



ALA Today

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS
September 2022



HUGS FOR OUR HEROS

2022-2023 Department President Janet Bacon

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President Patti giving Unit Member of the Year, Joann Brown, Unit 71—Urbana, a well deserved plaque and recognition.



2021-2022 Central Division Vice President, Denise Delaney-Wrolen, rolling up her sleeves to help stuff bags for the Children and Youth "Project Stuff Sac".

A great example of a servant's heart.





**A Message From
Department President
Janet Bacon**



Welcome to a new Auxiliary year as we give “Hugs For Heroes” to celebrate our veterans, their families, and our communities. Every Division is a different genre of bear, and the Districts are bears that represent that genre. Needless to say, the Department of Illinois is “beary” special this year. At the Fall Board meeting in Rockford on August 5th and 6th, the chairmen gave their themes that go along with “Hugs For Heroes” and they were amazing.

I would like to thank American Legion Commander Lomac, Senior Vice Commander Delmar, and Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander Kevin for attending our Fall Board Meeting. During our Membership report, we placed our wages to see who would be the farthest in membership by Patriotic Conference. Who will win? I know who I am counting on.

I was the Installing Officer for the 1st Division American Legion Auxiliary. I have also been the Installing Officer for the 2nd Division American Legion Auxiliary. I have attended two Unit meetings. If you would like me to visit your Unit, District or Division meeting, please send an email, use snail mail, or give me a call. I hope to make as many visits as I possibly can. Remember if your Post is having an event, please try and invite myself, Commander Lomac and Commander Kevin. We are continuing to work as a Legion Family by working together to strengthen our organizations.

I am looking forward to attending the National Convention in Milwaukee August 26th-September 1st. Cannot wait to see what awards and recognitions the Department of Illinois will receive this year.

This year my goal is to get back to basics, starting at the Unit level. The Units in our Department are our foundation of this organization. We need to build that foundation strong and sturdy so that it does not crumble. Over the past several years, I have heard that Units do not understand what to do when they receive mailings or emails from Department. Well, by getting back to basics, I am hoping to help answer some or most of those questions. These topics will be covered in some detail at the Fall Forums along with Membership questions.

My Special Project this year is Education Scholarships for the Department of Illinois. As a former educator, I know how important these scholarships are to those that apply for one. The students that apply for these scholarships are dedicating themselves to a field in education to help the future of children.

(President's Message cont'd) I hope to see many of you at the Fall Forum near you. Remember that if you cannot make it to one near you, then you can go to a different one. I strongly suggest that District Presidents encourage your Unit Presidents and Vice Presidents to attend a Fall Forum. The dates and times are listed in the ALA Today.

Membership

"Help Us Grow to Support our Heroes" is the Membership theme for the 2022 – 2023 administrative year

As we spend this year giving Hugs for Heroes, we would like to focus not only on increasing our membership numbers, but also the member experience. As we continue to work on increasing our membership numbers, we are also committed to improving our Member experience. Units are encouraged to be in contact with their new members specifically at least twice within their first 90 days of membership, one being within the first 30 days.

With our Bear theme this year, as members we are focusing on working together like the Care Bears. When the Care Bears wanted to solve a problem, they focused their efforts into the "Care Bear Stare". This teamwork was vital in over coming any problem. Please let us know not only how we can help you at the Unit, District, and Division Level, but also how you are being successful with your efforts. We would like to celebrate your successes with you. As you are recruiting new members or having membership events, please take just a second to text or email me pictures with a very brief description. If you take just a second to share in the moment, we can follow up for greater details later and share what is working for you with other units.

What is our Goal for the coming year? National has given us a goal on increasing membership by 1 member over last year.

Angie Mulligan

Membership Chairman





**A Message From
Department Commander
Lomac Payton**



Greetings American Legion Family—

With the new officers starting to fulfill their responsibilities, we are looking forward to working with everyone. We are making changes in all aspects of our organization from the Department, Post, District and Division levels. You will see some of those changes not only in the Legion newsletter, but in Auxiliary, Sons, and Legion Riders as well. We are bringing our organization up to date. The membership director, Jim Talaska has opened a box of new ideas on membership that include the special 5-year membership card and incentive. Post level training workshops will be held throughout the state. Some of the training will include leadership, communication, dedication and responsibility. The first post level training workshop was held on August 13th in Bartonville and Limestone Post for the 15th and 16th Districts.

On Friday August 5, I attended the Fall Board of Directors Meeting, followed by Department President Janet's homecoming on the 6th in Genoa. The attendance was great at both functions. Keep in mind that my homecoming will be September 24 in Galesburg. I'm looking forward to a great turnout. Remember this will be a part of history for The American Legion and the 15th District. It's been over 37 years since a Department Commander was elected out of the 15th District. I also attended the 103rd National Convention in Milwaukee.

Remember to attend post level workshops being held in your area for Post Commanders and Adjutants, District Commanders and Sr. Vice. You may think you know everything about The American Legion and its programs, but in this training you will learn more than you realize about our organization.

It is also time to campaign for membership. Without members, there will be no American Legion. So let's get busy and contact members. Do your Buddy Checks as well! Take care and be safe. Don't forget to keep each other in your prayers. May GOD bless.

Your Department Commander, Lomac A. Payton I



**A Message From
Detachment Commander
Kevin O'Connell**



First of all, I'd like to congratulate Janet Bacon on her election to the position of President of the American Legion Auxiliary of Illinois. Knowing Janet, it's going to be a great year. I was honored to attend the August meeting where membership bets were made between the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion Auxiliary. I'm worried because I know the spirit and energy the Auxiliary has. We will have to step up our game. I was also honored to be at Janet's Homecoming at the Genoa Veterans Home. The food was great and the comradery was fantastic. Everyone had a great time.

Patriots Day, September 11th, is right around the corner. Being a retired Police Officer it's a special day in my heart. The holiday is observed to commemorate the lives of those who died in the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Flight 93 that crashed into a field outside Shanksville Pennsylvania. It also recognizes those who died attempting to rescue people trapped by the attacks. We should continue to honor the heroes who died trying to save others, which includes, Firefighters, Police Officers, Military Personnel, and Citizens.

Our American Legion Family Team is strong, and together we will have a great and prosperous year. I'm looking forward to working side by side and advancing the Four Pillars of the American Legion. My special project this year is to promote programs to prevent Veteran Suicide. We spend a lot of money teaching them to become warriors, but when they exit service, we don't do enough to help them transition back into civilian life. We owe it to them. For God and Country,

Kevin O'Connell

Junior Conferences

The 2023 Junior Conference information will be posted to the Department website in October! www.ilala.org

Chaplain's Report

Karen Melone

PRAYERS, HUGS, AND SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERVING AND THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED.

Chaplains at all levels, remember we are here to support our military families, our members, and our community, providing spiritual and emotional guidance when needed. The prayers and devotional thoughts must be kept non-denominational.

The Department award for this year is Patti's Crafters Plaque for the best Unit Book of Prayers and there will be five personal awards.

The Senior and Junior prayer book contest rules, all department awards, and death notification form will be included in the September Fall packet. The death notification form should be reported to your District, Division, and Department Chaplains.

All Chaplain's are encourage to make a Book of Prayers that include prayers, devotional thoughts, and poems for your Unit President. 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 President.

Please send me your prayers, devotional thoughts, or poems for President Janet's book. It will be great to have something from every Unit in Illinois.

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.

There is a Chaplain's page on Facebook which is a closed group. The group is called "American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois Chaplain's Page." Feel free to check out the page. You can also find more information on the Department and National websites.

May God keep you and your family safe and healthy.

FALL FORUM DATES: All meetings start at 9:00 a.m. except where noted below

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| September 10 | 2 nd Division Fall Forum (#1) Post #57 Elgin, Illinois 10:00 a.m. |
| September 24 | 3 rd Division Fall Forum (#1) Post #381 Abingdon, Illinois |
| September 25 | 3 rd Division Fall Forum (#2) Post # 6 Macomb, Illinois |
| October 1 | 1 st Division Fall Forum Chicago Ridge, Illinois |
| October 22 | 5 th Division Fall Forum Post #176 Fairfield, Illinois |
| October 29 | 2 nd Division Fall Forum (#2) Post #1207 Rockford, Illinois 10:00 a.m. |



If you would like to receive the ALA Today, General Department Communications and/or the Membership report, via 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 2022/2023 Master Snip Sheet

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

Dept. President's
Special Project Education Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Americanism Americanism Fund \$ _____
 Spirit of Youth Fund \$ _____

Auxiliary Emergency Fund AEF Fund \$ _____

Children & Youth

Children's Miracle Network Christmas Gift Program \$ _____

Chicago/
Rockford \$ _____ Children & Youth Scholarship \$ _____

Peoria \$ _____ Illinois Military Kids Project \$ _____

Springfield/Champaign \$ _____ Special Olympics Tent \$ _____

St. Louis \$ _____ Special Olympics General \$ _____

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 # _____

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| Past Presidents Parley | Nurses Scholarship | \$ |
| | Parley Dues - \$1 per Past President (include Parley Dues Form) | \$ |

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| Veterans Affairs & Rehab | \$ |
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Six Point Program ***

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| Treasure Chest/Hospitality | \$ | Christmas Gift Shop | \$ |
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| Canteen Books | \$ | Easter Gift | \$ |
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| Fresh Fruit | \$ | VA Nursing Homes | \$ |
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Hospitals and Facilities - General Donation ***

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| Illiana VA | \$ | Mattoon Outpatient Clinic | \$ |
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| Jefferson Barracks St. Louis VA | \$ | Quincy Veterans Home | \$ |
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| John Cochran St. Louis VA | \$ | Springfield Outpatient Clinic | \$ |
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| Jesse Brown VA | \$ |
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| American Legion Child Welfare Foundation | \$ |
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| TAL Commanders Special Project IL Disaster Relief Fund & The Haven | \$ |
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| SAL Commanders Special Project Veteran Suicide Prevention Programs | \$ |
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| National Organization | American Legion Auxiliary Foundation | \$ |
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| National Creative Arts Program *** | \$ |
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Gold Star Mother's Day is September 25



ILLINOIS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2022

Mildred R. Knoles Scholarship Recipients

Selah Allen, Sprague-Inman ALA #577 in the 13th District
Tyler Harms, Flanagan ALA Unit 456 in the 17th District
Evan Hayden, Craig-Reed ALA Unit #1181, in the 19th District
Cara Pence, Timmer Mann Benhoff ALA Unit 23 in the 18th District
Deanna Woodburn, Eureka ALA Unit 466 in the 17th District

Junior Members Scholarship Recipients

Cassidy Eyman, Alhambra Unit #1147, in the 22nd District
Madison Pfeiffer, Garrett-Baldrige Unit #725 in the 19th District.

Ada Muckelstone Scholarship Recipients

Seth Kardy, Urbana Unit #71, 19th District
Karly Stevens, Ramsey Unit #460, 23rd District
Hannah Weaver, Wilbur Braughten Unit #611, 19th District
Braylon Nugent, Paris Unit #211, 18th District
Evan Rodgers, Speicher Unit #499, 18th District
Emma Ruth Morrical, Loda Unit #503, 18th District
Ian Eller, Dixon Unit #12, 13th District
Malakia Verler, Cissna Park Unit #527, 18th District

Reminders

- There are still membership packets in the office. They will be sent out when the office receives the unit 's 2022-2023 officer's list.
- **Unit Presidents**: watch for the fall packet coming out in October. It will include Americanism brochure, scholarship information and applications.
- USPS 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.



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

2023 DUES REMITTANCE

Date: _____

Unit Name _____ Unit # _____ Dist # _____

Person preparing membership remittance:

Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Seniors: _____ @\$23.00 \$ _____

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

SERVICE TO VETERANS/HOSPITAL SERVICE

American Legion Auxiliary members who serve as volunteers at VA Medical Centers, Fisher Houses, and other VA facilities and Illinois Veteran Homes fill vital roles. These volunteers enable facility and program administrators to stretch their resources so they can concentrate on the delivery of core services. There are 2 types of Service.

HOSPITAL SERVICE (Hours run from April 1st to March 31st)

Hospital Service volunteers provide service to veterans in a VAMC facility. Hours are kept by the volunteer on a form provided. **Please do not duplicate your hours.** This form is to be submitted to the American Legion Auxiliary Representative of that facility for approval which she will sign. If you do not have the form, a blank form will be available online. After the first 50 hours of service, the volunteer may purchase a Hospital Service pin from the Department Office for \$15.00.

ALL MONETARY DONATIONS FOR THE VA HOSPITAL AND/OR ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME MUST BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OFFICE. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT TREASURER ALA EARMARKED FOR THE PURPOSE AND THE FACILITY THE DONATIONS ARE INTENDED.

WHEN DELIVERING ITEMS TO THE FACILITIES: Enclose an itemized list of all articles, include the Unit name, number, and District: include the name, address and phone number of the person to receive the credit slip. If our Auxiliary Representative or Deputy is not available when you deliver the items, be sure to leave a duplicate list on her desk or mailbox with the name of the person accepting the items. This way you will receive credit for your donations.

OUT OF STATE VA MEDICAL CENTERS: For the Missouri facilities, send a copy of your donations to the Illinois Auxiliary Associate Representative. If you donate to any other facility outside of Illinois, please send a copy of the list of items and send to Cinda Held, Service to Veterans/Hospital Service Dept. Chairman, 101 W N 3rd St., Strasburg, IL 62465. A credit will be sent to you for the items donated.

SERVICE TO VETERANS (Hours run from April 1st to March 31st)

Service to veterans are hours given to volunteers who provide service to veterans outside a VAMC. Whether volunteering at Illinois Veteran Homes (LaSalle, Manteno, Quincy and Anna), non-referral nursing homes, daycare centers and foster homes, which house veterans. Also organizing a Stand Down, assisting a veteran in his/her own home, assembling care packages/tray favors/greeting cards, assisting with a veteran's burial or gravesite, sewing, cooking or shopping for active-duty military/veterans and/or their families, etc. are considered Service to Veterans. The form is to be signed by the American Legion Auxiliary Representative

at the Illinois Veterans Home. All other hours may be verified by the Unit VA&R Chairman or the Unit President. Caregivers may count up to 10 hours a week on their Service to Veterans worksheet

All hour sheets for both Hospital and Service to Veterans should be sent to Cinda Held, 101 W N 3rd St., Strasburg, IL 62465. After the first 50 hours, the volunteer may purchase a Service to Veterans pin from the Department Office for a cost of \$15.00

Cinda Held, Service to Veterans/ Hospital Service

DISTRICTS AND THE FACILITIES THEY SERVE

YOU MAY CONTRIBUTE TO ANY OF THE FACILITIES UNDER OUR PROGRAM BUT WE ASK THAT UNITS WITHIN THEIR DISTRICTS FULFILL THE OBLIGATIONS TO THE ASSIGNED FACILITIES FIRST.

| District | 1 - 7 | 7,9,10 | 11 | 12,13 | 14-15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22-25 |
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| James. A Lovell | | x | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Quincy | | | | | x | x | | | | x | x | |
| Anna | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| Illiana | | | | | | | x | x | x | | x | |
| Mattoon | | | | | | | | x | x | | x | |
| Springfield | | | | | | | | x | x | | x | |
| Decatur | | | | | | | | | x | | x | |
| Jefferson Barracks/John Cochran | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| Marion | | | | | | | | | | | | x |
| Bob Michel | | | | | x | x | x | | | | | |

Serving those who served



"Our future would not be BEARable without our history."

Jill Layton, Department Historian

I am asking each member, not just the Unit, District & Division historians, to send me information throughout the entire year on your Unit's, District's and Division's events. The great Auxiliary programs and how each member completes them with success should be shared for future members. When you have an event, please take a picture and send it to me via text 217-273-3653 (but let me know who is sending the text!) or email (Jill.LaytonALA@gmail.com) with information on the event - who, what, where, when, why. Or please tag me on your Unit or District's Facebook page when you have an event.

The National Rules state:

Be sure the Department history truly represents a historical account of the Department - what the Department accomplished. A Department history lists those who served as leaders and mentions notable awards or individual achievements. The content is about the Department and its collective members mission achievements. So please make sure I have all the information so your Unit, your District, and your Division can be in the 2022-2023 Department of Illinois History!





American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Illinois

2022-2023 Department Historian Annual Report

Please complete and return on or before May 1, 2023 to Department Historian
Jill Layton at Jill.LaytonALA@gmail.com.

Unit: _____ District: _____ Division: _____

1. Unit – Was there a Senior Unit History submitted for competition? _____
- 1a. Unit – Was there a Junior Unit History submitted for competition? _____
2. District - How many Senior Unit Histories did you receive for competition? _____
- 2a. District – Did you submit a District History for competition? _____
3. Did your Unit participate in the Veterans’ History Project? _____
- 3a. If yes, how did your Unit participate? _____
4. How many Veteran histories did Senior members record? _____
- 4a. How many Veteran histories did Junior members record? _____
- 4c. Were these histories submitted to the Illinois State Library? _____
- 4d. Were these histories submitted to the Library of Congress? _____
5. How many histories were recorded for the “Members Remember” History Project? _____ Please give details.
6. Please outline the methods you used to promote the importance of keeping a thorough and complete record of activities and accomplishments in your Unit/District/Division this year: _____

7. Do you have any ideas or suggestions on how to make writing a history more enjoyable or easier? _____

Thank you for your assistance in recording histories of this great organization.

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, 2022 or before, must pay Senior dues for 2022 membership.

| | Member ID# | Name as it appears on the National Roster (If there has been a recent name change please include both names.) | 2023 Re-newal | | 2023 New | | Former/rejoin | |
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(This Form May Be Duplicated)

American Legion Sweepstakes Drawing July 16, 2022

| | AMOUNT WON | WINNER | City / State | ID # | Group |
|------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1st Place | \$ 10,000.00 | William D. Icenogle | Blandinsville, IL | 101247325 | Legion |
| 2nd Place | \$ 5,000.00 | Michael L. Dupras | Highland, IL | 203912384 | Legion |
| 3rd Place | \$ 2,500.00 | Rance J. Rada | Galena, IL | 200217794 | Legion |
| 4th Place | \$ 1,500.00 | Dale G. Sigafus | Belvidere, IL | 204388460 | Legion |
| 5th Place | \$ 1,000.00 | Sereno H. Bondioli | Mount Prospect, IL | 101160591 | Legion |
| 6th Place | \$ 1,000.00 | Michael F. Smith | Pleasant Hill, IL | 200234050 | Legion |
| 7th Place | \$ 750.00 | C. W. Schrader | Lincoln, IL | 101305848 | Legion |
| 8th Place | \$ 750.00 | Benjamin Habing | Teutopolis, IL | 205184100 | Legion |
| 9th Place | \$ 500.00 | Patrick W. Nugent | Wilmington, IL | 203001891 | Legion |
| 10th Place | \$ 500.00 | Beth Neubauer | Morton, IL | 302515948 | Auxiliary |
| 11th Place | \$ 250.00 | Wayne Wagner | Buckley, IL | 101224878 | Legion |
| 12th Place | \$ 250.00 | Leonard Lanni | Westchester, IL | 205178730 | Legion |
| 13th Place | \$ 100.00 | Richard C. Solis | Wheeling, IL | 205373277 | Legion |
| 14th Place | \$ 100.00 | Cyril A. Stobaugh, Jr | Elmwood, IL | 101253121 | Legion |
| 15th Place | \$ 100.00 | Lucille Gillis | Springfield, IL | 302633910 | Auxiliary |
| 16th Place | \$ 100.00 | Gregory B. Swanson | Sandwich, IL | 205109768 | Legion |
| 17th Place | \$ 100.00 | Daniel R. Boudreau | Cary, IL | 202181339 | Legion |
| 18th Place | \$ 100.00 | Terrance Naglewski | Westmont, IL | 204851080 | Legion |
| 19th Place | \$ 100.00 | David L. Powell | Champaign, IL | 204391762 | Legion |
| 20th Place | \$ 100.00 | Michael Bogart | Morris, IL | 204166088 | Legion |
| 21st Place | \$ 100.00 | Shawn E. McGinty | Chadwich, IL | 200836789 | Legion |
| 22nd Place | \$ 100.00 | Rollan G. Brakebill | Bloomington, IL | 203658192 | Legion |

Total \$ 25,000.00

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Serving veterans, military, and their families

Dates to Remember

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|----------------|--|
| January 12–21 | American Legion Family Membership Caravan |
| January 31 | Lincoln Pilgrimage Award Deadline |
| February 11-12 | Abraham Lincoln Pilgrimage, Springfield, Illinois |
| March 17-18 | Patriotic Conference and Spring Board Meeting Abraham Lincoln Hotel Springfield, Illinois |
| June 18 – 24 | ALA Illini Girls State – Charleston, Illinois |
| July 12 -15 | Department Convention, Springfield, Illinois |