

ANGIE GOLIGHTLY

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Illinois President
2023-2024



SERVING VETERANS, THE REAL SUPERHEROES



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Scenes from Department Convention 2023

(Clockwise, starting from top right) 1) Unit Member of the Year Mary Ann Mountain with President Janet Bacon, and Leadership Chairman Cathy Zito. 2) Gold Star Member of the Year Elizabeth Michael with President Janet Bacon and Gold Star Chairman Kathy Cisna. 3) President Janet Bacon and Honorary Junior President Hailey Sullivan











Augie Golightly

Thank you for the honor of being your Department of Illinois President.

So far I've attended three installations, Korean War Armistice, Police Night Out, three Zoom meetings, finance meeting in Bloomington, 8 & 40, and I am still our Unit secretary. Thank God for lots of help when it came to planning the School of Instruction, Fall Board, hospitality room and my Homecoming, because the next day we attended the Illinois State Fair & Veterans Parade, and I am still working full time. Believe it or not, I have been having a great time! Thank you to all that attended and helped. I couldn't have asked for a better weekend. I am blessed with great people around me.

Emailing is the best way to contact me if you'd like to invite me to attend an event in your area. Please check dates and times for the Fall Forum Trainings. We will do our best to make it worth your time with a lot of information and fun. PLEASE advertise on Facebook. I like to make a flyer, take a picture of it, and send it to Facebook, selecting to send as a group on the Department of Illinois American Legion Auxiliary Facebook page.

Also call members to invite them. Phone calls are still the best way to include members. It's not too early to send a 'save the date' notice now. We would love to give out a lot of prizes. Invite eligible non-members so they can learn about the many opportunities we have to help Veterans, Active Military, their families, and our communities. It may encourage them to join. I truly do look forward to seeing you!

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



Delman Buske

I would like to congratulate Angie Golightly as your new Auxiliary President and Mike Vozar as the incoming Detachment Commander for the SAL. I'm sure with this type of leadership we will have a good year. We are going to have a fun year for our Legion Family.

My projects this year are the Youth Police School and the IL Disaster Relief. Please help both of these projects out as much as you can.

It is not too early to start thinking about our caravan the middle of January. The leadership of the Legion, Aux, and SAL will be stopping at almost every district. We will have the National Sr. Vice Commander with us and the National Commander for the SAL is trying to do part of the caravan. This is a great time for everyone to meet your leadership.

My Homecoming will be Saturday September 16th at Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield. I look forward to seeing everyone there. We have some entertainment lined up for a very exciting evening.

I have been busy since the convention traveling all over the state with the State Golf Tournament in Danville which I could not stay for all of it as the Legion baseball all stars had a game the next day at the stadium in St Louis against the All-Stars of Missouri. Missouri won the game 4 to 3 but it was a very good game for both teams. If they can work it out they will play again next year.

We are looking forward to the National Convention in Charlotte, NC this month. We will have a great time there continuing our service as a family.

Till we meet again – Be safe out there!



Michael Vozar



Warm Greetings from The Detachment of Illinois,

I look forward to a great year working with President Angie and the Auxiliary supporting our Superheroes! Her energy and enthusiasm will be an inspiration for all of us.

I was honored to attend your Fall Board Meeting, join with the American Legion Family to celebrate President Angie's Homecoming, and then spend a wonderful day supporting our veterans with President Angie and Department leadership at the Illinois State Fair. I look forward to seeing everyone in my travels throughout Illinois!

My service project is the Honor Flight Network. We will support all of the Honor Flight programs that serve Illinois veterans. This is very special to me having served as an Honor Flight volunteer for several years.

My theme is 'ONE FOR THE SONS" - a challenge for each of our members (and friends) to recruit one new member in the coming year. This will help us better support the Four Pillars of The American Legion with fresh ideas, renewed energy, and strong backs! And also spread the word about Auxiliary and Legion membership opportunities.

My motto is "BEYOND THE FOUR WALLS" - encouraging our members to look beyond their four walls of their local Post and engage with us at District, Division, DEC, and Convention meetings. Sharing ideas, asking questions, learning, meeting new friends, strengthening camaraderie. and learning about leadership opportunities "moving thru the chairs"

Thanks to each and every one of you for all you do in supporting our veterans! Please do not hesitate to contact your SAL leadership if we can be help you with your your activities and programs - We are all American Legion Family working together!

The Membership Theme for this year is "Here I Come To Save The Day!"

Membership is the backbone of our organization! We need to keep our current members as well as sign up NEW MEM-BERS! We need to step up our game and try hard to maintain and recruit. Please take back ALL information to your unit, Districts, and Divisions to help your members become a stronger membership.

We hit the road running at the Department Board Meeting at Rock Island on August 11th & 12th. Four units brought in Membership to kick start our Membership year. We celebrated President Angie's Birthday and attending her Homecoming at her American Legion Post #1233 in Colona, IL. On Sunday President Angie, her sister Pat and I attended the Illinois State Fair to help at the American Legion Family Membership Table. We have some changes on our awards so check them closely. We will also have the traveling necklaces again this year.

The National Membership Theme for 2023-2024 The IDITAROD. The National Membership Committee encourages and supports the nationwide ALA effort to attract and retain a diverse, active membership and establish new units to ensure the Auxiliary's future. There are several things members can do to promote membership for former and expired members, attracting new members, and understanding and respecting members rights. More information to follow.

Remember to treat all members with respect and kindness. Your actions to a new member may be the deciding factor to their decision if they come back or drop their membership.

The Department officers and the Membership Chairman are only a phone call away to help organize a new unit or to Revitalize a unit with problems. Please utilize these people to help you and if you know of any others that need help let them know.

Chaplain

Chairman Tina Abdelnour

ATTENTION ALL DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS SUPERHEROES!!! YOUR HELP IS

NEEDED!!! Please start using your superhero strength powers to pray for our Veterans, Military, Department President Angie Golightly, Auxiliary Members, and our Country. With all our Department's SUPERHEROES joining in together to pray, I know this will be a wonderful year. Our slogan for this year is "SUPERHERO STRENGTH PRAYERS OF PROTECTION SURROUNDING OUR VETERANS".

I am asking all Auxiliary Superheroes to not just say a prayer, but to also write down and send in prayers, inspirational thoughts, and poems to go into the Book of Prayers. I will be working on the book throughout the year. I would like to be able to present a huge Book of Prayers that is overflowing with everything that has been sent into President Angie at next year's Department Convention. Let's show her how much we care for her. I know that I can count on the wonderful members from the Department of Illinois.

For information of the awards that will be given out at the 2024 State Convention and where to send your submissions for the Book of Prayers, please check the webpage at ilala.org. Once on the page at the top go to "Programs" and then select "Chaplain".

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.



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Americanism Chairman Patti Williamson

This year our motto will be "Let Teaching Patriotism be Our Superpower." To be an effective teacher, you must first know and understand the material. Immerse yourself in every facet of the Americanism program. You can start with your junior members whether they are organized or just a member's daughter or granddaughter and have them lead the Pledge during a meeting, advance the flag and Auxiliary banner, or help in a flag disposal ceremony. All these activities will help them receive their Junior Americanism Patches.

Let's teach patriotism to the children in our communities by distributing the Americanism essay contest rules when they are available in the fall. The essay title is, "Why am I proud to be an American?" Teachers have told me that they are more likely to assign the essay if it fits into their teaching plan so I always try to get them before Veterans Day. Please be sure to follow the rules carefully so no essay must be disqualified. Contact other youth groups in your community like Scouts, 4H, FFA and hand out the essay contest rules to their leaders or directly to the students. Encourage students to participate in the oratorical contest. The subject matter is always about the constitution and the finals are held the first weekend in March. Work with schools and members to use wreaths across America patriotic curriculum. Go to www.wreathsacrossamerica.org and scroll down to educate and click on curriculum and lesson plans for kindergarten through 12th grade. This would be something great to share with our junior members and interesting to share with our senior members.

Promote Star Spangled Kids. Star Spangled Kids teaches about patriotism, Americanism and the U.S. Constitution. Do you know that September 17th is set aside each year to commemorate the signing of the Constitution?

Let us educate our members and communities about flag etiquette including the proper way it should be flown. Consider giving citations and recognition to citizens and businesses in your community if they are properly displaying a flag. Offer to replace torn or worn flags when possible. From the National website you can get "Let's be Right Flag Etiquette" and make them available in your Post home. Put something in your newsletters or on your Facebook page about display of the flag or little-known facts about the flag, Constitution and Bill of Rights. Join the National Facebook group at American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Program. This is a place to get ideas and share ideas. On the National Legion Webpage there is also a link to "Action Programs of Americanism" Brochure that can be downloaded. This brochure is a comprehensive look at The American Legion Americanism Programs. They include Legion Baseball, shooting sports, scouting and many more. Look through the brochure and find ways to help with these programs in your area. Work concession stands, be a timekeeper, keep statistics, offer transportation, you get the idea and have many of your own, I'm sure.

Let us educate our political leaders on the importance of respecting our flag. On the National Website in the Americanism committee page, you can find information on the Citizens Flag Alliance and The Flag Advocacy. Email your congressmen and senators about not being able to desecrate the flag, explain the blood shed for them to keep all the freedoms they enjoy and the importance of the flag to our men and women defending those rights. Sign up for the action alerts so you can be informed of any bills involving the flag that need action.

Education Scholarship Recipients 2023

Ada Mucklestone Scholarship Winners

Bailey Bennentt Sponsored by Clarence Bixker Unit #409, 4th Division, 19th District.

Kennedy Greer Sponsored Urbana Unit #71, 4th Division, 19th District.

Malena Kirgan Sponsored by Porter Bell Unit #715, 4th Division, 17th District

Adelynn Scharp Sponsored by Speiher Unit #499, 4th Division 18th District.

Jennica Ciesiel Sponsored by Gold Star Unit #676, 2nd Division, 12th District.

William Wisniewski Sponsored by Emdem Unit #506, 4th Division, 17th District.

Mark Wagner Sponsored by Wyoming Unit #91, 3rd Division, 16th District.

Kaylee Ogle Sponsored by Rehfeldt-Meyer Unit #474, 1st Division, 8th District.

Brayden Hunt Sponsored by Lawrence Unit #28, 5th Division, 23rd District.

Timothy Anderson Sponsored by Watseka Unit #23, 4th Division, 18th District.

Gillian Mulvaney Sponsored by Penfield-Gifford Unit #1153, 4th Division, 19th District.

Brenden Heitzig Sponsored by Lincoln Logan Unit #263, 4th Division, 17th District.

Elizabeth Suter Sponsored by Lawson Babbitt Unit #614, 3rd Division, 14th District.

Mildred Knowles Scholarship Winners

Selah Allen, sponsored by Stonington Unit #257, 4th Division, 21st District

Patricia Bleile, sponsored by Huntley Unit # 673, 2nd Division, 11th District

Evan Hayden, sponsored by Cisco Unit #1181, 4th Division, 19th District

Seth Kardys, sponsored by Farmer City Unit #55, 4th Division, 19th District.

Breah Morlan, sponsored by Anthony Wayne ALA Unit #176, 5th Division, 24th District

Braydon Nugent, sponsored by Paris Unit #211, 4th Division, 18th District

Hannah Weaver, sponsored by Strasburg Liberty Unit #289, 4th Division, 19th District

Illinois Scholarship for Junior Members

Marin Miller, is sponsored by and a member of Danforth Unit # 367, 4th Division, 18th District.

Installation of 2023-2024 Officers and Chairmen



Service to Veterans/Hospital Service Chairman Cinda Held

"There's no need to fear our 'super volunteers' are here" is the theme for Service to Veterans/Hospital Service.

We've had some tough times being able to volunteer in our Veteran's Homes, hospitals and CBOCS. As restrictions are being lifted, it is time to let everyone know we are ready to serve.

Currently we have several facilities that need an ALA representative or deputy to help coordinate volunteers, activities, donations, Bingo, and other services to the veterans living in facilities or using the CBOCs for appointments. The following facilities need help.

Illinois Veterans Home @ LaSalle- ALA Representative

Decatur VA Outpatient Clinic – ALA Representative

Bob Michel VA Outpatient Clinic, Peoria - ALA Representative

Chicago Outpatient Clinic – ALA Representative

Jesse Brown VA – ALA Deputy

We are all busy people, but if you can find some time in your schedule to give to veterans, please let me or the Department know, and we can get you set up with a facility voluntary services chief.

"Thank you" to all our units who currently help support the Veterans facilities in your district. I am sending this plea to those units who have neglected or have not been able to send either monetary donations or in-kind donations to these facilities. Every little bit helps. You might try to have a bake sale, a collection at a meeting or a Post/Unit event or use your poppy money. If each of us gives a little, we might just end up with a lot. If your unit has not given recently, please save a place in your budget for the VA facilities in your district.

DISTRICT 1 THRU 9: Jesse Brown VA Medical Center and

Hines VA Medical Center

DISTRICT 7, 9 & 10: James A. Lovell Federal Health Care

DISTRICT 11: Illinois Veterans Home Manteno

DISTRICT 12 & 13: Illinois Veterans Home LaSalle

DISTRICT 14 & 15: Illinois Veterans Home Quincy and Bob Michel Outpatient Clinic

DISTRICT 16: Illinois Veterans Home Quincy and LaSalle Vets Home and Bob Michel Outpatient Clinic

DISTRICT 17: Illiana VA Medical Center, Illinois Veterans Home Manteno,

Bob Michel Outpatient Clinic

DISTRICT 18: Illiana VA Medical Center, Illinois Veterans Home Manteno,

Mattoon Outpatient Clinic and Springfield Outpatient Clinic

DISTRICT 19: Illiana VA Medical Center, Illinois Veterans Home Manteno,

Decatur, Springfield, and Mattoon Outpatient Clinics

DISTRICT 20: Illinois Veterans Home Quincy

DISTRICT 21: Illiana VA Medical Center, Illinois Veterans Home Quincy,

Decatur Outpatient Clinic and Springfield Outpatient Clinic

DISTRICT 22 – 25: Marion VA Medical Center, Illinois Veterans Home Anna,

Jefferson Barracks and John Cochran

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.
- <u>Unit Presidents:</u> watch for the fall packet coming out in October. It will include Americanism brochure, scholarship information and applications.
- Membership Renewal Notices will be sent out September 15 from National.
- Check the Snip sheet, there are so many good programs your unit can support. Our veterans and facilities are still in need.

FALL FORUM DATES:

September 23	2 nd Division Fall Forum—Meeting 9:00 AM (Post #33	7 Genoa, IL)
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October 7 1st Division Fall Forum—Meeting 9:00 AM (Post #208 Arlington Heights, IL)

October 14 4th Division Fall Forum—Meeting 10:00 AM (Post #905 Kincaid, IL)

October 21 3rd Division Fall Forum—Meeting 10:00 AM (Havana, IL)

October 28 5th Division Fall Forum—Meeting 9:00 AM (Collinsville, IL)

Junior Conference

Junior Conference will be held April 13, 2024. Watch for details to follow.

Commander Presidents Dinner at Convention



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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

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		
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Education	Education Scholarships	\$
Junior Activities	Dept. Junior Conference	\$
	Junior Group Donations	\$
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	IGS Registration -	\$
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Fresh Fruit	\$ VA Nursing Homes	\$
	Vets Medical Transport***	\$
	Hospitals and Facilities - General Donation ***	\$
Anna Veterans Home	•	\$
Bob Michel Outpatient	Capt. James Lovell FHCC	\$
Decatur Outpatient		•
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Jesse Brown VA Please list if Hospital/Fac	াility donation is for a special purpose or program	
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	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	\$ \$
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In honor of Acknowledgement Sent		\$
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2024 DUES REMITTANCE

Date:		
Unit Name	Unit #	Dist #
Person preparing membership remittance:		
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Daytime Phone:		_
Email:		
Number of Seniors: @\$29.00 \$ Number of Juniors: @\$ 3.35 \$		
Total Due \$		
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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-<u>DO NOT</u> 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 Sweepstakes Drawing July 15, 2023

	AMOUNT WON	WINNER	City / State	ID#	Group
1st Place	\$ 10,000.00	David Boddicker	Antioch, IL	353169020	Legion
2nd Place	\$ 5,000.00	Richard J. Bartelli	Huntley, IL	101163792	Legion
3rd Place	\$ 2,000.00	Gary K. Nelson	Mount Olive, IL	203416053	Legion
4th Place	\$ 1,000.00	Raymond B. Wood Jr	Darien, IL	203607229	Legion
5th Place	\$ 500.00	Craig Fetzer	Chillicothe, IL	101258557	Legion
6th Place	\$ 300.00	William F. Dunn	Oswego, IL	101200370	Legion
7th Place	\$ 200.00	George R. Schletz	La Grange Park, IL	202368134	Legion
8th Place	\$ 100.00	Patrick R. Hentz	Collinsville, IL	10275001	Legion
9th Place	\$ 100.00	Robert Marshall	Tonica, IL	101245186	Legion
10th Place	\$ 100.00	Ronald Grzeda	Lemont, IL	204882592	Legion
11th Place	\$ 100.00	William Kruse	Hendersonville, IL	101153211	Legion
12th Place	\$ 100.00	Joseph E. Morber	Ava, IL	201745684	Legion
13th Place	\$ 100.00	James A. Skeeters, Sr	Springfield, IL	203144640	Legion
14th Place	\$ 100.00	Diane L. Hoffman	Normal, IL	301648102	Auxiliary
15th Place	\$ 100.00	lda M. Ryan	Springfield, IL	300018653	Auxiliary
16th Place	\$ 100.00	Lester Trilla	Darien, IL	203862794	Legion
17th Place	\$ 100.00	Lyman S. Lester	Blandinsville, IL	101247340	Legion

Total \$ 20,000.00

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