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American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois President



## BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR VETERANS



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# Scenes from National Convention 2024

(Right) Commander Joe Lampert with Dept Treasurer Marybeth Revoir.

(Bottom) Pam Ray being installed as National Vice President in New Orleans.







October 2024





### HAPPY HALLOWEEN EVERYONE!

Hope everyone is enjoying the weather! It's that time of year you never know what the weather will be tomorrow.

It was a fun time at Legion Commander Joe's Homecoming. The camaraderie was good, the food was good and the music was super! As Commander Joe stated to everyone that evening "We are a FAMILY" and that evening we all acted as one!

Fall Forums are underway, please attend one anywhere you would like. There are five Forums to be held in October. Hopefully one close to you. You are welcome at any or all of them! Unit members, there is a lot to learn at the Forums presented to you FREE. Bring a carload, we'd love to have you. AND BRING MEMBERSHIP!

September was busy! I attended a Legion Post birthday party, National VA & R zoom meeting, and several Unit meetings. I have traveled to the north and northwest of Illinois for three forums. There is beautiful country in the Land of Lincoln! I've been south to the National Convention in New Orleans. That is a beautiful country also. My husband Ron "Moose" and I were discussing a lot about crops during our travels. We think we know what a cotton field looks like. The convention itself was very busy and I learned a lot. Congratulations to Illinois' PAM RAY who was installed as the National American Legion Auxiliary Vice President!

My next travel is planned as a car trip to National

Please take a moment and donate to my special project -The Auxiliary Emergency Fund!

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Greetings American Legion Auxiliary,

It is great to be back home after an eventful, fun filled, National Convention in New Orleans! I think the biggest highlight was watching our very own Pam Ray being elected and installed as our National Vice President! It was great to see the Illinois American Legion Family show up in force!

Speaking of showing up in force....I would like to thank each and everyone of you who showed up for my homecoming in Des Plaines. The food and entertainment were fantastic! We were also treated to Chicago's Own Young Marines posting our Nations colors. The Legion, Auxiliary and Sons truly made it a Legion Family event!

With the Department and National Fall meeting coming up, I want to reiterate what you have all been hearing me say since July....COMMUNICATION!!!!! Are you a Division, District or Unit Chairman? After the fall meetings, we usually have something to put. What do we do after that initial presentation? No Report. That is unacceptable. Our National websites are filled with information that can be communicated to our membership.

Starting with this months article, I plan on providing some information from one of our Four Pillars that can be communicated. This month: National Security.

September 20<sup>th</sup> was National POW/MIA Recognition Day. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) has reported that on September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> that they had accounted for and identified the remains of 3 Korean War and 5 WWII service members. The DPAA has identified/repatriated 145 service members this year (2024). October 2024



Greetings from Detachment of Illinois!

I'm proud to be able to attend so many events this fall with Commander Joe also President Arlene

I was able to attend Be the One Veterans suicide walk in DeKalb, IL. They had a great turn out. It was the first time for this event.

Sons are currently working hard. Membership at this point is at 32%. Sr. Vice Wayne Madson is working hard on membership. We are challenging our members to retain their members plus work on finding new members. We need to keep growing to new heights. We are working to bring new squadron's onboard to help more Veterans we must grow.

I will be able to attend an awards programs at Des Plains Post 36 for a young man that has achieved 10 patches. Stay tuned, I will report more on this at a later date. It is wonderful to see the Legion Family working together with our youth. Thank you to all involved .

The Leadership and training will once again be running squadron training program run by Larry Miller and Company. The training is to better understand your position in the Son's. This program is made to all Districts, Divisions and all. Members, we encourage that you attend. We will also be helping with the Legion Veteran Outreach Program. I believe Danville District 18 will be the first one in association with National.

Such an organization has never existed that does so much by volunteers. We must never forget why we do this and the person that made this possible.

Thank you ALA for all that you do.

Looking Forward to the next time!

Wow! What a month into our 2024-2025 year of "Building a Brighter Future for our Veterans." Our units have been quite busy since the start of the year. National sent the first dues notice out on September 15, but we had units that did not wait to get that mailing – Hallelujah!! Our bricklayers/ journeymen have been busy! We need to keep pushing! The first target date is October 19th! Units need to be at least 49% which will also help the Department reach our goal.

As previously mentioned in the first ALA Today, our first target date of October 19 is rapidly approaching for our 49% of membership. Our national goal of 85% is scheduled for March 15 and we would like to be spot-lighted at the national convention to make National Vice President Pam Ray proud. As noted above we have 3,078 members already helping with the completion of our construction site under the direction of the General Contractor, Department President Arlene Holtgrave.

Our Fall Forums are underway with membership turned in at 2 of the 3 we have presented so far. We are looking forward to the remaining 5 scheduled for Oct 5, 6, 12, 13, and 19. Please remember that the forums will start at 10:00am. The department officers encourage ALL members to attend a forum as they are presented for all members to understand our programs and how they benefit us, our veterans, military and their families. Please reference locations listed on the date schedule on pg. 5. Please bring any membership to a forum, it will be turned into the department office and saves you postage.

Again "Congratulations" to our 3 units that are so close; the 17 units that are above 49%; and to all the units that have sent in membership thus far.

Remember: "NEVER HOLD onto DUES." Holding onto dues may cause a member to lose out on benefits if not paid on time!

I am honored to be serving and working with such a great construction team!

Hoping to see you soon at an Auxiliary function.

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President Trish Wards Homecoming in Wichita, Kansas, September 26, ending September 28, 2024, with a Western Theme Gala Event at Exploration Place, Kansas' premier science center. This is going to be very interesting!

I still have space on my calendar for a visit to your Unit, District, Division or special event in your area. Please contact me with details.

National has sent the membership dues renewal notices, so please pay! Units do not hold membership! Please send it in in a timely manner.

Hope everyone has an interesting Halloween!

Till next time!

STAY SAFE, BE HEALTHY and GOD BLESS AMERICA!

(Membership cont'd from pg. 3)

HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO ALL MEMBERS. Treat the juniors, veterans, and our members with a treat (maybe just a cute note) this month! October is membership month, so please recruit today and strive for more than the 49% on October 19.

### **Constitution and Bylaws**

### Chairman Ann Flanagan

How do we...?

Are you a new member, or a member of many seasons, who wonders how or why things are handled a certain way? Do we need to have a motion, discussion and vote on projects discussed in a meeting that we want to implement? Read the Unit Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules. This document is the backbone of our organization and gives us the guidelines to follow to help our veterans, active military and their families, and our community through our projects and programs. The template for the unit C&B, which conforms with the Department and National documents and does not conflict, is available on the Department website: <a href="https://itala.org">https://itala.org</a>, click on Programs, then Member Organizational Support, then Constitution and Bylaws, then Read More, then Unit Constitution. Also, written and video instructions are available.

Be sure to verify that the dues amount set by your unit is sufficient to cover the per capita sent to Department and National.

I encourage ALL units to update their C&B's this year. Our wonderful department staff, and volunteers, have made this project so easy to complete. At district, county and division meetings, share the importance of this responsibility with all attendees. There are many units who don't update their C&B's, and some don't even know if there is a copy available and where it might be.

Connie Boxleitner, Pat Kranzow, and I are all available to help you. We (and the officers of the Department) would like to see a really good response this year for updating Unit Constitution and Bylaws. If you have questions, contact one of us.

### FALL FORUM DATES

| October 5  | Section 1 Fall Forum—Meeting 10:00 AM (Unit #974, Franklin Park, IL)<br>Contact: Cathy Zito 847-560-0459 cczito3228@yahoo.com      |
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| October 6  | Section 7 Fall Forum—Meeting 10:00 AM (Post #287, Rantoul, IL)<br>Contact: Patti Williamson 217-377-3708 williamson.patti@aol.com  |
| October 12 | Section 5 Fall Forum—Meeting 10:00 AM (Unit #480, Steeleville, IL)<br>Contact: Doris Rahlfs 618-615-2233                           |
| October 13 | Section 6 Fall Forum—Meeting 10:00 AM (Unit #1126, Springerton, IL)<br>Contact: Helen Deaton 618-516-1335 deaton6@hotmail.com      |
| October 19 | Section 4 Fall Forum—Meeting 10:00 AM (Unit #809, Springfield, IL)<br>Contact: Alberta Pettis 217-416-0364 albertapettis@gmail.com |

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### National Award Winners 2023-2024

#### **Department of Illinois**

• Best Department Junior Activities Program. Angie Mulligan, Chairman

#### Rebekah Visel

 Central Division Poppy Poster Contest Class V Winner, McConnell Unit 1225, Dist 13, Div 2. Susan Heinz-Wojcik, Chairman

#### Johnathan Mezera

• Americanism Essay Contest Central Division Class V Best Essay, Oswego Unit 675, Dist 12, Div 2. Patti Williamson, Chairman.

#### Lily Roller

• Americanism Essay Contest Central Division Class III Best Essay, Oswego Unit 675, Dist 12, Div 2. Patti Williamson, Chairman.

#### **Deb Talbert**

• 2023—2024 Unit Member of the Year. Onarga Unit 551. Cathy Zito, Leadership Chairman.

#### **Department of Illinois**

• Best Department National Security Program. Jill Layton, Chairman.

#### Liberty Unit 289

• Most Outstanding Unit Children & Youth Program, Dist 19, Div 4. Jamie Brown, Chairman.

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Dept. of IL at the State Fair

Letting attendees at the State Fair know who we are, what we do, and why we matter!

(Left to Right) TAL Commander's Aide Al Coughlin, TAL Sr. Vice Commander's Aide Chris Schoo, SAL Commander Rick Allen, TAL Sr. Vice Commander Roy Smith, President Arlene Holtgrave, Assistant Adjutant Josh Thielen, TAL Commander Joe Lampert, Membership Chairman Joyce Huelsmann.



### Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman Suzie Weiss

Hard times can fall upon us at any moment. That's when the American Legion Auxiliary in 1969 created the AEF program and is still helping fellow Auxiliary members get back on their feet. An Auxiliary Emergency Fund grant may provide immediate emergency assistance to eligible American Legion Auxiliary members in areas devastated by natural disasters, such as fire, flood, hurricane, tornado, earthquake, and/or other severe weather. It is also granted to provide temporary assistance to eligible American Legion Auxiliary members during a time of financial crisis when no other source of aid is readily available to pay for past due expenses related to their primary residence and/or for basic household utilities. Grants may be awarded up to \$3,000.00 with the intent to help members who have suffered a financial setback and offer a helping hand to help re-establish financial stability. Assistance will not be granted to pay medical expenses, credit card debt or any other expenses not related to shelter or basic household utilities.

For both, Disaster and Financial Assistance you must have maintained annual ALA membership for three consecutive years (the current year and immediate past two years). For Disaster, the application must be received within 6 months of the disaster. You should be able to provided information such as photos of damage to the residence, itemized receipts for emergency expenses, damage repair estimates and other information as requested. For Hardship, the applicant must be able to provide copies of past due bills for shelter, basic household utilities, documentation for loss of income, and other information as requested. And for both only one AEF grant per grantee will be awarded in a 12-month period.

Since the Auxiliary Emergency Fund was established, more than \$6 million has been awarded to more than 6,500 members. To continue providing this assistance, we need your generous support so please donate today and know that you are helping made a better tomorrow for you fellow Auxiliary members.

The application for assistance can be found on the National website at www.ALAforVeterans.org.

### Holiday Gift Shop Chairman Laurinda Kidd

#### **"BUILDING HOLIDAY MEMORIES FOR THE FUTURE"**

As in past years, the Christmas Holiday Gift Shops make it possible for veterans residing in VA facilities to give a gift to a loved one by means of a \$10.00 gift card from either Wal-Mart, Target, or McDonald's.

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

An order form will be given to each VA Representative to fill out with the number of gift cards needed, and with the number of veterans residing at each facility. Any unused gift cards should be returned to me or to the office. I will be needing a short report also.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP SCHEDULE FOR 2024

| ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME-QUINCY  | DECEMBER 4                                   | 9:30 A.M. |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------|
| ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME-ANNA    | DECEMBER 6                                   | 1:30 P.M. |
| MARION VA MEDICAL CENTER       | DECEMBER 2                                   | 9 A.M.    |
| ILLIANA VA-DANVILLE            | DECEMBER 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> |           |
| JESSE BROWN MEDICAL CENTER     | TBA  |           |
| HINES VA HOSPITAL              | TBA  |           |
| JAMES LOVELL FEDERAL HCC       | TBA  |           |
| ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME-LASALLE | TBA  |           |
| JEFFERSON BARRACKS HOSPITAL    | TBA  |           |
| ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME-MANTENO | TBA  |           |
| JOHN COCHRAN VA                | TBA  |           |
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### VA & R

### **Chairman Kate Weber**

As we start our year let us remember that we are "Building Support for our Veterans."

As a new physical year begins, I would like to remind everyone of the Six Point Program.

This program consists of ways we can give to our veterans.

They are, the Treasure Chest, Canteen Books, Fresh Fruit, Christmas Gift Shop, Easter Gift, and VA Nursing Homes. All of these are listed on your ALA Department of Illinois Master Snip Sheet. Monetary donations help support these programs and enable items to be purchased for the Christmas Gift Shops, as well as gift cards that enable the hospitalized veterans to purchase items for themselves that may not be available in the canteens.

Poppy funds may be used for these programs.

Each Unit who gives to each of these programs by **December 31**<sup>st</sup>, will receive a Six-Point Program Certificate at the Patriotic conference.

I hope this clarifies any questions you may have on this program.

### **Reminders!**

- There are still membership packets in the office. They will be sent out when the office receives the unit's 2024-2025 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 were sent out September 15 from National.
- Check the Snip sheet (pg. 11-12), there are so many great programs your unit can support. Our veterans and facilities are still in need.

### ATTENTION: UNIT PRESIDENTS AND UNIT TREASURERS!!

Bonding fees are due to your District Treasurer. This year it is \$16.50. Please send to your District Treasurer as soon as possible.

### VA&R Needs

#### John Cochran:

- o Men's Sweatshirts/Sweatpants (M-XXL)
- o Men's T-shirts (All Sizes)
- o Jeans (All Sizes)
- o Tennis Shoes (sizes 10 on up)
- o Men's Gym shorts (M-XXL)
- o Hygiene Needs: Body wash, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Razors

Marcia Ziska, Rep.

Jefferson Barracks:

- o Men's tennis shoes (sizes 9 on up)
- o Men's Jeans (W 30-38/I 30-36)
- o Men's Gym shorts (S-XL)
- o Men's Sweatshirts/Sweatpants (S-XL)
- o Men's swimsuits (XL-XXXL)
- o Men's Underwear (L)
- o Hygiene needs: Bar soap, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Dental Floss, & Men's deodorant

#### Barb Rose, Rep.



Members attending the Fall Forum in Canton, IL on September 21st!



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### Leadership Chairman Sue Johnson

The American Legion Auxiliary was given a blue print to what the foundation was to be built on November 10th, 1919. Enhancing the lives of our Veterans, Military and their families. Through the generations, the programs that have been our basic guide are enhanced with new developments that relate to the times of the present and moving towards our future. So building our foundation up requires members to execute and improve our foundation, with repairs, expansions, re-routing, a little demolitions to re-build, and with the proper tools to lead the way with building a brighter futures for our Veterans. We have someone bigger than us making decisions and I use my faith for guidance.

I have always considered myself to be a leader through my life's journey with leading extra curricular activities while growing-up through the years, at work I was a head life guard, head of my department in school, athletic director, a lead in a factory, a curriculum coordinator, assistant director of a preschool- daycare. I'm very optimistic and enjoy helping others succeed.

GNOME- getting the new and old members educated. To be that leader, the units would benefit for all members if they took the time during monthly meetings or on another day to gather and get informed by taking the ALA Academy courses on www.alaforveterans.org website. Building a stronger foundation (our units) throughout Illinois need to come first. We cannot expand our great organization with out training our journeymen/bricklayers and apprentices about who and what our mission is. We are always advertising, hiring and as we gain new members, to our local unions, they are reported to our Superintendent daily. They need to get the knowledge to perform their duties on the site. National offers many ALA academy courses that your members can share during each one of your meetings together. If your slate is too busy that month, set up a special meeting for just training. Members are strengthening your skills to serve Veterans, Military and their families. The newest learning modules are: How to deal with conflict. When you have a big team of Masonry Craftsmen in one unit with a lot of personalities and also making changes sometimes gets in the way causing conflict. Change can be a good thing if it meets the aims and purposes of our mission. We want our masonries to be proactive and in a positive environment. Other courses are: on fundraising, junior e-learning, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and more. There is always time to learn something new and when your learning process is complete your need to help build the foundation is over. Use your mentors for discussions and questions to help enhance your skills.

We need leaders at all levels of our organization. We are always looking for those that believe they want to seek further fulfillment in ensuring that Veterans have enriched the quality of life. They are interested on serving at District, Division and Department positions. The leader needs to be an advocate and your activism with smallest voices can make changes heard. You may have journeymen/bricklayers and apprentices interested in being a Masonry contractor and would like to travel to other states to attend ALA mission training. These dates are now available Nov.16th Nashville Tenn., and Denver Colo., Jan. 25th Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 1st Las Vegas, Nev., and Boston, Mass. Several types of communication are key for growth in what we do in our communities, showing and organizing programs in our schools, for our Veterans and our military and their families. We send off a message to the public we are there to help! When they drive by our buildings the community will know that we are a volunteer program that wants better quality of life for all in our communities, for our Veterans, military and their families. For our juniors we want them to learn how to think, not what to think by coming to mission classes.

Start to seek out the journeymen/bricklayers in your unit and watch for that person that goes above and beyond, but is content with staying only at the foundation level. Acknowledge them by nominating them to receive the Unit Member of the Year. Every unit has senior members and if every unit had one nomination, we would have a huge choice of members who deserve this award.

I will be reaching out to my leadership committees sharing ways to incorporate mentoring leadership into your units. As we progress into the future we need to develop good leaders to help guide us and make the essential decisions, big and small, that keep things moving forward!!

### **Community Service**

### **Chairman Patti Williamson**

This year "Let's make The American Legion Auxiliary the cornerstone of our communities through service" our theme. Our preamble states to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to our communities. To accomplish these objectives, we must do 3 things:

- 1. Become involved in your community in multiple ways.
- 2. Show and tell others what you are doing, let your light shine.
- 3. Understand what community service is.

The first objective is easy and you as individuals and as a unit are probably already heavily involved but one of the biggest problems is thinking of yourself as one dimensional. For example: you are a woman, married, mother, and sing in the church choir and/or teach the Sunday school. You are all that but you are still an Auxiliary member and both of those activities are community service with the time spent counting as community service hours. You may participate in other activities with other groups or organizations, but you will always be an Auxiliary member and those hours will count as community service hours for our organization even if we are not the promoters of the event.

The second objective is easy! Talk about what you are doing with other members and people in your community. Put what your unit is doing in electronic bulletin boards, social media, newsletters and newspapers. Others might become excited and want to join or get involved. More importantly, get your Juniors involved. They are our future so start training your replacements today! When you are planning an event like a dinner, blood drive, clothing or food drive at your unit think of ways to involve your Juniors and try to incorporate any ideas for the event that they might have.

Lastly understanding the community service program. Anything that improves your community such as: food banks, food drives, clothing drives, volunteer firefighter, Sunday school teacher, bible study leader, choir singer, blood donations, nursing home donations, cleaning up/ beautification of roads and parks, community boards such as park, library, community and school. You may be a Scout leader, teachers aid, coach in school or in park district. Plan events like a 5k, poker run, raffle or dinner to raise money for hospital, nursing home or other entity in the community. Community Easter Egg Hunts, Christmas parties, Halloween parties, funeral dinners, all of these events are community service.

Report everything you do and there are sheets on the National website under the forms tab that are to keep track of the many things you do and the money spent. Do you have to fill them out? The answer is no, but if your memory is like mine I highly recommend it.

There are 3 *very important dates* that your unit should be concentrating on for the community service program. 1. Make a Difference Day, October 26<sup>th</sup>, you should make plans to make a difference in your community, someone's life or a nonprofit like a food bank. 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, January 20<sup>th</sup>, your unit works in service of another nonprofit or plans a program like food drive, blood drive etc. and lastly, American Legion Family Day, April 26<sup>th</sup>, where you promote the Legion Family in your community.

|                                    | October 2024                  |   |                 |
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| ALA - Departr                      | ment of Illinois 2024-2025    | o Master Snip Sheet                             |                 |
| Mail to: American Legion Auxiliary | , Department of Illinois, P C | Box 1426, Bloomington, IL 617                   | 02-1426         |
| Dept. President's Special Project  | Auxiliary Emergen             | icy Fund  | \$              |
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| Auxiliary Emergency Fund           | AEF Fund                      |   | \$              |
| Children & Youth                   |                               |   |                 |
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| Christmas Gift Pr                  | ogram <u>\$</u>               | Rockford  | \$              |
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| ALA - Department of Illinois  | 2024-2025 Master Snip Sheet      |  |  |  |
| Mail to: American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois, PO Box 1426, Bloomington, IL 61702-1426 |                                  |  |  |  |
| Veterans Affairs & Rehab  |                                  |  |  |  |
|   | Six Point Program ***            |  |  |  |
| Treasure Chest/Hospitality <u>\$</u>  | Christmas Gift Shop <u></u>      |  |  |  |
| Canteen Books\$   | Easter Gift                      |  |  |  |
| Fresh Fruit <u>\$</u>   | VA Nursing Homes <mark>\$</mark> |  |  |  |
| Vets Medical Tra  | ansport*** <u>\$</u>             |  |  |  |
| Fisher House***   |                                  |  |  |  |
| Hospitals and F   | acilities *** General Donation\$ |  |  |  |
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| Bloomington Outpatient Clinic   | LaSalle Veterans Home            |  |  |  |
| Bob Michel Outpatient Clinic  | Capt. James Lovell FHCC \$       |  |  |  |
| Decatur Outpatient Clinic   | Manteno Veterans Home \$         |  |  |  |
| Hines VA\$  | Marion VA \$                     |  |  |  |
| Illiana VA\$  | Mattoon Outpatient Clinic \$     |  |  |  |
| Jefferson Barracks St. Louis VA   | Quincy Veterans Home \$          |  |  |  |
| John Cochran St. Louis VA <mark>\$</mark>   | Springfield Outpatient Clinic    |  |  |  |
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Please list if Hospital/Facility donation is for a special purpose or program

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| -                              | American Legion Child Welfare Found          | dation            | \$             |
| TAL Commanders Special Project | Vet & Children Relief Fund/Illinois Disaster | <sup>.</sup> Fund | \$             |
| SAL Commanders Special Project | <b>Operation Comfort Warriors</b> ***        |                   | \$             |
| National Organization          | American Legion Auxiliary Foundation         |                   | \$             |
|                                | National President's Special Project         |                   | \$             |
|                                | National Creative Arts Program ***           |                   | \$             |
| Memorial Donation to (program) |  |                   | \$             |
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| 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 2025 membership.

|    | Member ID#           | Name as it appears on the National Roster (If there has been a recent name change please |    | Name as it appears on the National Roster (If<br>there has been a recent name change please<br>include both names.)202:<br>Renev<br>SR |    | ewal New |    | 25<br>ew | Former/<br>rejoin |  |
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|    | include both names.) |  | SR | JR   | SR | JR       | SR | JR       |                   |  |
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| District | Division | President                 | Units | Goal  | Members | Goal %  |
| 3        | 1        | Karen Atkins              | 7     | 123   | 41      | 33.33%  |
| 7        | 1        |                           | 3     | 145   | 47      | 32.41%  |
| 14       | 3        | Dona Kenney               | 11    | 539   | 134     | 24.86%  |
| 18       | 4        | Debbie Myles              | 28    | 1180  | 275     | 23.31%  |
| 13       | 2        | Jerri Akins               | 15    | 556   | 125     | 22.48%  |
| 23       | 5        | Diana Owens               | 24    | 1471  | 283     | 19.24%  |
| 19       | 4        | Sandra Kirby              | 33    | 1785  | 324     | 18.15%  |
| 10       | 2        | LaVera Davis              | 13    | 564   | 102     | 18.09%  |
| 24       | 5        | April Parkhurst           | 14    | 607   | 106     | 17.46%  |
| 17       | 4        | Crystal Black             | 33    | 1346  | 231     | 17.16%  |
| 11       | 2        | Barbara Howe              | 34    | 1822  | 306     | 16.79%  |
| 15       | 3        | Michelle Gorsage          | 27    | 998   | 161     | 16.13%  |
| 8        | 1        | Lea Morsovillo            | 11    | 635   | 97      | 15.28%  |
| 4        | 1        | Gailwyn Starr             | 7     | 201   | 30      | 14.93%  |
| 22       | 5        | Marge Leezy               | 26    | 986   | 146     | 14.81%  |
| 12       | 2        | Janet Bacon               | 25    | 1648  | 241     | 14.62%  |
| 21       | 4        | Yvonne Caudle             | 16    | 633   | 91      | 14.38%  |
| 25       | 5        | Doris Bartolotti          | 14    | 757   | 101     | 13.34%  |
| 9        | 1        | Lois Kurowski             | 7     | 551   | 73      | 13.25%  |
| 16       | 3        | Teri Miller               | 25    | 1209  | 133     | 11.00%  |
| 2        | 1        |                           | 4     | 68    | 6       | 8.82%   |
| 5        | 1        | Balvina "Bo" Ranney       | 11    | 348   | 27      | 7.76%   |
| 20       | 3        | Sophia Reavley            | 19    | 646   | 38      | 5.88%   |
|          |          | Headquarters 2910         | 1     | 550   | 159     | 28.91%  |
|          |          | TOTALS                    | 408   | 19368 | 3277    | 16.92%  |
|          |          | <b>Department Stretch</b> |       | 715   |         |         |
|          |          | Illinois' National Goal   |       | 20083 | 0       | 0.00%   |
|          | 4        | Nora Hanover              |       | 4944  | 921     | 18.63%  |
|          | 2        | Karen Heller              |       | 4590  | 774     | 16.86%  |
|          | 5        | Judy Zimmerman            |       | 3821  | 636     | 16.64%  |
|          | 1        | Cathy Zito                |       | 2071  | 321     | 15.50%  |
|          | 3        | Catherine Reavley         |       | 3392  | 466     | 13.74%  |
|          | 5        | Goal Units                | 0     | 5572  | 100     | 15.7170 |

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## Dates to Remember

| October 5      | Fall Forum—Franklin Park, IL                                  |
|----------------|---|
| October 6      | Fall Forum—Rantoul, IL  |
| October 12     | Fall Forum—Steeleville, IL                                    |
| October 13     | Fall Forum—Springerton, IL                                    |
| October 19     | Fall Forum—Springfield, IL                                    |
| November 15-17 | Egyptian Past Commanders Club Jamboree - Carbondale, IL       |
| January 9-19   | American Legion Family Membership Caravan                     |
| January 24     | Lincoln Pilgrimage Award Deadline                             |
| February 11-12 | Abraham Lincoln Pilgrimage - Springfield, IL                  |
| March 21-22    | Patriotic Conference and Spring Board Meeting—Springfield, IL |
| June 15-21     | ALA Illini Girls State—Charleston, IL                         |
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