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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Illinois President
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SERVING VETERANS, THE REAL SUPERHEROES

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Scenes from Christmas!



(Top) Charlene Telgmann, Linda Voris (Windsor ALA Unit) Bonnie Lawrence, Linda Oakley, Kathy Eckstein, Cinda Held, Sarah Wyckoff putting gift bags together for Mattoon VA.



(Top Right) Jill Layton as Mrs. Claus telling stories to elementary students.



(Bottom Right) L to R- Linda Campbell, Kate Weber, and Bard Rose in St. Louis.



*Angie
Golightly*



*Delmar
Buske*

Happy New Year! I love starting new things. It's like I am starting fresh and how maybe I can do it better this time. That's the hardest thing about being the President, I get one time to do this and it's so easy to miss opportunities. I see how important it is that we work together and stay connected and say "what about this?". I'm trying my best to write notes on what I do for the next member.

I truly hope I get the chance to see many of you on the Legion Family Membership Caravan this month. Let me know if there is something I can do to help you help Veterans and our programs. When we come your way, please point out some areas we can come back to in the spring when events are happening to promote your Units and our organization.

There are many plans in the works from Lincoln Pilgrimage and the great membership competition to speakers for our Patriotic Conference. Any ideas?

Remember to encourage 11th grade girls and boys to attend Girls & Boys State in June. I hope many of you are getting some Juniors together to bring projects to the one Department Junior Conference we are having for them. Remember you can include the young Sons of the American Legion in your plans.

Participants in the Oratorical Contest are greatly needed! These are event's your youth will always remember. Besides teaching them the importance of taking pride in America, to understand what freedom means, and how our Veterans fought for it and how easily our freedoms can be taken away.

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

Well Christmas is over and its time to welcome in a new year. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and I wish everyone a Happy New Year. We had a good Christmas as all my family got to get together.

I thought things would quiet down somewhat after the Veterans Day Programs, but that was not the case. The 1st weekend in December was the Pearl Harbor Day Festivities. Then on to New Orleans where we checked out the area for our National Convention this year. Our hotel is across the street from the convention center. That is a plus! We are in a nice hotel and it is close to everything. We are looking forward to a great convention. Our Illinois party will be a dinner cruise on the Mississippi river on a paddle wheeler boat.

I did several post visits in December. If any post would like for me to visit, please check with Cheryl. If I am free, I will go to any post for a visit. Looking forward to the Membership Caravan this month starting on the 11th of January. This is a good time to meet and greet your leadership and we have the honor of having our National Sr Vice Commander, Mark Shreve, with us for the caravan. It will be nice to see everyone. If you have membership, bring it! If not, just come to see everyone.

Did a Wreaths Across America program at Post 32. Their Riders put this program on and they do a fantastic job. I would like to thank them for allowing me to be part of this.

If anyone needs help with their membership, please contact our Membership Director to set up a Veterans Outreach program.

That's about it for now.

Again have a Happy New Year and be careful out there.



Michael Uozar



Membership Chairman

Pam Corbin

Greetings from The Detachment of Illinois,

Happy New Year! May everyone be blessed with a happy, healthy, and prosperous year in 2024 with special thoughts for our veterans and active duty military personnel.

We look forward to seeing everyone in January on the American Legion Family Membership Caravan as it comes thru your area! What a great opportunity to informally meet and talk with your Leadership and network with Family friends!

Detachment continues to be on target for membership. We currently exceed our National goals. We continue working to “get the word out” about the tangible and intangible benefits of American Legion Family membership. Working together serving our veterans, children and youth, and communities with a proud spirit of Americanism!

We have several new Squadron charters ready to present in the near future and are actively working with several Posts to bring the SAL into their local Legion Family.

My Commanders Service Project this year is Honor Flight Network. We support all Honor Flight groups serving Illinois veterans. Donors can designate donations to the Honor Flight group of their choice to keep things local.

My membership initiative is called “One For The Sons” I am challenging all of our members to recruit one new member this year to strengthen and grow our organization with fresh enthusiasm, new ideas, and strong backs. My goal is to have 15,000 members by close of books 2024.

Lincoln Pilgrimage is around the corner in February and we look forward to a visit from SAL National Commander Donald “JR” Hall as well as the rest of our National Leadership. Springfield Post 32 does a great job organizing and hosting this

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I hope everyone had a great holiday! 2024 is here and our Family Membership Caravan is less than 2 weeks away! I am looking forward to seeing long time friends and also making some new ones on our trip around the state of Illinois. Please come out and bring members with you to meet us and bring some membership with you to turn in to help make the American Legion Auxiliary proud to be a member. **To bring you up to date with the Traveling Membership Necklaces, on November 29th the winners were as follows:**

4th Division was still in 1st place for the Division. Since they were the winners in the beginning they got to keep their necklaces until the next deadline which is Patriotic Conference, March 22, 2024. **Congratulations to 4th Division President Suzie Weiss & V. President Nora Hanaver.**

The District President’s & Vice Presidents in the 1st Division - 5th Division were as follows:

1st Division - Congratulations to 7th District President Bonnie Sheirok.

2nd Division - Congratulations to 13th District President April Eberle & V. President Kimberly Howard.

3rd Division - Congratulations to 14th District President Doris Kilkenny & V. President Dona Kenney.

4th Division – Congratulations to District 21 President Juliana Umstadd & Vice President .

5th Division - Congratulations to District 22 President Marge Leezy & V. President Mike Murphree.

These Ladies did a great job and I hope we all can work hard and make our next deadline and exciting race for the necklace.

Don’t forget the **Lincoln Pilgrimage awards** – to the Division and the 2 Districts with the highest percentage in membership on January 26, 2024. To include the President and Vice President. Winners will receive a Jacket and a breakfast ticket **if they are present for the program on February 11th and the breakfast on February 12th.**

The following poem was sent on to us in a membership letter from Sue Verville, Central Division Membership Chairman and I thought I would share it with you.

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(Membership cont'd from pg. 3)

**Twass four days before Christmas,
And all through the town,
People were searching
For gifts to be found.
The shelves were all empty,
At Walmart and Meijer
Amazon won't get here,
So, what should I buy her?
Driving home from the stores,
I drove past the Legion,
A membership! I said,
To help many in our region.
Whether you gift an Auxiliary,
Legionnaire, Son or Rider,
For Service not Self,
We can be a provider.
For God and Country,
Is our service reason.
A membership will last
For more than this season.
A gift that keeps giving
For all year long,
To help our Veterans, active-duty,
And their families to be strong.
Our children and youth,
At the top of the list,
With our communities we serve,
So, no one will be missed.
So, stop by your post,
Before Christmas Day
And give the gift of membership
To the ALA.**



(Or American Legion, or Sons of the American Legion, or American Legion Riders!)

Author: Mindi Rue

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National event and we hope to see you there as the American Legion Family honors the legacy of President Abraham Lincoln.

Don't forget the American Legion High School Oratorical Contest is coming up on March 3rd and 4th in Springfield! And Patriotic Conference later in March. Continue recruiting for Boys State, Girls State, and Youth Police School. See you soon!

CANDIDATES FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICES

ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

If a member of your Unit is planning to become a candidate for a Department Office or is seeking endorsement as a candidate for National Office, please furnish the requested information **NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2024**. This information will be used for publication.

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

PHOTOGRAPH: Email a photograph to Department Headquarters at executivesecretary@ilala.org to be published in the ALA Today newsletter.

It is the Unit's responsibility to supply the above information or to see that your candidate responds to the request. The article will be printed in the **May/June issue of The ALA Today**. This will be the only way many delegates will learn of the qualifications of those seeking Department Offices prior to Department Convention. We wish to give each candidate an equal opportunity to share her record of activities.

DEADLINE: This material must reach Department Headquarters NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2024.

Angie Golightly
Department President

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

In accordance with **ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS, Section 1**, of the Department Constitution and **ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS** of Department Bylaws, call is hereby issued for such proposed revisions to reach Department Headquarters **NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2024**.

As stated in **ARTICLE VII** and **X**, all suggested amendments proposed will be sent to each Unit and District, as required, sixty days before the Department Convention, JULY 11, 12, 13, 2024. Final action will be taken at the Department Convention in Springfield, Illinois.

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

Angie Golightly, Department President

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.

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.

American Legion Family Sweepstakes

Drawings for prizes up to \$10,000 will be Sunday, February 11, 2024, during Lincoln Pilgrimage. Please remember to send in your ticket stubs and check for this extremely successful fund raiser.

ALAMIS Information

Unit Write \$15.00 - Can edit/add members and leader information

Unit View \$10.00 - Can view unit/member and leader information

All current ALAMIS users will need to complete a *new* authorization form to ensure you are receiving the desired level of access.

Members whose authorization forms and payment reached Department Office by December 15th will have access beginning January 1, 2024. Authorizations and payments that were received after December 15th may experience an interruption and delay in access.

New forms were sent to current users. If your unit does not currently have access and would like access, please call or email to request a form. Phone: 309-663-9366. Email:

executivesecretary@ilala.org.

Patriotic Conference & Snip Sheet

98th Annual Patriotic Conference
President Abraham Lincoln Hotel a Double Tree by Hilton
701 East Adams Street
Springfield, IL 62701

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 22nd, 2024 if you haven't already! The exhibits and basket raffle will open at 8:00 a.m. The conference session begins at 9 a.m.

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

Hotel: Room rate for the Conference is \$113.00 plus tax. DEADLINE DATE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS FEBRUARY 26TH, 2024.

Please use the link below to make your room reservation. If you are unable to use the link, please call the hotel at (217) 544-8800. Be sure to mention you are with the ALA Patriotic Conference to receive the discounted rate.

Click [here](#) to make your reservation! [American Legion Auxiliary Patriotic Conference \(hilton.com\)](#)

Checks to be received by March 1, 2024 to: American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois

PO Box 1426, Bloomington, IL 61702-1426

UNIT NAME _____ UNIT # _____

Name of person picking up tickets _____

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

| Name | Unit # | Beef: Roast Beef with rosemary au jus | Salmon: Oven roasted wild king salmon with citrus shallot butter | Vegetarian: Portobello Ravioli with sherry cream sauce |
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***Spring Green Salad, Yukon roasted herb potatoes, and carrot cake or flourless chocolate cake served with all entrees

TOTAL tickets for Patriotic Conference Luncheon _____ @\$45.00 each Total \$ _____

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

**Training and Mentoring our Superhero Sidekicks
to serve our Veterans now and in the Future**
American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois
Department Junior and Young Sons Conference

April 13 & 14, 2024

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 Bailey Knopp 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 13th: 11:00-12:00 noon will be registration of Juniors & Seniors, contest entries, and flags. The Conference will start at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. On Saturday evening, we are working on organizing some special events to allow the participants more time to socialize. 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 using the following link: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.14147.html?groupId=Y62HP0U6 . The room rate is \$129.00 per night.



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

Junior Conference Registration

Please Note: Registration must be sent to ensure seating for Juniors! Please list names of ALL Participants registering as well as ALL Adults. Pre-registration for Adult members in highly encouraged.

PLEASE MAIL BY APRIL 1 TO:

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois

PO Box 1426, Bloomington, IL 61702

Please type or print all information.

Date: _____

Unit/Squadron Name & Number _____ District Number _____

Advisor's Name _____

Address: _____

Advisor Phone Number _____ Email: _____

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

Registration: Junior and Young Sons members are FREE

Senior (Adult) members _____ x \$10 each Senior (Adult) member \$ _____ Total

Youth MEMBER(S) attending Conference, including the age for each Youth member. Please use a * to indicate any Youth interested in helping during Conference. Please use ** if Youth member would be able to volunteer for a speaking part.

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SENIOR (Adult) MEMBER(S) attending Conference

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Questions?

Contact Angie Mulligan, Department Junior Activities Chairman 815-546-6486 mickeym@ameritech.net

Junior Dinner Reservations

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

NOTE: Make checks payable to
"Department Treasurer".

DATE _____

UNIT NAME & NO. _____ DISTRICT NO. _____

NAME OF PERSON PICKING UP TICKETS _____

ENCLOSED FIND \$ _____ FOR _____ TICKETS @ \$10.00 EACH

Kid friendly menu still being determined.

List all names for whom tickets are ordered – use an additional sheet if necessary!

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JUNIOR GRADUATION CEREMONY

Juniors MUST be 18 years of age by July 31, 2024 to participate!

| Junior Name | Unit Name & Number | Division | District | Date of Birth |
|-------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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Unit Junior Advisor Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address _____

Detach & mail by March 25, 2024, to Angie Mulligan, 605 Bethel Dr. Joliet, IL 60435

JUNIOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

Name of deceased Junior since April 1, 2023.

| Junior Name | Unit Name & Number | Division | District | Date of Birth |
|-------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|
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| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Unit Junior Advisor Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address _____

Detach & mail by March 25, 2024, to Angie Mulligan, 605 Bethel Dr. Joliet, IL 60435

American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State

Happy New Year ALA members! 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 and program information were included in the fall packet.

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.

All units are requested to send at least one citizen to the 83rd session and register citizens as early as possible. 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 for bus fare.

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

The planning for the 83rd 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 are in need of anything as you select your delegates.

Sarah Wyckoff
ALA IGS 2024 Director

FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICE USE ONLY

\$ _____ 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 Pen

Applicant's Name _____
(Last) (First) (Preferred name) Age _____

Address _____ Phone _____
(Street) (Town) (Zip Code)

Applicant's Personal E-mail Address DO NOT use a school email : _____

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

Name and Address of Parents or Guardian _____

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

Parent's email address _____

*****TO BE FILLED OUT BY UNIT*****

Sponsoring Auxiliary Unit _____ Name of President of the sponsoring Unit _____

Address _____ City _____ Phone _____
(Zip Code)

Approved by _____ Secretary/ALAIGS Chr. of Unit No. _____ Phone _____

District No. _____ OR approved by ALAIGS Director _____

The alternate is _____
(Name) (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 | |

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| <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 |
|--|----------|--------|
| POPIES— \$150.00 Per Thousand | | \$ |
| POPIES— \$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 *** | | |



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 # _____

Please bring this order form when picking up your Poppies at the DIVISION POPPY SEMINARS

OR

Mail this order form to:
 The American Legion
 Department of Illinois
 P.O. Box 2910
 Bloomington, IL 61702

OR

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.

 SIGNATURE OF PERSON REQUESTING THIS ORDER

 DATE

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

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| 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 | | |

ATTENTION Poppy Chairmen!!!

If you want to pick your poppies up at your Division Poppy Seminar, you must write it across the top of your order form "PU at Seminar". If not, you must pay postage for the American Legion to mail them to you.

Reminders!

- There are still membership packets in the office. They will be sent out when the office receives the unit's 2023-2024 officer's list.
- 2nd Membership Renewal Notices will be sent out February 1 from National.
- Check the Snip sheet, there are so many good programs your unit can support. Our veterans and facilities are still in need.

Fisher House - Snip Sheet

We are still supporting Fisher House on the Snip Sheets. It was accidentally left off the second page. It is included on the snip sheets starting with the November Edition.

We apologize for the mistake.

Basket Raffle at Patriotic Conference

At the upcoming Patriotic Conference, we will once again be holding the Basket Raffle. We are counting on Department Officers and Chairmen to donate the baskets at this meeting.

It is a fun and easy way to raise funds and is always interesting to see what types of baskets are donated. If you go online and enter "fundraising baskets" or "themed baskets" you can get some unique ideas.

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

Please bring your baskets to the office when you arrive.

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

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

Thank you to our Members!
The Finance Committee

EASTER GIFT PROGRAM

Easter gifts in the amount of \$5.00 will be provided for the **Veterans** who are homebound, hospitalized, in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or completely disabled and home bound. This program is made possible through the Unit contributions to the 5th point of the 6 Point Program. An Easter card will also be provided by the Department to accompany the \$5.00 Easter gift. Now is the time for Units to survey all local care centers in your communities looking for the men and women Veterans to honor at this time. Veterans in VA Medical Centers and State hospitals will be counted by the Hospital Representatives and Service to Veterans Facilities directors so DO NOT include these Veterans in your count. Report those you find on the survey sheet below by **MARCH 1, 2024**. Return the sheet to:

Laurinda Kidd
PO Box 276
Leland, IL 60531

You may also send it by email to: lk8thilcav@hotmail.com

(Add Additional names on back or another sheet of paper)

UNIT NAME _____ UNIT Number _____ District _____

FACILITY NAME _____ Number of Veterans _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF HOMEBOUND VETERANS _____

Total number of Veterans _____

The Checks and Cards will be sent to the Unit Treasurer.

Unit Treasurer _____

Address _____

Email _____

Area code and Phone Number _____

Unit President _____

Address _____

Email _____

Area code and Phone number _____

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

LaSalle VA:

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

Laurinda Kidd, Rep

Jesse Brown VA:

- Men's and Women's Winter Coats
- Baseball hats, knit hats, gloves, Jeans, sweatshirts and pants, long sleeve shirts, shoes or boots. (all can be used- just clean and no odors)
- All travel size—lotion, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, denture tablets, shavers, large size – shaving cream (the staff shaves the Veteran)
- Playing cards
- Large print 'word search'

Jo Ann Keenan, Rep

Jefferson Barracks:

- M Sweatpants
- M-XL Sweatshirts
- L-2XL Winter Jackets
- Size 10-13 Tennis Shoes

Barbara Rose, Rep

John Cochran:

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

Illiana VAMC:

- Art supplies (models, model glue, acrylic paint, adult coloring books, and puzzle books)

Patti Williamson, Rep

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.

ALA - Department of Illinois 2023/2024 Master Snip Sheet
Mail to: American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois, P O Box 1426, Bloomington, IL 61702-1426

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|--|--|-----------------|
| Dept. President's Special Project | IL VA facilities and IL Veteran Homes | \$ _____ |
| Americanism | Americanism Fund | \$ _____ |
| | Spirit of Youth Fund | \$ _____ |
| Auxiliary Emergency Fund | AEF Fund | \$ _____ |
| Children & Youth | | |
| Children's Miracle Network | Christmas Gift Program | \$ _____ |
| | Chicago/ Rockford | \$ _____ |
| | Peoria | \$ _____ |
| | Springfield/Champaign | \$ _____ |
| | St. Louis | \$ _____ |
| | Children & Youth Scholarship | \$ _____ |
| | Special Olympics | \$ _____ |
| Education | Education Scholarships | \$ _____ |
| Junior Activities | Dept. Junior Conference | \$ _____ |
| | Junior Group Donations | \$ _____ |
| Illini Girls State | IGS Program Donation | \$ _____ |
| | IGS Registration - | \$ _____ |
| National Security | National Security Fund | \$ _____ |
| | USO Centers Great Lakes | \$ _____ |
| | Midway | \$ _____ |
| | O'Hare | \$ _____ |
| | Rock Island | \$ _____ |
| | St. Louis | \$ _____ |
| | Total | \$ _____ |

Date _____ **Unit Name** _____ **Unit #** _____

Submitted by _____ **Phone** _____ **email** _____

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| Past Presidents Parley | Nurses Scholarship | \$ _____ |
| | Parley Dues - \$1 per Past President (include Parley Dues Form) | \$ _____ |
| VA & R | | \$ _____ |
| | Six Point Program *** | |
| Treasure Chest/ | \$ _____ | Christmas Gift Shop \$ _____ |
| Canteen Books | \$ _____ | Easter Gift \$ _____ |
| Fresh Fruit | \$ _____ | VA Nursing Homes \$ _____ |
| | Vets Medical Transport*** | \$ _____ |
| | Fisher House | \$ _____ |
| | Hospitals and Facilities - General Donation *** | \$ _____ |
| Anna Veterans Home | \$ _____ | LaSalle Veterans Home \$ _____ |
| Bob Michel Outpatient | \$ _____ | Capt. James Lovell FHCC \$ _____ |
| Decatur Outpatient | \$ _____ | Manteno Veterans Home \$ _____ |
| Hines VA | \$ _____ | Marion VA \$ _____ |
| Illiana VA | \$ _____ | Mattoon Outpatient Clinic \$ _____ |
| Jefferson Barracks St. | \$ _____ | Quincy Veterans Home \$ _____ |
| John Cochran St. Louis | \$ _____ | Springfield Outpatient Clinic \$ _____ |
| Jesse Brown VA | \$ _____ | |

Please list if Hospital/Facility donation is for a special purpose or program

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|---------------------------------|--|----------|
| The American Legion | Gifts to the Yanks *** | \$ _____ |
| | American Legion Child Welfare Foundation | \$ _____ |
| TAL Commander's Special Project | Illinois Disaster Relief and Youth Police School | \$ _____ |
| SAL Commander's Special Project | Honor Flight | \$ _____ |
| National Organization | American Legion Auxiliary Foundation | \$ _____ |
| | National Creative Arts Program *** | \$ _____ |
| | National President's Special Project | \$ _____ |
| Memorial Donation to | _____ | \$ _____ |
| In honor of | _____ | |
| Acknowledgement Sent | _____ | |

Total \$ _____

*** Poppy funds may be used for these programs ***

Date _____ Unit Name _____ Unit # _____

Submitted by _____ Phone _____ email _____



*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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American Legion Auxiliary Membership Report - 1/10/2024

| District | Division | President | Units | Goal | Total Members | Goal % |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 21 | 4 | Juliana Umstatt | 16 | 581 | 491 | 84.51% |
| 4 | 1 | Gailwyn Starr | 7 | 213 | 174 | 81.69% |
| 11 | 2 | Laurel Hickman | 34 | 1848 | 1504 | 81.39% |
| 22 | 5 | Marge Leezy | 26 | 985 | 798 | 81.02% |
| 16 | 3 | Jodith Lewis | 25 | 1253 | 1012 | 80.77% |
| 7 | 1 | Bonnie Sheirok | 3 | 143 | 115 | 80.42% |
| 18 | 4 | Clarissa Mennenga | 28 | 1167 | 937 | 80.29% |
| 13 | 2 | April Eberle | 15 | 558 | 447 | 80.11% |
| 5 | 1 | Juanita LoGiudice | 11 | 366 | 291 | 79.51% |
| 17 | 4 | Marsha Haag | 35 | 1454 | 1156 | 79.50% |
| 15 | 3 | Michelle Gorsage | 27 | 1013 | 783 | 77.30% |
| 23 | 5 | Mary Madson | 25 | 1537 | 1148 | 74.69% |
| 12 | 2 | Mary Brubach | 25 | 1693 | 1263 | 74.60% |
| 20 | 3 | Sophia Reavley | 22 | 704 | 516 | 73.30% |
| 8 | 1 | Helen Stewart | 11 | 626 | 456 | 72.84% |
| 19 | 4 | Edith Hall | 33 | 1910 | 1391 | 72.83% |
| 25 | 5 | Doris Bartolotti | 15 | 891 | 641 | 71.94% |
| 14 | 3 | Doris Kilkenny | 12 | 620 | 443 | 71.45% |
| 9 | 1 | Nancy Stevens | 7 | 586 | 418 | 71.33% |
| 10 | 2 | Karen Stetina | 13 | 580 | 399 | 68.79% |
| 24 | 5 | Jane Engelkes | 14 | 604 | 400 | 66.23% |
| 3 | 1 | Gloria Rush | 7 | 145 | 86 | 59.31% |
| 2 | 1 | | 4 | 88 | 45 | 51.14% |
| | | Headquarters 2910 | 1 | 550 | 358 | 65.09% |
| | | TOTALS | 416 | 20115 | 0 | 75.92% |
| | | Department Stretch | | 2375 | | |
| | | Illinois' National Goal | | 22460 | 15272 | 68.00% |

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| 4 | Suzie Weiss | 5112 | 3975 | 77.76% |
| 2 | Sue Johnson | 4679 | 3613 | 77.22% |
| 3 | Catherine Reavley | 3590 | 2754 | 76.71% |
| 5 | April Parkhurst | 4017 | 2987 | 74.36% |
| 1 | Cindy Hall | 2167 | 1585 | 73.14% |
| | Goal Units | 38 | | |

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Dates to Remember

- January 12-20 American Legion Family Membership Caravan
- January 26 Lincoln Pilgrimage Award Deadline
- February 11-12 Abraham Lincoln Pilgrimage - Springfield, IL
- March 22 Patriotic Conference, Abraham Lincoln Hotel - Springfield, IL
- March 22-23 Spring Board Meeting, Abraham Lincoln Hotel - Springfield, IL
- June 16-22 ALA Illini Girls State - Charleston, IL
- July 10 Leadership Classes at Department Convention
- July 11-13 Department Convention - Springfield, IL
- August 24-29 National Convention - New Orleans, LA