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Department of Illinois President
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***Brave Hearts...Strong Families. A Blue-Ribbon
Celebration of Service***



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(Clockwise, starting from top left) 1) President Linda Iberg with Past National President Pam Ray, and Commander Celeste Lathem at the Legacy Run at Quincy Veterans Home. 2) President Linda Iberg with 1st Division President Kris McIntyre and 9th District President Brenda Munagian at the Joint 9th District Installation. 3) Mrs. Mary McClellan. Her story is on page 5. 4) President Linda Iberg with TAL Commander Celeste Latham, SAL Commander John Nemanich, and TAL Sr Vice Wayne Erickson at the Joint 9th District Installation.



Linda Iberg

Hello everyone! Are you ready for the “fair”? The chairman on all levels (Department, Division, District, and Unit) have rolled out their program and goals for this Auxiliary year. Be sure to forward or contact your chairman on events you will be having. Fall Forums are underway in October. There will be one in each Division; with exception of Division 4 with two locations. During these forums, we will be going over the programs and Auxiliary information. Membership eligibility changes will be reviewed at all the forums. Remember to bring in any dues you may have when you attend the forum. Everyone is welcomed to the Fall Forums.

I have attended the installations for Auxiliary Division One (July 26) and District 9 (September 13). I had the honor to attend the Legion Baseball Championship game in Aviston with Commander Celeste on July 26. There was a very high heat index that Sunday; but both teams played a great game! Aviston took the Championship and advanced to Nationals.

On July 30, Lovell Federal Health Care Center celebrated the first-year anniversary for the Fisher House that was erected and opened July 29, 2025. It was a very good celebration for this wonderful facility for military and veteran families to use while loved ones receive medical care. This facility was the historic 100th Fisher House nationwide.

August came in with the American Legion Family Golf event. This was my first golf tournament! Actually; it was my first time golfing!!! It was two fun days (one wet and one dry), I’m very thankful to my team members for their help and patience! It was a blast and great fellowship!

I want to thank everyone that came to the Summer Workshop and Fall Board on August 14 and 15 in Effingham. **Chairmen**, you all did an awesome job presenting your programs in the board meeting. After the board meeting, we all went “across the hall” for the Ice Cream Social and President’s Homecoming. Many, many thanks to all who stopped by for a sundae and cookies!!

On to Springfield on August 16 for Veterans Day at the Illinois State Fair.

Please take a moment and donate to my special projects - Juniors & Education!

It was wonderful

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Celeste Latham

As the new year gets underway, one thing is already clear: the American Legion Family is hard at work.

Across Illinois, committees are beginning to meet, programs are taking shape, and members are preparing for another year of service. While plans and goals help guide us, the real strength of the American Legion Family has always been the people behind them, volunteers who dedicate their time, talents, and hearts to making a difference for veterans, military families, youth, and communities.

One of the great joys of serving as Department Commander is having the opportunity to see that commitment firsthand.

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who sent well wishes, attended and supported my Homecoming. Seeing so many friends from across the Auxiliary and the entire Legion Family gathered together was truly special. The kindness, encouragement, and fellowship shared were deeply appreciated and a wonderful reminder that we are at our best when we support one another.

Over the past several weeks, I have also had the privilege of seeing some incredible work being done throughout Illinois.

A special thank you goes to Cindy Hupke for organizing the Be the One Walk in DeKalb and for leading the way with Columbia Protocol training. The willingness to start conversations, raise awareness, and equip people with tools that can help save lives reflects the very best of our mission. Cindy's leadership is helping ensure that more people know how to recognize when someone may be struggling and how to respond with compassion and care.

I would also like to recognize Jennifer Carbonara for organizing the Be the One Expo in Des Plaines. Bringing together organizations, resources, and services for veterans and their families created an incredible opportunity to connect people with support they may not have known existed. It was a powerful reminder that when we bring people together around a common purpose, great things can happen.

What inspires me most about these efforts is that they are not isolated events. They represent what is happening every day across Illinois. Auxiliary members are mentoring young people,

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John
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Membership
Chairman

Sue Winger

I bring Greetings from the SAL Detachment of Illinois to the Department of Illinois Auxiliary members. As we move forward into this Legion year promoting and organizing our various programs. We want to care for and honor our remarkable men and women, who have served in the United States Armed Services. We reflect on their courage, resilience and dedication.

It is important to remember that a veteran's service does not end when they return home. The transition from military service to civilian life can be challenging. Many veterans carry the physical and emotional scars of their service time and need our help.

We need to support our veterans and their families; through mental health challenges, healthcare, educational opportunities and housing. If we love our freedom, let's continue to work hard at our American Legion programs and fundraisers.

One other task at hand is, we need to work at membership to keep our great organization functioning. We need to retain our membership, along with keeping members involved. As a last idea, let's work on recruiting new and younger members.

I have mentioned on several occasions, my theme for this year is "Climb on Board". It is more than a slogan; it is an invitation. The theme is a reminder that every member of the American Legion Family has a place, a purpose and a responsibility. Remember action is supporting, volunteering, mentoring, recruiting, and stepping forward to lead when leadership is needed.

So, let's roll up our sleeves and get to work!

October is here which means President Linda and I will be traveling around the state for Fall Forums. Be sure to join us at one near you and see what new information you can take away to your Units, Districts and Divisions. Don't forget to bring your membership with you. Your Ticket Master LOVES seeing our numbers increasing! Every Unit has the potential to reach their 100% goal.

Always remember that membership is the responsibility of all of us. Think creatively! Have an afternoon tea party and have members bring a guest that isn't a member. Present a program that explains our programs and our mission. There is a program that may appeal to just about everyone. Set up a booth at a community-based event and hand out information. Be involved in your community and wear your shirts with the logo on them. You would be surprised how many will start asking questions when they see your shirt. If your Unit has something that you have done in the past that helped increase membership, please let me know. Remember, every new member is one more individual working towards our mission of supporting our Veterans, Active-duty Military and their families.

From October 1st to December 31st, ALAMIS will have an open time for Units that do not use the program. This is your chance to find out if it will work for your Unit before paying the fee first. Start by sending your authorized user information in to the Department office. I am hearing many positive things from Units that are already in the system.

Some trivia for everyone: did you know that the first Illinois state fair occurred in Springfield in October of 1853 and only cost 25 cents to enter.

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to meet visitors at the fair in the Veteran's Expo Building and then the afternoon parade. Everyone has fun at a parade!!

I had the honor to attend the Illinois stops of the National American Legion Riders' 2026 Legacy Run. The bikers came rolling in at Quincy Veterans Home on August 25th. The home needed a new bar-b-que grill. Would you believe there happened to be a new Holstein Mfg. grill waiting to be dedicated that day! It was donated by The American Legion Department of Illinois through Operation Comfort Warrior. The next stop in Illinois was at Taylorville on August 26th with recognition of all the donations gathered throughout the ride to that date. We also had the pleasure of having the American Legion Auxiliary National President 2025-2026 Pam Ray (from Illinois) back home and attending these stops. Also taking part in the ride was National Commander Dan K. Wiley, and Sons of The American Legion National Commander Bill Clancy III.

August ended and September started with The American Legion Family National Convention at Louisville, KY. Attendees from Illinois enjoyed dinner and fellowship at Churchill Downs. Delegates had busy days attending their scheduled meetings.

We celebrated The American Legion Department of Illinois 2026-2027 Commander Celeste Latham at her homecoming on September 19th at Northern Illinois University. Looking forward to a great year together!

Looking forward throughout the year meeting members along the way!!! Please feel free to contact me with questions or just to say "hi"! Remember "kindness" goes a long way!

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supporting veterans and military families, organizing community projects, promoting patriotism, raising funds, volunteering countless hours, and finding new ways to serve.

As committees begin their work for the year ahead, I encourage everyone to find a place to get involved. Whether it is a long-standing passion or a new opportunity to learn and grow, every contribution matters. Some of the most meaningful impacts begin with a single idea, a single volunteer, or a single decision to help.

The year is still young, but the energy and enthusiasm I am seeing across Illinois is exciting. If these first few weeks are any indication, there are wonderful things ahead for the American Legion Family.

Thank you for your friendship, your dedication, and your unwavering commitment to service. Thank you for being the people who step forward when there is work to be done, a veteran who needs support, a family in need of encouragement, or a community looking for leadership.

Together, we are changing lives. Together, we are strengthening communities. And together, we are proving every day that service still matters.

Anchors Hold. Wings Rise. Faith Leads.

Chaplain Patty Buhle

Theme is: **"Harvesting Hope, Cultivating Grace: Bearing Blue Ribbon Fruit for God and Country."**

Chaplains at all levels, remember we are here to support our military families and our community, providing spiritual and emotional guidance when needed and prayer everyday for those in need of prayer.

All Chaplains are encouraged to make a Book of Prayers that include prayers, devotional thoughts, and poems for your Unit Presidents, District Presidents, and Division Presidents. These books are to be forwarded to the Department Chaplain or brought with you to Department Convention. The books will be placed on the display table at Department Convention and returned back to you when the display room closes for you to present to your Presidents.

Please send me your prayers, devotional thoughts, and poems for President Linda's book. It would be nice to receive prayers from all the Units. Keep me informed of what you are doing so I can report this information to National for the mid-year report and end-of-year report.



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American Legion Auxiliary#87 Giles Spotlight

Mrs. Mary McClellan

Mrs. Mary McClellan was born in Chicago on 12/1/1924. She also resided in Springfield, Missouri for a few years during her childhood. She reached a milestone of 100 years old on her birthday in 2024 and has been a member of the auxiliary for well over 40 years. She is now 101 years old, going on 102 years old in December! Her reason for joining the auxiliary is that it was important for her to meet people and learn new things. She has participated in back-to-school activities, parades and many other charitable events.



Mrs. Mary McClellan has led an extraordinary life, marked by dedication, resilience, and an unwavering spirit. Her presence in the auxiliary, coupled with her personality, has made her an integral part of the organization. Beyond her charitable work, Mary embraced the opportunity to forge connections with members, sharing her wisdom, knowledge and joy. Her positive outlook and eagerness to engage in meaningful activities have continually inspired those around her.

Her eligibility for membership in the auxiliary was based on having four brothers who were in the service. Her brothers were named Morris, Stanley, Garfield, and Arthur. The Cavin family brothers proudly served our country and one of her brothers even served as a Commander for the Giles Post.

Mary obtained her education in the Chicagoland area. After completing her high school education at Wendell Phillips, she pursued her college degrees in nursing and in social work. She attended Cook County School of Nursing and Roosevelt University. She served as a visiting nurse and has also worked at several hospitals including Rush, Michael Reese, Cook County and Grant. She was married for 25 years to her sweetheart Charles and they had 4 beautiful children, 2 boys and 2 girls. She has outlived all of them.

Today, at the age of 101, Mrs. Mary McClellan continues to be a shining example of grace and strength. Despite the passage of time, her enthusiasm for life has never waned. Her contributions to nursing and social work reflect her innate compassion, while her involvement with the auxiliary showcases her unwavering commitment to making a difference. Friends and family often marvel at her memory and sharp wit, which serve as reminders of the extraordinary life she has led.

“Mrs. Mary” who she is affectionally known as, loves to stay constantly moving and being active. She also has a passion for fashion and stays dressed to the nines. Oftentimes, she has a matching purse and hat to match! Equally important, she enjoys traveling and cruising, recently finishing a trip to Arizona. She has many friends and has a zest for life. For her 100th birthday there were four parties held for her. She had one at

Washington Park, Park Manor church where she has been a member for over 55 years, a private party and one at the Giles Post as well. Everyone had a memorable and enjoyable time. She reads magazines including Ebony, AARP and is constantly learning new things. Her secrets to longevity include enjoying life and staying happy. She also wanted to provide these memorable and encouraging words of wisdom, “Treat people like you want to be treated” and “Pray to God and everything will be alright.”



Leadership Chairman Linda Oakley

“Leading with Honor. A Blue Ribbon for Strong Units Built by Brave Hearts”

Leadership isn’t measured by how many followers you have. It’s gauged by how many lives you improve, and in our case improve not only lives, but Units, Districts, Divisions, and Department.

If you have been elected to a leadership position in the American Legion Auxiliary, congratulations! Whether you are serving as a Unit President, Department Officer, Committee Chair, or another volunteer leader, you have been entrusted with an important responsibility. But after the congratulations and installation ceremonies are over, you may find yourself asking, “Now what?” The answer is simple: learn, listen, lead, and involve others.

Have you read the governing documents, policies, handbooks, and program materials that apply to your role? Know what is expected of you, when reports are due, and what resources are available.

Trust me – you do not have to know everything on day one!! Ask questions. Reach out to ALA Leaders when you need guidance. A good leader recognizes that learning is an ongoing process.

One of the most valuable things a new leader can do is listen. Talk to your members. What do they enjoy? What would they like to accomplish? What challenges are they experiencing? What ideas do they have and are ready to share?

Listening builds trust and helps you understand the strengths and needs of our organization. It also sends a powerful message: **every member matters.**

I am planning to hold a Leadership Course on Wednesday afternoon, prior to the beginning of Department Convention in July 2027. More information will follow as the class content is scheduled. If you have any suggestions for a particular subject, please let me know.

I do hope that Units, Districts and Divisions schedule a leadership class during this Auxiliary Year. If it is a new Unit, perhaps a Past District President could conduct a class to help the new Unit learn about the Auxiliary, the various roles of officers and chairmen, and the different programs. Please reach out to me if any assistance is needed.

The Leadership Chairman 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 committees. The requirement for eligibility for this honor is that the Unit Member of the Year has never been in an elected or appointed leadership role higher than Unit President.

Go to the National website www.alaforveterans.org and search the various ALA Academy Courses. Whether you are a brand-new member, a new leader, or just want a refresher. These courses are self-paced and packed with information.

Would you like to learn more about working the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary? Would you like to network with national leaders and other members who share your passion and enthusiasm for helping our veterans? Then plan to attend one of the Mission Training Sessions this next year – with one in our own backyard! In Springfield! During this 1-day conference, you’ll be inspired while learning more about working the ALA’s core programs in an interactive and fun environment. Many of the American Legion Auxiliary Mission Outreach programs will be covered during this conference.

2026-2027 ALA Mission Training & National Junior Meetings

Nov. 14: Omaha, NE*

Jan. 30: Albany, N.Y.*

Jan. 30: Springfield, Ill.

Feb. 6: Atlanta, Ga.

Feb. 6: Las Vegas, Nev.*

*Events will be held with The American Legion National Information Conference and the SAL Regional Meeting.



Junior Conference

Junior Conference will be held **April 17-18, 2027.**

Watch for details to follow in the next issues.

Community Service

Chairman Sandra Kirby

Theme: **“Make it a blue-ribbon year for your community!”**

A few suggestions on how you can reach out in your community and make a difference in someone's life.

1. Don't forget to assist our Senior Citizens as they have needs also. Take the time to call and check on them and their possible need for help.
2. Pick up trash in your parks or roadsides. Perhaps you can paint playground equipment to make them more inviting to children. Help plant flowers for your downtown or assist a senior citizen with the flowers in their yard.
3. Contact local Fire & Police departments and offer to help with fundraisers. Donate toward their projects or simply send them a thank you note showing your support for their commitment to protecting our home when disasters happen.
4. In light of the critical shortage of blood, sponsor a blood drive.

There is always something your unit can do and what better way to promote the American Legion Auxiliary than to become an active part of the community.

Finally, while working in your community, promote flag flying, or hold Memorial Services. Always be proud of our organization by wearing Auxiliary apparel or auxiliary pin that promotes the American Legion Auxiliary.

Children & Youth

Chairmen Sue Johnson & Suzanne King

WE HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM

There is a Children and Youth Scholarship for College students in their sophomore or junior year in college who are working towards a degree in Education with emphasis on subjects required for teaching mentally or physically challenged children. They must be in the upper half of their class, in need of financial assistance and **MUST** be a resident of the State of Illinois. The applicant must have an American Legion Auxiliary as their sponsoring unit. The applicant must be applying for **ONLY ONE SCHOLARSHIP** sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and **ONLY ONE CANDIDATE** can go for the scholarship from a Unit. The sponsoring Unit must have contributed to the Children and Youth scholarship fund.

Please consider checking out all your nearby colleges for a candidate. Candidates must submit completed application to the Unit by **March 15, 2027**. The Unit must submit their winner to the Department Children and Youth Co Chairman Suzanne King and cc: Sue Johnson by **April 1, 2027**.

Reminders!

- There are still membership packets in the office. They will be sent out when the office receives the unit's 2026-2027 officer's list.
- **Unit Presidents:** watch for the fall packet coming out the end of October. It will include Americanism brochure, scholarship information and applications.
- Membership Renewal Notices were sent out **September 15** from National.
- Please see the Snip Sheet (pg. 13-14), there are so many great programs your unit can support. Our veterans and facilities are still in need (pg. 15).

FALL FORUM DATES:

October 3	1st Division Fall Forum—Meeting 9:00 AM (Unit #208, Arlington Heights, IL) RSVP: Kris McIntyre. 630-870-8173/kmcintyre88@yahoo.com RSVP by Sept 26
October 4	4th Division Fall Forum—Meeting 11:00 AM (Unit #32, Springfield, IL) RSVP: Suzie Weiss. 217-341-3728/weissusuziq@aol.com RSVP by Sept 27
October 10	2nd Division Fall Forum—Meeting 10:00 AM (Unit #337, Genoa, IL) RSVP: Janet Bacon. 815-751-9344/jbacon80@yahoo.com RSVP by Oct 1
October 17	4th Division Fall Forum—Meeting 9:00 AM (Post #55, Farmer City, IL) RSVP: Sandra Kirby. 309-838-9065/sandra_kirby51@yahoo.com RSVP by Oct 10
October 18	5th Division Fall Forum—Meeting 9:00 AM (Unit #485, Dupo, IL) RSVP: Diana Owens. 618-918-9616 RSVP by Oct 11
October 24	3rd Division Fall Forum—Meeting 9:30 AM (Post #16, Canton, IL) RSVP: Michelle Gorsage. 309-224-4740 RSVP by Oct 17

VA&R

Chairman Kate Weber

The VA&R mission this year is to **Create a Blue-Ribbon Environment to Celebrate the Service of Our Veterans.**

Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee is to promote programs and services that assist and enhance the lives of veterans and their families, ensuring restoration and/or transition to normally functioning lives.

The VA&R mission this year is to promote a Blue-Ribbon environment.

- Be ready to promote programs and services that assist and advance the lives of veterans and their families.
- Be **Vigilant, Ambitious and Resourceful** in fulfilling the wish list and needs of our veterans.
- Collaborate with organizations that support veterans such as, Wreaths Across America, Honor Flight Inc., and the Military and Veteran Caregiver Network.
- Challenge fellow Units, Districts or Divisions in meeting the needs of our Veterans.

In doing so, keep your Unit Report Form updated and send with pictures via email to me at kateweber51@gmail.com.

Pictures must be sent separately. Not incorporated in your report. Do not wait until the end of the year. You may send a copy to me monthly, as I report quarterly to my Central Division Chair.

Christmas Gift Shop

Chairman Laurinda Kidd

“OUR VETERANS WILL ALWAYS BE BLUE RIBBON WINNERS”

The Christmas Holiday Gift Shops make it possible for veterans residing in VA facilities to give a gift to a loved one by means of a \$10.00 gift card from either Wal-Mart, Target, or McDonalds.

Each veteran will have their gift card of choice put in a Christmas card to be given personally to a loved one or to be mailed by a VA Representative.

This year, the Reps and Deps have already turned in the number of veterans and the number of gift cards needed for each facility. These cards will be distributed to the facilities as soon as possible. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help, please contact the facility's representative. Any unused gift cards are to be returned to the Department office, and I would like a short report sent to me after the gift shops finish.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP SCHEDULE FOR 2026

ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME-MANTENO	TBA
JAMES LOVELL FEDERAL HCC	DEC. 5, 9AM
HINES VA HOSPITAL	DEC 5, 9 AM
JESSE BROWN VA MEDICAL CENTER	DEC.2, 9 AM
ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME – LASALLE	DEC. 2, 9 AM
ILLIANA VA - DANVILLE	DEC. 1 AND DEC. 8, 9 AM
ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME- QUINCY	DEC. 2, 9:30 AM
ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME - ANNA	DEC. 7, 1:30-3:30 PM
MARION VA MEDICAL CENTER	DEC. 2, 2 PM TILL DONE
JEFFERSON BARRACKS HOSPITAL	DEC. 8
JOHN COCHRAN	TBA



National Award Winners 2025-2026

Department of Illinois

- Best Department VA&R Program Central Division. Kate Weber, Chairman
- Best Department Americanism Program Central Division. Rosemary Mulligan, Chairman

Belvidere-Boone Unit 77

- 2025-2026 Hosting a 2026 American Legion Family Day Event with Post

Michelle Brown

- 2025-2026 Unit Member of the Year. Belvidere Unit 77, District 12, Division 2.

Amaya Falster

- 2025-2026 Class V Central Division Poppy Poster Contest Winner. McHenry Unit 491, District 11, Division 2

Tayla Maple

- 2025-2026 Class VII Central Division Poppy Poster Contest Winner. Watseka Unit 23, District 18, Division 4

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- 2025-2026 Best Essay—Americanism Central Division Essay Contest Class V—Oswego Unit 675, District 12, Division 2

Lilly Roller

- 2025-2026 Best Essay—Americanism Central Division Essay Contest Class IV—Oswego Unit 675, District 12, Division 2



Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Chairman Barb Howe

The theme is: **“Harvesting Hope—County Fair For The Auxiliary Emergency Fund.”**

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund is a National Grant Assistance Program that provides financial assistance to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary, who have endured a significant financial setback as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis.

Members helping members- that is the American Legion Auxiliary’s mission. “Service not Self” in action. Hard times and disasters can happen at anytime and anyplace. The American Legion Auxiliary is committed to helping everyone.

There have been many natural disasters throughout our whole nation—including Illinois. No one ever thinks it could happen to them, until it does. From personal hardships, floods, tornadoes and even wildfires. When these disasters take place even the best emergency preparedness can fall short of what the immediate needs are to secure safety for you and your family.

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund was created in 1969 from a gift of Helen Colby an Auxiliary member from Burlington, Wisconsin. Helen understood that when a crisis happens, providing hope to those affected is critical. Now, more than 57 years later, the Auxiliary Emergency Fund grants are still an important part of the support to members today. There are two types of emergencies that qualify you for assistance: Disaster Assistance, such as fires, flooding, or tornadoes, and the Emergency Assistance to assist with basic needs such as shelter, food and utilities. Applications for disaster assistance must be received within three (3) months of a disaster event. One (1) grant (disaster or hardship) per grantee will be awarded with a 12-month period, at a maximum of \$3,000.

For a member to be eligible for assistance, they must have their current dues paid and have maintained membership in good standing for three (3) consecutive years, which is current and immediate past 2 years.

The application for assistance is found online through the National website at: www.legion-aux.org. You can find information on the Facebook page for members. My “Project” is that all Units, District and Divisions watch for members who may need Auxiliary Emergency Fund assistance. Talk to them about the program, provide information or even assist them in completing the application. You don’t need a Blue Ribbon (First Place) in the Fair scene. But you are all Blue Ribbon winners everyday just for being Auxiliary members. There are not enough THANK YOU’s for all the money that you as members, Units, Districts and Divisions have donated to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

Constitution and Bylaws

Chairman Julia Moore

The theme chosen for the Constitution and Bylaws for this year is **"Be a Blue Ribbon Unit-Update your Constitution and Bylaws"**

The recent changes at the Department and National level will cause changes to be made to the template. We will notify you when the changes are made and available for use.

It is very important that updates be made if there are any changes made within your Unit, County, District and/or Division. How many have changed the Constitution and Bylaws when you have raised your dues? If they say your dues are only \$15.00 you may have problems. If a Standing Rule is made, have you updated them? These need to be checked, so that they still apply.

The Constitution and Bylaws is the document that states how your Unit, County, District and/or Division should be operating on a daily basis. The Committee is always willing to help in any way we can. Submit your documents to Julia Moore, jamcps54@yahoo.com and we will look them over and file them in the Department office. We will work hard to do this in a timely manner.

Also, this year there is a personal award being offered to the District President who has the highest percentage of updated Constitution and Bylaws.



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2027 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, 2026 or before, must pay Senior dues for 2027 membership.

	Member ID#	Name as it appears on the National Roster (If there has been a recent name change please include both names.)	2027 Renewal		2027 New		Former/ rejoin	
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Dept. President's Special Project	Juniors & Education Scholarships	22010	\$
TAL Commanders Special Project	Illinois VA Facilities & Homes	22020	\$
SAL Commanders Special Project	Illinois Disaster Relief Fund	22030	\$
National President's Special Project	Spirit of Youth Fund	21050	\$
Americanism	Americanism Fund	41020	\$
	Spirit of Youth Fund	21060	\$
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	AEF Fund	21010	\$
Children & Youth	Christmas Gift Program	41130	\$
	Children & Youth Scholarship	41110	\$
	Special Olympics Events	41120	\$
Education	Education Scholarships	41210	\$
Junior Activities	Dept. Junior Conference	41710	\$
Illini Girls State	IGS Registration #	41305	\$
	IGS Program Donation	41310	\$
National Security	National Security Fund	41040	\$
	USO Centers *** Great Lakes Center	41050	\$
	Midway	41060	\$
	O'Hare	41070	\$
	Marseilles Training	41080	\$
	St. Louis	41090	\$
Past Presidents Parley	Nurses Scholarship	41410	\$
	Parley Dues - \$1 per Past President (include Parley Dues form)	41420	\$
The American Legion	Gifts to the Yanks ***	22040	\$
	Amer Leg Child Well-Being Foundation	21030	\$
National Organization	American Legion Auxiliary Foundation	21020	\$
	National Creative Arts Program ***	21040	\$

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Date _____ Unit Name _____ Unit # _____

Submitted by _____ Phone _____ email _____

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Veterans Affairs & Rehab	Six Point Program (General) ***	41505	\$
	Christmas Gift Shop***	41510	\$
	Easter Gifts***	41515	\$
	VA Nursing Homes***	41520	\$
	In Facility Hospitality***	41535	\$
	Homeless & Homebound Xmas Bags***	41530	\$
	VA Toiletries & Art Therapy Supplies***	41535	\$
	Vets Medical Transport***	41540	\$
	Fisher House	Hines VA***	41545 \$
		Lovell Health Care***	41550 \$
		St Louis VAMC***	41555 \$
Hospitals and Facilities ***	General Donation	41560	\$
	Hines VA Hospital	41565	\$
	Illiana VA Health Care System	41570	\$
	Jesse Brown VA Medical Center	41575	\$
	Marion VA Medical Center	41580	\$
	Lovell Federal Health Care Center	41585	\$
	Jefferson Barracks St. Louis VA	41590	\$
	John Cochran St. Louis VA	41595	\$
	Anna Veterans Home	41600	\$
	Chicago Veterans Home	41605	\$
	LaSalle Veterans Home	41610	\$
	Manteno Veterans Home	41615	\$
	Quincy Veterans Home	41620	\$
	Bloomington Outpatient Clinic	41625	\$
	Bob Michel Outpatient Clinic	41630	\$
	Decatur Outpatient Clinic	41635	\$
	Mattoon Outpatient Clinic	41640	\$
	Springfield Outpatient Clinic	41645	\$

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Needs for Our Veterans

Jefferson Barracks:

- **Men's Clothing Items (NEW only):**
 - Jeans (W 30-38/L 30-36)
 - Tennis Shoes (size 9 and up)
 - Swimsuits (M-XL & 4XL)
 - Summer Jackets (all sizes)
- **Other Items (NEW only):**
 - Belts (one size fits all)
 - Men's Shower Shoes (S-L)
 - Baseball Hats
 - Journals/Sketch Pads/Coloring Books
 - Men's House Slippers (all sizes)
 - Backpacks & Duffle Bags!!!
 - Small arts & crafts items
 - Small games (UNO, dominos, etc.)
 - Laundry Pods
 - Gift Cards (\$25 Visa/Mastercard)

Barb Rose, Rep.

John Cochran:

- **Men's Clothing Items (NEW only):**
 - Men's Athletic Shorts (M-XXL)
 - Men's Sweatpants (M-XXL)
 - Men's Sweatshirts (M-XXL)
 - Men's Jeans (W 30-38/L 30-34)
 - T-shirts (M-XXL)
 - Tennis Shoes (9-13)
- **Women's Clothing Items (NEW only):**
 - Sweatpants/Joggers (M-XXL)
 - T-shirts (S-XL)
 - Bralette (S-XL)
 - Sports Bras (S-XXL)
 - Athletic Shorts (S-XL)
 - Jeans (4-16)

- **Other Items (NEW only):**
 - Baseball Style Hats
 - Backpacks/Duffle Bags
 - Kits/Word Search for Craft Cart
 - Notepad/Sketch Pad for Craft Cart
 - Hygiene Items (body wash, deodorant, shampoo, etc.)
 - Gas Gift Cards (Shell, QT, BP, etc.)

Marcia Ziska, Rep.

Bloomington:

- **Clothing & Comfort:**
 - Flip Flops
 - Poncho/Rain Jacket
 - Small Blanket
- **Essential Summer Supplies:**
 - Electrolyte Packets (Liquid IV/Gatorade Packets)
 - Sunscreen SPF 30+
 - Cooling Towel or Bandana
- **Food & Hydration:**
 - Trail Mix
 - Jerky
 - Gum or Mints
- **Health & Safety:**
 - OTC Pain Reliever Packets
 - Antihistamines
 - Bug Spray
 - Flashlight
 - Phone Charging Cable/Power Bank if budget allows

Sue Winger, Rep.

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Dates to Remember

October 10	Fall Forum—Genoa, IL
October 17	Fall Forum—Farmer City, IL
October 18	Fall Forum—Dupro, IL
October 24	Fall Forum—Canton, IL
November 19-21	Egyptian Past Commanders & Past Presidents—Marion, IL
January 15-24	American Legion Family Membership Caravan
February 11-12	Abraham Lincoln Pilgrimage—Springfield, IL
March 19-20	Patriotic Conference—Springfield, IL
April 17-18	Juniors and Young Sons Conference—Monticello, IL
June 20-26	ALA Illini Girls State—Charleston, IL
July 8-10	Department Convention—Springfield, IL