

## **Pouring a Strong Foundation to Build a Brighter Future for Our Veterans**

**American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois  
Department Junior and Young Sons Conference**

**April 18 & 19, 2026**

**Best Western Monticello Gateway Inn  
805 Iron Horse Place, Monticello, IL 61856**

We are very excited to present this year's Juniors and Young Sons Conference. Honorary Department Junior President Abby Brown is hoping to see many familiar faces and make many new friends. This year registration is free for the Juniors! Senior members will pay a \$10 registration fee.

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>: 11:00- 12:00 noon will be registration of Juniors & Seniors, contest entries, and flags. The Conference will start at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. On Saturday evening, we will again be hosting our pajama party with a few surprises to allow the participants more time to socialize. This year's pajama party will have a Christmas theme The evening meal will be at the recess on Saturday for all attending Juniors, Seniors, and guests. The cost per dinner ticket is \$10.00 and the dinner registration form must be sent in to secure your reservation.

The Conference resumes on Sunday morning with a brief worship service and a memorial service. The annual graduation ceremony will take place as well as the Installation of Honorary Department Junior Officers and District Junior Presidents.

Start planning now to enjoy these special activities of learning, friendship, and laughter. Juniors and Young Sons do NOT need to be part of an organized group to be a part of this Conference. They can participate in all contests, run for offices, and join the social activities. A variety of activities are being planned to make sure that participants are engaged and learning.

**ALL SENIOR MEMBERS!** It would be impossible to have a successful Conference without volunteers. Please let me know if you can help at some of the different events throughout the weekend.

Housing reservations are to be made directly with the hotel at [\(217\) 762-9436](tel:2177629436). The room rate is \$139.99 per night. Room cut off is April 4, 2026. Reservations can be made on link using this link. [Junior Conference Reservations.](#)



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.

***Angie Mulligan, Junior Activities Chairman***