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SERVING VETERANS, THE REAL SUPERHEROES

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Scenes from Family Caravan



(Top) President Angie Golightly with Past Department Presidents Judy Zimmerman, Ann Flanagan, and Luella Buske at Post 365 Caravan Stop.



(Top Right) Detachment Commander Mike Vozar, President Angie Golightly, and Department Commander Delmar Buske.



(Bottom Right) Past Department President Luella Buske and Membership Chair Pam Corbin at the Post 492 Caravan Stop.



*Angie
Golightly*



*Delmar
Buske*

Hello! So much has happened since the last time I wrote you. From the prerequisite blizzard on the Family Membership Caravan to the unseasonably warm day for our annual Lincoln Pilgrimage. Great job Post 32 in hosting this event for 90 years! I've been told we had a record 13 states in attendance.

We've been blessed with having one of the greatest Presidents 'resting' in Illinois. We also have the best Past National President Sharon Conatser who has been managing our Auxiliary office while a new managing director can be hired. Do you have any ideas for a good candidate?

On March 22nd, the annual Patriotic Conference will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel Springfield beginning at 9am. There will be basket raffles, and everyone is invited. I look forward to another great time with my American Legion family. This is another good reason to work on membership as our Commander thinks he will win our membership wager. I should hope not!

Then the Junior Auxiliary Department Conference is on April 13th beginning at 12:30 including the 'Young Sons'. There will be project entries and many activities to follow.

Remember to find those Girls and Boys State candidates. You could be changing a young person's life.

See the January/February ALA for details on all our activities. A new website will be coming soon. In my Unit we will be closing our books for the year on March 31st. It's time for all of us to write our story, from the end of year reports to the narratives for our chairmen. These reports will go onto National and then to tell our Legislators how great our American Legion Family is. That's how we show them we are the backbone of America!

Thank you for all you do, as we are 'serving Veterans, the 'REAL' Super Heroes!

Please take a moment and donate to my special project - the Illinois VA Facilities and Illinois Veterans Homes!

Good day to all of our Legion Family members!

It was good to see everyone at the membership caravan this year. Mother Nature made it a challenge but that just made it more interesting. It was great having National Vice Commander Mark Shreve from Georgia with us. What a good asset to the American Legion.

Went up to Galena and spent some time at the Winter Special Olympics. What a wonderful program and my hat off to the volunteers. It was different watching the snowshoe races on grass.

The Lincoln Pilgrimage was exciting. There were thirteen departments represented this year. Post 32 has done a great job on this for the past 90 years. What a great Family event.

I have been doing a lot of Post visits with more scheduled. Check with Cheryl in the office if you want me to visit your Post meeting or function.

The Winter Sweepstakes raffle which is normally held at Lincoln Pilgrimage was held on Friday, February 23rd. This is a great Legion Family event.

The Legislative Conference in Washington DC was a busy time. Had a lot of commission meetings to go to. Met with Senator Duckworth on the hill and had a productive meeting.

Luella and I attended the dinner for the Samsung Scholarship recipients. We met the \$10,000 recipient from Illini Girls State, Sydney Karages, and her mother. We are hoping to have her attend the Department Convention this year. These young men and women are a great asset to our American Legion Family.

Let's keep up the work on Legion Family Membership.

Until the next newsletter – be safe out there!



**Michael
Vozar**



**Membership
Chairman**

Pam Corbin

Greetings from The Detachment of Illinois,

What a year it has been so far! The January Legion Family Caravan was a success followed by a great Lincoln Pilgrimage in February. It was inspiring to hear National Commander Sehafer's energetic remarks at both the Luncheon and President Lincoln's Tomb. I was honored to also speak at the Tomb and present an Illinois Family wreath with Commander Delmar and President Angie. What a pleasure to recognize our top performing Division and Districts with jackets at the Membership Award Ceremony.

It was great spending time with our National Commander Donald "JR" Hall. He enjoyed his tour of the Presidential Museum and was the Keynote Speaker at the Detachment sponsored Sunday Evening Legion Family Leadership Reception. Wonderful networking all weekend with Detachment Commanders and members from five other states on how the SAL can continue to honor and best serve our veterans.

I represented the Detachment at Washington Conference. We visited the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery to observe changing of the guard and Commander Hall made a special wreath presentation on behalf of the SAL. We subsequently visited the WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War memorials to place wreaths honoring veterans of those wars. My father was a WWII veteran and it was a special honor to place a wreath at the WWII Memorial honoring his service on behalf of the Detachment. While there it was nice to meet and congratulate Illinois Samsung award winner Sydney Karages and her mother.

Senior Vice Rick Allen represented the Detachment at the State Oratorical Contest bringing greetings to the contestants and helping with awards presentation. What a great group of young students!

Rick continues to work hard on our membership efforts. At the end of February we are at 88% and aiming high to reach well into the triple digits!

Remember Patriotic Conference is coming up in March, Juniors and Young Sons Conference in April, and of course don't forget about Boys State, Girls State, and Youth Police School!

Thank you to our veterans for your service. We are the proud possessors of a priceless heritage!

Now that the month of January is over so is the 27th **American Legion Family Membership Caravan**. During our 15 stops the weather kept us from the stop at Colona, President Angie's home post. That however did not stop us from traveling from the top to the bottom of the state. We were excited to collect 159 Senior Cards and 28 Junior Cards, making a total of **187** American Legion Auxiliary membership cards. Thank you to all the members who turned out to turn in membership and those of you who just came to visit with us. We had an awesome visit to the Missouri National Veterans Memorial in Perryville, MO. National Vice Commander Robert "Mark" Shreve was traveling with all the leadership of The American Legion and the Son's of the American Legion along with the American Legion Auxiliary President Angie and the Auxiliary Membership Chairman (me). It was truly an interesting 10 days.

Our next big Membership event was the 90th **Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage**. I was excited to announce the winners of the Jackets that went to the 2nd Division President Sue Johnson who was in 1st Place for the Department Membership on January 26, 2024 and was present at the Lincoln Pilgrimage Membership Award Ceremony on Sunday February 11, 2024. Also the 2 Top District's were 21st District President Juliana Umstadd and Vice President Yvonne Caudle who were present at the Lincoln Pilgrimage Membership Award Ceremony to receive their Jacket. The 2nd Division Vice President was not at the ceremony as well as second place 7th District President Bonnie Sheirok was also not present. Congratulations to all the winners.

Patriotic Conference awards – for any District President and Vice President and Division President and Vice President that are goal by opening of Patriotic Conference will receive 1 free night at hotel or monetary equivalent if not staying in hotel because of location (live in area). **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

Traveling Necklaces: March 22, 2024--Div. President & V. President with the highest % in membership/Dist. President & V. President highest % in membership. If they are 100% they may keep their necklaces. **If you currently have a necklace please bring them to Patriotic Conference so they can be presented to the new winners.**

I hope everyone has a blessed Easter Sunday on March 31, 2024.

Past President's Parley Nurse's Scholarship Fund

Chairman Janet Bacon

Active service by all Past Presidents, at all levels, is encouraged. Auxiliary Past Presidents continue their support of the organization by accepting responsibility that the knowledge and wisdom of a past leader can make a difference. As past leaders, they support the Auxiliary as ambassadors for the organization. Past Presidents strive to strengthen each level of the organization and promote growth through positive actions.

The purpose of the Nurses Scholarship is to assist deserving students who are pursuing an education in the nursing field. Last year Illinois awarded 18 nurses scholarships. Fundraising efforts are to provide scholarship benefits to individuals entering or attending nursing training. The fund also develops resources about financial aid information for nursing students.

DATE _____

UNIT NAME AND NUMBER _____

Enclosed is a check for: Past Presidents Parley Nurses Scholarship Fund \$ _____

***Please make checks payable to: Department Treasurer and mail to: American Legion Auxiliary,
Department of Illinois, P.O. Box 1426, Bloomington, IL 61702

Service to Veterans/Hospital Service

Chairman Cinda Held

Thank you to all our volunteers who have been able to get back to volunteering in the hospitals and those who are caring for veterans in other ways. All are important to our ongoing mission to veterans.

Thank you to all our new volunteers. Your service is so important to our veterans and to the Representatives at the VA's.

The 2023-2024 volunteer reporting window will end on March 31. All hours volunteered should be sent to me or department by the end of April. Hours not submitted by then will go on 2024-2025 totals. As of this writing we have 40 active volunteers for both hospital hours and service to veteran hours.

Remember hospital hours are counted for hours that you volunteer at a veteran's hospital or CBOC. Service to Veterans hours are counted for hours you volunteer at a veteran's home, or hours you volunteer to help a veteran, send cards, make quilts for or take to appointments, etc. There are lots of ways to earn service to veteran hours. Don't forget that caregivers can count 10 hours a week for service to veterans.



Service to Veterans/Hospital Service Pin Order Form

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Department of Illinois

SERVICE TO VETERANS/HOSPITAL SERVICE PIN ORDER FORM

UNIT NAME _____ NO. _____ LOCATED _____ DISTRICT NO. _____

VA&R CHAIRMAN _____ ADDRESS _____

UNIT PRESIDENT _____ ADDRESS _____

Number of Service to Veterans Pins Requested _____ Price: \$20.00 each Amount enclosed \$ _____

Number of Hospital Service Pins Requested _____ Price: \$20.00 each Amount enclosed \$ _____

NOTE: This is a ONE TIME ONLY PIN PRESENTED AFTER THE "FIRST 50 HOURS" ARE SERVED. Make checks payable to DEPARTMENT TREASURER and attach to this report form. PLEASE PRINT NAME OF VOLUNTEER AND CHECK WHETHER VOLUNTEER IS SR., JR., OR NON-AFFILIATE.

NAME OF VOLUNTEER	SR	JR	NON-AFFILIATE	HOSPITAL Pin	Service to Veterans Pin
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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USE ANOTHER SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL NAMES IF NECESSARY

Please send order form and check to: American Legion Auxiliary, P.O Box 1426, Bloomington, IL, 61702



President Angie helping prep food for Special Olympics with Education Chairman Barb Howe and other ladies.

Americanism

Chairman Patti Williamson

Just a quick reminder of some deadlines for the Department of Illinois Americanism essay contest: back to the unit chairmen by February 1st, unit chairmen to the District chairman by March 1, District chairmen to Division chairmen by April 1, Division chairman to Department chair by May 1st.

National essay contest entries must be to this chairman by **March 30, 2024**, no exceptions.

Education

Chairman Barbara Howe

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION

It has come to our attention that one rule needs to be updated, we (I mean myself on the Education Committee) need to get with the program. Because National has changed a few rules and Covid-19 changed even more. The Department of Illinois Education rules need to be being changed.

INSTEAD OF THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS, only TWO will be required. The NEW two letters of recommendations are as follow: First from either a school/clergy. Second from an adult citizen not a relative. **THIS GOES IN TO EFFECT IMMEDIAYELY**. If the application does have the three recommendations, it will NOT be disqualified for recommendations.

Please follow the rest of the rules. Only the recommendation rule has change. Don't forget that the Unit must have contributed to the Department Education Fund before March 15, or their student will not qualify for a Scholarship from the Education Committee.

Help support our Junior Conference and American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State!

Girls State Wishlist

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2A12JZNPF4SZ8?ref_=wl_share

Junior Conference Wishlist

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2UX2TTA3UI6XD?ref_=wl_share

If you would like to receive the ALA Today, General Department Communications and/or the Membership report, via email please go to the department website: www.ilala.org, select the "Mailing List" option in the banner at the top of the page and choose the information you would like to receive by clicking the box next to the item. If you do not receive the ALA Today or the Membership report via email, you can always find them on the website listed above as well. Please check your SPAM box and add "Executivesecretary@ilala.org" to your contact list so it will come to your Inbox.

Leadership Chairman Cathy Zito

The theme for this year's Leadership Committee is "Let us lead the way to best serve Veterans, the real Superheroes". I hope that you have had a chance to develop the leaders at your unit, district, and division, whether or not they carried a title. Everyone has a role to play in carrying out our mission of helping veterans, active duty, and their families.

Leadership training can come in many forms. Mentoring, articles passed out at meetings, discussion groups, formal classes, ALA Academy are some examples of what you can do. Please make sure your unit, district, or division is using some of these tools to develop the leaders of tomorrow. Without this growth, our organization may wither away.

We are planning leadership classes to be held at Department convention again this summer. Please see the form included in this newsletter on page 10 for details and to sign up.

The Leadership Chairman also recognizes the Unit Member of the Year at the annual Department Convention. Every unit has that member who is always there to help, whether in the background or in charge of every committees. Please recognize this member for all he/she does. In addition to honoring them at your end of year meeting, submit them for the Department Award, Diana's Hats Off to You plaque. I would love to see submissions from every unit. The form is included in this newsletter on page 8.

Check the Department website for the rules, and include the Awards Submission Cover Sheet (found on the Department website under Resources/Awards) with your submissions.

Scenes from Quincy Project Tour



A unique experience for our leadership on the American Legion Family Caravan!

They were allowed to have a back door tour of the new building project at the Quincy Veterans Home. To watch the full interview, go to legion.org and search for the Quincy Veterans Home Video.

Leadership Committee Award Entry Form

UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Department Unit Member of the Year will be seated at the head table at the Gold Star/Past Presidents Parley Dinner at Department Convention, July 11, 2024.

Each Department's Unit Member of the Year will be recognized at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention in August.

Requirements:

1. Open to Senior members who are not now, nor ever have been, in an elected or appointed leadership role higher than Unit President.
2. Units must submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less describing the nominee's accomplishments and activities as well as the nominee's name and address. Each Department may only submit one entry to National Headquarters

Nominating Unit: _____

Unit Leadership Chairman Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Nominee Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Nominee's Unit Name and Number: _____

Form must be completed and submitted to Department Chairman, Cathy Zito by May 1, 2024.

Department Leadership Chairman:

Cathy Zito, 3228 Sunset Lane, Franklin Park, IL 60131

cczito3228@yahoo.com

Children & Youth

Chairman Sue Johnson

Calling on all mini-heroes from the universe to help protect and serve the home front, while our heroes are out battling bigger villains and criminals. We need to improvise, adapt and overcome!

As Gwen Stacey, alias Ghost-Spider, I've been spinning webs, traveling around making it my responsibility and prioritizing the lives of children to give them support at school when so many children are traumatized and need that extra help. Trying to give support and comfort to those with disabilities and severe medical conditions. The last part is remembering and helping our mini-heroes of our deployed who seem to be uprooted, not having friends to bond with, struggling at home and school because of missing the parent who is gone on their civic duties, and feeling that they are not important or taking on extra duties.

Easter is around the corner. Hosting and helping by participating in events in the community or add some events of our own involving the Legion Family. Maybe a Bunny breakfast, bunny farm, egg scavenger hunt for the family, crafts and activities and more. Get children to help with good directions.

April is the month of the military child. Help them shine in school doing announcements, have them give reports and talks to where they have traveled. Wear a button of their family member who may be a Veteran or active duty. Have a day when the other parent can come into the class and help their child answer questions. Help with a wall of heroes and pictures. Have movie nights with the military kids movies and Top Gun 1 and 2 and Black hawk Down or any other movie for the teenage kid. Display those mini heroes up to the age 17 at the Legion. Have them set up booths of inspiration. Also, do some fun things that help them take their mind off of worrying while the parents are gone. Have a special dinner; let them help with cooking and serving. Use the strengths of the town to do a community event. Step out of the box and get them involved with civilian children. Have kids wear red every Friday to remember the deployed.

Proclamation will be sent out to your division and district chair or presidents in some circumstances to give out to the units. Take it to your local mayors to officially make April 15th the special day for everyone to recognize the military child and wear purple to show our support. Please take it in as soon as you get it, it takes time and some boards have to vote. After the signature gets the message out in your city or town so everyone can see. Design a purple-up shirt that everyone can wear. Make it a contest at school with each class to wear the most purple. Have teachers post pictures. Send in pictures to Dr. Coral Grout of your Legion Family wearing purple.

Here is the 3-year plan for a national request. The pilot part has been a struggle financially. National Children and Youth want us to be involved in doing things for the children of the deployed. Most of the military children are uprooted, don't have the diversity, worry about the family member missing, having to grow up faster and help step in to take care of family, have a lack of friends, and begin to struggle in school. I want to give them something to store their own personal treasures in to take wherever they go. They would get a sticker of the auxiliary, and a decal of the branch that their parent serves in. They could get decals of super heroes as well. I'm working on getting a book for each child with scholastics if anybody might have a better connection. We would like to put a couple wristbands and flat rocks with a paint box inside. This part would be your responsibilities. Snacks, cool designed socks, bath bombs, stationary, action figures of super heroes for the littles, bracelets, necklaces, or key chains for the older children are suggestions or you may find other things to go in it, like a care package you would send to the deployed. Units close by each other can contribute together. We have some parents that are being deployed in different branches just within the last 3 months to present. Next year we would reach out to deployed and active duty families. The last year would be when Dr. Coral Grout would be National President, and we would reach out to any new active duty families and the young Veterans that served in Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi, or any other war at this time. The set up fees are the largest, after that they are not as expensive. We are including the bracelets and rocks for the suicidal that are very big in Illinois. If we can get one child to "Be the One to See the One" and get them help. We can't save them all but we sure can try. Legionnaire YiaYia from Wisconsin is my mentor. I enjoyed hearing her speak about helping children in Wisconsin.

Special Olympics have made many changes in the last 6 years and again we are going through a big change. They want to go through food changes moving forward that follow the 2024 healthy food guidelines. It wipes out a

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LEADERSHIP CLASSES AT DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

“Let Us Lead the Way To Best Serve Veterans, the Real Superheroes”

We are again going to have separate classes so members can attend the class or classes they find most beneficial. Members need to register in advance so that we have enough materials for all attendees. Return this snip sheet to Department Leadership Chairman Cathy Zito, 3228 Sunset Lane, Franklin Park, IL, 60131, email it to ilmembership@ilala.org, or sign up online at www.ilala.org/leadership.html, by **June 21, 2024**

Name _____ Phone _____

Unit _____ District _____ Email _____

11:30 am – 12:15 pm

_____ Room 1 Unit Finances Marybeth Revoir & Sharon Conatser

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

_____ Room 1 Being a Team Leader Pam Ray

Chairmen are leaders at every level. Find out how to work your chairmanship, be a leader, and make your Unit, District, and Division successful thru teamwork

_____ Room 2 Beyond the Chairmanship Jill Layton & Pat Sienkiewicz

You know how to write the reports, now let us tell you what counts for each program to put in those reports

_____ Room 3 Social Media Tips and Techniques Angie Mulligan

Learn some tips and tricks to harness the power of Social Media to not only engage our members but the general public as well.

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

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3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

_____ Ballroom Leadership with National President Lisa Williamson

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lot of snacks that we have served and the majority of corporate sponsors. We will still need a lot of help serving and prepping. We will be looking for donations to purchase food products. It will never be the same! The challenges are to get action hero figures from small to medium to have the Riders hand out to the athletes. We will be sending out a list soon.

Keep finding those mini super heroes that do good deeds and our youth heroes. It is important for those to be recognized.

Your friend "Ghost Spidey" Thanks for joining the team!

More from Lincoln Pilgrimage



(Left) Past National President Sharon Conatser and President Angie Golightly touching Abraham Lincoln's nose for good luck.

(Right) President Angie Golightly, PNP Sharon Conatser, and National Commander Daniel Seehafer presenting top membership awards to 21st District Pres Juliana Umstattd and VP Yvonne Caudle and 2nd Division Pres Sue Johnson at Lincoln Pilgrimage.



(Bottom Left) From L to R: Linda Oakley, Jill Layton, Linda Iberg, Pam Ray, and President Angie Golightly attending Mission Training in Nashville, TN.



Congratulations to those units listed below that gave to all six points of the Six Points Program by December 31st, 2023!

0002 PEORIA	0489 YORKVILLE
0006 MACOMB	0503 LODA
0008 WENONA	0512 ALTAMONT
0009 CHILLICOTHE	0521 Steger
0024 CHAMPAIGN	0550 FREEBURG
0026 VERMONT	0551 ONARGA
0028 LAWRENCEVILLE	0554 CARLINVILLE
0032 SPRINGFIELD	0569 MILAN
0033 OTTAWA	0573 MCLEAN
0057 ELGIN	0577 LENA
0070 WHITE HALL	0593 LACON
0071 URBANA	0611 STEWARDSON
0080 DOWNERS GROVE	0613 CHATSWORTH
0089 METAMORA	0617 ARROWSMITH
0091 WYOMING	0630 ELBURN
0096 CICERO	0641 ROBERTS
0105 DECATUR	0643 ASHKUM
0110 NASHVILLE	0661 WASHBURN
0117 CERRO GORDO	0663 GARDNER
0122 CULLOM	0672 MIDDLETOWN
0174 FORREST	0673 HUNTLEY
0176 FAIRFIELD	0675 OSWEGO
0181 SANDWICH	0676 DURAND
0192 MARENGO	0687 STICKNEY
0193 GALENA	0690 PALATINE
0197 PECATONICA	0697 EDWARD SCHULTZ
0208 ARLINGTON HEIGHTS	0714 O'DONNELL, EDDY, FLOSS
0235 MARSEILLES	0715 NEW HOLLAND
0244 SIBLEY	0720 ORANGEVILLE
0250 HINSDALE	0735 ARGO-SUMMITT
0252 BREESE	0739 CHADWICK
0255 ORION	0749 KNOXVILLE
0279 JACKSONVILLE	0752 CORNELL
0285 GALESBURG	0755 MANTENO
0289 STRASBURG	0765 STRONGHURST
0294 MORRIS	0771 GURNEE
0306 METROPOLIS	0791 NORTHBROOK
0321 NEW BADEN	0795 HERSCHER
0323 HENRY	0806 BILLY CALDWELL
0332 ROCKTON	0901 VALMEYER
0332 ROCKTON	0911 WAUCONDA
0342 ST CHARLES	0913 ARMINGTON
0365 COLLINSVILLE	0915 DORIE MILLER
0367 DANFORTH	0935 MANHATTAN
0374 MT STERLING	0937 SMITHTON
0381 ABINGDON	0938 LADD
0382 DELAVAN	0991 MARRS-MEYER (WORTH)
0409 FINDLAY	1010 KINGSTON
0416 TOULON	1034 PALMYRA
0423 MT CARMEL	1070 THORNTON
0432 BUCKLEY	1168 EDGEWOOD
0439 HIGHLAND	1181 CISCO
0445 BRADFORD	1217 LONGPOINT
0446 CENTRALIA	1236 TREMONT
0447 MT PULASKI	1242 MCNABB
0456 FLANAGAN	1922 STATE POLICE
0464 WARREN	1941 ROBERT E COULTER JR
0480 STEELEVILLE	1944 Aurora

American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State

Happy Spring! The ALA IGS Committee is working towards “Teaching real life superpowers to our future leaders through hands-on experiences--no capes needed!”. The 83rd session of ALA Illini Girls State will be held on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston from **Sunday June 16th to Saturday June 22nd, 2024**. During the week, citizens will learn about the voting process, elections, campaigning, patriotism and so much more. The ALA IGS Committee voted to raise the fee to \$300 for 2024. The application is included and make as many copies as you need.

The ALA IGS committee is exploring direct contact methods with schools, in conjunction with the American Legion youth programs, to get the word directly out to schools about our programs. The ALA IGS committee has created a database of high schools across the state and the committee members will be recruiting to high schools. We still want Auxiliary members and units to reach out to schools but be aware that the committee is working on increasing our attendance numbers as well. We know attendance has dropped and we need 300 citizens to cover our costs. I know with everyone working together we can see those numbers increase.

Reminder that the ALA IGS committee will be awarding two units who get applications in early. Unit raffle drawing for 1 unit to receive a registration refund if completed application and check arrive in the Department office by **April 1st, 2024**. Unit raffle drawing for 1 unit to receive registration refund if completed application and check arrive in the Department office by May 1st, 2024. Getting applications in early allows for the committee to plan for the session with appropriate numbers.

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 not 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 on bus fare.

Check our ALA IGS social media pages as Dean Kristie will be sharing an ALA IGS Amazon wish list of supplies that we use during the session. We welcome all donations. Units and Districts please let me know if you host an orientation for your delegates we would like to share those on the ALA IGS website and on our social media platforms. Chairmen send me the information to sarahrichards@hotmail.com

The planning for the 83nd 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! Please let the ALA IGS Committee know if you need anything as you select your delegates.

Sarah Wyckoff
ALA IGS 2024 Director

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\$ _____ REG. FEE

2024 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 PenApplicant'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) (Email Address) (Phone Number)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 \$300.00 must accompany this application if not forwarded previously. Applications will be accepted until quota of participants is reached.

***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 2023-2024 school year? _____
2. Is student a legal resident of The United States? _____
3. Does student have good character? _____
4. Does student possess outstanding qualities of leadership and good citizenship? _____

Signed _____ Title _____

Counselor's Email Address: _____ (please print)

*****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 16-22, 2024 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 _____ 2023/2024 _____
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

POPPY ORDER FORM

THE AMERICAN LEGION—DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS—POPPY COMMITTEE

Please Submit a Phone Number

IMPORTANT—Please Print

ORDER SUBMITTED BY	
NAME OF POST or UNIT	POST/UNIT #
STREET ADDRESS	
CITY	ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER	

<input type="checkbox"/>	DIVISION	<input type="checkbox"/>	DISTRICT
ORDER TO BE SHIPPED TO ADDRESS BELOW			
POST or UNIT NAME:			
POST or UNIT #:			
C/O:			
ADDRESS:			
CITY:			
STATE:		ZIP:	
PHONE #:			
ORDER TO BE PICKED UP AT SEMINAR or MEETING			

ITEM	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
POPPIES— \$150.00 Per Thousand		\$
POPPIES— \$160.00 Per Thousand	*** 5th DIVISION ONLY ***	\$
POSTER—\$1.50 EACH		\$
CLUB CARDS—N/C		
CAN LABELS—N/C		
RECOGNITION CITATION—N/C		
BOOK MARKERS—N/C UP TO 500 *** ADDITIONAL .03 EACH ***		

REMEMBER
Shipping Costs have increased

Add shipping costs if order is to be mailed **SHIPPING \$ 14.00**

Make All Checks Payable To: The American Legion, Dept. of Illinois

TOTAL \$

CREDIT CARD # _____

Do NOT send Cash!

CHECK ONLY ONE: VISA ☐ MC ☐ AMEX ☐ DISCVR ☐ CHECK ☐ CHECK # _____

Credit Card Exp. Date _____

Credit Card Holder Signature _____

Security Code # _____

<p>Please bring this order form when picking up your Poppies at the DIVISION POPPY SEMINARS</p>	OR	<p>Mail this order form to: The American Legion Department of Illinois P.O. Box 2910 Bloomington, IL 61702</p>	OR	<p>All orders will be filled by the Dept. of IL. Specify in the yellow box above if you want your order mailed -OR- that you will be picking them up at a Poppy Seminar/Meeting.</p>
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SIGNATURE OF PERSON REQUESTING THIS ORDER _____

DATE _____

DEPT. OFFICE USE ONLY	Date received	Finance received	Shipping Dept. received	Date Shipped

Revised OCT 2023

Poppies (Division 1-4)

<u># of Poppies</u>	<u>Cost</u>
25	\$ 3.75
50	\$ 7.50
75	\$ 11.25
100	\$ 15.00
150	\$ 22.50
200	\$ 30.00
250	\$ 37.50
300	\$ 45.00
350	\$ 52.50
400	\$ 60.00
450	\$ 67.50
500	\$ 75.00
550	\$ 82.50
600	\$ 90.00
650	\$ 97.50
700	\$ 105.00
750	\$ 112.50
800	\$ 120.00
850	\$ 127.50
900	\$ 135.00
950	\$ 142.50
1,000	\$ 150.00
2,000	\$ 300.00
3,000	\$ 450.00
4,000	\$ 600.00
5,000	\$ 750.00
6,000	\$ 900.00
7,000	\$ 1,050.00
8,000	\$ 1,200.00
9,000	\$ 1,350.00
10,000	\$ 1,500.00

Poppies (Division 5)

<u># of Poppies</u>	<u>Cost</u>
25	\$ 4.00
50	\$ 8.00
75	\$ 12.00
100	\$ 16.00
150	\$ 24.00
200	\$ 32.00
250	\$ 40.00
300	\$ 48.00
350	\$ 56.00
400	\$ 64.00
450	\$ 72.00
500	\$ 80.00
550	\$ 88.00
600	\$ 96.00
650	\$ 104.00
700	\$ 112.00
750	\$ 120.00
800	\$ 128.00
850	\$ 136.00
900	\$ 144.00
950	\$ 152.00
1,000	\$ 160.00
2,000	\$ 320.00
3,000	\$ 480.00
4,000	\$ 640.00
5,000	\$ 800.00
6,000	\$ 960.00
7,000	\$ 1,120.00
8,000	\$ 1,280.00
9,000	\$ 1,440.00
10,000	\$ 1,600.00

Posters

1	1.50	10	15.00
2	3.00	20	30.00
3	4.50	25	37.50
4	6.00	30	45.00
5	7.50	35	52.50
6	9.00	40	60.00
7	10.50	45	67.50
8	12.00	50	75.00
9	13.50		

IMPORTANT DONATION DATES

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

March 15: A donation in any amount to the Education Fund must be received for a unit to submit a candidate for an Education scholarship.

April 10: 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.

ARMED FORCES DAY DINNER

Date: Saturday, May 18th, 2024

Location: Elk's Lodge 1526, 495 Lee St, Des Plaines

Time:

Social Hour at 5:00 pm

Program starts at 6:00 pm

Price: \$40

To RSVP, mail reservations to:

William F. McNellis

14045 S Oak Ridge Dr

Homer Glen, IL 60491-9672

708-997-4045

bill@wfmnt.com



2025 UNIT DATA FORM

Unit Dues Amount Information

I understand that the dues amount listed below will be printed on the membership renewal notices that will be mailed to each Senior member of our Unit.

UNITS ARE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION BELOW

****Please note that Unit dues cannot be less than the Department and National per capita of \$29.00 for Seniors and \$3.35 for Juniors****

DATE _____

UNIT NAME _____

UNIT # _____ DISTRICT # _____

2025 SENIOR DUES OF THE UNIT ARE _____

2025 JUNIOR DUES OF THE UNIT ARE _____

Signature

Title

Phone Number

This is the only mailing of this form.

DUE BY APRIL 30

COMPLETE AND RETURN TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, PO BOX 1426, BLOOMINGTON, IL, 61702 or
email to: executivesecretary@ilala.org

VA&R Needs!

Marion VA:

- iTunes Gift Cards
- Coffee
- Gas Cards
- Gift Cards (Panera, Wendy's, Aldi. \$5 and \$10 increments.)

Debbie Ferguson, Rep

Hines VA:

- 3 in 1 Shampoo, Conditioner, and Bodywash
- Men and Women's Deodorant
- Alcohol-Free Mouthwash
- Toothpaste
- Back Scratchers
- Men and Women's Underwear

Pat Kowalski, Rep

Jesse Brown VA:

- Shampoo, Lotion, Deodorant, Shaving Cream, Packaged Shavers, Body Wash, Toothbrushes, and Toothpaste (All Travel Size).
- Large Print Word Searches
- Clean Clothing (Jeans, Shirts, Shorts, etc. All Sizes)
- Tide Pods w/ 2 Dryer Sheets in Zip Lock Baggies.

Jo Ann Keenan, Rep

John Cochran:

- Personal Blenders
- Size 9-12 Tennis Shoes
- Jeans (All sizes)

Marcia Ziska, Rep

LaSalle VA:

- Birdseed
- Crystal Light Packets
- Punch Balloons
- Wireless Headphones with Optical Plug
- 12x12 Quick Frames from Hobby Lobby

Laurinda Kidd, Rep

Jefferson Barracks:

- Sweatshirts (M, L, XL, 2X, 3XL)
- Swim Trunks (M-3X)
- Shower Shoes (M, L, XL)
- Tennis Shoes (Size 9-13)
- Jigsaw Puzzles
- Puzzle Books

Barbara Rose, Rep

Illiana VAMC:

- Model Kits and Craft Kits
- Adult Lego Kits
- Cleaners
- Gently Used Household items (Vacuums, brooms, mops, pots and pans, dishes, etc)

Patti Williamson, Rep

Lovell FHCC:

- Ceramic supplies
- Toiletries
- Bingo Machine and prizes

LaVera Davis, Rep



American Legion Sweepstakes Drawing February 23, 2024

	AMOUNT WON	WINNER	City / State	ID #	Group
1st Place	\$ 10,000.00	Kristie Krigbaum	Monticello, IL	300335255	Auxiliary
2nd Place	\$ 5,000.00	James W. Peters, Jr	Springfield, IL	260749476	SAL
3rd Place	\$ 2,000.00	Gerald G. Roberts	Quincy, IL	101289838	Legion
4th Place	\$ 1,000.00	Mary Mckinnon-Lienemann	Edwardsville, IL	302869853	Auxiliary
5th Place	\$ 500.00	Michael J. Flynn	Wheaton, IL	202110546	Legion
6th Place	\$ 300.00	Roger W. Eckert	Alma, IL	203341116	Legion
7th Place	\$ 200.00	Frank B. Stein	Pinckneyville, IL	201648711	Legion
8th Place	\$ 100.00	Anthony V. Zaccagnini	Cartersville, IL	204485732	Legion
9th Place	\$ 100.00	Kevin T. Buglio	Bedford Park, IL	202300808	Legion
10th Place	\$ 100.00	Antoinette Davidson	Crest Hill, IL	301821755	Auxiliary
11th Place	\$ 100.00	Edward C. Thoele	La Grange, IL	204253461	Legion
12th Place	\$ 100.00	Chris M. Gleason	Kincaid, IL	205377834	Legion
13th Place	\$ 100.00	Charles Klimkiewicz	Palos Heights, IL	203128279	Legion
14th Place	\$ 100.00	Lawrence Volk	Mt Sterling, IL	101290656	Legion
15th Place	\$ 100.00	Garrell W. Stanley	Hoffman, IL	201839651	Legion
16th Place	\$ 100.00	John Deegan	Huntley, IL	60142-7445	Legion
17th Place	\$ 100.00	Richard L. Youngman	Du Quoin, IL	201210894	Legion

Total \$ 20,000.00



Congratulations to all winners!

Please watch for the next sweepstakes mailing coming out in May!



*American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Illinois
PO Box 1426
Bloomington, IL 61702-1426
Telephone: (309)663-9366*

2024 DUES REMITTANCE

Date: _____

Unit Name _____ Unit # _____ Dist # _____

Person preparing membership remittance:

Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Seniors: _____ @\$29.00 \$ _____

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

Total Due \$ _____

Credit/Debit Used \$ _____

Amount of Check Enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____

Reminders:

List all members in alphabetical order

If a member is new please write "New" in member number space

All new junior members must have a birthdate

Member ID# is required for everyone, but new members

Any member transferring must have a completed transfer included with transmittal

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

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, 2024 or before, must pay Senior dues for 2024 membership.

	Member ID#	Name as it appears on the National Roster (If there has been a recent name change please include both names.)	2024 Renewal		2024 New		Former/ rejoin	
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Total Sr 's this page _____

Total Jr's this page _____

American Legion Auxiliary Membership Report - 3/6/2024

District	Division	President	Units	Goal	Total Members	Goal %
21	4	Juliana Umstattd	16	581	556	95.70%
22	5	Marge Leezy	26	985	896	90.96%
18	4	Clarissa Mennenga	28	1167	1038	88.95%
13	2	April Eberle	15	558	488	87.46%
11	2	Laurel Hickman	34	1848	1603	86.74%
8	1	Helen Stewart	11	626	542	86.58%
17	4	Marsha Haag	35	1454	1252	86.11%
7	1	Bonnie Sheirok	3	143	123	86.01%
4	1	Gailwyn Starr	7	213	183	85.92%
16	3	Jodith Lewis	25	1253	1060	84.60%
12	2	Mary Brubach	25	1693	1424	84.11%
5	1	Juanita LoGiudice	11	366	307	83.88%
15	3	Michelle Gorsage	27	1013	841	83.02%
23	5	Mary Madson	25	1537	1271	82.69%
24	5	Jane Engelkes	14	604	493	81.62%
9	1	Nancy Stevens	7	586	477	81.40%
19	4	Edith Hall	33	1910	1549	81.10%
10	2	Karen Stetina	13	580	468	80.69%
14	3	Doris Kilkenny	12	620	497	80.16%
20	3	Sophia Reavley	22	704	564	80.11%
25	5	Doris Bartolotti	15	891	713	80.02%
3	1	Gloria Rush	7	145	96	66.21%
2	1		4	88	46	52.27%
		Headquarters 2910	1	550	395	71.82%
		TOTALS	416	20115	0	83.93%
		Department Stretch		2375		
		Illinois' National Goal		22460	16882	75.16%
	4	Suzie Weiss		5112	4395	85.97%
	2	Sue Johnson		4679	3983	85.13%
	5	April Parkhurst		4017	3373	83.97%
	3	Catherine Reavley		3590	2962	82.51%
	1	Cindy Hall		2167	1774	81.86%
		Goal Units	65			

Pam Corbin
Department Membership
Chairman

Angie Golightly
Department President

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Sharon Conatser

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Dates to Remember

March 22	Patriotic Conference, Abraham Lincoln Hotel - Springfield, IL
March 22-23	Spring Board Meeting, Abraham Lincoln Hotel - Springfield, IL
March 29	Department office closed - Good Friday
April 13-14	Juniors & Young Sons Conference - Monticello, IL
May 27	Department office closed - Memorial Day
June 16-22	ALA Illini Girls State - Charleston, IL
July 4	Department office closed - Independence Day
July 10	Leadership Classes at Department Convention
July 11-13	Department Convention - Springfield, IL
August 24-29	National Convention - New Orleans, LA