

Department News



2016-2017 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER CHERI L. STANTON

JUNE-JULY 2017



2016-2017
 Department Commander
Cheri L. Stanton
 To thank you for your Leadership!



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

AS OF
 JUNE 16, 2017

TOP 10 DISTRICT AND DIVISION RANKINGS

District	Commander
7	LEPINSKI
3	KELLEY
5	DEARBONE
9	FUGGITI
21	VANCE
25	PICOU
19	LAUFHUTTE
10	RISLEY
11	ARELLANO
17	NAGEL



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





From The Desk of Department Commander Cheri L. Stanton



The behind the scenes work they all do so your leadership can look good is outstanding. **“They always have the good of the Legion in their hearts.”**

The National Vice Commander Paul Martel gave an excellent speech for Armed Forces Day. He really loved attending the graduation ceremonies at Great Lakes.

I am sure all of you had appropriate programs for Memorial Day. It is always a “time to remember” and “to honor” our fallen and local hero’s. With the world in the situation it is today, we can’t let people forget what the American Legion stands for and what we do to help veterans.

Thank you for your support for Awareness Walk 22. We had a great day and had several in attendance. Come to the Convention and you will see pictures of

the walk as well as what we have been up to this year. Then you can go back to your post and give a report about what we have done in our programs. Speaking of...I hope all of you plan to attend the Department Convention in Springfield July 12-15, 2017.

June will fly by for me. Special Olympics the 10th and 11th, Boy’s State, Girl’s State, Youth Police School, and SAL Convention to attend.

Thank you for giving me, Luella, Bob, and Phil to work with this year. We all made a great TEAM!

OH...and one last NAG, get those Post Consolidated Reports filled in and sent to Department by June 15th. Congress likes those statistics!

It has been my honor to serve you this year. God Bless!

I am finishing up what has been a great year. Sr. Vice Bob, Marty, Chad, and I have worked with all the Division and District Commanders on our membership goals. As of this mailing; Third District Ernest Kelly is 104%+ and Seventh District, Kurt Lepinski is 101%+. They deserve a **WHAAAHOOOOO!** I see the rest of the districts are hot on their tails. Congratulations to all Legionnaires for the effort they have made this year.

I want to thank all our office staff: Marty, Gary, Chad, Christy, TerryLynn, Marsha, Toni, Dee, Cheryl, David, Dorothy, and Joy. The Chicago office is Wayne, Al, Toy, Marlene, and Ray. And Bill who is in Marion.



From The Desk of Department Sr. Vice Commander Bob Henderson



We are going to have to work harder on getting more boys to Boys State and girls to Girls State. I’d like to see the goal of EVERY post sending at least one boy or girl. It’s possible if you try.

Don’t forget to give to the Gift to Yanks Who Gave program. Actually you can give all year long. And you can donate directly on our website, just click the DONATE button. The last years Post Consolidated report should have already been turned in and everybody needs to start on next years CPR report. Just get some younger members to help, they can put it on the computer every month and when you get to the end of the year it will be ready to go and the form is fillable online. Go to <http://www.illegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/CPR-2017-fillable.pdf>

I would like you to think about coming to convention and see what goes on. We are having Emblem sales and many exhibitors at the Convention Center. We also have scheduled a DEC Meeting, a Chaplain’s Conference, an Adjutant Training Seminar, a Veterans Job Fair, District Caucuses, a Thank You dinner for Commander at Post 32, our annual Freedom Fest kicked off by the Legion Riders parade, and a Bike Show on Saturday, along with all the Hospitality rooms. Convention Friday and Saturday includes, many guests, awards and the Election of Officers. There’s still time to get reservations in for the Commanders and Presidents Dinner. There is a lot to see and do in and around Springfield, if you can’t make it for the whole Convention come for one day it will be worth your time. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.**

Here it is almost state Convention time, this year has passed so fast, and I haven’t thanked everybody who helped this year. **THANK YOU** for helping with each one of our wonderful programs, and for getting Membership turned in. We didn’t get every Post to 100% but we tried and that is what counts. Next year just remember how you did it this year. Don’t forget to keep in touch with all the new members and transferred members. They need to know what is going on and what they can do to help. That way they will become long time members.



From The Desk of Department Auxiliary President Luella Buske



It is amazing how fast this year has gone. It has been an honor to serve as Department President with Commander Cheri. I would like to thank all the Legion posts for the hospitality shown to me.

This past weekend I joined the Legion Family during the Awareness Walk in Milan, along with Delmar, my husband, Kim our daughter and Josh and Matt our grandsons.

I am thankful for the example the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members set for our young SAL and Junior Members. By watching all of you they learn what it means to be part of the greatest service organization in the world. They also learn respect for our great flag and how to serve our veterans, their families and our country. Once again Thank You all for your service and God Bless you all. And God Bless our country.



From The Desk of Detachment Commander Phil Shipley



To my Illinois American Legion Family!

It is almost impossible to believe that an entire year has gone by since I was elected SAL Commander for the Detachment of Illinois. Wow! Again, what a year it has been!

I want to take this opportunity to thank every member of the Illinois American Legion Family for all of your support and encouragement this past year.

I believe this year your SAL have made positive impacts on our State, our Veterans, and our communities.

I want to take this time to thank the 1st and 2nd Divisions for the opportunity to attend this year's Armed Forces Dinner. This event has always been a good way to spotlight our uniformed services and highlight the work they do to protect our freedom we so seldom take for granted.

I had started the year by wanting to raise awareness and funds for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation and The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. With the generosity of The American Legion Family we have collected many donations and funds are still coming in. My thanks are meaningless, but the thanks for what these funds will be able to do for our veterans and our children can never be expressed in words large enough to convey my true feelings. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart!

Once again, I want to extend my personal invitation to all of The American Legion Family to stop by during the 54th Annual Sons of The American Legion Detachment Convention to be held June 23-26, 2017 at American Legion Post #102 in DeLand, Illinois. There we will celebrate our accomplishments and congratulate each other on a job well done, all while sharing in Fun and Fellowship with all!

For one last time we will see what **"Shooting for Membership"**, has accomplished for the Illinois Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Illinois!

I thank you all for the honor to serve!



Did You Know?

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That as Chairman of the 1st Division VA&R committee I am required to make a report each year to that Division. I thought it would be informative to our members who live outside the 1st Division to see what we have accomplished up north.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve the First Division as your representative on the VA&R Commission for the 2016-2017 year as well as one of the two Divisions service officers. I attended two VA&R meetings which were held at our Bloomington headquarters as well as the Washington D.C. conference. VA benefit law changes continue and every effort was made to get this info to the Division level. This was done by way of my monthly articles in the Department and Division newsletters, oral presentations before the Division meetings and having handouts available at the meetings. I also hosted 9 Power Point presentations at local posts, senior centers, local libraries and several VA hospitals. These presentations covered the entire spectrum of VA benefits from headstones to home loans and pensions to hospital care. I hope to do more of these in the fall if appointed to this position again.

The 1st Division will have 8 resolutions submitted to our Department convention. One that was submitted last year regarding the Veterans Administration Bronze Medallion for marking private headstones was accepted and Congress passed Public Law 114-315. Veterans who died prior to 1990 and purchased their own headstone can now have the family order this Medallion.

I have been the editor of a monthly article in the Department newsletter entitled "Did You Know" and have received many favorable comments. You can view these articles (back two years) on the Department web site www.illegion.org. Feel free to copy and paste these articles into your district or post newsletters. Just give credit to Department if you do. I have also cohosted a monthly BINGO game at VA Jesse Brown hospital. Post 183, 777 and 806 were cosponsors. These games are held at 2:00 on the first Monday of the month. Veteran patients come down from the wards and outpatient clinics to play. We average 30--40 veterans per game and \$200+ is given out in prizes and raffle gifts each month. Donations for this are welcome.

The VA&R Director of the Chicago office, Wayne Macejak, was able to get some funding from Department and that office is now better staffed but we have had many personnel changes. We lost Carolina Contreras when she accepted a better job offer. She was replaced by our own former 9th District Commander, Al Pizarro who is fluent in Spanish. He served in the Army and was stationed in Germany. Terry James also left the office for a better job and there are no current plans to replace him. There are no current walk-in hours but veterans may call to make an appointment. Telephone hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 4:00 with 24/7 voicemail after that.

To be continued in the next newsletter...

Recent Concerns on Flag Disposal

The Department is receiving questions of concern from Legionnaires about disposal of the American Flags. The flags made of nylon or polyester materials, are the big concern. Some Legion Posts have been taking these flags to funeral homes that do cremation. But now the funeral homes do not want to take them because the flags melt and when they burn the fumes from these flags are toxic.

A call was made to American Legion National Headquarters asking for suggestions on what to do with these types of flags for proper disposal?

Nationals Answer: To be honest with you, this is an issue that offers no simple clear-cut solution.

In 1989 Congress agreed that term "flag of the United States" means any flag of the United States, or any part thereof, made of any substance, of any size, in a form commonly displayed. Hence when a flag is no longer a fitting emblem for display (regardless of

the material it is made of) it is to be disposed of, preferably by burning.

The vast majority of United States flags displayed today are made of nylon or polyester materials, and are inherently difficult to dispose of by burning. Governmental agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency do have their legitimate concerns when it comes to the burning of these unserviceable flags because of the harmful and hazardous gasses emitted.

One solution is: You might want to contact a trash disposal service that has an incinerator that can burn these flags at a very high temperature.

There is also a nylon recycling process, American Flag Recycling(www.americanflagdisposal.com/flag_recycling.html) which converts virtually one hundred percent of a nylon flag back into virgin grade nylon material, which can be used to manufacture new nylon flags.

Please be advised that The American Legion does not endorse this service, we simply offer it as a possible disposal resource.

We wish we could offer you more solutions.

2017 American Legion Family State Golf Tournament

**COME
EARLY &
ENJOY**



American Legion State Golf Tournament

Danville, IL

August 5 & 6, 2017

Entry Deadline: July 14th

(Late entries accepted if availability)



Opening Ceremonies

Saturday, August 5
8:00 AM

Harrison Park Golf Course
1300 W. Voorhees St.

American Legion Riders, Presentation of Colors,
Fly-Over, National Anthem, Marine Corps League,
First Responders & Post Honor Guard

**All Golfers need to register/check-in
at Harrison Park Golf Course**



Entry Fee: \$125 per player

Includes: Sat & Sun rounds, cart fees, golf shirt, Saturday
Dinner and Prize money
Dinner for Significant Other is \$12 each

Format: 4-person scramble

(1 of 4 must be American Legion, SAL, Legion Riders
or Auxiliary member in good standing)

Starting Times: Tee times begin at 9:00 AM (Sat & Sun, both courses)
Tee times will be arranged by preference and geographic distance

Days Hotel & Conference Center
77 N. Gilbert Street
Danville, IL 61832
(217) 443-6600

Tournament Rate: \$72.50 per night

Sleep Inn & Suites
361 Lynch Drive
Danville, IL 61832
(217) 442-6600

Tournament Rate: \$79.49 per night

American Legion State Golf
100 W. Main St, Suite 146
Danville, IL 61832

Email: ALStateGolf@gmail.com



Tournament Director:

Gregg Alpers
(217) 274-3763

Golf Practice Round Discount

\$20 - 18 holes with a cart,
call in advance to schedule
tee times!

* Harrison Park Golf Course
(217) 431-2266

* Turtle Run Golf Club
(217) 442-8876

Putting Contest

Free 3-hole Putting Contest
at Turtle Run Golf Club

* Friday, August 4th
10AM-3 PM

* Prize: \$100 Visa Card and
\$100 cash to Legion of choice

Pontoon Boat Ride

Lake Vermilion Bald Eagle
Sightseeing Tour!

Enjoy a scenic pontoon
boat ride on beautiful Lake
Vermilion. Available 12-6 PM,
approximately 1 hour and is

Free to all American Legion
State Golf Tournament
participants and their
spouses. Beer and soft
drinks will be available.
Contact **Greg Barrett**
217/304-0636 to reserve
your space today!

Downtown Danville

Visit our "**Everything but
Ordinary**" Shops and local
attractions in Downtown,
Danville, IL.

American Legion Dinner

American Legion Post #210
201 Prospect Place
Drink & Dinner specials
starting at 5:30 PM

Danville Dans Game

6:30 PM Danville Dans vs.
Quincy Gems
Historic Danville Stadium
401 Highland Blvd

Free admission - just
identify yourself at the ticket
gate as a participant in the
American Legion State Golf
Tournament.

**For the American Legion Family State Golf Tournament
Registration Form go to: www.illegion.org/latest-news/
- or - contact Department Headquarters at 309-663-0361**



*From the Desk of Christopher Benigno, Chairman
American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State*

www.illinoisboysstate.org

Greetings from the 51st state! I am writing to you from the 82nd session of the American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State program at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. Where do I begin. We fell short of our goal to have more citizens than last year. We checked in 442 this year against 469 last year and I thought to myself, well at least we were close. Then I sat down with four remarkable young men on Sunday and they explained to me that their American Legion leadership makes sure that every boy that wants to attend will be sponsored by a local business in town. EVERY BOY! They sent eight this year. That is just one post of the many throughout the state that supports our

program with a can-do mind set. We have a wonderful program down here with hundreds of volunteers' ready to come down and serve on our counseling, programming, administration, media and support staff. Many of these individuals utilize their vacation time and others that have no vacation time at their jobs choose to lose the weeks' pay to better the lives of these young men. This program has been enriching the lives of our youth since 1935 and was created to combat the anti-American sentiments that were sweeping our country at the time. I will leave you with this, if we as the largest veterans organization do not invest in shaping our youth, then who do you think will step up?

2017 American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State Elected Officials

Governor

David Nkansah - Darien

Lt. Governor

Corey Tegtmeir—New Windsor

Secretary of State

Suraj Rajendran—Lake Bluff

Attorney General

Davin Stavroplos—Woodstock

State Comptroller

Gavin Smith—Hinsdale

State Treasurer

Aaron Banks—Savoy

President pro temp.

Senate
Dane Sorenson—Bloomington

Speaker

House of Representatives
Marc Antonucci—Lake Forest

Chief Justice

Supreme Court
Rafael Torres—Ingleside

2017 American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State Leadership

Chairman

Nationalist Party

Andy Wang—Naperville

Chairman

Federalist Party

Joseph Wilkin—Cisco

2017 Award Winners

Samsung

Kyle Campbell—Riverton

Essay

3rd Place – Peter Wacnik
Hayes—Libertyville, IL

2nd Place – Nathan Ruhde
Stelle—Aurora, IL

1st Place – Joseph Rice
Savage—Grayslake, IL

Oration

3rd Place – Kyle Knudsen
Kennedy—Round Lake, IL

2nd Place – Justin Julian
Savage—Rochelle, IL

1st Place – Michael Ten Eyck
Conatser—Pittsfield, IL

John Geiger

3rd Place – Marc Antonucci
Savage—Lake Forest, IL

2nd Place – Andy Wang
Conatser—Naperville, IL

1st Place – Rafael Torres
Savage—Ingleside, IL

Joe McCraith Model Citizen Award (Staff Selection)

3rd Place – Joseph Douglas
Stelle—Maywood, IL

2nd Place – Neal Schueuermann
Hayes—Mackinaw, IL

1st Place – Marc Antonucci
Savage—Lake Forest, IL

Keith Lucas Model Citizen Award (Citizen Selection)

3rd Place – Kyle Divan
Kennedy—Toluca, IL

2nd Place – Michael Ten Eyck
Conatser—Pittsfield, IL

1st Place – Sam Ward
Savage—Belleville, IL

Paul Brown Officers Leadership Award

3rd Place – Suraj Rajendran
Hayes—Lake Bluff, IL

2nd Place – Aaron Banks
Keller—Savoy, IL

1st Place – Gavin Smith
Savage—Hinsdale, IL

Boys Nation

2nd Alternate – Rafael Torres
Savage—Ingleside, IL

1st Alternate – David Nkansah
Hayes—Darien, IL

Senator – Marc Antonucci
Savage—Lake Forest, IL

Senator – Sam Ward
Savage—Belleville, IL

Model County

3rd Place – Gleason
2nd Place – Hayes
Overall – Savage

Illinois Legion leadership to support 20-mile veteran march



The fourth annual Chicago Veterans: Ruck March is May 26, and members of The American Legion Department of Illinois will be volunteering to show their support.

More than 1,500 veterans, their families and military supporters are expected to participate in the event, which raises awareness for PTSD and veteran suicide. Participants will wear a 20-

pound ruck sack and walk 20 miles through the streets of Chicago to represent the number of veteran suicides daily, and to honor and remember servicemembers lost at home and on the battlefield.

The event starts at Veterans Memorial Park in Glencoe at 8 a.m. with lunch at Centennial Memorial Park in Evanston. Legionnaires will have a tent at the lunch stop to pass out bananas, water and poppies in honor of the Legion's National Poppy Day on May 26, as well as have a service officer on hand to answer questions and information on Legion membership and other available veteran resources.



Department of Illinois leadership who will be in attendance includes Past National Commander and Department Adjutant Marty Conatser, Asst. Adjutant Gary Jensen and Membership Director Chad Woodburn.



Also helping was VA & R Director and Service Officer Wayne Macejak and Past First Division Commander Derrick Stinson.

The event is organized by Chicago Veterans, a non-profit launched by Legionnaire Kevin Barszcz that "empowers veterans to take control of their transition throughout life." Learn more at www.chicagovets.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Father's Day

June 18th

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Illini Girls State

EIU--CHARLESTON, IL

June 18th--24th

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CLOSE OF BOOKS

JUNE 23rd

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SAL Detachment Convention

June 23rd--25th

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Youth Police School

June 25th--30th

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Independence Day

DEPARTMENT OFFICE CLOSED

July 4th

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Department Convention

Springfield, IL

July 12th--15th

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Baseball State Tournament

@ Wabash Park

July 26th--29th

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National Membership Workshop

& DSO School

Indianapolis, IN

July 27th--29th

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ALA--Fall Board Meeting

August 4th--5th

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Legion Family State Golf Tournament

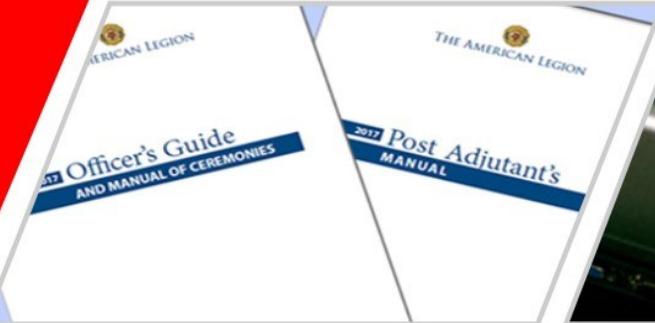
Danville, IL

August 5th--6th

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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

myLEGION.ORG
The members-only section of Legion.org

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)



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.

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Illinois Department of
Veterans' Affairs





99th Annual American Legion Department of Illinois TENTATIVE CONVENTION AGENDA

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

- 10:30 AM Trust Fund Meeting -- Room B-6 W-BOS CENTER
- 1:00 PM Standing Committee Meetings – BOS CENTER
 - ⇒ Internal Affairs – Room B-10
 - ⇒ Economic – Room B-7 W
 - ⇒ Finance – Room B-4 W
- 2:00 PM Standing Committee Meetings – BOS CENTER
 - ⇒ Constitution & By-Laws – Room B-9
- 4:00 PM Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation--The Grille at the Wyndham
- 4:30 PM Americanism -- Room B-4 E
- 6:30 PM DEC Photo – B-11 B,C,D -- BOS CENTER
- 7:00 PM Department Executive Committee Meeting - B-11, B,C,D--BOS CENTER

Thursday, July 13, 2017

- 7:30 AM Breakfast With Leading Candidate For National Commander--Wyndham--Capitol Room, Mezzanine
- 9:00 AM Convention Committee Meetings – BOS CENTER
 - ⇒ Rules – Room B-1
 - ⇒ Americanism – Room B-4 E
 - ⇒ Children & Youth – Room B-4 W
 - ⇒ Economics – Room B-6 W
 - ⇒ National Security – Room B-8
 - ⇒ Nomination of Delegates-at-Large – Room B-9
 - ⇒ Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – Room B-10
 - ⇒ Resolutions – Room B-3
 - ⇒ Judiciary – Room B-7 E
- 10:00 AM Convention Committee Meetings – BOS CENTER
 - Credentials, Contests & Internal Affairs – Room B-2
 - Legislation – Room B-7 W
 - Chaplain's Conference--B-6 E
- 11:00 AM--2:00 PM Adjutant's Training Seminar--B-11 B,C,D--BOS CENTER
- 3:00 PM District Caucuses – BOS CENTER
 - 1 – Room B-8
 - 2 – Room B-7 E
 - 3 – Room B-7 W
 - 4 – Room B-9
 - 5 – Room B-6 W
 - 7 – Room B-3
 - 8 – Room B-6 E
 - 9 – Room B-10
 - 10 – Room B-1
 - 11 – Room B-4 E
 - 12 – Room B-4 W
 - 13 – Room B-2
- 5:00 PM District Caucuses – BOS CENTER
 - 14 – Room B-9
 - 15 – Room B-1
 - 16 – Room B-2
 - 17 – Room B-6 E
 - 18 – Room B-6 W
 - 19 – Room B-7 E

- 20 – Room B-8
- 21 – Room B-7 W
- 22 – Room B-4 W
- 23 – Room B-10
- 24 – Room B-3
- 25 – Room B-4 E

6:00 PM – MIDNIGHT- Commander's Party – Post #32

Friday, July 14, 2017

- 7:30 AM Past Department Commander Breakfast
Wyndham City Centre- Springfield– Capitol Room, Mezzanine
- 9:00 AM Convention Session opens, Prairie BOS CENTER – Main Floor
- 8:30 AM--4:30 PM Boots 2 Business Entrepreneurial Training-- B-1 BOS CENTER Lower Level
- 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Veterans Hiring Event – BOS CENTER Lower Level Rooms B11 BCD
- 5:00 PM Legion Riders Parade – Leave Horace Mann parking lot at 5:25 PM
- 6:00 PM -11:30 PM Freedom Fest – 700 block of East Adams St.

Saturday, July 15, 2017

- 8:00 AM Legion Family Memorial Service –BOS CENTER – Main Floor
- 9:30 AM Convention Session – BOS CENTER – Main Floor
- 10:00 AM Bike Show –\$10.00 entry fee, judging ballots available at Legion Riders booth
- 3:00 PM Legion Family Joint Reception--B11 BCD--BOS CENTER Lower Level
- 6:00 PM Commander and President Dinner— Cocktails
Wyndham City Centre- Springfield—Ballroom
- 7:00 PM Commander's & President's Dinner, Wyndham City Centre- Springfield—Ballroom

Hospitality Rooms

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| 1st Division | Rendezvous Room--Mezzanine |
| 2nd Division | Vistas 1, 2 & 3--29th Floor |
| 3rd Division | 28th Floor Presidential |
| 4th Division | Vistas 4, 5 & 6--29th Floor |
| 5th Division | Embassy Room--Lower |
| 11th District | Plaza 3--Mezzanine |
| 12th District | Plaza 1 & 2--Mezzanine |

Department Headquarters Office Hours

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| Wednesday, July 13, 2016 | 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM |
| Thursday, July 14, 2016 | 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM |
| Friday, July 15, 2016 | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM |
| Saturday, July 16, 2016 | 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM |

Emblem Sales & Exhibits Hours

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| Wednesday, July 13, 2016 | 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM |
| Thursday, July 14, 2016 | 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM |
| Friday, July 15, 2016 | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM |
| Saturday, July 16, 2016 | 8:00 AM – 12 Noon |

Join us at the Annual Friday Night

FREEDOM FEST



**BEER, SODA,
FOOD, &
LIVE MUSIC**

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!!*

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.

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'S
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)*

Chaplain's Conference

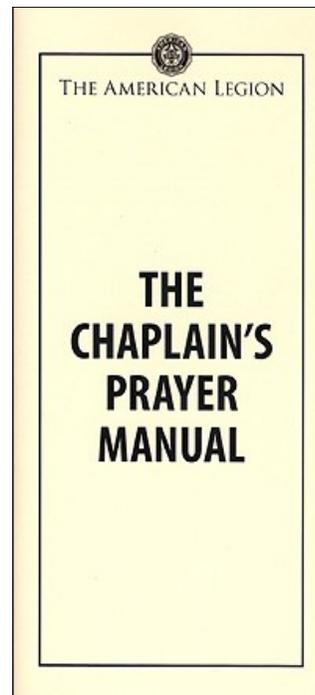


**Thursday,
July 13, 2017**

10:00 AM

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11:00 AM



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

The American Legion Department of Illinois
99TH 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>
WYNDHAM SPRINGFIELD	1st, 3rd 4th and 5th	\$107.00 plus tax (currently 12%)
City Centre (formerly Hilton Springfield)		(\$119.84 per night with tax)
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 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

<i>(A Doubletree by Hilton)</i>	2ND 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 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 14TH - COMMANDER'S AND PRESIDENT'S DINNER, SATURDAY, JULY 15TH



*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

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

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

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

Entry Fees will go to
support the Legacy
Scholarship Fund.



LEGACY RUN

Happy Campers



Camping available at the Illinois State Fair Campground during the
99th Annual Department Convention
July 11 – 16, 2017



Illinois State Fair Campground
801 E. Sangamon Ave. (Enter Gate 11)
Springfield, IL 62702
For Reservations Call: 217/782-1698

FEES: 55 and over \$20 per night, under 55 \$25 per night
Campground has Water, Sewer, Electric and FREE WI-FI

Veterans' History Project Volunteers Needed

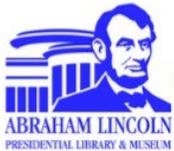
Once again it is time to start gathering volunteers for the Veterans' History Project booth at the Department of Illinois American Legion Convention held in July in Springfield. The booth on Thursday, July 13th, will be just to sign up Veterans for their interview and to share information about this rewarding project. Court reporters will be available on Friday and Saturday to record the interviews. Volunteers are needed to work booth Wednesday afternoon Thursday and Friday and also to serve as interviewers (the questions are written out for you) or Friday and Saturday. Please email Jill Layton at Jill.LaytonALA@gmail.com or call her at [217-849-3653](tel:217-849-3653) if you are available to volunteer or if you would like more information!

Attn: Veterans!! Please stop by the Veterans' History Project (VHP) booth and sign up for your interview. You will receive a verbatim transcript of your story, your piece of history, and a copy will be sent to the Illinois State Library and to the Library of Congress in DC. It is a wonderful way to pass down to your family your part in American history.



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)*

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





SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
1st DIVISION
 Present

Baseball with the Chicago White Sox



July 30th 1:10 pm

Proceeds benefit



\$55.00 Donation includes game ticket

Two Hour Patio Party -All-You-Can-Eat Buffet

The delicious menu features BBQ ribs, Cajun chicken, fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, coleslaw, potato, macaroni, and pasta salads, soft drinks, wine, and Miller products.

Additional giveaways based on ticket sales

Please RSVP by July 9th

Cash payment or make checks payable to Detachment of Illinois.
 For more information contact Sergio Senese at

(773) 909-3072 or sergiosenese@hotmail.com

COME JOIN US TO HELP CELEBRATE “MOTHER” BICKERDYKE’S 200TH BIRTHDAY

MARY ANN “MOTHER” BICKERDYKE TO BE HONORED ON 200TH BIRTHDAY 2017 is the year to honor Mary Ann “Mother” Bickerdyke for her life of looking after the “Boys in Blue” both during and after the American Civil War. On July 19, 2017 at 5:00 pm, there will be a free Ice Cream Social in Standish park honoring “Mother’s” 200th birthday.

Additionally, over the summer, banners commemorating her birthday will be hung on the Bickerdyke Bridge and in two blocks on Main Street in downtown Galesburg. In addition to the free Ice Cream Social, there will be a free showing of the movie “Glory” in the Sanderson Room at the Galesburg Public Library on July 15, 2017 at 1:00 pm. Pam Johnson will recreate her role as Mother Bickerdyke at 4:00 pm on July 19th in the Sanderson Room at the Library.

In the fall of 1861, Mary Ann Bickerdyke, a widow, was sent by the congregation from the Brick Church in Galesburg, with \$500 in supplies to protect the health and welfare of the Illinois soldiers. Once there, Bickerdyke’s influence on military triage care began transforming the way medical care was delivered to wounded soldiers. The men referred to her as the “Cyclone in calico” and called this amazing and heroic woman “Mother”. With her busy hands and open heart, she took charge scrubbing and cleaning everything in sight calling these men “her precious boys”.

She set up and ran 300 hospitals on 19 battlefields. She was the Chief of Nursing under General Ulysses S. Grant and General William Sherman. She was described as a determined nurse who did not let anyone stand in the way of her duties. When a surgeon questioned her authority to take some action, she replied, “On the authority of Lord God Almighty, have anything that outranks that?” “Mother’s” work for the soldiers continues many years after the Civil War ended.

She solicited for disaster aid and regularly helped many complete applications for disability Army pensions. In later years her remarkable tact, executive ability, sound sense, good judgement and thorough integrity were recognized by having thousands of dollars entrusted into her hands for the distribution to many who suffered from the great fire in Michigan and Illinois in 1871. Mother Bickerdyke received her monthly Army pension of \$25 a month twenty-one years after the end of the war. In October 1943, during World War II and 78 years after her Civil War service, a Liberty freighter, the SS Mary A. Bickerdyke was launched. It made 28 trips to the Pacific carrying vital necessities to the fighting soldiers.

On December 2, 2014, a railroad overpass in Galesburg called a “gateway to healthcare” was named the Bickerdyke Bridge. Also in 2014, Representative Don Moffitt put forth a resolution to the Illinois General Assembly to proclaim the second Wednesday of May, annually, to be known as Mother Bickerdyke Day in Illinois. The public is invited to attend to help us celebrate this wonderful woman whose tireless efforts to take care of the soldiers made her one of 300 women who changed the world.

2016—2017 DIVISION & DISTRICT MEETING DATES

DATE	DIST. / DIV.	TIME	HOST POST	CITY
06/21/2017	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	MORTON GROVE POST 134	MORTON GROVE
06/21/2017	9TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	HOWARD H. RHODE POST 888	NORTHLAKE
06/22/2017	3RD DISTRICT	7:00 PM	GEO. L. GILES POST 87	CHICAGO
06/22/2017	8TH DISTRICT	8:00 PM	MARRS-MEYER POST 991	WORTH
08/06/2017	4TH DIVISION	1:00 PM	FARMER CITY POST 55 (ORGANIZATIONAL)	FARMER CITY
09/20/2017	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	LINCOLNWOOD POST 1226	LINCOLNWOOD

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



2.2 MILE WALK/RUN WITH THE VETS



LET'S BRING AWARENESS TO THE 22 VETERANS A DAY THAT
COMMIT SUICIDE AND SHOW
THERE IS HELP OUT THERE WHENEVER YOU NEED IT

August 12, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Clinton American Legion

219 N Elizabeth St. Clinton, IL

Adults \$25 Veterans \$20

Legion/SAL/Auxiliary/Riders \$15

Kids 4-12 \$5 under 4 free

Price includes shirt and lunch

No children's shirts available if a small is wanted it cost \$15.

Applications can be picked up at Clinton
American Legion contact Joshua Thielen

(217) 520-9823

Online at

www.crangbennett.wixsite.com/clintonil

if links don't work email contact is on the site or
email

crang.bennett@gmail.com

National

Oratorical Contest

By Philip Mette, Americanism Chairman



Mike Carder, two Legionnaires from Naperville (pictured above), and I attended the 2017 National Oratorical contest in Indianapolis.

Department of Illinois Oratorical winner Ryan Park competed against District of Columbia, Missouri, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Texas Oratorical winners in the quarterfinals. As usual the competition was tough, and Ryan did not advance to the semi-finals, but he did an outstanding job.

Speaker #4 from Texas advanced to the semi-finals in the afternoon against Maryland and Kansas. Robin Anzulis of Maryland won this round and advanced to the finals.

Father Gary Gummersheimer of Murphysboro judged the semi-final contest that I attended. Mike Carder worked a quarterfinal and a semi-final contest.

I highly recommend attending or even volunteering for the 2018 National finals. Indy is not a long drive.

99th National American Legion Convention

AUGUST 18-24, 2017



Reno, NV

SILVER LEGACY RESORT & CASINO



Website: silverlegacyreno.com

American Legion Family Night

Monday, August 21, 2017

7:05PM



Reno Aces vs. Fresno Grizzlies

Greater Nevada Field

Please click on the link below to order your tickets

https://renoaces.formstack.com/forms/american_legion

Discounted tickets only available for pre-sale and upon availability.

Regardless of order date, credit cards will not be charged until two weeks prior to game day.

Please contact Brian Moss with the Reno Aces at (775) 334-7018 for any questions and/or cancellations.



Illinois Hotel
housing will
be at the
**Silver Legacy
Resort & Casino**

407 N. Virginia St.,
Reno, NV 89501

National Convention Information can be
found on the Illinois Legion Website at
www.legion.org/convention/resources

The National housing form can be found online at
www.illegion.org/event/national-convention
Or contact Department Headquarters to
have a form mailed.

Destination Tahoe Meetings & Events will be providing tours for The American Legion's 99th National Convention in Reno, Nevada. Should you wish to take advantage of any tours, please keep in mind you are responsible for registering and paying for any and all charges associated with each tour.

Tour Registration Options are as follows:

- ★ HISTORIC VIRGINIA CITY TOUR
- ★ HISTORIC DONNER-TRUCKEE TOUR
- ★ SHOPPING SHUTTLE
- ★ PADDLEWHEEL DINNER DANCE CRUISE
- ★ RENO CITY TOUR HISTORY ON TAP
- ★ PADDLEWHEEL CRUISE WITH LUNCH
- ★ LAKE TAHOE EXCURSION WITH SCENIC GONDOLA

Online Reservations: Please click on the link or copy and paste into your browser:

<http://www.prestoregister.com/cgi-bin/order.pl?ref=dtmetours&fm=11>

Fax/Email/Mail Reservations: Please mail (address below), fax (775.586.6228) or email (contact@Destination-Tahoe.com) the enclosed Order Form to Destination Tahoe Meetings & Events with your payment. Mail in registrations must be received by August 2, 2017 and online must be received by August 6, 2017. Online and onsite registration will have limited availability after August 6, 2017.

Credit Cards (American Express, MasterCard or Visa) or checks are accepted.

Please make checks payable to Destination Tahoe Meetings & Events can be sent to the following address:

Destination Tahoe Meetings & Events

Re: Legion Tours P.O. Box 7172324 Stateline, NV 89449

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING RESERVATION FORM

2017 NATIONAL CONVENTION—RENO, NV AUGUST 18—24, 2017

Illinois Housing: Silver Legacy Resort Casino, 407 N. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89501 *(Rooms will be assigned on a first come first served basis.)*

**** HOUSING DEADLINE: JULY 15, 2017 ****

(Please Print)

NAME: _____ Member of: Legion Auxiliary SAL *(Circle one)*

ADDRESS _____ Daytime Phone: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ Email: _____

REGISTRATION ONLY * *There is no charge if under the age of 18.* *

Registration fee of \$25.00 must be paid to Department for each adult that is to attend the National Convention regardless of housing arrangements. Those individuals who do not pay the registration fee with this form will be responsible for obtaining their own credentials.

ADDITIONAL OCCUPANTS

NAME: _____ Member of: Legion Auxiliary SAL *(Circle one)*
(if your name is listed above—DO NOT LIST HERE)

NAME: _____ Member of: Legion Auxiliary SAL *(Circle one)*

NAME: _____ Member of: Legion Auxiliary SAL *(Circle one)*

** There is no charge if under the age of 18 **

PLEASE LIST NAMES and AGES

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING:

Deluxe King @ \$109.00 _____
Arrival Date

Deluxe Doubles @ \$109.00 _____

ADA King @ \$109.00 _____
Departure Date

ADA Double @ \$109.00 _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

OTHER APPLICABLE FEES:

City Fee: \$3.00 per room/night

Convention Registration Fee: \$25.00

Additional Occupant in room: \$10.00+tax pp/day (3-4 People)

Rollaway Rate Per Day: \$10.00+tax per day

Parking: Complimentary Self & Valet

ROOM RATE (First night): \$ 109.00

FIRST NIGHT ROOM RATE TAX (13.5%): \$ 14.72

ADVANCED REGISTRATION FEE (\$25 Per Person): \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Check # _____ Make all Checks Payable to: *American Legion Department of Illinois*



Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ / _____ CSC # _____

(card type: select one)

(code on back of card)

(add room rate, tax, and registration fee)

IMPORTANT NOTES: *(please read then initial each box indicating you have read and understand the information provided)*

- REGISTRATION FEE:** Each adult who will attend the National Convention **MUST** pay a registration fee of \$25.00. **This includes Auxiliary.** If the registration fee is not paid you will have to obtain your own credentials once you arrive at National Convention. All registration fees should be paid to the **American Legion Department of Illinois** along with all first night's room rent and applicable fees which are required by the Hotel.
- CANCELLATIONS AND CHANGE:** All cancellations must be made in writing to the Department Adjutant and **MUST** be in to **Department Headquarters in Bloomington by 4:30 pm on July 15, 2017.** If the cancellation is not in our hands by the date indicated you will be responsible for the first night's lodging to the Hotel. Contact Department Headquarters Office with any changes.
- LATE HOUSING REGISTRATION:** Arrangements will need to be made yourself and registration is to be paid at National at the National Convention Center
- RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:** *American Legion Department of Illinois 2720 E. Lincoln St., Bloomington, IL 61704*

NO CARBON REQUIRED

RETURN WHITE COPY TO: DEPARTMENT OF IL

KEEP YELLOW COPY AS RECEIPT

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JUNE-JULY TRIVIA?

1. How long did it take to construct a Model T Ford in 1914?
2. Who created Sam Spade?
3. What future U.S. president received the last rites of the Catholic Church after an infection following spinal surgery in 1954?
4. Who was the first black American to win the Nobel peace prize?
5. Where was the first nuclear reactor built, by Enrico Fermi?

ANSWERS:

1. 95 minutes.
2. Dashiell Hammett.
3. John F. Kennedy.
4. Ralph Bunche.
5. Chicago.



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