### Chairpersons of Committees on Arrangements

Chairman Emeritus	Michael E. Walton
General Chairman	Anthony P. Libri
Auxiliary Chairperson	Nikki Frithsen
Eight & Forty Chairperson	Barb Turner
	Bob Harmon
	Jane Harmon
Sons of The American Legion Chairperson	James Gasparin
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE	Dave Cawley
American Legion	All Past Commanders of Springfield Post #32
American Legion Auxiliary	Nikki Frithsen
Eight & Forty	Linda Kilmer
BREAKFAST	
Chairman	Mike Walton
Co-Chairpersons Joseph V	Volpe, Suzi Weiss, Jerry Bellatti, Shirley Satterlee,
•	and Roy Marcum
Auxiliary	Shirley Satterlee
TOMB ARRANGEMENTS & WREATHS	Robert M. Wesley
Co-Chairpersons James 1	Peters, Jr., Roy Marcum, Joe Volpe, Jerry Bellatti,
	S A I Squadron #22 Juniors of Unit #22
INFORMATION & TICKETS	S.A.L. Squadron #32, Juniors of Onit #32
	man, Barb Lush, Ashley Walton, Ethellyn Neville
OPEN HOUSE	
American Legion	Charles Egan
	Vicky Drum
	James Gasparin
	Barb Turner
	Katarina Sager, Breana Gaskill
	Bob Harmon
	Jane Harmon
LUNCHEON	Tony Libri
Co-ChairpersonsRoy Marcu	m, Jim Gasparin, Wilbur Baumann, Dave Čawley
	Maggie D'Agostino, Charlie Egan, Jim Durkin
HOTEL FACILITIES	Vicky Drum
Co-Chairpersons Ethellynn Nevil	le, Jenny Kuykendall, Millie Reece, Jane Harmon
	Nikki Frithsen
8 & 40 GIFTS & FLOWERS	Evelyn Nagel
TRANSPORTATION	Charlie Eagan, Wilbur Baumann
Co-Chairpersons Verr	on "Bud" Hayes, Phil Drum, Richard Perkington,
•	Jim Durkin, Bruce O'Neil
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS	
Aide to National Commander	Dave Cawley
Aide to National President	Nikki Frithsen
Aide to Department Commander	Wilbur Baumann
Aide to Department President	Suzie Weiss
	Bob Harmon
Aide to Grande Presidente	Jane Harmon
Aide to S.A.L. National Commander	James Gasparin
	Jim Peters, Jr.

"IF this day has been an instrument by which your spirit of patriotism has been quickened; if love of country and the principles for which it stands - for which our Lincoln lived and died - have been made more real in renewed determination for a vigorous and rugged American Citizenship THEN our efforts have not been in vain."

#### THE SAME HOPE IS IN OUR HEARTS TODAY

Springfield Post No. 32 American Legion, Lincoln Day Pilgrimage Anthony P. Libri, General Chairman

## 84th Annual National Pilgrimage of The American Legion and its Auxiliary Organizations to The Tomb of Abraham Lincoln



Under the Auspices of

Springfield American Legion Post No. 32 Department of Illinois

Jebruary 12, 2018



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## Program Events

#### **FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

#### 4:30 - 6:00 PM

#### AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY LEADERSHIP RECEPTION

All of the National and Department Leadership are participating in this complimentary meet and greet reception that is open to our entire American Legion Family.

Reception will be in the Wyndham Springfield Ballroom located on the mezzanine.

#### 5:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Open House at Springfield Post 32, The American Legion, 1120 Sangamon Ave., Springfield, IL. Music, refreshments and fun. The Mess Hall Restaurant located inside Post 32 will serve dinner from 4:30pm—8:30pm.

**HOSTS:** Springfield Post 32, Auxiliary Unit 32, Salon 225, 8 & 40, Voiture 344, 40 & 8, La Femmes Cabane 344, Sons of The American Legion Squadron 32 and Juniors Unit 32.

#### **FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

8:00 AM	American	Legion	Family	Breakfast,	honoring	Key	Note	Speaker
	American	Legion	Auxiliary	National	President	Diane	Dusch	eck and
	featuring	Guest	of Hono	r National	l Commai	nder	Denise	Rohan.
	Wyndham Springfield City Centre—Capitol Room.							

- **9:45 AM** Cars and buses assemble for Distinguished Guests and others at main entrance to Wyndham Springfield City Centre.
- **10:00 AM** Pilgrimage departs hotel en route to Lincoln's Tomb.
- 10:30 AM Ceremonies at Abraham Lincoln's Tomb, placing of wreaths.

  Music presented by Deanna Cagley; American Legion Post #32 Family
  Color Guard, 114th Infantry Regiment, Illinois Volunteers (Reactivated)

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

Denise Rohan, National Commander of The American Legion

Diane Duscheck, National President, The American Legion Auxiliary

Danny Smith, National Commander, Sons of The American Legion

Robert Henderson, Department Commander, The American Legion, Illinois

Marsha Haag, Department President, The American Legion Auxiliary, Illinois

Paul Hayse, Detachment Commander, Sons of the American Legion, Illinois

Honorable Bruce Rauner, Governor of Illinois (invited)

Honorable Dick Durbin, State Senator, Illinois (invited)

Honorable Tammy Duckworth, State Senator, Illinois (invited)

Honorable James O. Langfelder, Mayor of Springfield

**12:00 NOON** Wyndham Springfield City Centre Ballroom opens with music by the Springfield Municipal Band

#### 12:30 PM LINCOLN COMMEMORATION LUNCHEON

Wyndham Springfield City Centre—Ballroom

## Menu

Chicken Piccata - Sautéed Chicken smothered in a Lemon Caper Butter Sauce, Wild Rice blend, Butter Broccoli. All meals are served with Coffee, Tea, Dinner Rolls with sweet butter and either layered Chocolate Cake with Raspberry filling or Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese frosting.

## Luncheon Program

Call to Order
Present Colors
National Anthem
and The Springfield Municipal Band
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Sons of The American LegionPaul Hayse, Detachment Commander, IL
Remarks Danny Smith, National Commander, Sons of The American Legion
Eight and FortyJerri Akins, Le Chapeau Departmental, IL
Remarks
American Legion AuxiliaryMarsha Haag, President, American Legion Auxiliary, IL
Remarks
Remarks Diane Duscheck, National President, American Legion Auxiliary
The American LegionRobert Henderson, Department Commander, IL
RemarksMartin Conatser, Past National Commander
Introductions Bernie Stegmueller, National Executive Committeeman, IL
Address Denise Rohan, National Commander, The American Legion
Closing 30 seconds of silence - in memory of our departed comrades
Benediction

"What constitutes the Bulwark of our own Liberty and independence?

It is not our frowning battlements, our bristling sea coast...

Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us.

Our defense is in the preservation of the spirit which prizes liberty

as the heritage of all men, all lands everywhere."

Springfield Post No. 32 and the Department of Illinois have been proud to honor our 16th

Michael E. Walton, Chairman Emeritus

Springfield Post No. 32

President annually on his birthday for 84 consecutive years since February 12, 1935.

Anthony P. Libri, Chairman

Springfield Post No. 32

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### 84<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2018

The 84<sup>th</sup> Annual National American Legion Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln will be held in Springfield, Illinois, on Monday, February 12, 2018. Springfield Post #32, Auxiliary Unit #32 and Sons of The American Legion Squadron #32 extend a most cordial invitation to you to attend and participate.

National Commander Denise Rohan, National President Diane Duscheck, SAL National Commander Danny Smith, our Illinois Department Commander Robert Henderson, our Department President Marsha Haag and our Detachment Commander Paul Hayse, will be attending and participating in the activities. Additionally, many other Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L., and state and local dignitaries will be in attendance to honor President Abraham Lincoln on this very special day.

The Commemoration begins on Sunday afternoon February 11, 2018, from 4:30 – 6 p.m. with our NEW American Legion Family Leadership Reception at the Wyndham Springfield Ballroom located on the mezzanine. All of the National and Department Officers will be participating and it is a free event open to all of our American Legion Family members which will give everyone a chance to meet and speak with our American Legion Family National and Department Officers. Immediately after (and during) the Reception a FREE shuttle will run continuously between Springfield Post 32 and the Wyndham Springfield until 1 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend an Open House with a DJ for entertainment at Springfield Post #32, 1120 Sangamon Avenue where our American Legion Family dignitaries will be again greeting everyone and enjoying dinner at Post 32. The buffet dinner service will be available at our Mess Hall Restaurant inside Post 32, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. To place Sunday evening dinner reservations phone 217/523-3415 or via email at <a href="mailto:spfldpost32@outlook.com">spfldpost32@outlook.com</a> to reach the Mess Hall Restaurant. We will have plenty of fun, a DJ, refreshments and a chance to renew old acquaintances and make new ones and again our National and Department Officers will be at the Open House to greet everyone. (More information? Visit our website <a href="www.springfieldamericanlegion.com">www.springfieldamericanlegion.com</a>)

The headquarters hotel is the Wyndham Springfield City Centre, 700 East Adams Street, in downtown Springfield. Room rates are \$104.00 per night, single or double occupancy, and the rate includes FREE parking. You may call your reservation in to 217/789-1530 (press 1 when prompted) but please ensure you tell the clerk that you are reserving a room for the American Legion Pilgrimage to receive this special rate. You may also reserve your room over the inter-net at <a href="https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/american-legion-pilgrimage-2018">https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/american-legion-pilgrimage-2018</a> All hotel reservations must be received by <a href="mailto:January 19">January 19</a>, 2018.

The following program has been planned for Monday, February 12, 2018:

8:00 a.m. NEW FOR 2018 - Joint American Legion Family Breakfast with National Commander Denise Rohan, S.A.L. National Commander Danny Smith and honoring National American

Legion Auxiliary President Diane Duscheck as the keynote speaker, ballroom, Wyndham

Springfield. Open to our American Legion Family

10:00 a.m. Pilgrimage departs Wyndham Springfield for journey to Abraham Lincoln's Tomb.

10:30 a.m. Ceremonies and wreath placing from inside Mr. Lincoln's Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery,

Springfield, Illinois.

12:30 p.m. Lincoln Commemoration Luncheon with Distinguished Guests and National Commander

Denise Rohan as the keynote speaker. Wyndham ballroom. Open to our American Legion

Family.

Breakfast tickets are \$20.00 each, and luncheon tickets are \$30.00 each with tax and tip included. If you are from Illinois, please indicate your Illinois District number on all luncheon reservations. Checks should be made out to Springfield Post #32, The American Legion. <u>Tickets, reservations and further information please write or e-mail spfldpost32@outlook.com</u>: American Legion Lincoln Day Pilgrimage, ATTN: Phil Drum, Ticket Chairman, 1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1853. Phone 217/523-3415. SPECIAL NOTICE: All meal checks and/or reservations must be received or canceled by <u>February 4, 2018.</u> No refunds can be made after that date. Please make your plans and reservations early, as we may not be able to seat you if you do not order your meal tickets early.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to be with us to honor our 16<sup>th</sup> President, Abraham Lincoln, on his birthday in his "Hometown", and that you make time to visit the beautiful Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library, which is only three short blocks from the Hilton Springfield. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum will be offering their Group Rate to our attendees by merely showing your membership card on Feb 10, 11, 12, 2018. Tony Libri, General Chairman



## 84<sup>th</sup> Annual

(1935 - 2018)

# National **American Legion Pilgrimage** Tomb of Abraham Lincoln -OPEN HOUSE-

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Springfield Post #32. The American Legion 1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, Illinois - Phone 217/523-3415 Home of and originator of the National American Legion Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln

Our Mess Hall Restaurant presents: ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET Fried Chicken; Pork Loin; Mashed Potatoes & Gravy; Vegetable; Roll and Butter.

Only \$10.95 + tax

Serving 4:00 - 8:30 p.m. Sunday, February 11, 2018 at Post 32

Reservations suggested 217/523-3415 or email us: spfldpost32@outlook.com

Further information visit our website www.springfieldamericanlegion.com

-DJ 8 p.m. - Midnight-

CONTINUOUS FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE WILL OPERATE BETWEEN THE Wyndham Springfield and American Legion Post 32 4 P.M. - 1 A.M. ON FEBRUARY 11, 2018.