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Scenes from Marion VA Tour



American Legion Family Leadership attended a tour of the Marion VA Medical Complex in November.



*Jill
Layton*



*Roy
Smith*

Twas the night before Christmas when all through the State
Waiting on membership before it's too late
Membership is delinquent on January 1
Membership benefits they will have none
We don't want them to miss the great things that we do
Like Community Service, Poppy & Legislative too
Leadership, VA&R, action in these will take you far
Special Olympics with each athlete,
Their smiles of achievement is, oh, so sweet
National Security, Blue Star and the USO
Love for our active-duty steals the show
The poppy a symbol of our heroes' bloodshed
And of Flanders Field where lay our dead
Community Service covers so many things
Everything we do - you'd think we had wings!
Taking care of our Veterans and their families too
That's a major thing our Legion Family will do.
Americanism - the Legion Family will lead
With our patriotism, we will succeed.
So let's make our buddy checks, members current & former
Invite them to participate, not be just a chair warmer!
So calling all Division & District Presidents and Vice
Make contact with your Units, not just once, twice, but thrice!
Department Officers Tina, Susan and Linda Sue
Marybeth, Carollee and Debra too
We wish every member blessed Christmas joy.
But you'll hear us exclaim ---
Where's Wayne & Roy?

Thank you to the Unit members who attended the Fall Forums. Membership Chair Linda Oakley and I hope you enjoyed them and learned something.

Please take a moment and donate to my special project - ALA Illini Girls State!

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It's November already and its getting busy again. Many of you are celebrating, honoring or remembering Veterans Day over the course of the first two weeks of November. We also have National Buddy Check Week starting on November 11th which as everyone know is Veterans Day. To some it's their favorite holiday of the year! It's pretty high on my list also.

Next on the calendar is a very special weekend, the Haven Jamboree. If you have never been you need to get it on your schedule. The Haven is a Southern Illinois Jewel on Crab Orchard Lake, a Veteran's retreat built by and maintained by Past Commanders from the Fifth Division, that welcomes all Veterans to come and front their troubles. The lodge has a Million-dollar view that doesn't cost a veteran a dime. The comradery over the course of the weekend is extra special too!

Then we have Thanksgiving which is another day that Families get together to share foood and just be thankful for the good things we share.

So, we have a busy month, it's easy to forget there are Veterans out there that are missing out on the opportunities to join us for the good time. Those that are home bound or those that have no place call home, the forgotten veterans. Take a moment to remember them.

Now a short note on membership, as of this writing we moved up to 11th place Nationally. Keep it up and let's have a celebration during Caravan in January.



Wayne
Madson



Membership
Chairman

Linda Oakley

Hello American Legion Auxiliary members. It's President Jill's favorite time of the year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families. I know we concentrate on the Legion side with Buddy Checks this time of the year, but also please check on your Auxiliary members at this time of the year especially those that might of lost a family member this past year. At this time of writing, I'm getting ready to attend the Haven Jamboree this weekend. Always a good time for a great cause. For those of you that don't know about the place. It's located off Crab Orchard Lake by Carbondale. It's a day lodge primarily for veterans from the Marion VA Hospital. But it's rented out also to veteran's groups and civic organizations.

I have spoken with some Sons members where they have younger sons members working their patch program with the Auxiliary which was great to hear. Please encourage that if you haven't with your Units.

For the month of November I primarily went up North in 2nd Division for a revitalization to start the month. Also did a couple of Veterans Day parades.

Then went to Chicago for a Military Ball it was a great evening. This holiday season you know veterans that live alone or in a nursing home please make time to visit them. Also don't forget those that are serving overseas currently. Hopefully your Units had put together care packages for them.

Currently the Detachment has a raffle going on, we are selling tickets for \$20 a piece with 6 payouts ranging from \$5,000 to \$500. Drawing is March 14 at our DEC in Macomb. Check with a Sons member for a ticket or contact me. Also mark your calendars March 7 4pm in Springfield at Post 32 for the 2nd Annual Dart Tournament all proceeds go to Children's Miracle Network. We have rooms blocked at the Abe Lincoln. Go to WWW.HILTON.COM/EN/ATTEND-MY-EVENT/ILSONSOFAmericanLEGION rooms be blocked till Feb 7. Don't worry about experience we are there to have fun and help the kids. Hope to see you there for a fun evening and a good cause. Until next time Be safe and the question is Where's Roy and Jill?

All I want for Christmas is a goal Department,
A goal Department, yes, a goal Department.
Gee, if I could only have a goal Department
Then I could wish you Merry Christmas.

It seems so long since I could say
A goal Department sounds so very happy
But every time I try to speak
Those numbers just aren't with me.

All I want for Christmas is a goal Department,
A goal Department, yes, a goal Department.
Gee is you would only help me make that goal
Department
Then I would wish you Merry Christmas!

There are two types of membership in the Auxiliary. Senior and Junior. A Junior is an individual from birth (there are many Juniors that were signed up the day they were born) to the age of 18. If the Junior turns 18 prior to January 1 of the current Auxiliary year, they will pay Senior dues, and if their birthday is after January 1 they pay Junior dues for the current year and then Senior dues for the following year. Have you considered paying your Junior's first year dues as a Senior?

Junior members are the life blood of our organization. They do not have to live in your community to belong to your Unit? My Unit has Junior members that live in Missouri, Texas and California! But they are active in their communities where they live.

Remember – as of January 1st, those members who have not renewed their membership are considered delinquent. Membership must be into Department by December 19th to make sure that it is into National prior to January 1st. Help make National President Pam proud of Illinois and get those members into Department. From my house to your house - Wishing you a holiday season filled with cozy moments and cherished memories.

(President's Message Cont'd from pg. 2)

Thank you for your kind invitations and warm hospitality.

The Legion Family Three - Commander Roy, Commander Wayne and myself - plus Senior Vice Celeste Latham, enjoyed the Utica Veterans' Day Parade and braved the cold at the Piatt County Day Parade. We had a lovely time at the Millenium Military Ball and the Jamboree at the Haven. We have greatly enjoyed the privilege of serving the Legion Family members this year.

Membership Chair Linda and I attended the Chicago Area Stand Down - and that was one of the most rewarding things I have experienced. How fortunate I am that sister (Membership Chair) Linda has traveled with me this year to share this wonderful experience.

May the Lord bless each and every one of you this holiday season.

2025 - 2026 Juniors and Young Sons Conference

April 18 – 19, 2026

Best Western Gateway Inn.

Monticello, Illinois

Preparations are underway for the 2025 – 2026 Department of Illinois ALA Juniors and young Sons Conference which will be held at the Best Western in Monticello, Illinois on April 18 – 19, 2026. Please consider joining us for this event and bring some juniors or young squadron members with you. Registration information will be in the January / February ALA Today.



Conferences such as this can be costly, and our junior units do not have the level of funds that our Units, Posts, and Squadrons have without fundraising. To off-set the cost of this event, we have set up an Amazon wish list to assist in gathering supplies for this event. Items on this list include craft supplies for service projects and patriotic story books to be raffled off for participants. A number of these books will also assist participants with completing requirements for the ALA Patch program. Items purchased from this list will be shipped directly to the Department Chairman so they can be taken to the conference even if you are unable to attend. Scan the QR code to view our wish list.

New Patch this Year: SPIRIT OF YOUTH FUND PATCH



The Spirit of Youth Fund provides scholarship opportunities for participants in American Legion Auxiliary programs. One is for American Legion Auxiliary Junior members, another for the Junior Members of the Year, and one is for participants in the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation program.

A special Junior patch has been created for our Junior members and Sons of The American Legion youth to be involved in raising money for the Spirit of Youth Fund. Help get the word out to all our members! We hope every Junior and SAL youth will be involved in some activity to raise money for the Spirit of Youth Fund.

Any Junior or SAL youth can earn this patch if they raise at least \$5 for each year old. For example, a 17-year-old would raise a minimum of \$85 (17 x \$5 = \$85.)

Donations can be raised a variety of ways. Juniors and SAL youth can solicit donations from family, friends, American Legion Family members, or contribute themselves. Fundraising activities can be coordinated, such as bake sales or other sales, etc. Funds can be raised individually or as a group, but each Junior or SAL youth receiving this patch needs to have raised the required minimum funds for their age. The goal is for the youth of our ALA and SAL organizations to be involved and aware of the scholarship project. Checks should be made out to *National Treasurer, American Legion Auxiliary* with *SOY Fund* in the memo line. Get involved today!

98th Annual Patriotic Conference

Mark your calendars!!!

Hotel information and meal snip sheets will be in the Jan/Feb ALA Today.

ARE YOU PLANNING TO ATTEND??? YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT! There are many exciting things planned for the day – the boost we all need to get us through the remainder of the year!

Mark your calendars for **Friday, March 20, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** Invite The American Legion Family and your friends to attend with you. ALL members of The American Legion Family and guests are welcome!

Every effort is being made by our Department Chairmen to secure interesting speakers. Throughout the day, you can enjoy taking part in activities and various fundraisers.

Much effort goes into planning to make this a very informative and motivational day. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

The Spring Board meeting will be held Friday night, March 20, 2026, and concludes Saturday morning, March 21, 2026. All Department Officers, Division and District Presidents and Department Chairmen are **required** to attend.

2026-2027 National Committee Appointments

Want to serve on a national ALA committee? The application process for 2026-2027 national committee appointments is open through Jan. 1, 2026! National committee chairs and members are appointed annually and confirmed by the National Executive Committee to serve on a wide variety of ALA committees for you to explore. All members are eligible to apply.

Learn more by reading the ALA blog: <https://www.legion-aux.org/Blog/Apply-today!-2026-2027-ALA-national-committee-appl>

ALA Illini Girls State Director Sarah Wyckoff

The dates for the 2026 session of Illini Girls State have been set for **June 21 - 27, 2026**. The ALA IGS Committee has set the participant fee at \$400 for 2026 session. The committee wants to provide the best experience for the delegates and maintain our expenses. Reach out to potential delegates early and encourage your 2025 delegates to help you recruit. The ALA IGS Committee is here to help. The 2026 ALA IGS paperwork was in the fall Department packet.

Continue to watch our social media and website for further updates.

Website: <https://alaigs.org/>

Email: ilgirlsstate@gmail.com

Breaking the Colors or Hollowed Ground

Breaking the colors or hallowed ground. This is NOT in the Flag Code but is a custom of The American Legion as a beautiful tribute to our fallen veterans. It means to not pass between the American flag and the Legion/Auxiliary/SAL banner while the meeting is in session. That is considered Hallowed Ground.

Between these flags that proudly fly
Let no man dare to stand.
For here our fallen comrades lie,
A symbol, yes, but mark it well;
Here let us ever humbly pause
In memory of our lads who fell
In fighting for our sacred cause.
On land or sea these buddies died,
Some lie beneath a foreign sod
In graves caressed by wind and tide,
In spots unknown to all but God.
And so, this place is hallowed ground,
And it shall be forever blest
As tho it were a grassy mound
Beneath which gallant heroes rest.
Be ever watchful, Legionnaire,
Of those two flags which signify
That we should guard this spot with care
Where our departed comrades lie.
And if a man should dare to tread
This spot where lie our gallant brave,
He desecrates those noble dead
As though he walked upon their grave.

Congratulations to all the 100% Units as of 12/3/2025

Edwardsville Unit #199 102.78%

Freeburg Unit #550 183.33%

Carterville Unit #347 111.11%

Toledo Unit #764 104.44%

Staunton Unit #362 112.50%

Aurora Unit #798 100.00%

Chebanse Unit #408 100.00%

Ursa Unit #823 100.00%

Ask a Female Veteran to be your Valentine!

In Illinois, we honor Female Veterans on Valentines Day. We are starting now to ensure that any tributes to them will arrive early enough for our representatives to have time to distribute their gifts. We've assigned Districts to facilities so that all women veterans are honored.

Please remember the female veterans in your own Legion posts and communities, and those active-duty women serving now. Let's show them how much we appreciate their sacrifice for us. Being a "Woman Veteran" has its own set of challenges while serving our country.

It is necessary to contact our representatives at each facility to get the number of female veterans there, and some idea for gifts. The gifts should be given to the representatives **before February 5th**. Ask if they should be wrapped or not. If they can be wrapped, a list of items in the package should be included.

Here is a list of the VA facilities and the American Legion Auxiliary Districts responsible for each:

Captain James A Lovell	Districts 2-9
Hines VA Medical Center	Districts 2-13
Jesse Brown VA	Districts 2-9
Illiana VA Health Care System	Districts 17, 18, 19, & 21
Marion VA Medical Center	Districts 22-25
IL Veterans Home Anna	Districts 22-25
IL Veterans Home LaSalle	Districts 12, 13, & 16
IL Veterans Home Manteno	Districts 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, & 19
IL Veterans Home Quincy	Districts 14, 15, 16, 20, & 21
Jefferson Barracks VAMC	Districts 22-25
John Cochran VAMC	Districts 22-25

We might know women who are veterans, but do not think about thanking them for what they have done for our country and us. Valentine's Day is an opportunity to show our appreciation.

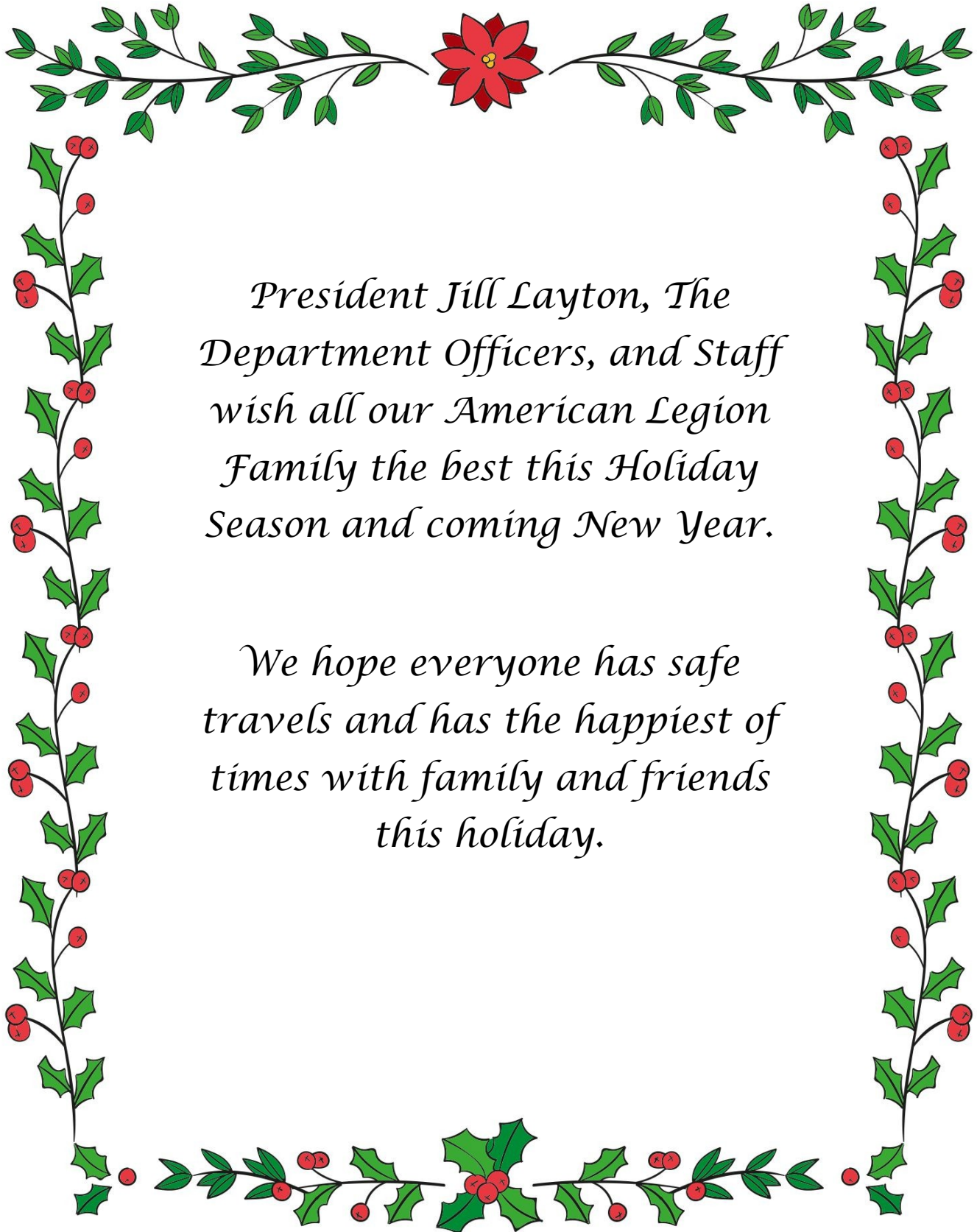
Let's make this a great year for Valentine's Day and our Women Veterans!

Arlene Holtgrave

Past Presidents Parley Chairman

American Legion Dept. of Illinois 2026 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP CARAVAN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15				
DIV	DIST	POST	MEAL	TIME
3	15	Fairview Post 644	Dinner	6:00 PM
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16				
3	16	Wyoming Post 91	Breakfast	8:30 AM
3	14	Milan Post 569	Lunch	11:30 AM
2	13	Sterling Post 296	Dinner	6:00 PM
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17				
2	10	Lake Zurich Post 964	Brunch	10:30 AM
1	2	Tattler 973	Snack	2:00 PM
2	11	Wood Dale 1205	Dinner	6:00 PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18				
1	4	William McKinley 231	Brunch	10:30 AM
1	8	Marrs-Meyer Post 991	Snack	2:00 PM
2	12	Morris 294	Dinner	6:00 PM
MONDAY, JANUARY 19				
4	17	Towanda 931	Dinner	6:00 PM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20—CARAVAN DAY OFF				
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21				
4	19	Bement Post 620	Brunch	10:30 AM
4	18	Marshall 90	Dinner	5:00 PM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22				
5	24	Norris City Post 109	Lunch	12:30 PM
5	25	Orient Post 1961	Dinner	6:00 PM
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23				
5	23	Diesen-Winkler Post 325	Lunch	12:30 AM
5	22	Mascoutah 292	Dinner	6:00 pm
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24				
3	20	Brussels Post 685	Brunch	10:30 AM
4	21	Springfield Post 809	Dinner	5:00 PM



*President Jill Layton, The
Department Officers, and Staff
wish all our American Legion
Family the best this Holiday
Season and coming New Year.*

*We hope everyone has safe
travels and has the happiest of
times with family and friends
this holiday.*

VA&R Needs

Jefferson Barracks:

• Men's Clothing Items (NEW only):

- Lightweight Jackets (all sizes)
- Polo Shirts (all sizes)
- Jeans (W 32-36/L 30-34)
- Sweatpants (S-XL)
- Sweatshirts (S-XL)
- Gym Shorts (M-XXL)
- Tennis Shoes (9, 10, 10.5, 11, 12)

• Women's Clothing Items (NEW only):

- Lightweight Jackets (all sizes)
- Sports Bras (M-XXL)
- Gym Shorts (S-XXL)

• Other Items (NEW only):

- Reading Glasses (+1.0, 1.5, 2.25, 3.0)
- Belts (one size fits all)
- Body wash
- Hair Brushes
- Men's House Slippers
- Backpacks & Duffle Bags!!!
- Small arts & crafts items
- Puzzle books, cards, small games
- Coloring books, crayons, colored pencils
- New books for the Book Cart

Barb Rose, Rep.

Bloomington VA:

- Sweatshirts (Sizes L & XL)
- Sweatpants (Sizes L & XL)
- Heavy Men's Socks
- Men's Gloves
- Hygiene Items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, small bottles of shampoo, hand lotion, hand sanitizer,

chapstick)

- Water and Snacks

Sue Winger, Rep

Jesse Brown VA:

• Men's Clothing Items:

- Gloves
- Knit Hats
- Coats
- Jackets
- Sweatshirts
- Shoes & Boots
- Belts
- Jeans,
- Pants
- Flannel Shirts

• Women's Clothing Items:

- Sweaters
- Slacks
- Hats & Gloves
- Scarves
- Long Sleeve Tops

• Other Items:

- Puzzles
- Card Decks
- Coin Cards
- Large Print Word Search
- Tide Pods/2 Dryer Sheets in Zip Lock bags
- Place all clothing items in boxes. Label outside and tell the number of each item in the box. Call or text JoAnn for pick up.

JoAnn Keenan, Rep

Reminders!

- There are still membership packets in the office. They will be sent out when the office receives the unit's 2025-2026 officer's list.
- Check out the Snip Sheet (pgs. 21-22), there are so many great programs your unit can support. Our veterans and facilities are still in need.

IMPORTANT DONATION 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 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.

Department Office Closings & Membership Reports

The Department Office will be closed December 24-January 2 for the Holidays. We will return to the office January 5th.

There will be a membership report on December 17th and the next report will be on January 7, 2026.

Thank you!!

A great big thank you to everyone that did anything to help make National President Pam's Homecoming a success! It took a village around the state, but it went amazing and I have received several notes saying to thank Team Illinois!! You are all the best!!!

Sharon

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, scroll down and select "Subscribe". You then can 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 in case you do not receive emails from us.

Easter Gift Shop

Chairman Laurinda Kidd

EASTER GIFT PROGRAM

Easter gifts in the amount of \$5.00 will be provided for the Veterans who are hospitalized, in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or are homebound due to health issues. This program is made possible through Unit contributions to the 6 Point Program. An Easter card will also be provided by the Department to accompany the \$5.00 Easter gift. **Please note: You do not need names of veterans, *just how many*.** Veterans in VA Medical Centers and State facilities will be counted by their representatives.

PLEASE NOTE: Make sure your unit officers' lists are up to date and filed with the department. We need to know who the treasurer is and the correct contact information, or else items will be withheld until that is corrected.

Report your numbers on the survey sheet below by **March 6th, 2026. Don't be late.**

Laurinda Kidd

PO Box 276, Leland, IL 60531

Lk8thilcav@hotmail.com

UNIT NAME: _____ UNIT NUMBER _____ DISTRICT _____

FACILITY NAME:

HOW MANY VETERANS:

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOMEBOUND VETERANS _____

***TOTAL NUMBER OF VETERANS** _____

Checks and cards will be sent to the Unit Treasurer

UNIT TREASURER _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

AREA CODE AND PHONE NUMBER _____

UNIT PRESIDENT _____

ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND EMAIL _____

Parliamentarian

Chairman Pat Kranzow

Actions/Power of the Chair

Just as there are 12 Days of Christmas, here are 12 powers and duties of the Chair (President)

1. **Calls the meeting to order and adjourns the meeting**
2. **Maintains order and enforces decorum** - uses the gavel properly (symbol of authority)
 - Improper uses include banging the gavel in an attempt to drown out a disorderly member. In this situation, the chair should give one vigorous tap at a time at intervals. Also, the chair should not lean on the gavel, juggle or toy with it, or use it to challenge or threaten or to emphasize remarks.
 - The chair should not be "gaveling through" a measure by cutting off members and quickly putting a question to a vote before any member can get the floor (in this connection, the chair should not use the gavel to improperly signify the end of consideration of a question).
3. **Follows a prepared agenda**
4. **Rules on issues**
 - A parliamentarian/parliamentary advisor gives advice when asked by the chair, but the chair makes the ruling and decides whether to follow the advice given
5. **Maintains impartiality**
 - Avoids comments on a motion that might influence the vote. Leaves the chair if s/he wishes to speak on an issue and does not return to the chair until a vote is taken or the issue is resolved.
6. **Can call for a recess or "Stand down"** (short halt to business, but members do not leave the room).
7. **Decides order to recognize speakers**
8. **Can refuse to recognize speakers**
9. **Reminds or cuts off in accord with time rules**
10. **Appoints officers and committees according to Bylaws**
11. **Votes**
 - To break a tie: If a vote results in a tie, the president can vote to break it and pass the motion.
 - To create a tie: If a motion is about to pass by a single vote, the president can vote to create a tie, which causes the motion to fail.
 - During a secret ballot or election: In these cases, the president may vote along with all other members, as their vote is not public.
12. **Treats members with courtesy and respect.**

Chaplain

Carollee Junge

Wishing you a season filled with warmth, laughter, and joy. Ever notice how the more grateful you are for the good things in your life, the more the floodgates tend to open, bringing better things? We lack for nothing when we are grateful for everything. That is when the blessings become a stream that never ceases to provide us with more to be grateful for. Bless us in this time. Give us the grace to be grateful for we have been given.

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

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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		



**The American Legion
Springfield Post 32
Home of & Originator of the
National American Legion
Pilgrimage to the
Tomb of Abraham Lincoln**

Wednesday February 11, 2026

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM:

American Legion Family Leadership
Reception at The Headquarters Hotel.
Keynote Speaker: The Sons of The
American Legion National Commander,
William Clancy III

4:00 PM – 1:00 AM:

FREE shuttle service to Post 32.

4:00 PM – 9:00 PM:

Dinner at Post 32

4:00 PM – 1:00 AM:

Open House at Post 32

92nd Annual Pilgrimage

Headquarters

Located at 7th and Adams Streets in
Springfield, Illinois, The **President
Abraham Lincoln Doubletree Hotel** is the
92nd Annual Pilgrimage Headquarters
Hotel.

Pilgrimage Program

Thursday, February 12, 2026

(Breakfast and Luncheon at Headquarters Hotel)

8:00 AM: American Legion Family

Breakfast featuring Keynote

Address by National President

Pam Ray

The American Legion Auxiliary

10:00 AM: Pilgrimage to the Tomb

10:30 AM: Placing of Wreaths and Tomb

Ceremony, Mr. Lincoln's Tomb,

Oak Ridge Cemetery

12:30 PM: Lincoln Commemoration

Luncheon featuring Keynote

Address by The American Legion

National Commander,

Dan K. Wiley

**February 11 & 12, 2026
92nd Annual**

**National American Legion
Pilgrimage to the Tomb of
President Abraham Lincoln**



**February 11 – 12, 2026
President Abraham Lincoln
Doubletree Hotel**

**701 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701**

217-544-8800
POST 32 OPEN HOUSE
4:00 PM – 1:00 AM
Wednesday, February 11, 2026

4:00 PM – 1:00 AM
Continuous FREE shuttle service
 between the President Abraham Lincoln
 Hotel and American Legion Post 32

4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Our Mess Hall Restaurant presents
Dinner Service Featuring
the Following Menu

All You Can Eat Spaghetti or Chili Mac
You May Also Include
Chicken Parmesan

Available Salads
Special Italian Dinner Salad
Chicken Strip Salad w/choice of dressing
Taco Salad
Chef Salad w/choice of dressing

8:00 PM – Midnight - Free Juke Box
Suggest You Make Reservations
Call 217-523-3415 or

Email us at spfldpost32@outlook.com or

Breakfast & Luncheon Reservation

Reservations for Breakfast and the Luncheon must be received or canceled by **Friday January 30, 2026**, or we are unable to guarantee seating or refunds. No tickets will be mailed. Please specify how many tickets you require for both breakfast and luncheon.

American Legion Family Breakfast
Keynote Speaker
National President Pay Ray
The American Legion Auxiliary

_____ # of Tickets at \$35 each = \$ _____

Lincoln Commemoration Luncheon
Keynote Speaker
National Commander Dan K. Wiley
The American Legion

_____ # of Tickets at \$40 each = \$ _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Department: _____
 Title: _____

Make check payable to American Legion Post 32
Mail this form and your check to:
American Legion Springfield Post 32
Attn: Ticket Chair, Barb Lush
1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, IL, 62702

Registering Rooms at the
Headquarters Hotel

Room rates are \$116.00 + tax per night, single or double rooms including parking. Call 217-544-8800 to reserve rooms (press 0 when prompted) or register online (preferred):

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/americanlegionpilgrimage/>

This is a conference rate negotiated with the Headquarters Hotel by Post 32. To get this rate, you must do two things:

1. If you register by telephone, you must say that you are part of The American Legion Lincoln Pilgrimage; and,
2. You must register for your room by **Monday, January 20, 2024**. After that, we can no longer guarantee that a room will be available.

If you register online at the link above, your room will automatically be linked with The Pilgrimage.

A Final Note:

If you have any questions about the Post 32 Open House, or The American Legion Family Breakfast, or The Lincoln Commemoration Luncheon, please contact Pilgrimage General Chair, James Peters at
 Phone: 217-416-1533 or
 Email: jpeters.ilsal@yahoo.com



92nd Anniversary (1935 - 2026)
Of the
Annual National American Legion Pilgrimage
to the
Tomb of Abraham Lincoln

Post 32 - OPEN HOUSE - 4:00 pm to 1:00 am

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Springfield Post #32, The American Legion

1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, Illinois - Phone 217/523-3415

Home of and originator of the National American Legion Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln

Our Mess Hall Restaurant presents, from 4 - 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb 11th:

All You Can Eat Spaghetti or All You Can Eat Chilli Mac \$10.95 + tax
Chicken Parmesan \$13.95

the following salads will also be available:

CHICKEN STRIP Salad w/choice of dressing \$9.95

TACO SALAD \$9.95

CHEF SALAD w/choice of dressing \$9.95

ITALIAN DINNER SALAD or DINNER SALAD w/choice of dressing

by itself \$3.95 - w/Dinner \$2.50

Reservations suggested 217/523-3415 or email us: spfldpost32@outlook.com

Visit our website www.springfieldamericanlegion.com

-FREE JUKE BOX 8:00 p.m. - Midnight

Video Gaming & Complete Bar Service

FREE Shuttle service to the hotel until 1 a.m.



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

2026 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, 2025 or before, must pay Senior dues for 2026 membership.

	Member ID#	Name as it appears on the National Roster (If there has been a recent name change please include both names.)	2026 Renewal		2026 New		Former/ rejoin	
			SR	JR	SR	JR	SR	JR
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ALA - Department of Illinois 2025-2026 Master Snip Sheet

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Dept. President's Special Project	ALA Illini Girls State	\$
TAL Commanders Special Project	TAL Premier Boys State	\$
SAL Commanders Special Project	Youth Police School	\$
National President's Special Project	Spirit of Youth Fund	\$
Americanism	Americanism Fund	\$
	Spirit of Youth Fund	\$
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	AEF Fund	\$
Children & Youth	Christmas Gift Program	\$
	Children & Youth Scholarship	\$
	Special Olympics Events	\$
Education	Education Scholarships	\$
Junior Activities	Dept. Junior Conference	\$
Illini Girls State	IGS Program Donation	\$
	IGS Registration #	\$
National Security	National Security Fund	\$
	USO Centers *** Great Lakes Center	\$
	Midway	\$
	O'Hare	\$
	Marseilles Training Center	\$
	St. Louis	\$
Past Presidents Parley	Nurses Scholarship	\$
	Parley Dues - \$1 per Past President (include Parley Dues Form)	\$
The American Legion	Gifts to the Yanks ***	\$
	American Legion Child Welfare Foundation	\$
National Organization	American Legion Auxiliary Foundation	\$
	National Creative Arts Program	\$
	***	\$

*** Poppy funds may be used for these programs

Page 1 total\$

Date Unit Name Unit #

Submitted by Phone email



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AUXILIARY : American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois, P O Box 1426, Bloomington, IL 61702-1426

Veterans Affairs & Rehab	Six Point Program (General) ***	\$
	Christmas Gift Shop	\$
	Easter Gifts	\$
	VA Nursing Homes	\$
	In facility Hospitality	\$
	Homeless & Homebound Christmas Bags	\$
	VA Toiletries & Art Therapy Supplies	\$
	Vets Medical Transport***	\$
Hospitals and Facilities ***	Fisher Houses***	\$
	Hines VA	\$
	Lovell Health Care	\$
	St Louis VAMC	\$
	General Donation	\$
	Hines VA Hospital	\$
	Illiana VA Health Care System	\$
	Jesse Brown VA Medical Center	\$
	Marion VA Medical Center	\$
	Lovell Federal Health Care Center	\$
	Jefferson Barracks St. Louis VA	\$
	John Cochran St. Louis VA	\$
	Anna Veterans Home	\$
	LaSalle Veterans Home	\$
	Manteno Veterans Home	\$
	Quincy Veterans Home	\$
	Bloomington Outpatient Clinic	\$
	Bob Michel Outpatient Clinic	\$
	Decatur Outpatient Clinic	\$
	Mattoon Outpatient Clinic	\$
	Springfield Outpatient Clinic	\$
Please list if Hospital/Facility donation is for a special purpose or program		\$

Memorial Donation to (program)	_____	\$
In honor of	_____	
Acknowledgement Sent to	_____	

Page #2 total \$ _____
Total of Pages 1 & 2 \$ _____

Date _____ Unit Name _____ Unit # _____
Submitted by _____ Phone _____ email _____

American Legion Auxiliary Membership Report - 12/03/2025

District	Division	President	Units	Goal	Total Members	Goal %
25	5	Diana Steele	14	698	505	72.35%
5	1	Balvina "Bo" Ranney	11	307	215	70.03%
4	1	Diane Cetera	7	194	135	69.59%
13	2	Kathy Pignato	15	545	378	69.36%
19	4	Patti Williamson	33	1821	1259	69.14%
15	3	Rebecca Marvel	25	905	609	67.29%
9	1	Kris McIntyre	7	529	355	67.11%
12	2	Janet Bacon	25	1598	1057	66.15%
16	3	Teri Miller	24	1105	725	65.61%
11	2	Barbara Howe	33	1858	1213	65.29%
17	4	Crystal Black	33	1334	866	64.92%
14	3	Dona Kenney	11	532	337	63.35%
18	4	Debbie Myles	28	1216	751	61.76%
23	5	Diana Owens	23	1473	883	59.95%
8	1	Lea Morsovillo	11	609	359	58.95%
3	1	Karen Atkins	6	114	67	58.77%
10	2	Angela Walker	13	581	336	57.83%
21	4	Barb Turner	17	637	352	55.26%
20	3	Jodith Lewis	20	647	356	55.02%
24	5	April Parkhurst	14	566	295	52.12%
22	5	Karen Daesch	25	935	486	51.98%
7	1	Marlene Russell	3	152	67	44.08%
2	1		4	57	25	43.86%
		Headquarters 2910	1	478	382	79.92%
		TOTALS	403	18891	12013	63.59%
	2	Karen Stetina		4582	2984	65.12%
	4	Diane Shapland		5008	3228	64.46%
	3	Michelle Gorsage		3189	2027	63.56%
	1	Nancy Stevens		1962	1223	62.33%
	5	Ann Flanagan		3672	2169	59.07%
		Goal Units	8			
		Linda Oakley			Jill Layton	
		Department Membership			Department President	

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

American Legion Auxiliary

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Serving veterans, military, and their families

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Dates to Remember

January 15-24	American Legion Family Membership Caravan
January 30	Lincoln Pilgrimage Award Deadline
February 11-12	Abraham Lincoln Pilgrimage - Springfield, IL
March 20	Patriotic Conference—Springfield, IL
March 20-21	Spring Board Meeting—Springfield, IL
April 18-19	Junior and Young Sons Conference—Monticello, IL
July 9-11	Department Convention—Springfield, IL