENIOR MEMBERS attending Conference**

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Questions??**

**Contact:** Tina Abdelnour, Department Junior Activities Chairman

Cell: 309-207-4756

tabdelnour@illegion.org

# JUNIOR CONFERENCE LUNCH RESERVATION

## LUNCH RESERVATION FORM—JUNIOR CONFERENCE

Mail to: American Legion Auxiliary  
See Below

Note: Make checks payable to  
See Below

(Tickets must be picked up at Registration Table prior to Conference)

Please CIRCLE which Junior Conference you are making lunch reservations for:

March 25th – Fairfield, IL      April 22nd – Arlington Heights, IL      April 29th – Washington, IL

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Picking Up Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed please find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets (See Below for Cost)

List all names for whom tickets are ordered.

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_____	_____

<b>March 25th – Fairfield</b>	<b>April 22nd – Arlington Heights</b>	<b>April 29th – Washington</b>
<b>Cost:</b> Contact Below	<b>Cost:</b> \$10.00 each	<b>Cost:</b> \$10.00 each

<b>Make Check Payable To:</b>	<b>Make Check Payable To:</b>	<b>Make Check Payable To:</b>
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ALA Unit 176	ALA Unit 208	ALA Unit 100
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<b>Reserve with:</b>	<b>Mail To:</b>	<b>Mail To:</b>
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Louise Jones 905 W. Main Street, Apt A Fairfield, IL 62837 (618) 842-2406	JoEllen Debrow 3329 N. Betty Drive Arlington Heights, IL 60004 (847) 738-0949	Marla Goss 107 Argo Street Washington, IL 61571 (309) 840-1054
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<b>Due Date:</b> March 20, 2023	<b>Due Date:</b> April 15, 2023	<b>Due Date:</b> April 22, 2023
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# JUNIORS WANTING TO HOLD AN OFFICE

## JUNIORS INTERESTED IN HOLDING AN OFFICE OR APPOINTMENT

### THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN SUBMITTING A JUNIOR'S NAME FOR THE VARIOUS POSITIONS

1. A girl elected as Honorary Department Junior President MUST be of Junior Membership eligibility (under age 18) at the time she presides at her Conference. The Honorary Junior President and other officers will represent the Juniors at the National level according to the program arranged by National Officers.
2. For speaking appointments, please choose a Junior who is able to read and speak distinctly and with volume.
3. Juniors appointed as Sergeant-at-Arms and Pages MUST wear a white top and dark blue skirt or pants. No sandals. Gloves are not required. This also applies to Juniors carrying flags.
4. Please indicate on the registration form below the type of appointment each girl would like. THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN Tina Abdelnour BY March 1, 2023 for Honorary Junior President or Vice President and March 10, 2023 for all other positions. Each location will have it's own appointments. Therefore, if appointed to position at Fairfield, that would be all she is required to do.
5. Additional information regarding appointments will be sent directly to the Unit Junior Advisor after selections are made. Necessary advance material, if needed, will also be sent at that time.

**GUIDELINES FOR CAMPAIGNING:** This year will be the same as last year. All Candidates for Honorary Junior Department President or Vice President will be **required** to make a campaign video that will be shown at all three locations just prior to elections. They will need to have someone to nominate them at the beginning of the video. That person will only state who is making the nomination and who they are nominating. The person who is nominated will then take over and have three minutes to make their campaign speech. I am encouraging them to make it as fun of a video as possible. Get as creative as you can. All video must be submitted to the Department Junior Activities Chairman Tina Abdelnour preferably by email at [tabdelnour@illegion.org](mailto:tabdelnour@illegion.org) or on a SD Card or thumb drive via mail to: Tina Abdelnour, 209 S. Barnett Street, Le Roy, IL 61752 no later than March 1, 2023.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Please be respectful and considerate of other candidates. All candidates should be practicing and encouraging goodwill towards other candidates by the other Juniors. Please provide the information below for Juniors interested in running for office. **Detach and mail no later than March 1, 2023** to Tina Abdelnour, 209 S. Barnett St., Le Roy, IL 61752 or email to: [tabdelnour@illegion.org](mailto:tabdelnour@illegion.org) with a picture and bio for the Junior running for office. Again this year, there will be no nominating from the floor. So please be sure to have all paperwork and videos in on time.

Junior Name (Print)	Unit Name and Number	Date of Birth/Age	District	Division
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Candidate for Junior Office of \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Junior Advisor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

# JUNIOR GRADUATION & MEMORIAL SERVICES

## JUNIOR GRADUATION CEREMONY

**Juniors MUST be 18 years of age by July 31, 2023 to participate!**

**Junior Name, Unit Name & Number, Division, District, Date of Birth**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Unit Junior Advisor Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Detach & Mail by March 10, 2023 to: Tina Abdelnour, 209 S. Barnett Street, Le Roy, IL 61752 or email to [tabdelnour@illegion.org](mailto:tabdelnour@illegion.org) before the meeting they will be attending.**

## JUNIOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Name of deceased Junior since April 1, 2022**

**Junior Name, Unit Name & Number, Division, District, Date of Birth**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Unit Junior Advisor Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Detach & Mail by March 10, 2023 to Tina Abdelnour, 209 S. Barnett Street, Le Roy, IL 61752 or email to [tabdelnour@illegion.org](mailto:tabdelnour@illegion.org) before the meeting you would like them to be included in.**

# ALA ILLINI GIRLS STATE INFORMATION

Happy New Year ALA members! We are gearing up for a “BEARY” special week for ALA Illini Girls State Citizens and staff. The 82nd session of ALA Illini Girls State will be held on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston from Sunday June 18th to Saturday June 24th, 2023. During the week, citizens will learn about the voting process, elections, campaigning, patriotism and so much more. The ALA IGS Committee voted to leave the fee at \$250 for 2023. The application and program information were included in the fall packet.

Auxiliary members, we need your help! In the spirit of full transparency, ALA IGS is at a critical point that has the potential to either make or break this great program. Prior to Covid-19, we averaged between 330-450 participants at IGS. Between the virtual session in 2021 and the in-person 2022 session, we have only averaged between 120-170 participants. Not only do we need approximately 300 citizens to cover our staff and guest costs, but our participants are our strongest recruiters. They return to their schools and encourage their classmates to attend; having lower numbers is causing us to miss these connections to future participants. We must significantly increase our participants this year and need your help to do that. All Units are requested to send at least one girl to the 82nd session and to register citizens by May 1st for a chance to win a refund of your fee. If units are not able to send a citizen, we welcome donations to the program. Please continue to reach out to the committee if you have a delegate but no funds to sponsor them. We work to connect all interested girls with a sponsor and do not want to turn anyone away.

**As a reminder, we no longer offer transportation. Citizens will be responsible for transportation to and from EIU. Please encourage your citizens to carpool and consider giving them a gas card in the amount you would have spent for bus fare.**

Please reach out to your schools **NOW**. This allows you to get girls before their summer plans fill up. Once you have selected delegates and are filling out the application, it is very important to fill out the entire application. This includes the middle section with the Unit and District information. If an application comes in without that information, it slows down the process and makes it difficult to assign cities.

The planning for the 82nd session of ALA Illini Girls State is underway. We look forward to being on the beautiful campus of Eastern Illinois University and meeting all the amazing future leaders from your communities! As always, the ALA IGS Committee continues to look for interested members to serve on our staff. If you are interested please contact Director Deb.

FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICE USE ONLY

\$\_\_\_\_\_ REG. FEE

**2023 APPLICATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ILLINI GIRLS STATE**

**Sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois**

**Please PRINT Legibly and Use a Dark Pen**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Preferred name) Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (Town) (Zip Code)

Applicant's Personal E-mail Address **DO NOT use a school email** : \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you an American Legion Auxiliary Member?(Yes or No)\_\_\_\_\_ Is your Mother, Father, Brother or Sister currently serving in the Armed Forces?\_\_\_\_\_**  
**# Volunteer Hours serving veterans?\_\_\_\_\_ # Volunteer Hours in community?\_\_\_\_\_**

Name and Address of Parents or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (Town) (Zip Code) (Cell Phone/Work phone)

Parent's email address \_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*\*\*\*TO BE FILLED OUT BY UNIT\*\*\*\*\*

**Sponsoring Auxiliary Unit** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name of President of the sponsoring Unit** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip Code)

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary/ALAIGS Chr. of Unit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**District No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **OR approved by ALAIGS Director** \_\_\_\_\_

The alternate is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Address)

Mail to Department, American Legion Auxiliary, P.O. Box 1426, Bloomington, IL 61702-1426, to be received **PRIOR TO Session**. Check for Registration Fee of \$250.00 must accompany this application **if not forwarded previously**. Applications will be accepted until quota of participants is reached.

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**\*CERTIFICATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR HOME SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR**  
**(APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNLESS COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY)**

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant is a member of the current junior class of \_\_\_\_\_ High School. School District \_\_\_\_\_

- 1.Is student a Junior in the 2022-2023 school year? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.Is student a legal resident of The United States? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.Is student maintaining a C average or above? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.Does student have good character? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.Does student possess outstanding qualities of leadership and good citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*WAIVER\*\*\*\*\*

The undersigned parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Applicant)

In consideration of the instruction and training to be given said participant at American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State, to be held at Charleston, Illinois June 18-24, 2023 does hereby release and discharge the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois, its officers, agents, instructors and employees, from any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, or courses of action which may, can or shall have by reason of illness, injury, or accident incurred or suffered by said participant while in attendance of said American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State no matter how caused or occasioned.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022/2023 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)





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## 2023 DUES REMITTANCE

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Dist # \_\_\_\_\_

Person preparing membership remittance:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Seniors: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$23.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Juniors: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$ 3.35 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit/Debit Used \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Check Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

### Reminders:

If you have already entered in a new member's information in ALAMIS, please note that.

List all members in alphabetical order

All new junior members must have a birthdate

Member ID# is required for everyone, except new members

Any member transferring must have a completed transfer included with transmittal

If paying previous years dues, please fill out prior year transmittal

### Membership note:

Membership dues remittance forms should be received at Department by the end of day on Friday, Dec. 16. If not received by this date, members who have not paid their dues will receive the 2nd membership notice from National Headquarters.

Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) List ALL members you are paying for ALPHABETICALLY on this sheet.  
 2) List only the members you are paying for DO NOT List PUFL's, Deceased or Paid up Transfers  
 3) List ALL ID#s (except new members-leave ID# blank)  
 4) Junior members that turn 18 on December 31, 2022 or before, must pay Senior dues for 2023 membership.

	Member ID#	Name as it appears on the National Roster (If there has been a recent name change please include both names.)	2023 Renewal		2023 New		Former/ rejoin	
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**Illinois American Legion Auxiliary 2023  
Membership Report  
Janet Bacon, President; Angie Mulligan, Membership Chairman**

<b>American Legion Auxiliary Membership Report - 1/4/2023</b>						
<b>District</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Total Members</b>	<b>Goal %</b>
18	4	Clarissa Mennega	28	1147	946	82.48%
17	4	Marsha Haag	36	1542	1227	79.57%
3	1	Suzette Lykes	7	108	84	77.78%
16	3	Teri Miller	25	1259	970	77.05%
7	1	Bonnie Sheirok	3	147	112	76.19%
14	3	Doris Kilkenny	13	669	509	76.08%
22	5	Marge Leezy	30	1071	810	75.63%
4	1	Ruth Elzinga	7	213	161	75.59%
5	1	Juanita LoGiudice	11	376	283	75.27%
10	2	Karen Stetina	13	572	430	75.17%
9	1	Cindy Hall	6	584	439	75.17%
25	5	Doris Bartolotti	16	926	696	75.16%
11	2	Laurel Hickman	34	1887	1411	74.77%
13	2	Jerri Akins	15	598	440	73.58%
23	5	Mary Madson	25	1616	1186	73.39%
19	4	Patti Williamson	33	2074	1491	71.89%
12	2	Mary Brubach	24	1708	1213	71.02%
8	1	Helen Stewart	11	637	441	69.23%
15	3	Sue DeDecker	27	1053	694	65.91%
21	4	Jane Harmon	17	632	409	64.72%
20	3	Catharine Reavley	23	753	447	59.36%
2	1		4	103	56	54.37%
24	5	Louise Jones	15	655	343	52.37%
		Headquarters 2910	1	1745	412	23.61%
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>22075</b>	<b>15213</b>	<b>68.90%</b>
	4	Roseann Coers		5395	4073	75.50%
	2	Linda Fagan		4765	3494	73.33%
	1	Linda Anderson Shells		2168	1576	72.69%
	5	Debbie Ferguson		4268	3035	71.11%
	3	Belinda Rusch		3734	2620	70.17%
		Goal Units	<b>29</b>			
		Angie Mulligan			Janet Bacon	
	Department Membership Chairman			Department President		

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## ***Dates to Remember***

January 13–21	American Legion Family Membership Caravan
January 31	Lincoln Pilgrimage Award Deadline
February 11-12	Abraham Lincoln Pilgrimage, Springfield, Illinois
March 17	Patriotic Conference - Springfield, Illinois
June 18-24	ALA Illini Girls State - Charleston, Illinois
July 12	ALA Leadership Classes - Springfield, Illinois
July 13-15	Department Convention - Springfield, Illinois
August 25-31	National Convention - Charlotte, North Carolina