

# Department News

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



2016–2017 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER CHERI L. STANTON

MAY 2017



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

AS OF  
APRIL 27, 2017

## TOP 10 DISTRICT AND DIVISION RANKINGS

### District Commander

7	LEPINSKI
5	DEARBONE
9	FUGGITI
25	PICOU
21	VANCE
17	NAGEL
19	LAUFHUTTE
2	RODRIGUEZ
12	JOHNSON
15	HAZZARD

### Division Commander

1	WHYTE
4	DUDLEY
3	KILKENNY
2	DAVIS JR.
5	SMITH

# AMERICAN LEGION National Poppy Day™ MAY 26 2017

*Legion Family Flower of Remembrance*  
*May's showers have nothing to do with these flowers*



The one bright color on the shell torn fields and hills of these war-torn areas was the little, red poppy. On the edges of the trenches, in the ragged shell holes, brave little poppies grew and bloomed on the graves of those men buried in the sacred plots of French soil, which was Flanders Field. Remembrances of the cheery bright red flowers returned to America with our boys. And so, the poppy became the symbol of the dead, their memorial flower. It became the sign that the high ideals for which these brave young men gave their lives, still live, and are honored.

This little red fabric flower, which was created to honor those killed in World War I was made the official memorial flower of The American Legion in 1920 and The American Legion Auxiliary in 1921. The poppy program was made one of our national programs in 1924.

Today, the Legion's poppies are made by disabled veterans all winter in order for them to be distributed each May. Poppy distribution is still going strong. Last year, throughout the United States nearly \$2 million was collected from poppy distribution and allocated to disabled or hospitalized veterans.

Volunteers with the American Legion each year sell these little red fabric poppies at local businesses and street corners. There is no required donation; everyone is asked to give whatever they are able. The annual fundraiser supplies money to Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Homes. Money also goes to the Ladies Auxiliary to help local veterans.






Remember by wearing a Poppy!

## EVERYONE CAN HELP

There are many ways individuals and groups can help bring greater awareness to this symbolic flower, remember our fallen and support the living heroes on

**National Poppy Day™, May 26, 2017**

Anyone can participate in National Poppy Day™. Here are a few simple ways:

-  Wear a red poppy all day and tell everyone why.
-  Distribute poppies to friends, co-workers and family and tell everyone why.
-  Collect donations at your workplace to give to Poppy Program. (to order a Poppy can go to: <http://emblem.legion.org>)
-  Tell the story on Facebook of who you are wearing your poppy to remember or support on National Poppy Day. Don't forget to tag us! **#PoppyDay #AmericanLegion**
-  Accept a poppy and make a donation if you see a member of The American Legion Family in your neighborhood distributing poppies.





## From The Desk of Department Commander Cheri L. Stanton



I want to thank each one of you for allowing me to serve you this year. It amazes me going all over the state and people still didn't know we had a female Commander. That didn't bother me as much as some of our own people not knowing about a lot of our programs.

Went to "THE HAVEN" this month to help serve a meal for veterans and visit. Lots of men and women from the Nashville Post were there. Their post had gotten some money from their "Queen of Harts Game," and wanted to donate something to "THE HAVEN". They gave them \$2,000 plus lots and lots of paper products and food for the veterans. They serve meals each week to different veteran groups so they can get out and enjoy a little nature and

fishing. On this particular day, they had an Easter Egg Hunt. Several visitors remarked about driving by many times, but not really knowing what it was for or did. They left informed and talking about future donations.

We are still accepting applications for American Legion Premier Boys State, American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, and Youth Police School. If you are not able to get a student, there are lots of posts who have more than usual going. Please help them sponsor a youth.

It would be nice for Legionnaires to take time to visit Boys State, Girls State, Special Olympics tent, and the Youth Police School to see what these programs are all about. All we need is a better understanding of OUR programs to be able to inform our participants as well as ourselves.

I hope our Vietnam Veterans are taking advantage of all the celebrations honoring them this year. Glen Ellyn has a special ceremony on April 25, and on

April 30, there is a celebration honoring them at Busch Stadium before the Cardinals/Reds Game. (We had the info in our newsletter last month.)

May has me going to Indy for Spring Meetings and walking in the Veteran's Awareness Walk 22 on May 13. (It will be covered by Cannel 4 NEWS.) Then off to Great Lakes Graduation, Armed Forces Day Festivities, and 9th District Luncheon.

For a lot of our posts, we will be distributing Poppy's this month as well as honoring our fallen on Memorial Day. Please take time to look up a little history of your post to tell about at your services. Many posts have a few special Legionnaires to remember or something about who your post was named after. And remember May 26th is National Poppy Day.

In closing, I want to wish all of the moms out there HAPPY MOTHERS DAY and for everyone to have a safe MEMORIAL DAY!



## From The Desk of Department Sr. Vice Commander Bob Henderson



April has been busy with the revitalizations in the 10<sup>th</sup> District at Antioch. The 11<sup>th</sup> District at Aurora and Joliet and the DEC at Bloomington.

There was a Ruck March at Parkland.

We have been working hard on getting new members and expired members with the \$20.00 special for March and April. You had until April 30<sup>th</sup> to get the members signed up.

There is still time to set up a revitalization, so contact Chad Woodburn and get one set up. Everybody has really been working hard this year and the Commander and I appreciate what you have done. We are down to crunch

time now so we have to work harder to get those members signed up.

The Division and District Officers need to be out talking to their Posts Commanders to get them 103%. There are a few posts that only need one or two members to be 100%. We need to get out there and help those Posts get members so they can be 100%. There are still members on the 2910 list that haven't been contacted yet, please contact them by calling or knock on their doors and let them know you CARE. It has been a long year but we still got almost two more months to get those members for 2017. I want to thank all that have worked so hard for the American Legion this Year. **THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE.**

May will also be a busy month. National Spring meetings are May 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> so we will be learning what the

National Commander has to say. Then after the Spring meetings we have the Milan Awareness Walk 22 on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

The Armed Forces Day Celebration / Dinner is May the 20<sup>th</sup> in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division.

Then it'll be Memorial Day weekend. Hoping you are planning something for your Post on Memorial Day, May the 29th.

The Commander and I want you to be talking up the Department Convention in July. We want to increase the number of Legion Members and their families who are at the convention. If they haven't been to the convention ask them to come and see what we do even if it is only for one day. Our Organization is worth at least one day.



## *From The Desk of Department Auxiliary President Luella Buske*



**M**ay is here and spring is bringing Unit visits and preparation for Department Convention. In the past month I have been fortunate to attend many spring luncheons and Unit meetings and dinners to recognize Past Presidents and Gold star members. Past Presidents are truly appreciated. Their prior service has left an impression on the members and those who have served after them. They are a wealth of

knowledge and great supporters for whatever current Presidents do. I am sure that all of you feel the same way about our Past Commanders.

I have met many people this year that have truly impressed me. They belong to the American Legion Family because they appreciate our veterans, our military, and their families. They belong so they can give back to those who gave so much. They belong because it is the right thing to do. Please go out and recruit members to joint this great family. **IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO!!**

I look forward to meeting many

more of you over the next two months as I complete my year as President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois. Thank you all for your service to this great country. You are all deserving of our thanks and our appreciation for your dedication to this country.

Don't forget my personal award of \$100 to the post that signs up the most new members in the Auxiliary. Please send your list of those you recruited to me by Flag Day, June 14th. I will announce the winner when I visit your convention floor.

*May 26th is National Poppy Day!*



## *From The Desk of Detachment Commander Phil Shipley*



**W**OW! What a year it has been so far!

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that participated in The American Legion's observance of "Children & Youth" month. Everything you did during April to the benefit of our communities' children is an investment in our future. I want to thank The American Legion Auxiliary for inviting me to attend the ALA Jr. Conference in Springfield this year. I had a great time and know that we will see good things from our future ALA leaders. What a huge success!

Some of this is old news, but I

wanted you to know just how busy your Detachment has been. We have participated in the National Statewide membership caravan, the annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of President Abraham Lincoln, and have participated in the ALA Patriotic Conference! All of this with just one goal in mind and that was to continue the traditions that have made the American Legion Family so Great!

In the summer of 1932 The American Legion voted into existence the Sons of The American Legion as one of their programs to continue the legacy of the four pillars on which The American Legion was founded. It has been one of my biggest honors to serve as your Detachment Commander during this 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year.

I want to extend my personal invitation to all of The American Legion Family to stop by during the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Sons of The American Legion Detachment Convention to be held June 23 – 26, 2017 at American Legion Post # 102 in DeLand, Illinois. It is here that we together will celebrate not only our 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary but all of the goals we have worked so hard for this past year. Come and see what together; **"Shooting for Membership"**, the Illinois Sons of The American Legion have accomplished as we continue to serve for God and Country.





# Did You Know?

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That we can go months at a time and sometimes even a whole year without any new changes to our Veterans Administration benefits. Then suddenly we get a spurt of changes and/or new laws. Recently there have been three which I want to advise you on and ask your help in particular with the last one.

## **BRONZE MEDALLION**

Most of us know by now that when we pass away we are entitled to a free government headstone. Many veterans, for various reasons, are interred in a private cemetery. It could be for religious reasons, to be close to a deceased spouse or family plot or for the shorter distance to visit the grave. Often times a headstone is purchased privately and there is no indication on those stones that a veteran occupies the grave. Until recently the Veterans Administration would furnish a Bronze Medallion to mark the grave BUT the veteran's death had to be after October 31, 1990. That law was changed and now any veteran who died since World War I can get this Medallion which can be placed on the private headstone. All branches of service are recognized and the sizes range from 2" x 1 1/2" to 6 3/8" x 4 3/4" / The proper form to request this is 40-1330M and can be obtained by calling the National Call Center (1-800-827-1000) of the Veterans Administration. And by the way, this change was a direct result of one of our resolutions that was submitted by a Post in the 1st Division. It was passed at our State Convention and went on to our National Convention where it was also passed and became part of our legislative agenda!

## **PRE-NEED DETERMINATION FOR BURIAL IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY**

Prior to this change, a veteran's family had to wait until the veteran passed away to determine eligibility for burial. Often times discharge papers were missing or misplaced and veterans ended up being buried in a private cemetery. Now a veteran can apply for eligibility ahead of time. After the proper form is processed the Veterans Administration cemetery system will keep a permanent record of eligibility. Upon a veterans death the Funeral Director need only call the Veterans Administration cemetery and furnish the Social Security number. You can also apply for pre-approval for your spouse. Once I heard of this law change I applied for both myself and my spouse. We are now on file! And remember, even if pre-approved you or your family can always change their mind and be buried privately. The correct form number is 40-10007 and can also be obtained at the above telephone number.

## **CAMP LEJEUNE DISABILITY PRESUMPTIVES**

The regulations are now in place. If you served at Camp Lejeune for a minimum (cumulative) of 30 days between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1986 you may now qualify for possible Veterans Administration service-connected compensation. This includes Reserve and National Guard members. The following conditions have been approved:

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|---|--------------------------|
| * Adult leukemia                                      | * Bladder cancer         |
| * Parkinson's disease                                 | * Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma |
| * Kidney cancer                                       | * Liver cancer           |
| * Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes | * Multiple myeloma       |

This last one we can use your help. If you know of a veteran who meets the above requirements but died and left a widow or widower, that surviving spouse may qualify. Please have them contact our office as-soon-as-possible!

**You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give.**

**Winston Churchill**

## 54th Annual Detachment Convention

June 23-25, 2017



### DELAND AMERICAN LEGION POST 102 Deland, Illinois

Detachment Convention hotel accommodations are at the Best Western Monticello Gateway Inn, located at 805 Iron Horse Place, Monticello, IL 61856. Call 217-762-9436 to reserve your room now. Group booking ID **G65DG8T8**. Reserve ASAP, deadline in for discounted group rate is May 27, 2017.

We will have a Bowling Tournament on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Monticello Bowl & Lounge. 1412 N. Market St. Monticello, IL. Registrations begins at 4:00 PM. Tournament starts promptly at 4:30 PM. Open to the entire American Legion Family.

### FRIDAY.....

Friday Agenda to be held at American Legion Post 102, Deland, IL unless otherwise noted.

- ◆ 3:00PM- 5:00PM—Detachment Convention Registration
- ◆ 4:45PM—Scholarship Application Judging
- ◆ 5:30PM—D.E.C Meeting
- ◆ 6:30PM—Dinner

**Commander's Homecoming to be held 7:30 PM—Midnight at Convention Hotel (Best Western—Monticello Gateway Inn).**

### SATURDAY.....

**Past Detachment Commander's Breakfast to be held at 7:00 AM located at the Monticello Red Wheel 803 Iron Horse Place, Monticello, IL.**

Saturday Agenda to be held at American Legion Post 102, Deland, IL unless otherwise noted.

- ◆ 9:00AM—2:00PM—Detachment Convention Registration
- ◆ 9:00AM—11:30AM—Convention Committee Meetings
- ◆ 1:00PM—4:00PM(approx.) - 54th Annual Convention Session 1  
*Convention Business. Introduction of guests.*

**Bowling Tournament at Monticello Bowl & Lounge. Registration at 4:00 PM, Tournament begins promptly at 4:30 PM.**

### SUNDAY.....

Sunday Agenda to be held at American Legion Post 102, Deland, IL unless otherwise noted.

- ◆ 8:30AM—10:00AM—Detachment Convention Registration

**Memorial Service to be held at 8:30 AM at Goose Creek Township Cemetery in Deland, IL.**

- ◆ 10:00AM—54th Annual Convention Session 2  
*Convention Business. Election of Officers. Installation of Officers. Close of Convention.*

*National Convention Delegation meeting. Immediately following the adjournment of the Detachment Executive Committee (D.E.C) meeting. For All elected Delegates of the 46th Annual National Sons of The American Legion Convention. This meeting is for the purpose to discuss items pertaining to the upcoming National Convention in Reno, NV.*



Department Commander Cheri Stanton and Department Senior Vice Commander Bob Henderson working with District 11 and Post 1080 revitalizing Will County



Parkland College (Student Veterans Association) "Ruck" March for Veterans Awareness in Champaign, IL was held April 15th.

Supporting those who marched were (L-R) 19th District Junior Vice Commander Sheryl Walker, Department of Illinois American Legion Assistant Adjutant Gary Jensen, Past 19th District Commander Robbie Walker and Past 19th District Commander Paul Haines.



*From The Desk of the  
Membership Director  
Chad J. Woodburn*



*American Legion Illinois  
Premier Boys State*

[www.illinoisboysstate.org](http://www.illinoisboysstate.org)

The membership year is quickly coming to an end. We need to continue our push for not only new members, but those members who haven't paid for this year. We need to re-emphasis to members that have yet to pay for this year, that they ARE EXPIRED, and cannot receive the benefits that come with membership if they need them until they are paid up.

We are currently 14<sup>th</sup> in the Nation, and out of the large departments, we are 1<sup>st</sup>. Your hard work has not gone un-noticed. We are getting phone calls and emails from other departments trying to find out how we are doing so well in membership. My first reply to them is hard work by everyone at the Post and District level in recruiting and retention. My next comment to them is District revitalizations. A lot of departments don't spend days in a District. They may work a day or two at the most. But spending time knocking on doors and talking to people is by far the best way to retain members.

Department Convention is fast approaching and I'd like to encourage everyone to attend. Thursday July there will be a Post Adjutant training from 11:00am-2:00pm. Anyone that is currently, or will be an Adjutant should attend. From 10:00am -11:00am there will be a Chaplains conference. Even if you just come down Friday night for the street party and stay for the end of convention on Saturday, there is plenty to see and learn.

Thank you for everyone's hard work on membership this year! Let's keep pushing forward we're almost there!

Have you liked our department Facebook page? If not, please do, The American Legion Department of Illinois is the page address. There is a lot of information that we have started pushing on the page.

*"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team."*

— Phil Jackson

## One month left!!!

Are you excited? If not, you should be. The month leading up to the American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State is one of the most anticipated months of the year, not only for the boys, but also for the staff! This is crunch time! Let's make a hard push throughout our communities to make this one of the most well attended sessions in years! We are planning an exciting, rewarding, most memorable week for our future community leaders. If you would like to be part of our success please ensure that your post is sending at least two boys. If you need any assistance in promoting the program please reach out to your district chairman.

It takes all of us working together in order to make this year truly *"A Week That Shapes A Lifetime"*.



# 2017



## YOUTH POLICE PROGRAM

**Springfield, IL  
JUNE 25 - 30, 2017**

**Males and Females ages 14 - 16**

**Deadline: May 26, 2017**

**Arrive: June 25th at 10:00 AM**

**Graduation: June 30th**

**Applications available online [www.illegion.org](http://www.illegion.org)  
or call the print shop at Department  
Headquarters 309-663-0361  
to have one mailed to you.**





# National Executive Committee Resolution No. 16

## Rendering Proper Respect

### ATTENTION ALL POSTS

#### *Important Notice*

*The American Legion is a strong supporter of the protection of the American Flag. The American Legion realizes there are proper platforms for expressing protest or disagreements. We vehemently reject using disrespect to the Flag of our Nation or the National Anthem as a way of protesting. The National Executive Committee passed the enclosed resolution addressing the issue for participants in our Youth programs.*

*Illinois strongly supports the action of The National Executive Committee. This means that local Posts will need to screen all participants in Boys State, Youth Police School, Oratorical Contest, American Legion Baseball or other programs to ensure compliance. Please take the time during the screening process to eliminate the embarrassment latter.*

*We support an individual's right to protest, but using our programs as a platform for that protest will not be allowed. Please ensure that whoever screens applications for participation in our Youth programs is aware of this new policy.*

*If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Department Adjutant at 309-663-0361.*

### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA OCTOBER 12-13, 2016

#### **Resolution No. 16: Expectations for Rendering Proper Respect when Participating in Programs of The American Legion**

**Origin: Americanism Commission**

**Submitted By: Americanism Commission  
(As amended)**

- WHEREAS, The American Legion since its founding has supported this country, and
- WHEREAS, Countless members of The American Legion died defending the Constitution of the United States and the First Amendment; and
- WHEREAS, The American Legion has fought bigotry, racism and similar concepts since its founding; and
- WHEREAS, The Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion pledges that "For God and Country" we shall associate ourselves together "To foster and perpetuate a 100 percent Americanism"; and
- WHEREAS, There have been public displays of disrespect to the Flag of the United States, including during the National Anthem, by certain individuals, groups and others failing to show respect thereto; and
- WHEREAS, The American Legion realizes there are proper platforms for expressing protest or disagreement; and
- WHEREAS, The American Legion vehemently rejects using disrespect to the Flag of the United States or the National Anthem as a platform for publicly expressing protest or disagreement; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 12-13, 2016, That The American Legion expects participants of all its programs to show proper respect to the Flag of the United States, at all times, including during the National Anthem; and, be it further**
- RESOLVED, That the national organization of The American Legion recommends to departments and posts that the chairman or director of any American Legion program make clear to all participants in advance of the program that The American Legion has the expectation for rendering proper respect to the Flag of the United States, at all times, including during the National Anthem; and, be it further**
- RESOLVED, That if any participant of any program of The American Legion cannot or will not live up to this expectation, the individual should not be a participant in American Legion programs; and, be it finally**
- RESOLVED, That if any participant of any national-level program of The American Legion cannot or will not live up to this expectation, the individual will be removed from the program and not be allowed any further participation.**

# Someplace That You Should Know

Back in 2014, Mary Carmody saw that there was critical need to support the nearly 4,000 at-risk Veterans that currently reside in Lake County and personally created the Midwest Veterans Closet, where Veterans shop free!

It is located just a few blocks north of the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Center and just west of the Naval Station Great Lakes Recruit Training Command in North Chicago. The Midwest Veterans Closet occupies some 2,500 Square Feet where Mary together with two unpaid volunteers' provides services to a customer base that includes Active Military, Veterans and their families. In addition, they also support Building 66 a time limited residential rehabilitation treatment program for homeless veterans, PTSD and the Greenhouse Hospice wards at the FHCC. Any of the Patients at the FHCC may visit the location utilizing a free shuttle.

Although it is called a Veterans Closet and is making available new and gently used clothing for men, women and children for all seasons, it is not just about clothing! There is a food pantry, provides household goods and products, beds and bedding, children's toys, games, puzzles, an array of books available at all times. From time to time, there may be enough furniture to outfit entire apartments, pots and pans, and appliances too for Homeless Veterans getting back on their feet. As you can see, they are expanding their services to meet their customer needs. At the present time, they are serving some 400 Veterans which accounts for nearly \$130,000 in goods provided per month.

One of the new areas that Mary has created is the "Drop In Center" where Veterans can stop in and may need to use one of several computers, they can write letters and resumes, access their VA benefits or search for jobs. Maybe just watch TV, share a lunch or just reminisce with a fellow veteran. In the past, they have helped put together some of the Poppies that are used in and around the state.

State Farm Insurance has a program "Suits for Sailors", which they donated 400 new suits that are being used by Military personnel going out into the civilian world and might need a suit for their interviews or job fairs. The Closet regularly receives men and women's professional clothing donations and has created a Professional Section for any Veteran that might need this type of clothing.

The Midwest Veteran's Closet operates entirely through donations from individual, local towns, veteran's assistance commissions and veteran's service organizations. This in turn enables them to make a Huge Impact to support our Veterans, their families and all of financial assistance received, goes directly to provide these much needed services.

I just thought that this is SOMEPLACE THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW. You can contact Mary at:

[mary.comody@MidwestVeteransCloset.org](mailto:mary.comody@MidwestVeteransCloset.org)







# CHILDREN & YOUTH

Legion Convention Action Requested It  
Now it is your turn...VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS STATE GAMES AT ISU NORMAL, ILLINOIS JUNE 9 & 10, 2017

The Illinois American Legion and Auxiliary will sponsor a Hospitality Center (tent) for athletes, coaches and families. We plan to provide items such as: Nutritious snacks, fruit, fruit drinks, vegetables, etc., plus cold water. This will provide athletes, coaches and families a place in the shade to rest, relax and fellowship among themselves and us. We must be assured of adequate help for loading and unloading supplies, cleaning tables and money to put this operation together for both days.

**Auxiliary Members** - We would appreciate unfrosted cookies for the Hospitality Center

### **PLACE**

Illinois State University  
Normal, IL 61761

### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Friday, June 9th, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday June 10th, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*(Please indicate below the times you will be there to help)*

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I will be there: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ on Friday

I will be there: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ on Saturday

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Post/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_ Division # \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ dozen cookies (unfrosted).

Here is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help with supplies for Special Olympics.

### **RETURN TO:**

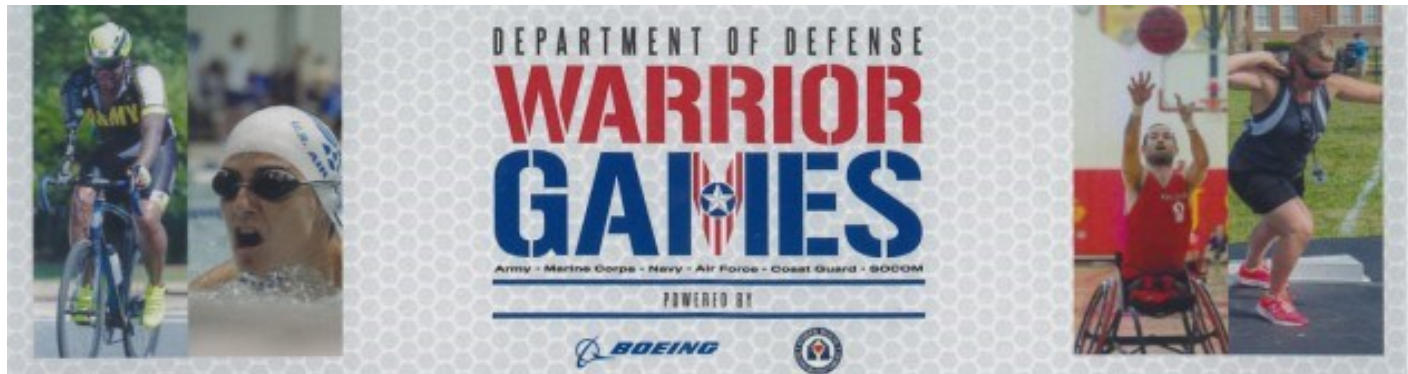
**-or-**

The American Legion  
Dept. of Illinois  
P.O. Box 2910  
Bloomington, IL 61702-2910

The American Legion Auxiliary  
Dept. of Illinois  
P.O. Box 1426  
Bloomington, IL 61702-1426

# ATTENTION AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

Come help support this event, it's the first time for it to be off a Military base.



The Department of the Navy, in partnership with the City of Chicago, will host the annual Department of Defense (DoD) Warrior Games from **June 30 - July 8, 2017**.

The Warrior Games serves as the sole opportunity every year to bring together post-9/11 wounded warriors across all services. The Games honor and showcase the power and resiliency of wounded warriors and their families.

Military service teams will compete in eight individual and team sports, including archery, cycling, field, sitting volleyball, shooting, swimming, track, and wheelchair basketball. With downtown Chicago as the backdrop, The Games will **EMPOWER, EDUCATE** and **ENCOURAGE** everyone it touches.

For more information, visit [dodwarriorgames.com](http://dodwarriorgames.com) and like us on Facebook for real-time updates.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Open to the Public!

Date	Event	Location	Tentative Time
Friday, June 30, 2017	Tournament Day #1	McCormick Place - Lakeside Center	Shooting: 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sitting Volleyball: 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Wheelchair Basketball: 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 1, 2017	Tournament Day #2	McCormick Place - Lakeside Center	Shooting: 8:00 - 11:30 a.m. Sitting Volleyball: 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Wheelchair Basketball: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 1, 2017	Opening Ceremony	Soldier Field	7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 2, 2017	Track Competition	Lane Tech High School	2:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Monday, July 3, 2017	Archery Competition	McCormick Place - Lakeside Center	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 4, 2017	Family Day	Various Events in the City of Chicago	All Day
Wednesday, July 5, 2017	Field Competition	Soldier Field	11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 6, 2017	Cycling Competition	Museum Campus	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Friday, July 7, 2017	Medal Rounds	McCormick Place - Lakeside Center United Center	Shooting: 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.  Wheelchair Basketball Bronze Game: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Sitting Volleyball Bronze Match: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Sitting Volleyball Gold Match: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Wheelchair Basketball Gold Game: 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 8, 2017	Swimming Competition	University of Illinois at Chicago	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 8, 2017	Closing Ceremony <i>By invitation only</i>	Navy Pier	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

*Schedule & Venues Are Subject to Change*

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**The American Legion Family  
2017  
State Golf Tournament**



**SAVE THE DATE**

Friday August 4th pre-tournament activities being considered this year include:

- Discounted practice rounds of golf
- Putting & chipping contest
- Sightseeing pontoon boat rides on Lake Vermilion
- City of Danville tour of museums, antique shops & murals
- Danville Dans baseball night game
- Legion Post 210 meal

Final tournament details are still in the works. Entry forms and info sheets will be sent out as soon as available.

Please inform others in your foursome and "Save The Date"!

We hope to see everyone again in 2017!



**August 5-6, 2017**



**Community Service  
Date Correction**

Entries for Post Newsletters and  
Post Scrapbooks deadline date is

**June 1, 2017**

Deadline for entries must be sent it or post marked  
NO LATER than June 1, 2017.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**



National Spring Committee &  
Commission Meetings  
Indianapolis, IN  
May 8th--11th  
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Armed Forces Day  
Cut-off  
May 12th  
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Mother's Day  
May 14th  
~ ~ ~

Armed Forces Day  
May 20th  
~ ~ ~

**Memorial Day**  
**DEPT. OFFICE CLOSED**  
**May 29th**  
~ ~ ~

Illinois Premier Boys State  
EIU--CHARLESTON, IL  
June 10th--16th  
~ ~ ~

Flag Day  
June 14th  
~ ~ ~

Father's Day  
June 18th  
~ ~ ~

Illini Girls State  
EIU--CHARLESTON, IL  
June 18th--24th  
~ ~ ~

**CLOSE OF BOOKS**  
**JUNE 23rd**  
~ ~ ~

SAL Detachment Convention  
June 23rd--25th  
~ ~ ~

Youth Police School  
June 25th--30th  
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# 99th Annual Department Convention Information & Events

July 11 – 16, 2017 Springfield, Illinois

*The American Legion Department of Illinois*

## 99<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION JULY 11–16, 2017

**-SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS (Mr. Lincoln's Hometown)-**

### **HOUSING RESERVATION FORM**

All reservations **MUST** be made directly with the **hotel housing your respective Division** on or before **June 20, 2017**. You may make your reservation by completing and mailing in this form along with your credit card information or first nights deposit including tax or by following the instructions for your Division hotel, which are listed below. **NOTE: ALL cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to arrival date. Failure to cancel by that date will result in billing of one night's room rate.**

**PARKING IS INCLUDED IN THE RATE AT BOTH HOTELS**

<u>HOTEL</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>RATE</u>
<b>WYNDHAM SPRINGFIELD</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$107.00 plus tax (currently 12%)</b>
<b>City Centre (formerly Hilton Springfield)</b>		<b>(\$119.84 per night with tax)</b>

700 E. Adams Springfield, IL 62701 217/789-1530

Reservation- Mail this form to the Wyndham Springfield or via internet and linking up to [www.wyndham.com/groupevents2017/49084\\_2017AMERICANLEGIONSTATECONVENTION/main.wnt](http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents2017/49084_2017AMERICANLEGIONSTATECONVENTION/main.wnt) or you may also call 217/789-1530 and select the RESERVATIONS OPTION and advise the reservationist of Group Code **07107027AL** and/or the group name "2017 American Legion State Convention"

### **PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SPRINGFIELD**

*(A Doubletree by Hilton)*

**2<sup>ND</sup> Division & Auxiliary**

**\$107.00 plus tax (currently 12%)**

701 E. Adams Springfield, IL 62701

**(\$119.84 per night with tax)**

Reservation- Mail this form to the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield or via internet by visiting the Department of Illinois website and linking up to [www.presidentabrahamlincolnspringfield.doubletree.com](http://www.presidentabrahamlincolnspringfield.doubletree.com) and using the Group Code of "ALM". You may also phone the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield directly at 1/866-788-1860 or 217/544-8800.

**Special Notes:** All rooms are subject to the applicable sales tax. All reservations must be made with credit card or advanced deposit. **Remember**, if reserving the room with a personal check, be sure and include the rate including tax as listed above.

**Also, the cut-off date for ALL RESERVATIONS is Tuesday, June 20, 2017.**

If you select a hotel that your Division is not housed in, you may be moved to your Division assigned hotel.

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION**

Division \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Legion Title \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel \_\_\_\_\_ Type of room (circle) 1 Bed 2 Beds

Disabled Access \_\_\_\_\_ **Please note: All Hotel Rooms in Springfield are Non-Smoking.**

(Please note room types are a request and are not guaranteed. The hotels will attempt to accommodate.)

Other Special Requests \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of additional people in room: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FREEDOM FEST, FRIDAY, JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> - COMMANDER'S AND PRESIDENT'S DINNER, SATURDAY, JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>**



*The American Legion,  
Department of Illinois  
Cordially Invites You to the  
Annual Commander and President Dinner  
Honoring  
Department Commander Cheri L. Stanton  
and*

*Auxiliary President Luella Buske  
On Saturday, July 15, 2017  
Wyndham Springfield ~ Main Ballroom  
Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.*

**Menu Selections:** Choice of: **Chicken Florentine** Chicken Breast smothered in creamed Spinach and Topped with Parmesan Cheese, served w/ Wild Rice Pilaf and Broccoli Sauté; – OR – **Whiskey Glazed Grilled Salmon** served w/ Corn Risotto & Sautéed Spinach; – OR – **Herb Crusted Prime Rib of Beef** served w/ Au Jus & Horseradish sauce, Bacon & Chive Stuffed Potato and Broccoli. All are served with Tossed Salad w/ choice of 2 dressings, dinner rolls, and Assorted Desserts. Coffee, Decaf and Iced Tea.

**Reservation Deadline:** To guarantee your reservation, mail your check and dinner reservation form no later than **June 30, 2017**. Those that desire a table for eight (8) should list their names on the dinner reservation form provided below.

**Questions:** Contact Dinner Chairman, Sharon Conatser (217) 369-6211 or email: [sconatser44@live.com](mailto:sconatser44@live.com)

*Make checks payable to: The American Legion Department of Illinois*

*Mail Reservations to: Dinner Chairman: Sharon Conatser ~ 709 Richards Ln. ~ Champaign, IL 61820*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Division# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ District# \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ or Table(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(Chicken Florentine Dinner @\$42 \_\_\_\_\_) (Glazed Grilled Salmon Dinner @\$42 \_\_\_\_\_) (Prime Rib of Beef Dinner @\$50 \_\_\_\_\_)

Check Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Make checks payable to: The American Legion Department of Illinois*

Please list names of each person when reserving a table of 8: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**8th Annual  
Department Convention Bike Show  
Hosted by the American Legion Riders**

**CONVENTION PARADE**

**Friday, July 14th**

There will be a parade as a kick-off to the Freedom Fest.

All Legion Riders are encouraged to attend.

- Line up at Horace Mann parking
- lot at 5:00 p.m.
- Step off at 5:25
- Head South on 7th St. to Adams
- Turning between 2 hotels heading the wrong way
- Disband at PCCC

American Legion Riders  
Hosting  
8th Annual Bike Show

**Saturday, July 15th**

Bike Show located at entrance to Convention Center

**Bikers sign-up 9:00AM -10:00AM**

**\$10.00 entry fee**  
Register at the  
ALR Convention Booth  
inside the Convention Hall

Judging is by  
Convention Attendees  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Classes will be -  
Touring, Sport, Custom,  
Cruiser, and Trikes

There will be a Commanders & Presidents Choice selected by the outgoing and incoming Commander & Aux. President

Entry Fees will go to support the Legacy Scholarship Fund.



**LEGACY RUN**



## American Legion 2017 State Convention Book Application for Ad placement

BUSINESS / ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

[Post use only] American Legion Post name: \_\_\_\_\_ Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Slogan Choices: (three choices—choose one)**

- \_\_\_\_ 1. We Are Proud To Be Part of  
The American Legion Family
- \_\_\_\_ 2. Helping The American Legion  
Help American's Veteran's
- \_\_\_\_ 3. We Proudly Stand Behind  
The American Legion

**Ad Choice: (please choose black & white or color)**

Medal of Honor (full page--7-1/2 x 10 in.)

Silver Star (half page--7-1/2 x 5 in.)

Bronze Star (quarter page--3-3/4 x 5 in.)

Purple Heart (3-3/4 x 3-3/8 in. "Business card")

Commander Salute (3-3/4 -1-11/16 in.)

Flag Page (1-3/4 - 1 in.)

**Black & White Ad**

**Color Ad**

\$230.00	_____	\$250.00	_____
\$120.00	_____	\$125.00	_____
\$90.00	_____	\$95.00	_____
\$75.00	_____	\$80.00	_____
\$60.00	_____	\$65.00	_____
\$25.00	_____	\$25.00	_____

**Method of Payment (please check one)** All credit information will be kept confidential

\_\_\_\_ Check (Make Check payable to: AMERICAN LEGION DEPT. OF IL)

Send Check to: American Legion, Dept. of IL 2720 E. Lincoln St. Bloomington, IL 61704

\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

EXP Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Security Code #: \_\_\_\_

Card type: / MC / Visa / AmEx / Disc





## Springfield Welcomes the 99th Annual American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary Department Conventions

### AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY CONVENTION ACTIVITIES



## Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

212 North 6th St. Springfield, Illinois

Come visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

Visiting Hours: Daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Handicap Accessible

\$7.00 person, and the History of Hollywood exhibit is an additional \$3.00

This Special Rate of will be given to the American Legion Family during the  
99th Annual Convention ~ July 11th–16th, 2017

To receive this rate attendees MUST show their American Legion or

American Legion Auxiliary Convention Badge (i.e: Delegate or Alternate or Guest)

This would be a great low cost vacation opportunity for the Legion Families to enjoy the historic sites of Springfield and at the same time enjoy the conventions. *(rate subject to change)*

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## Illinois State Military Museum

### Illinois State Military Museum at Camp Lincoln

1301 N. MacArthur Blvd. Springfield, Illinois 62702

~ FREE MUSEUM ~

Features compelling stories about Illinois soldiers.  
This attraction easily accessible through the  
American Legion's FREE Shuttle Route.



- ◆ Stop in for a visit while in Springfield
- ◆ Shuttle Hours: 11am - 4:00pm  
Thursday & Friday  
July 13th -14th, 2017
- ◆ Handicap Accessible
- ◆ Open 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Join us at the Annual Friday Night

BEER, SODA,  
FOOD, &  
LIVE MUSIC

# FREEDOM FEST



Friday, July 14, 2017

6:00 PM - 11:30 PM

DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD IN THE ROADWAY BETWEEN THE TWO CONVENTION HOTELS  
700 Block of E. Adams

\$\$\$ NO COVER CHARGE \$\$\$ Featuring the band **"RANSOM"**

Everyone is invited to help Commander Cheri and President Luella  
Celebrate their Conventions and Year of Service!!

Party In Honor of  
Department Commander  
Cheri L. Stanton

Thanking Commander Cheri  
for her year of Service!

Thursday, July 13, 2017  
6 PM – 12AM

Springfield Post 32  
1120 Sangamon Avenue

**EVERYONE WELCOME !**

*The Mess Hall Restaurant*

(The Mess Hall Restaurant is inside of and operated by Springfield Post #32, The American Legion)

*Hours of  
Operation*

Lunch Monday—Friday: 11:00 am—2:00 pm PLUS  
Open Thursday & Friday 11:00 am—8:00 pm  
And Saturday 4:30 pm—8:00 pm  
Complete Bar Service at Post 32 Everyday, open at 10:30 a.m.  
(VIDEO GAMING AVAILABLE)

**FREE CONTINUOUS SHUTTLE BY HARMONY SERVICE**

Operates Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.  
between the hotels, Post 32 and Post 809.



## Chaplain's Conference

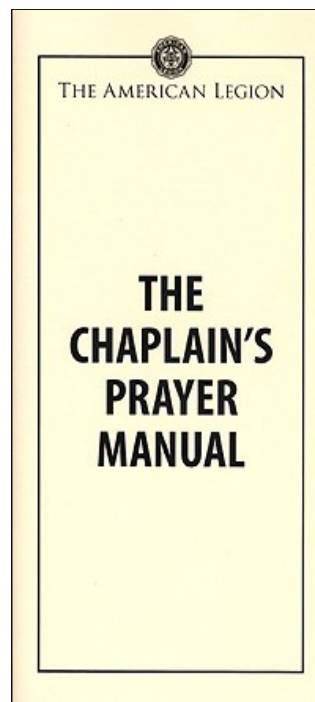


Thursday,  
July 13, 2017

10:00 AM

~

11:00 AM



Prairie  
Capitol  
Convention  
Center  
Springfield, IL  
Room  
B-6 East





# ADJUTANT TRAINING SEMINAR




PRESENTED AT DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

## THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017

### PRAIRIE CAPITAL CONVENTION CENTER

ROOM B-11 (B,C,D)

## 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

LUNCH PROVIDED

**RESOURCES ON HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL ADJUTANT**

- ★ *Processing of Membership*
- ★ *Overview of Department forms and their importance*
- ★ *Charter Cancellations and/or Mergers*
- ★ *Other Post leadership procedures*
- ★ *Using myLegion.org*

Seminar Instructors: Chad Woodburn & Dee Dalton



**MANAGE  
ORGANIZE  
KNOWLEDGE  
MENTOR  
COMMUNICATION  
LEAD**

To Reserve your seat in advance please call  
**Dept. Membership  
 Director Chad Woodburn  
 309-663-0361**  
 (or) email  
**cwoodburn@illegion.org**

Reservations are Requested  
 (however walk-ins are welcome)



# VETERANS HELPING VETERANS FIND A JOB



## 2017 AMERICAN LEGION HIRING EVENT

**The Prairie Capital Convention Center**  
**1 Convention Center Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701**

July 14, 2017

**Veteran Preview: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**General Public: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

The American Legion is organizing a Hiring Event for veteran job seekers and military spouses. This event will include employers and resource agencies. Please join us on July 14, 2017 at The Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, IL.

THIS WILL BE A FREE HIRING EVENT FOR EMPLOYERS, JOB SEEKERS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES.

This Hiring Event is being conducted by The American Legion, Department of Illinois and is being supported by The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA), The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), and Military.com.

<b>IDES CONTACTS:</b>		
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## District Outstanding Chaplain Award



Nominate yours today



TO: DISTRICT COMMANDERS

Under the direction of Department Chaplain Virgil Oikion, with the sanction of the Religious Emphasis Committee and the delegated authority of the Department Commander Cheri L. Stanton, Chaplains who have done an outstanding job during the past Legion year will be awarded the Chaplain's Cross or Star of David. Department Commander Stanton and Department Chaplain Oikion will present the award to the selected chaplains at the Department Convention Memorial Service which will be held on July 15, 2017. Each District Commander, with the advice of their Executive Committee, is requested to select one individual from their district who is serving in the capacity of a Post, County, District or Division Chaplain and who has specifically gone beyond merely performing his or her normal obligations of leading prayers at meetings.

This will be the 27th year that the Chaplain's Cross or Star of David will be awarded to outstanding Chaplains at the Department Convention. It is the Department Commander's and Department Chaplain's expectations that each District will nominate an individual worthy of its receipt. **Each District Commander is requested to complete the Nomination Form with an optional short narrative about the Chaplain's work. If you determine that there is no one in your District to nominate, please indicate that on the nomination form, sign it and return it to Department Headquarters before June 9, 2017.**

## District Chaplain's Award Nomination Form for 2016-2017

⇒ District # \_\_\_\_\_ Nominates

(Name of Nominee)

of Post # \_\_\_\_\_ for recognition as an outstanding  
Chaplain from said District.

⇒ \_\_\_\_\_ We have no one to nominate.

(District Commander signature)

(Date)

*This form **must** be signed by the District Commander  
and sent in to the American Legion Department  
Headquarters Office in Bloomington, Illinois*

**MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN**  
**JUNE 9, 2017**

Nominations are accepted by mail only.  
Please **DO NOT** call in your Nominations.







## MICHAEL RAGUSA MEMORIAL RIDE FOR AGENT ORANGE AWARENESS

REGISTRATION: 09:00 - 11:00 HOURS

BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY AMVETS AUXILIARY: BISCUITS & GRAVY  
\$ 5.00 8AM - 10AM

LOCATION: AMVETS POST 169 - 660 RADIO CITY DR. NORTH PEKIN

COST: \$15.00 RIDER \$5.00 PASSENGER (PRE-REGISTERED)  
\$25.00 RIDER \$5.00 PASSENGER (DAY OF EVENT)

LAST BIKE IN 17:00 HOURS (5PM)

LIVE MUSIC PROVIDED BY: TO BE ANNOUNCED

RAFFLE: \$500.00 VOUCHER FOR WINNER'S CHOICE AT



50/50 DRAWING - VENDORS

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



START AND REGISTRATION:  
BASS PRO PARKING LOT EAST PEORIA, IL  
REGISTRATION: 09:00AM - 11:00AM  
LAST BIKE IN BY 17:30 (5:30PM)  
\$15.00 RIDER \$5.00 PASSENGER

Raffle Tickets 5.00 per ticket or 5 for 20.00 (Drawn @ 7pm)  
Firearm Transfer handled by Midwestern Firearms

S&W M&P Sport 15 - 5.56 NATO



Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Vets for Vets Rider's Coalition or at day of ride

## RIDE COORDINATED BY VETS FOR VETS RIDER'S COALITION



Post Commander Bob Rutherford (left) accompanied by District 19 Commander Rudiger Laufhutte (Right) present Connor Brewer (Centered) with Patriotism Scholarship

American Legion Post 72 Commander Bob Rutherford presented the Patriotism Scholarship to Connor Brewer of Rochester during the Post's monthly meeting March 20.

The scholarship is presented in recognition of the Spirit of Americanism, in the manner which exemplifies or furthers the Legion's principles of upon which Legion was created.

This year American Legion Post 72 of Macon, Illinois took nominations from their members of young men and women that illustrated patriotism within the Post's local community. Funds were also raised by post members in the sum of \$1,270 to be distributed to the young patriot.

"We feel it is our duty to encourage our youth and their patriotic endeavors." Says Commander Rutherford "In the means of recognizing their actions and rewarding them with necessities' to further their education."

"Connor's actions stood above others during the current events taking place in our community." Commander Rutherford said "It is reassuring to see individuals like Connor truly leading by example. It is valuable to set a tone that encourages others to lead the same way and this is why Connor Brewer is awarded the Patriotism Scholarship."

## 2016—2017 DIVISION & DISTRICT MEETING DATES

DATE	DIST. / DIV.	TIME	HOST POST	CITY
05/07/2017	21ST DISTRICT	1:00 PM	CHATHAM POST 759 (CONVENTION)	CHATHAM
05/10/2017	2ND DISTRICT	5:30 PM	CZECH PLAZA RESTAURANT	BERWYN
05/17/2017	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	MORTON GROVE POST 134 (POST EVERLASTING)	MORTON GROVE
05/19/2017	10TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	LAKE REGION POST 703 (CONVENTION & POST EVERLASTING)	FOX LAKE
05/20/2017	15TH DISTRICT	UNKNOWN	LEWISTOWN POST 1 (CONVENTION)	LEWISTOWN
05/20- 05/21/2017	19TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	SELBYVILLE POST 81 (CONVENTION)	SHELBYVILLE
05/21/2017	16TH DISTRICT	10:00 AM	WASHINGTON POST 100 (CONVENTION)	WASHINGTON
05/21/2017	18TH DISTRICT	UNKNOWN	GEORGETOWN POST 203	GEORGETOWN
05/21/2017	20TH DISTRICT	10:00 AM	WINCHESTER POST 442	WINCHESTER
05/21/2017	22ND DISTRICT	1:00 PM	COLLINSVILLE POST 365 (CONVENTION)	COLLINSVILLE
05/24/2017	9TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	MERLE GUILD POST 208	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
05/25/2017	3RD DISTRICT	7:00 PM	FRED SCHWEITZER POST 272	CHICAGO
05/25/2017	8TH DISTRICT	8:00 PM	EVERGREEN PARK POST 854	EVERGREEN PARK
05/28/2017	13TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	STOCKTON POST 449 (CONVENTION)	STOCKTON
06/03/2017	4TH DIVISION	7:00 PM	FARMER CITY POST 55 (RAILSPLITTERS)	FARMER CITY
06/03/2017	14TH DISTRICT	10:00 AM	MONMOUTH POST 136	MONMOUTH
06/04/2017	2ND DIVISION	1:00 PM	PLANO POST 395 (CONVENTION)	PLANO
06/04/2017	3RD DIVISION	10:00 AM	WASHINGTON POST 100 (CONVENTION)	WASHINGTON
06/04/2017	4TH DIVISION	10:00 AM	FARMER CITY POST 55 (CONVENTION)	FARMER CITY
06/04/2017	23RD DISTRICT	UNKNOWN	ALTAMONT POST 512 (CONVENTION)	ALTAMONT
06/04/2017	24TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	METROPOLIS POST 306 (CONVENTION)	METROPOLIS
06/04/2017	25TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	CHESTER POST 487 (CONVENTION)	CHESTER

**NOTE:** Remember if any changes or updates regarding your District/Division meetings occur please contact Joy Wilson at 309-663-0361 or email: [joywilson@illegion.org](mailto:joywilson@illegion.org)

# ★ DATES TO REMEMBER ★

- ★ Boys State--June 10th--16th, 2017
- ★ Illini Girls State--June 18th--24th, 2017
- ★ Youth Police--June 25th--30th, 2017
- ★ Department Convention--July 12-15, 2017

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MAY TRIVIA?

- Which state on the Gulf of Mexico is nearest the end of the alphabet?
- Truax Field International airport is in which US state?
- How much did President Roosevelt pay so that the Panama Canal could be built?
- In which Chicago theater did over 500 people die in a fire in 1903?
- Who founded the American Institution of Public Opinion in 1935?

ANSWERS:

- Texas.
- Wisconsin.
- \$40 million.
- Iroquois Theater.
- Gallup.



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