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Our Veterans

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Scenes from Christmas!



(Top Left) President Arlene Holtgrave, VA&R Chairman Kate Weber, and Rep. Barb Rose wrapping and stuffing stockings for the Jefferson Barracks Christmas Gift Store.

(Top Right) (From L to R): Detachment Commander Rick Allen, Legion Commander Joe Lampert, President Arlene Holtgrave at the Department Christmas Party.

(Bottom Left and Right) Gift Bag Stuffing Crew at John Cochran with President Arlene Holtgrave, Rep. Marcia Ziska, Dep. Mike Murphree, and Jefferson Barracks Rep. Barb Rose, and Dep. Linda Campbell.



**Arlene
Holtgrave**



**Joe
Lampert**

Oh My Goodness! Where did 2024 go? Time sure flies. Half of the Auxiliary year is over!

Welcome to the new, complete slate of 25th District officers. The 25th District Auxiliary has reorganized and is ready to get to work. Let's wish them the best and be ready to help when needed.

December was a very busy month with all the Christmas parties and the Christmas Gift Shops at the VA facilities. It was very interesting chatting with veterans during our visit to the VA Hospitals and facilities while giving them gifts and wrapping gifts for their family from the Christmas gift shops.

I did find a Friday to be at Bloomington office to stuff envelopes and had 2 members from the Breese Unit with me. Thanks JoAnn Eversgerd and Rita Diekmann for your help! We stuffed and had time to chat with the Springfield Auxiliary members who were also helping.

January is time for the Family Membership Caravan. I hope to see everyone at any stop and BRING MEMBERSHIP. Please attend any location that works best for you and bring membership. February 11-12, 2025 is the 91st Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage, sponsored by Springfield Post 32. Remember to honor the female veterans this February as well. Plans are under construction for the Junior Conference, March 15-16, 2025, at Monticello (same place as last year). All junior auxiliary members and young Sons of the American Legion are welcome. See pages 10-14 in this issue of the ALA Today for more information on the conference. The blueprints are in the works for Patriotic Conference March 21-22, 2025. We will have some very interesting speakers. The Illinois Legion Family Oratorical contest is the 1st weekend in March. Contestants are needed!

Now is also the time to start sharing information on all of our scholarships. All this information was in the unit president's packet in October, and can be found on our website. Applicants **do not** need to be members. Go to your local high school or if you know of someone that fits the qualification sponsor them. Be sure to follow the instructions with the application VERY carefully.

Till next time... STAY SAFE and have a HEALTHY and HAPPY NEW YEAR and

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

Valentines Day. GOD BLESS AMERICA!!

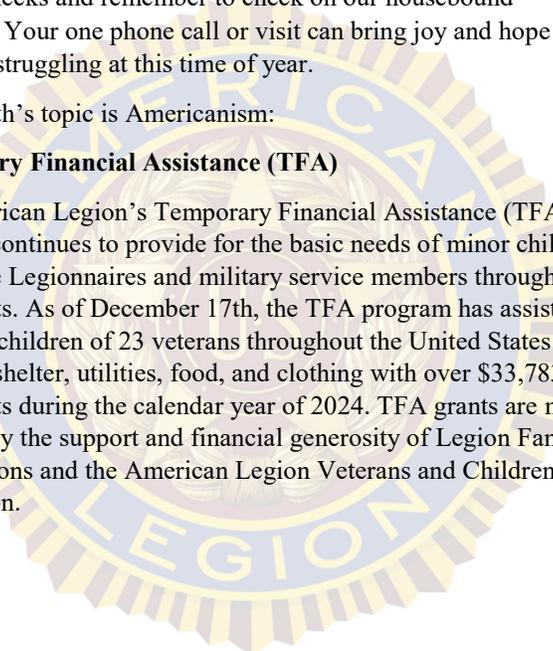
Greetings,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday and I wish you all a joyous New Year! Now is the time to shake off the winter lull and get back to the good work of our American Legion Family! Our next BIG event is the Legion Family Membership Caravan. Our guest speaker is TAL National Vice Commander Roger Mathison. President Arlene, Commander Rick and I look forward to seeing ALL of you as we tour our great state. The holiday season is a time of joyful celebration with family and friends, however, there are those who are saddened due to health issues or the loss of loved ones. Now, more than ever, please continue with Buddy Checks and remember to check on our housebound members. Your one phone call or visit can bring joy and hope to someone struggling at this time of year.

This month's topic is Americanism:

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)

The American Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program continues to provide for the basic needs of minor children of eligible Legionnaires and military service members through cash grants. As of December 17th, the TFA program has assisted 69 minor children of 23 veterans throughout the United States maintain shelter, utilities, food, and clothing with over \$33,783 in cash grants during the calendar year of 2024. TFA grants are made possible by the support and financial generosity of Legion Family contributions and the American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation.





**Rick
Allen**



**Membership
Chairman**

Joyce Huelsmann

Greetings Legion Family !

Hope you had a Merry Christmas! Welcome to 2025 and a great start for a New Year. We have started new squadrons and still more to start. Membership is doing well. We are 7th in the nation. We still have Uncertified Squadrons and we are working on these. The membership should have been paid by the 31st of December 2024. Please take care of these asap.

Caravan will be taking off on 9th of January with the National Sons of the American Legion Commander Joseph Navarrete. He issued a challenge to the Sons Nationwide 1) to reach a goal of 400,000 members, 2) to raise 500,000 for Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF) , and 3) to take the pledge to become trained in the Be The One mission to prevent veteran suicide. Illinois can reach out and take our place in this challenge with the help from the membership.

Thank you to those who helped stuff envelopes for the drawing at Lincoln Pilgrimage do not forget to write down your volunteer hours! Remember the sons are also selling tickets for the Detachment of IL to be drawn on the 29th of March. Contact a Sons member today and we will have them with us on the Caravan.

My program is Operation Comfort Warrior (OCW). Donations for this program are greatly appreciated. For more info on this program, check out (legion.org/ocw). This program was created for veterans to provide “non-essentials” that will help wounded warriors in their recovery that are not covered under other programs.

Lincoln Pilgrimage is coming up on February 11-12 in Springfield.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Caravan!

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

WOW, here we are in 2025! I sure hope everyone had a wonderful holiday!

I enjoyed traveling with Department President Arlene Holtgrave attending several of the Gift Shops for veterans during December. Thank you to all the Veteran Homes Representatives who do an amazing job not only at Christmas time but throughout the year.

Membership is my main objective this year and I appreciate that members are getting dues into the department. I am still striving for our department to reach the national goal of 85% by March 15, so that we can make our National Vice-President Pam Ray proud at the National Convention in Tampa, FL in August of 2025.

Congratulations to the top Districts in each division, and to the top Division in the department.

I am looking forward to the family caravan that will be happening January 9 – 18, 2025. Please try to attend one of the stops that will work with your schedule. President Arlene and I will be traveling with Department Commander Joe Lampert & his team, Detachment Commander Rick Allen & his team. Just a reminder: **“that any dues paid on-line January 1 through caravan will be counted as paid at the caravan and the Unit will receive credit at caravan stops.”** Please remember to bring membership to the caravan stops!

Congratulations to the 25th District with the installation of their new officers to fulfill the remainder of the 2024-2025 membership year. Patty Edwards, Carterville #347 as President; Diana Steele, Villa Ridge #178 as First Vice; Kathy Arendt, Orient #1961 as Chaplain; Brenda Williamson, Murphysboro #127 as Historian; Kathleen Cohen, Benton #280 as Treasurer; Rebekah West, Murphysboro #127 as Secretary; Marsha Bundy, Carterville #347 as the Sgt-at-Arms.

Please remember to continue turning in your membership dues consistently.

Hoping to see many auxiliary members at the January caravans!

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, 2025**. 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, 2025.

Arlene Holtgrave
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, 2025**.

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 10, 11, 12, 2025**. 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.

Arlene Holtgrave, Department President

American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State

Warm wishes for a Happy 2025! This year the ALA IGS Committee is, "Providing the building blocks and tools to our future voters and leaders for a bright civic and political future."

The 84th session of ALA IGS Illini Girls State will be held on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston from Sunday June 15th to Saturday June 21st, 2025. During the week, the citizens will learn about the voting process, campaigning, elections, flag etiquette, patriotism and more. The committee has voted to keep the fee at \$300 for 2025. The fall packet included the citizen application, program brochure and other pertinent information. The application is also available online. We have a new and updated website for you to utilize and share with citizens, sponsors, and members. <https://alaiigs.org/>

Recruiting and promoting this life-changing program is vital. We are asking all units to send at least one citizen to the 84th session. We also welcome donations to be sent to the Department Office for the program if the unit is unable to find or send a citizen. The ALA IGS committee works to match interested citizens with sponsorships, we do not want to turn any young lady away. Again, this year the committee will be doing a unit raffle, awarding two units a registration refund when the registration fee and completed application is in to the Department office by April 1, 2025 (first deadline) and May 1, 2025 (second deadline). We appreciate early applications to help the committee to better prepare for the session with knowledge of citizen numbers.

Now is the time to reach out to your schools and home schoolers or home school groups. We want to be the first program on these young ladies minds as they are making their summer plans. Once you have your citizen, please make sure the application is fully completed, all sections. This information is used to process the application and assign them their city at the program.

Remember we no longer offer transportation to or from the program. Options for transportation include carpooling or Units offering a gas card. On the application this year we have a line asking if they would like to share their information for carpooling. Although we discourage citizens from driving themselves, permission can be given by the Director.

In January, to increase awareness of our program, the ALA IGS committee will be sending out an email to all the schools in Illinois. However, we still need and want all Auxiliary members to reach out to their schools. But as a committee, we are also working to get the word out to help increase our attendance. To cover the cost of the program, we need a minimum of 300 citizens.

I will also be in communication with the Unit, District, and Division leadership and chairpersons to see how I can be of assistance in promoting and recruiting for the program. I know that working together we can see our numbers increase.

In January/February, be on the lookout for our ALA IGS Wishlist on Facebook and Instagram.

The planning of the ALA IGS 84th session began at the beginning of August and continues to be a work in progress. We are looking forward to meeting our future leaders and giving them an awesome ALA IGS life-changing experience. Please know the ALA IGS committee is always here to help you, just ask.

Linda Fagan
ALA IGS 2025 Director

FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICE USE ONLY

\$ _____ REG. FEE

2025 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 _____

May we share your email and phone number with applicants that might want to carpool to the session? _____ Yes _____ No

*****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 2024-2025 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 15-21, 2025 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 _____ 2024-2025 _____
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

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.
- Check the Snip sheet (pg. 19-20), 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.
If you need Treasurer information, contact your District President or call the Department Office.

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, scroll down and select "Subscribe". You then can 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 in case you do not receive emails from us.

ATTENTION DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS MEMBERS

It is Illinois' turn to have a National Central Division Vice President. The election will take place at our Department Convention in July. We will announce our candidate at the caucus at National (2025) and they will be elected at the National Convention 2026 to serve for the 2026-2027 administrative year.

The candidate (s) will be in the ALA today May-June issue. They will follow the same deadline of having a picture and information to the office no later than April 1st.

If you have any questions, please notify the Department office.

Sharon Conatser executivesecretary@ilala.org 217-369-6211

Part-Time Bookkeeper Needed

The Department Office is looking for a part-time bookkeeper. 20 hours a week with more hours during peak times. Send your resume to executivesecretary@ilala.org if you are interested.

There is a possibility that part of this could be remote.

Sharon Conatser
Managing Director/Department Executive Secretary

National Security

Chairman Linda Iberg

Attn: Illinois Service Members

For a copy of the Legal Rights of Illinois Service Members handbook, please contact:

Office of Attorney General Kwame Raoul
Military and Veterans Rights Bureau
291 West Pointe Drive Suite 7
Belleville, Illinois 62226
1-800-382-3000

Individuals with hearing or speech disabilities can reach them by 7-1-1 relay service.

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 needed 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.

ALAMIS Information

Unit Full \$20.00 - Can pay unit dues electronically as well

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

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

If you are keeping the same access you had in 2024, no new form is needed.

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

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

96th 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 21st, 2025 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 \$115.00 plus tax. DEADLINE DATE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS MARCH 3RD, 2025.

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, 2025 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	Chicken Francesca: Chicken Breast with garlic lemon butter and caprese relish

***Garden Salad, Yukon roasted herb potatoes, and strawberry cheesecake or carrot 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.

Pouring a Strong Foundation to Build a Brighter Future for Our Veterans

**American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois
Department Junior and Young Sons Conference**

March 15 & 16, 2025

**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 Lyla Frerichs 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, March 15th: 11:00-12:00 noon will be registration of Juniors & Seniors, contest entries, and flags. The Conference will start at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. On Saturday evening, we will again be hosting our pajama party with a few surprises 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 at [\(217\) 762-9436](tel:2177629436). The room rate is \$139.99 per night. Room cut off is March 1, 2025.



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 March 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.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

SENIOR (Adult) MEMBER(S) attending Conference

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Questions?

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

JUNIOR GRADUATION CEREMONY

Juniors **MUST** be 18 years of age by July 31, 2025 to participate!

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

Unit Junior Advisor Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address _____

Detach & mail by March 1, 2025, to Angie Mulligan, 605 Bethel Dr. Joliet, IL 60435 (mickeym@ameritech.net)

JUNIOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

Name of deceased Junior since April 1, 2024.

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

Unit Junior Advisor Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address _____

Detach & mail by March 1, 2025, to Angie Mulligan, 605 Bethel Dr. Joliet, IL 60435

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	

<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:		ZIP:	
STATE:		PHONE #:	
ORDER TO BE PICKED UP AT SEMINAR or MEETING			

ITEM	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
POPPIES— \$150.00 Per Thousand		\$
POPPIES— \$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 ***		
<i>Add shipping costs if order is to be mailed</i>		SHIPPING \$ 14.00
TOTAL		\$

REMEMBER
Shipping Costs have increased

Make All Checks Payable To: The American Legion, Dept. of Illinois

Do NOT send Cash!

CREDIT CARD # _____

CHECK ONLY ONE: VISA MC AMEX DISCVR CHECK CHECK # _____

Credit Card Exp. Date _____

Credit Card Holder Signature _____

Security Code # _____

<p>Please bring this order form when picking up your Poppies at the DIVISION POPPY SEMINARS</p>	OR	<p>Mail this order form to: The American Legion Department of Illinois P.O. Box 2910 Bloomington, IL 61702</p>	OR	<p><i>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.</i></p>
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SIGNATURE OF PERSON REQUESTING THIS ORDER

DATE

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

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

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		

EASTER GIFT PROGRAM

Easter gifts in the amount of \$5.00 will be provided for the Veterans who are hospitalized, in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or are homebound due to health issues. This program is made possible through Unit contributions to the 5th point in the 6 Point Program. An Easter card will also be provided by the Department to accompany the \$5.00 Easter gift. **Please note: You do not need names of veterans, just how many.** Veterans in VA Medical Centers and State facilities will be counted by their representatives.

PLEASE NOTE: Make sure your unit officers' lists are up to date and filed with the department. We need to know who the treasurer is and the correct contact information, or else items will be withheld until that is corrected.

Report your numbers on the survey sheet below **by April 4th, 2025. Don't be late.**

Laurinda Kidd

PO Box 276, Leland, IL 60531

Lk8thilcav@hotmail.com

UNIT NAME: _____ UNIT NUMBER _____ DISTRICT _____

FACILITY NAME:

HOW MANY VETERANS:

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOMEBOUND VETERANS _____

***TOTAL NUMBER OF VETERANS** _____

Checks and cards will be sent to the Unit treasurer

UNIT TREASURER _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

AREA CODE AND PHONE NUMBER _____

UNIT PRESIDENT _____

ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND EMAIL _____

VA & R Needs

Jefferson Barracks:

- Winter Coats (all sizes)
- Hats and Gloves
- Swimming trunks (S-XL)
- Ladies One Piece Swimsuits (S-XL)
- Men's shoes (Size 9-12)

Barb Rose, Rep.

John Cochran VAMC:

- Winter Coats (L-2XL)
- Shoes (Sizes 9-12)
- Gloves and Hats

Marcia Ziska, Rep.

Please remember that all monetary donations are appreciated!

American Legion Family Sweepstakes

Drawings for prizes up to \$10,000 will be **Wednesday, February 12, 2025**, during Lincoln Pilgrimage. Please remember to send in your ticket stubs and check for this extremely successful fund raiser.

Salute to Servicemembers Award

Now is a great time to find a service member to nominate for the American Legion Auxiliary National award "Salute to Servicemembers".

This award was established in 2003 for honoring women veterans then to honor active duty women, and now to honoring all enlisted personnel who are currently serving our country in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force and the National Guard/Reserve.

One enlisted servicemember from each branch of service as well as the National Guard/Reserve will be recognized at the National Convention.

The rules of eligibility and nomination requirements can be found at <https://www.legion-aux.org/Salute-to-Servicewoman-Award> or <https://member-legion-aux.org/Salute-to-Servicemembers>. Just click on "nomination form" !

The deadline is June 1, 2025 but nominations are being accepted NOW!!! Don't wait ... Illinois has many servicemembers that deserve this recognition!

Linda Iberg, Department of Illinois Second Vice-President/National Security Chair 2024-2025

Team Illinois Items for Pam Ray!

Shirts/Cardigan: Small to XL \$55

2XL-4XL \$65

Buttons: \$2 each

We will be wearing them at installation in Tampa on August 27, 2025.

Get your order in now!!

Contact:

Sharon Conatser

Email: sconatser44@live.com Cell: 217-369-6211



ALA - Department of Illinois 2024-2025 Master Snip Sheet

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

Dept. President's Special Project	Auxiliary Emergency Fund	\$
Americanism	Americanism Fund	\$
	Spirit of Youth Fund	\$
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	AEF Fund	\$
Children & Youth		
	Children's Miracle Network	\$
	Chicago/	
Christmas Gift Program	Rockford	\$
Children & Youth	Peoria	\$
Scholarship		
	Springfield/	
Special Olympics	Champaign	\$
	St. Louis	\$
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 Center	\$
	Midway	\$
	O'Hare	\$
	Marseilles Training	
	Center	\$
	St. Louis	\$
Past Presidents		
Parley	Nurses Scholarship	\$
	Parley Dues - \$1 per Past President (include Parley Dues Form)	\$

Total \$

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

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

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Veterans Affairs & Rehab	\$ _____
	Six Point Program ***
Treasure Chest/Hospitality \$ _____	Christmas Gift Shop \$ _____
Canteen Books \$ _____	Easter Gift \$ _____
Fresh Fruit \$ _____	VA Nursing Homes \$ _____
Vets Medical Transport*** \$ _____	
Fisher House*** \$ _____	
	Hospitals and Facilities ***
Anna Veterans Home \$ _____	General Donation \$ _____
Bloomington Outpatient Clinic \$ _____	Jesse Brown VA \$ _____
Bob Michel Outpatient Clinic \$ _____	LaSalle Veterans Home \$ _____
Decatur Outpatient Clinic \$ _____	Capt. James Lovell FHCC \$ _____
Hines VA \$ _____	Manteno Veterans Home \$ _____
Illiana VA \$ _____	Marion VA \$ _____
Jefferson Barracks St. Louis VA \$ _____	Mattoon Outpatient Clinic \$ _____
John Cochran St. Louis VA \$ _____	Quincy Veterans Home \$ _____
	Springfield Outpatient Clinic \$ _____

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

The American Legion	Gifts to the Yanks ***	\$ _____
	American Legion Child Welfare Foundation	\$ _____
TAL Commanders Special Project	Vet & Children Relief Fund/Illinois Disaster Fund	\$ _____
SAL Commanders Special Project	Operation Comfort Warriors ***	\$ _____
National Organization	American Legion Auxiliary Foundation	\$ _____
	National President's Special Project	\$ _____
	National Creative Arts Program ***	\$ _____
Memorial Donation to (program) _____		\$ _____
In honor of _____		
Acknowledgement Sent to _____		
	Total	\$ _____

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

Date _____ Unit Name _____ Unit # _____
 Submitted by _____ Phone _____ email _____



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2025 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 2025 membership.

	Member ID#	Name as it appears on the National Roster (If there has been a recent name change please include both names.)	2025 Renewal		2025 New		Former/rejoin	
			SR	JR	SR	JR	SR	JR
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Dates to Remember

- January 9-19 American Legion Family Membership Caravan
- January 24 Lincoln Pilgrimage Award Deadline
- February 11-12 Abraham Lincoln Pilgrimage - Springfield, IL
- March 15-16 Juniors and Young Sons Conference—Monticello, IL
- March 21-22 Patriotic Conference and Spring Board Meeting—Springfield, IL
- March 29 SAL Commander Rick Allen’s Homecoming—Cullom, IL
- June 15-21 ALA Illini Girls State—Charleston, IL
- July 10 100% Membership Target Date—Department Convention
- July 10-13 Department Convention—Springfield, IL