

# AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS Department News



The American Legion Family



2018–2019 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MICHEAL M. CARDER

MAY 2019



## Update on the Legion Act

A bill expanding membership eligibility for The American Legion was introduced March 8 in the House of Representatives. The Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act — also known as the **LEGION Act (H R 1641)** — is a bipartisan effort introduced by Congressmen Lou Correa, D-Calif., and Ben Cline, R-Va., with Rep. Gil Cisneros, D-Calif., an original co-sponsor.

H R 1641 now has 35 Cosponsors in the House. Only two are from Illinois (**Rep Raja Krishnamoorthi D-IL-8 & Rep Rodney Davis R-IL-13**). We need to reach out to all the House members from Illinois to cosponsor now!

The bill was introduced Feb. 14 in the Senate (**Senate Bill 504**) by Sens. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., and Thom Tillis, R-N.C. The bill currently has 23 cosponsors. **Sen Tammy Duckworth D-IL has signed to be cosponsor** and contacts have been made to Sen Durbin to also cosponsor. Calls to his office would be appreciated.

The LEGION Act was a focus of American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad's Feb. 27 testimony before a joint hearing of the Senate and House Committees on Veterans' Affairs. He called on Congress to take action amending the charter, thereby giving tens of thousands of veterans access to American Legion benefits and programs they are not currently eligible for.

“Our charter and membership eligibility have mirrored the eras officially recognized by the U.S. government to include the wars and conflicts such as Korea, Vietnam and the Global War on Terror,” Reistad testified. **“However, these recognized periods fail to take into account the hostilities that occur between official war eras, in which nearly 1,600 U.S. military personnel were killed or wounded in places like Cuba, Iran and El Salvador.”**

Because The American Legion's membership periods are congressionally chartered, the organization is prevented from expanding membership eligibility without an act of Congress. The act expands membership eligibility to honorably discharged veterans that have served on federal orders in unrecognized times of war since World War II.

**Now is the time to contact your elected officials and ask them to co-sponsor and to support this effort to expand the eligibility dates for The American Legion.**

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

AS OF  
APRIL 26, 2019

#### TOP 10 DISTRICT AND DIVISION RANKINGS

##### District Commander

|    |              |
|----|--------------|
| 9  | Horn         |
| 7  | Hoffman      |
| 8  | Lange        |
| 11 | Reece, Jr.   |
| 17 | Elder        |
| 20 | Flowers, Jr. |
| 23 | Devore       |
| 21 | Kulavic      |
| 16 | Rice         |
| 19 | Walker       |

##### Division Commander

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| 4 | NARGELENAS |
| 1 | LAMPERT    |
| 2 | BENIGNO    |
| 3 | DAVIS, III |
| 5 | MADSON     |



## From The Desk of Department Commander Micheal M. Carder



May is here and the flowers are blooming and maybe the snow is gone. The silver bullet made its way to Warrensville, Illinois to help the 11th District with their revitalization and this was a great success with nearly 100 legionnaires brought back into the district. However, this endeavor was preceded by a visit to the First Division by Senior vice Roy Weber and myself. Well, following two days with the 11th District it was off to Utica, Illinois and the Jr. Auxiliary Conference this was a great time observing their conference and meeting the junior members.

The next weekend the silver bullet headed for Bloomington, IL and the spring meetings and the Spring DEC. It

was disappointing to note that many District Commanders and Senior Vice commanders did not attend the DEC and did not bother to have a suitable representative to fill their respective positions. This action makes one wonder about their commitment to the American Legion. Finally, the silver bullet completed the April in Elgin, IL, where I attended the posts Awards Night.

This month is a busy month for posts in the American Legion, with respective Poppy Day activities, Memorial Day Ceremonies and graves decoration honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice and have gone on to post everlasting. May is also the month for Armed Forces Day and this year the Armed Forces Day Celebration will be hosted by the First Division with a dinner in Des Plaines, Illinois. This year the week prior to Armed Forces Day will be special with National Commander Brett Reistad

spending the

entire week with the Department of Illinois honoring those post commanders who made a 100% membership prior to the registration cut off date. Each division has planned a celebration event for their 100% commanders, who will be able to visit with the national commander and have their pictures taken with him. I hope to see a lot of legionnaires at each division event and I expect each respective District Commander and their respective vice commanders to attend. Time for them to show the true Illinois American Legion spirit to the National Commander.

Now, in closing Senior vice Roy Weber and myself are very concerned about the legacy of the Department of Illinois for the next century and it looks shaky, we are 4,000 members

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## From The Desk of Department Sr. Vice Commander Roy Weber



The Membership year for the department is quickly coming to an end. The last ten weeks is always difficult for getting those last 10% of our membership on the books.

The time has ended for our 100% Posts to meet with the National Commander Reistad. I would like to see a large turnout of Legionnaires to greet him at the event in each Division. I want to thank all of those posts that achieved 100% by April 15th to be able to spend an evening with Commander Reistad. Many of our Division and District officers showed leadership to attain this goal!

As I stated at the DEC our Department is ranked 40th in membership, a very long way from the top TEN we had set as a goal. Those outstanding renews as well as many potential New Members are still out there. We can still get our numbers up by using teamwork, calling our NOT PAID membership, 2910 members and personally inviting our veterans to join local Posts.

Our revitalization efforts in the 11th District went very well with 90+ renews, 2910 transfers and new members. Every District has area that revitalization would be beneficial. The membership team is always willing to help in any way. It will be a very busy month so let's hit it hard in May and June to get our membership up!

Don't forget about Boys State and Girls State and Youth Police School in June. There is still time to visit high

schools for students to attend these valuable programs stressing Leadership. Today Philip Mette and I visited 6 high schools in our county. The school principals and student counselors were very receptive to both programs.

The month of May will be busy, as we attend the National Spring Meetings in Indianapolis the 5th through the 9th. Then we will spend a full week, with our National Commander visiting each Division, ending with the Armed Forces Day Celebration in Des Plaines.

Keep building membership with a CAN DO ATTITUDE! Remember we are Veterans serving Veterans!

## *From The Desk of Department Auxiliary President Debra Lewis*



### **Hello Legionnaires!**

**D**espite the snow a few days ago, Spring is finally here, at least my grass seems to think so. The warmer weather brings many to thinking of our upcoming holidays and annual Legion Family events. May brings Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day Commemorations and of course Poppy Distribution. The Poppy program is a wonderful example of the power of collaboration in the of The American Legion Family. Each year, we come together; Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, Auxiliary members, American Legion Riders and even Junior members to raise millions of dollars to support the rehabilitation of service members. This program serves as a visible reminder to our communities of the sacrifices

made by our service members and our duty to care for them and their families while honoring their service. Additionally, Poppy Days are an excellent opportunity for meaningful public relations efforts in our own backyards. So, pull your family together, plan your efforts to distribute poppies in your community, and get out there and help us spread that red flower across our great state. While our poppies may be small in size, working together we can make their impact great for our Veterans.

I am looking forward to participating in upcoming Memorial Day services, if you have an event please be sure to get the word out so we can join you in honoring the fallen. It is always a moving experience to take some time and remember those who served to protect our freedoms.

June is coming fast, with Special Olympics, Illinois Premier Boys State, Illini Girls State, and Legion Baseball season just around the corner. Are you working these wonderful youth programs? What a great way to improve awareness of

our organization through serving these young people and their families. All of these programs afford us the opportunity to live our ideals of service and Americanism. These programs require many hours of work and donations of goods and funds to make them successful. Come join us in our efforts, you will not be disappointed. Not to mention, the future of our organization depends on our ability to stay visible and relevant to our communities. These programs are all excellent opportunities to spread the word about who we are, what we do, and why we matter!!!

This month I leave you with a thought from our 35<sup>th</sup> President, John F. Kennedy; "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them." Let's get out there and show our appreciation for the sacrifice of our servicemembers, Veterans, and our American Legion Family by living by the words of our preamble and serving together.



## *From The Desk of Detachment Commander Eugene Gort*

**D**ON'T STOP NOW. We are nearing the end of our membership year, and we need to continue to push through until convention. When we talk to potential new members, it's important that we remember ABE. To me it means Always Be Excited/Energetic/Engaged. It is important that when we are talking about the American Legion Family to convey to our potential members about how awe-

some our organization is. Let them know about how much your Post has done for your community, or how big of an impact our organization has on a National level. Potential members will feel better about joining an organization that they see is making an impact on their community.

If your Post has a Sons squadron, please encourage your Sons members to attend our Detachment Convention in July. We will have our leading candidate for National Commander, Clint Bolt, from Virginia in attendance, along with Past National Vice Commander, Michael Lawler, from Wisconsin. This will give our members an opportunity to meet fellow members who are serv-

ing in a national level. Please feel free to stop by our convention yourself also. We would love to showcase how well the American Legion Family works together in Illinois. Keep up your hard work, and look forward to seeing you soon.





# Did You Know?

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that this month's article was last seen in our May 2018 newsletter. I received so many favorable responses I decided to update it a little and republish it. Here goes. Many veterans don't bother to file claims for service-connected compensation because their condition is minor and would probably result in only a 10% rating. They feel the paperwork is too complicated. Examples would be diabetes under control with diet, tinnitus, minor arthritis in a broken finger or very mild PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)/ When I run across these vets I tell them that the paperwork is easy and our trained Service Officers will help with the process. Yes, they may only get 10% (currently at \$140 a month) but that rating opens up a cornucopia of other benefits. A dozen immediately come to mind; they are:

1. Ten points civil service preference on government jobs.
2. Waiver of VA home loan funding fees (that could be a savings of thousands of dollars on the closing).
3. Free hearing aids and eyeglasses at the VA
4. Possible retraining under the Vocational Rehabilitation program.
5. Free bus rides (at least in Chicago).
6. Discounts at our National Parks.
7. Free hunting and fishing licenses in Illinois.
8. No copayments for Veterans Health Administration outpatient visits.
9. Travel pay for treatment of that particular service-connected condition when using a Veterans Administration hospital.
10. Eligible for \$10,000 in Veterans Administration life insurance.
11. Free or reduced city and village vehicle stickers.
12. Higher eligibility category at the VA hospital.

In addition to the above I stress that their condition over the years may get worse and they can always apply for an upgrade. Many World War II, Korean and Vietnam veterans started with a minor 10% knee injury and over the years it got worse. Some have to undergo total knee replacements. This can increase their rating well beyond 50% in most cases.

Finally If they are still hesitant to file I pull my ace out of my sleeve and tell them getting this rating can protect their spouses and make it easier for them to receive survivor's benefits. That minor coronary artery disease could result in a massive fatal heart attack or that diabetes could result in a deadly diabetic coma.

Once they realize all of the potential benefits we usually get them to file. **Are you one of those who hasn't yet filled?** If so contact our office and one of our Service Officers will help get the ball rolling.

**"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."**

**G.K. Chesterton**

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behind our goal. We have a month and a half left until the close of books, now is not the time to quit we must dig deep within ourselves and bring in those non renewed members. Yes it is frustrating to be met with indifference, but it is time to reinforce the mission of The American Legion and they will come. Our legacy will be our strength in numbers to secure the benefits for veterans and their children and families. **Now is Bloody Knuckle Time**, can we make up 4,000 members, who knows? But I say this it is not over until the whistle blows, roll up your sleeves and let's get the job done. I have faith in the Department of Illinois, **we will not let our fellow veterans down.**

# 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

## American Legion Department of Illinois

# 4 Pillars Pin



**\$100 each**

100% of the money will be distributed evenly to four American Legion Department of Illinois programs.

- ★ Special Olympics
- ★ Boys State
- ★ Gifts to the Yanks
- ★ Oratorical Contest

A certificate of program support will be included with each purchase.

*(This stylish pin will be a 1.5" inch dual plated gold & silver 3D pin with gold and blue stones inserted in each pillar)*

## *100 Years of Service ~ Department of Illinois ~ 4 Pillars Pin*

Please complete this form and mail with payment to:

American Legion Department of Illinois, 2720 E. Lincoln Street, Bloomington, IL 61704

Post Number \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payment type:  VISA  MC  Discover  Check number \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## The American Legion Family



*The Illinois American Legion First Division is Proud to Host*

Armed Forces Day Dinner

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

DES PLAINES ELKS LODGE NO. 1526

495 LEE ST. DES PLAINES, IL. 60016

Key Note Speaker

*National Commander*

*Brett Reistad*

\$30 per person

Social Hour starts at 5:00 pm (cash bar), Dinner at 6:30 pm

Family Style

London Broil, Baked Chicken, Oven-Brown Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, Tea

Please contact the hotel directly to make reservations.

EDWARD HOTEL / CHICAGO

6600 N. Mannheim Road

Rosemont, IL. 60018

(847) 544-7500

Single Room Rate: \$112.86 (after tax) Per Night (Group Code: ARM)

Reservation Deadline: Friday May 10, 2019

NO WALK-INS

Table of 10 may be reserved by listing names of attendees on back of reservation form.

Questions? Contact: Al Pizarro at 708-655-5282

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

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  I am reserving a table of 10 (names are listed on the back)

Checks are to be made payable to: **The American Legion First Division Council**

Mail reservations to: **P.O. Box 280 Riverside, Illinois 60546-0280**

**THE AMERICAN LEGION – 100 YEARS YOUNG**

# National Commander Visit

March 2019

Post Commanders;

Would you like to have dinner with the National Commander? If your post membership is 100% by 15 April 2019 you will win an invitation for dinner and a picture with the National Commander.

Any Legionnaire is welcome, if they would like to attend they are more than welcome at their own cost.

The date, time and dress code for the event has been listed on the enclosed flyer.

If you have any questions you may call your Division Commander or the Department Membership Director Chad Woodburn (309) 663-0361 [cwoodburn@illegion.org](mailto:cwoodburn@illegion.org).

Come out and enjoy a great evening with our National Commander!

Respectfully submitted,

**Micheal M. Carder**  
Department Commander  
The American Legion  
State of Illinois



## National Commander's schedule listed below

**Join the 1ST DIVISION on Saturday May 18th, 2019 for dinner with National Commander Brett Reistad**

Dinner will be at the Des Plaines Elks Lodge 495 Lee St. Des Plaines

Dinner will be \$30.00 per person. Social Hour Starts at 5:00 PM, Dinner Starts at 6:30 PM. Dress: Coat and Tie  
All 100% Post Commander's by 15 April 2019 will receive a dinner coupon and a picture with the National Commander.

**Please RSVP to Al Pizzaro [pzodad2@gmail.com](mailto:pzodad2@gmail.com) No Later Than May 10th 2019 to reserve your seat**

**Join the 2ND DIVISION on Wednesday May 15th, 2019 for dinner with National Commander Brett Reistad**

Dinner will be at Post 589, 3S371 Mignin Dr. Warrenville

Dinner will be \$15.00 per person. Social Hour Starts at 5:30 PM, Dinner Starts at 6:30 PM. Dress: Coat and Tie  
All 100% Post Commander's by 15 April 2019 will receive a dinner coupon and a picture with the National Commander.

**Please RSVP to Kevin Leonard (630) 461-8875 [krleonard68@gmail.com](mailto:krleonard68@gmail.com) No Later Than April 15th 2019 to reserve your seat.**

**Join the 3RD DIVISION on Tuesday May 14th, 2019 for dinner with National Commander Brett Reistad**

Dinner will be at Post 979 4501 S. Airport Rd. Bartonville

Dinner will be \$15.00 per person. Social Hour Starts at 4:30 PM, Dinner Starts at 5:30 PM. Dress: Legion Casual  
All 100% Post Commander's by 15 April 2019 will receive a dinner coupon and a picture with the National Commander.

**Please RSVP to Bob Zimbelman (309) 697-2507 or Post 979 (309) 697-2432, No Later Than April 15th 2019 to reserve your seat.**

**Join the 4TH DIVISION on Sunday May 12th, 2019 for dinner with National Commander Brett Reistad**

Dinner will be at Post 1922 5880 S. 6th St. Springfield (FOP Lodge 41)

Dinner will be \$15.00 per person. Social Hour Starts at 4:00 PM, Dinner Starts at 5:00 PM. Dress: Legion Casual  
All 100% Post Commander's by 15 April 2019 will receive a dinner coupon and a picture with the National Commander.

**Please RSVP to Luella Buske (217) 556-9555 or [luellabuske@yahoo.com](mailto:luellabuske@yahoo.com) No Later Than April 15th 2019 to reserve your seat.**

**Join the 5TH DIVISION on Saturday May 11th, 2019 For a steak fry with National Commander Brett Reistad**

Dinner will be at the Haven, 10289 Haven Rd. Carbondale, IL 62901

The steak fry will be \$15.00 per person. Social Hour Starts at 4:00 PM, Dinner Starts at 5:00 PM. Dress: Legion Casual  
All 100% Post Commander's by 15 April 2019 will receive a dinner coupon and a picture with the National Commander.

**Please RSVP to Bill Flanagan (618) 978-5752 No Later Than April 15th 2019 to reserve your seat!**

**ALL DISTRICT AND DIVISION OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND**

## 30 Days until Go Time!!

### 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.

Please ensure that your post is sending as many boys as possible. If for any reason you have more boys than funds or the opposite, please contact your neighboring posts for a

partnership. If you need any assistance in promoting the program, please reach out to your district chairman.

*This year we have began our online registration. There seems to be some confusion on the process. We are not trying to eliminate the posts involvement; we are only trying to gain as many citizens as we can in order to remain a viable program. If the boys follow the instructions, they are directed to print the first 3 pages of their registration form and bring it to their local American Legion post for approval and sponsorship.*

We would like to thank all of you for doing all you can for our youth! It takes all of us working together in order to make this year truly, **"A Week That Shapes A Lifetime"**.

## Illinois, Caleb Maue finishes 2nd in Legion Oratorical Finals, \$16,000 scholarship



On April 7th in Indianapolis Maue emerged in second place at the National Oratorical Contest from a competitive field of 52 other high school orators each winning their respective American Legion Department Oratorical Contest. Throughout the weekend's competition, the contestants presented a rehearsed eight to ten minute oration on an aspect of the Constitution in front of judges, as well as a three-to-five minute speech on an assigned topic discourse--a phase of the Constitution selected from its Articles and Sections. Maue who is one of the three finalist who advanced through the semifinals on Saturday to stand on a stage at the Wyndham Hotel for the finals competition. Once results were finalized, National Commander Brett Reistad and Americanism Commission Chairman Richard Anderson presented the top 3 awards to Patrick Junker, IA winning 1st Place; Caleb Maue, IL winning 2nd Place; and Eden Carnes, TN who won 3rd place.

As the second place winner Caleb of Homer Glen, IL, who is a home-schooled junior, received a \$16,000 scholarship. Maue was sponsored by Post 1080.

← PICTURE Caleb Maue with National Commander Brett Reistad

**We look forward to seeing Caleb at State Convention in Springfield where we will hear his winning speech!**



← Pictured from l-r is George Janavice (Judi's dad), Sam, Judi, Dan, & Caleb Maue and Philip Mette (Department Americanism Chairman)

→ Pictured from l-r is: Eden Carnes of TN winning 3rd place; Caleb Mau of Homer Glen, IL winning 2nd place; and Patrick Junker of IA winning 1st place at National Finals.





# MYSTERIOUS BONES IN MILITARY FOOTLOCKER POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD VETERAN FIVE DECADES AFTER MURDER

*Granddaughter embarks on years-long mission to determine if remains are those of grandfather*

A 56 year journey of Joseph Mulvaney. He was a member of the Illinois National Guard who served in World War II in the Philippines and Australia. In 1963, he disappeared. Mulvaney's whereabouts remained a mystery. "His children were told he just wandered off," granddaughter Shelley Statler said.

He had been murdered and buried in his yard. Sometime before 1986, his remains were dug up and placed in a military footlocker which made its way to Wyoming and stored in a shed. A man in Thermopolis, Wyoming attained the shed in 1986 (and the contents including the footlocker), but didn't open it until 1992. That's when the remains (unknown at that time) were discovered and turned over to Law Enforcement. The case was featured on Unsolved Mysteries in 1993, but the leads were all dead ends. His remains sat in a Wyoming State Crime Lab for 25 years before they were positively identified.

Finally, in 2017, a woman from Waukege, Iowa convinced the right individuals the remains could possibly be her grandfather. After obtaining a DNA sample from Mulvaney's daughter, the remains were positively identified. Statler credited the Illinois National Guard with helping her research Mulvaney's military service and prove his veteran status.

The Illinois National Guard Command Historian through research was able to confirm Mulvaney's military service. Getting certification of his veteran status was a bit trickier as his records were among those which burned in the fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis.

2017 when his remains were positively identified, through DNA testing. However, they were able to certify his veteran status through other means. On March 29th, he received a long-overdue military funeral. Still, Statler said there is a lot that she does not know about her grandfather. Statler said she hopes that Mattoon- and Decatur-area residents will be able to provide additional information about him and help her get in contact with any remaining family in the area. "There are so many unanswered questions even at this point. It's frustrating, there are a lot of different things I can't find," Statler said. "I need as much help as I can get at this point."

Statler is still seeking information about her grandfather, including more information on her grandfather's life and possibly additional family members from Illinois. Statler still wants to find out what happened to her grandfather. Anyone with information about the case can reach her by email at [shellbear90@gmail.com](mailto:shellbear90@gmail.com) or telephone at (515) 202-0486.



ABOVE LEFT: Shelley Statler, granddaughter of Joseph J. Mulvaney, is presented with a memorial pin by Honor Guard member Bill Buntyn while the Statler family, including (from left) Kaylee, 17, Ron, Jenna, 13, Brittany, 15, and Deacon Rick Moser, watch from the front row.

ABOVE RIGHT: Army National Guard Honor Guard presented Shelly with the American flag from atop her grandfather's coffin.


# ATTENTION: Children and Youth Chairman

~ Please read at your post meeting ~

## Special Olympics Summer Games Fund

### Want to know how your post can help!

Each year Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games are held at ISU in Normal, IL. For those of you who can't attend, there is still a lot of preparation for the American Legion and Auxiliary Hospitality Tent. We feed over 4,000 athletes and their families each year. Posts donate lots of items to help out each year.

 Here's what is needed:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Country Time Lemonade
- \_\_\_\_\_ Family Size Lipton Tea Bags
- \_\_\_\_\_ Napkins
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9 inch plates
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ziploc Sandwich Bags
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8 oz. plastic cups

#### PLEASE REMEMBER TO...


*Bring your donations to your C&Y District or Division chairmen, so we will have an idea of supplies and money. The Chairmen will bring them to the games.*

*ALL donations should be at Dept. no later than the first week in June.*

*With the whole Legion family involved (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL & Riders) we can make it a true Legion Family Hospitality Tent!*

\_\_\_\_\_ Money donations\*: *Money donations are used for the renting of the tent, (\$900 alone) Groceries— supplies to make dip, veggie trays, gallons of olives, gallons of dill pickles, crackers, fruit, and popsicles.*

\* Please have ALL monetary donations in by June 1st so supplies can be purchased.

 \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteers: *If you can help please let us know when you can be there.*

Friday - From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_.

Saturday - From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_.

*In addition, helpers are needed to set-up and take down additional tents used, as well as load and unload supplies from the trailer and trucks.*

Hours Open:  
Friday 10:00– 4:00  
Saturday 9:30– 3:30

*Thank you for your consideration...and Especially for your Donation!*

# We NEED HELPERS to set up and take down!

## Our aging Special Olympic Staff greatly appreciates all hands.



# AMERICAN LEGION National Poppy Day™

MAY 24, 2019

*Honor the Fallen.  
Support the Living.*

After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed the growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble left by the war. From the dirt and mud grew a beautiful red poppy. The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed during battle following the publication of the wartime poem "In Flanders Fields." The poem was written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, M.D. while serving on the front lines.

On September 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion.

Led by the American Legion Auxiliary, each year members of The American Legion Family distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.

Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion brought National Poppy Day to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day.

On **May 24th**, wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.

## How to Participate:

- ✿ *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*

## In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row.  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies  
grow  
In Flanders fields.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

National Spring  
Committee & Commission Meetings  
Indianapolis, IN  
May 6th--9th  
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Mother's Day  
May 12th  
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Armed Forces Day  
May 18th  
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**MEMORIAL DAY  
DEPT. OFFICE CLOSED  
MAY 27TH**  
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American Legion Premier  
Illinois Boys State  
EIU--CHARLESTON  
June 8th--14th  
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Illinois Legacy Ride Part 1  
June 8th--9th  
~ ~ ~

Flag Day  
June 14th  
~ ~ ~

Father's Day  
June 16  
~ ~ ~

Illini Girls State  
EIU--CHARLESTON  
June 16th--22nd  
~ ~ ~

**CLOSE OF BOOK  
JUNE 21ST**  
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Illinois Legacy Ride Part 2  
June 22nd--23rd  
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Youth Police Program  
Springfield, IL  
June 23rd--28th  
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**INDEPENDENCE DAY  
DEPT. OFFICE CLOSED  
JULY 4TH**  
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# Public Relations / Information Sharing Recognition Award



Public Relations and Information Sharing are primarily about the Image of The American Legion. At every level, it is our job to inform, enlighten, persuade and convince our members, the media, local and national elected officials, community members and U.S. citizens about who we are and what we do.

Every year, posts provide assistance to veterans and their families, conduct fundraisers, sponsor sports teams, assist in community programs in time of need to name a few, which should be shared with the local Media to tell our story. If they are not shared, The American Legion has NO image in your area.

The Public Relations/Information Sharing Committee feels that by creating an annual Award to be given at the Department Convention will definitely increase the participation in telling our great story. The award will be given to recognize the winning submission of Post's achievements based on their membership levels and a local Media Source supporting The American Legion image in any area that they serve.

There are four awards that will be given to one Post in each level; 15-100 members, 101-200 members, 201-400 members and 401 plus members. The following criteria will be used to judge all entries and need to be sent to The Public Relations Committee at Department Headquarters no later than June 1st.

**DETAILS:** Each entry must include the completed Public Relations/Information Sharing Recognition Award form covering the outlined categories. If necessary, you may use no more than two (2) additional pages of supporting information with your submission.

**SUPPORTING MATERIAL (optional):** Submissions may include support material that corresponds to the particular Public Relations activities such as: Pictures, News Articles, Press Releases, Public Service Announcements, DVD's of TV or On Line Media support, etc.

**Submission Deadline:** June 1st at Department Headquarters.

Recognition Award Entry Form is located on the Department Website (Forms)

## *May is...*

# *Motorcycle Awareness Month*

## **LOOK TWICE ~ SAVE A LIFE**

# **YOUTH PROGRAM DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Boys State--June 8-14, 2019 (Charleston, IL)**

**Illini Girls State--June 16-22, 2019 (Charleston, IL)**

**\* Youth Police---June 23-28, 2019 (Springfield, IL) *CHANGE in LOCATION—2019 session will be held at the NATIONAL GUARD FACILITY (same as 2018).***

# American Legion 2019 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**

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| \$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

## Everyday Veterans Discounts and Services

### Discounts for Military (Active, Reserves, Guard Members), Retirees, Veterans and Dependents

Qualifying proof in most case will be one of the following documents. Active Duty ID card, Reserves/Guardsman ID card, Military Retiree ID card, Veterans Affairs ID card, Veterans Affairs ID card stamped under picture service corrected, and State Driver's License over stamped "VETERAN".

Not every establishment offers a discount, but it never hurts to ask, when in doubt ask the manager. Go to link below for complete listing.

<https://www.legion.org/veteransbenefits/military-veteran-discounts>

JOIN  
TEAM  
100  
TODAY

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_

(Mailing Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) \_\_\_\_\_

(Membership ID# former member) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Dues) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 2, 1990 – cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Government | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989 – Jan. 31, 1990   | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984   | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975   | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955   | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1946  | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines 12/7/41 – 12/31/46 (only eligibility) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917 – Nov 11, 1918  |   |

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Name of recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

30-009 (2012)

Receipt of Dues

(Please Print)

From \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

The American Legion Department of Illinois

101<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION JULY 8-13, 2019

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

HOUSING RESERVATION FORM

All reservations MUST be made directly with the hotel housing your Division/S.A.L. on or before June 18, 2019. 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 assigned 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

Table with 3 columns: HOTEL, DIVISION/S.A.L., RATE. Row 1: WYNDHAM SPRINGFIELD, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Divisions and Sons of The American Legion, \$109.00 plus tax (\$123.17 per night with tax). Address: 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.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/hr/2019-american-legion-state-convention Or you may also call 217/789-1530 and select the RESERVATIONS OPTION and advise the reservationist of Group Code 07097027ALC and/or the group name "American Legion 2019"

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SPRINGFIELD

Table with 3 columns: HOTEL, DIVISION/S.A.L., RATE. Row 1: (A Doubletree by Hilton), 4th Division & Auxiliary, \$109.00 plus tax (\$123.17 per night with tax). Address: 701 E. Adams Springfield, IL 62701 217/544-8800

Reservation- Mail this form to the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield or via internet by visiting the Department of Illinois website and linking up to:

http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/S/SPIASDT-ALM-20190709/index.jhtml?WT.mc\_id=POG 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 18, 2019.

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/SAL 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 12<sup>TH</sup> - COMMANDER'S AND PRESIDENT'S DINNER, SATURDAY, JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>

*American Legion Department of Illinois Family  
Cordially Invites You to the Annual  
Commander and President Dinner*

— HONORING —



Department  
Commander  
Micheal M. Carder



Department Auxiliary  
President  
Debra Lewis



Detachment  
Commander  
Eugene Gort



*On Saturday, July 13, 2019  
Wyndham Springfield ~ Main Ballroom  
Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.*

Menu Selections: Choice of: Salmon Dinner OR Whiskey Glazed Pork Loin Dinner OR Herb Roasted New York Strip Dinner.  
Vegetarian Dinner OR Childrens Dinner are upon request. All dinners are served with Twice Baked Potato, Vegetable (Chefs Choice),  
Tossed Salad w/dressing, dinner rolls, and Fruit Pie or Jamaican Rum Cake. Coffee, Decaf and Iced Tea.

Reservation Deadline: To guarantee your reservation, mail your check and dinner reservation form no later than **June 28, 2019**.

Those that desire a table for eight (8) should list their names on the dinner reservation form provided below.

Questions: Contact Dinner Chairman, Pam Ray (H)217/698-8571; (C)217/741-6849; or Email: sparkle1979@hotmail.com

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

Mail Reservations to - Dinner Chairman; Pam Ray 6410 Wind Hill Dr. Springfield, IL 62711-6163

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

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

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

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

(Salmon Dinner @\$ 42 x \_\_\_\_\_) - (Whiskey Glazed Pork Loin Dinner @\$ 42 x \_\_\_\_\_) - (New York Strip Dinner @\$ 42 x \_\_\_\_\_)

(Vegetarian Dinner @\$ 42 x \_\_\_\_\_) - (Children's Dinner @\$ 17 x \_\_\_\_\_)

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# 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 Micheal M. Carder, Chaplains who have done an outstanding job during the past Legion year will be awarded the Chaplain's Cross or Star of David. Dept. Commander Carder and Dept. Chaplain Oikion will present the award to the selected chaplains at the Department Convention Memorial Service which will be held on July 13, 2019. 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 29th year that the Chaplain's Cross or Star of David will be awarded to outstanding Chaplains at the Department Convention. It is the Dept. Commander's and Dept. 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 7, 2019**. May God bless you and your Chaplains in your selection and nomination process. If you have any questions, please contact Department Chaplain Virgil Oikion at (815) 302-3015.

## District Chaplain's Award Nomination Form for 2018-2019

⇒ 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 7, 2019**

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



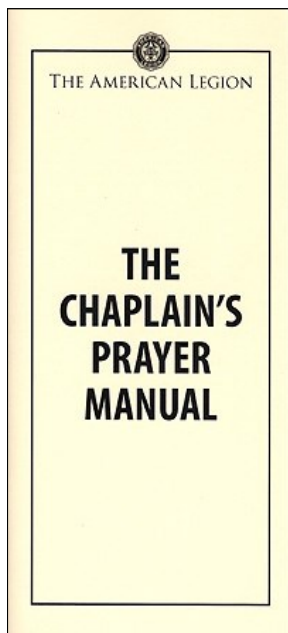
# Chaplain's Conference



Thursday,  
July 13, 2019

10:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM

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



**101<sup>st</sup> Annual Department  
Convention**

**July 9 – 14, 2019**

Springfield, Illinois (President Lincoln's hometown)

**FREEDOM FEST**

**Friday, July 12, 2019**

**6:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.**

700 Block of East Adams

**DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD IN THE ROADWAY  
BETWEEN THE TWO CONVENTION HOTELS.**

**+NO COVER CHARGE & EVERYONE WELCOME+**

**BEER, SODA, FOOD**

**LIVE MUSIC 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

FEATURING THE BAND LED BY LEGIONNAIRE TEDD KING

**"BACK PAIGES"**

EVERYONE'S INVITED TO HELP  
COMMANDER MICHEAL, PRESIDENT DEB & COMMANDER EUGENE  
CELEBRATE THEIR CONVENTIONS AND YEAR OF SERVICE



# 10th Annual Department Convention Bike Show Hosted by the American Legion Riders



## CONVENTION PARADE

Friday, July 12th  
There will be a parade as a kick-off to the Freedom Fest.

All Legion Riders are encouraged to attend.

- Line up 5:00 p.m.
- Location TBD
- Step off at 5:25
- Route to be TBD
- Disband at BOSC

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

American Legion Riders  
Hosting  
10th Annual Bike Show

Saturday, July 13th

Bike Show located on North side  
of Adams between 8th and 9th Streets

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



Springfield Welcomes the  
101st 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

\$10.00 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  
101st Annual Convention ~ July 10th-13th, 2019

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, IL

**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 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Shuttle Hours: 1:00pm - 4:00pm  
Thurs. & Fri. July 11th -12th, 2019



## ADJUTANT'S TRAINING CLASS



Adjutant's Training Class will be  
held at Department Convention  
with an emphasis on MyLegion.org  
You won't want to miss this important training class

Join us to hear about the  
NEW changes for the  
2020 Legion card year!

Call Dept. HQ to reserve your seat today (309)663-0361

Thursday, July 11, 2019

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

lunch voucher included

# 2018—2019 DIVISION & DISTRICT MEETING DATES

| DATE       | DIST. / DIV.  | TIME     | POST                                       | CITY           |
|------------|---------------|----------|--|----------------|
| 05/05/2019 | 18TH DISTRICT | 1:00 PM  | GEORGETOWN POST 203                        | GEORGETOWN     |
| 05/11/2019 | 15TH DISTRICT | 10:00 AM | CANTON POST 16 (CONVENTION)                | CANTON         |
| 05/15/2019 | 7TH DISTRICT  | 7:30 PM  | MORTON GROVE POST 134 (POST EVERLASTING)   | MORTON GROVE   |
| 05/17/2019 | 10TH DISTRICT | 7:00 PM  | FOX LAKE POST 703 (ELECTIONS)              | FOX LAKE       |
| 05/19/2019 | 11TH DISTRICT | 1:00 PM  | WARRENVILLE POST 589 (CONVENTION)          | WARRENVILLE    |
| 05/19/2019 | 12TH DISTRICT | 1:00 PM  | ROCKTON POST 332 (CONVENTION)              | ROCKTON        |
| 05/19/2019 | 13TH DISTRICT | 1:00 PM  | STERLING POST 296 (CONVENTION)             | STERLING       |
| 05/19/2019 | 14TH DISTRICT | 10:00 AM | MOLINE POST 246 (CONVENTION)               | MOLINE         |
| 05/19/2019 | 17TH DISTRICT | 11:00 AM | LINCOLN POST 263 (CONVENTION)              | LINCOLN        |
| 05/19/2019 | 19TH DISTRICT | 1:00 PM  | RANTOUL POST 287 (CONVENTION)              | RANTOUL        |
| 05/19/2019 | 21ST DISTRICT | 1:00 PM  | SPRINGFIELD POST 809 (CONVENTION)          | SPRINGFIELD    |
| 05/19/2019 | 22ND DISTRICT | 1:00 PM  | COLLINSVILLE POST 365                      | COLLINSVILLE   |
| 05/19/2019 | 23RD DISTRICT | 10:00 AM | TEUTOPOLIS POST 924                        | TEUTOPOLIS     |
| 05/19/2019 | 24TH DISTRICT | 1:00 PM  | METROPOLIS POST 306                        | METROPOLIS     |
| 05/19/2019 | 25TH DISTRICT | 1:00 PM  | CHESTER POST 487                           | CHESTER        |
| 05/22/2019 | 9TH DISTRICT  | 7:30 PM  | FRANKLIN PARK POST 974 (ELECTION)          | FRANKLIN PARK  |
| 05/23/2019 | 8TH DISTRICT  | 8:00 PM  | EVERGREEN PARK POST 854 (POST EVERLASTING) | EVERGREEN PARK |
| 06/02/2019 | 3RD DIVISION  | 10:00 AM | FAIRVIEW POST 644 (CONVENTION)             | FAIRVIEW       |
| 06/02/2019 | 5TH DIVISION  | 10:00 AM | NEW BADEN POST 321 (CONVENTION)            | NEW BADEN      |
| 06/09/2019 | 4TH DIVISION  | 11:00 AM | CULLOM POST 122 (CONVENTION)               | CULLOM         |
| 06/19/2019 | 7TH DISTRICT  | 7:30 PM  | MORTON GROVE POST 134                      | MORTON GROVE   |
| 06/21/2019 | 10TH DISTRICT | 7:00 PM  | WAUCONDA POST 911 (ORGANIZATIONAL MTG.)    | WAUCONDA       |
| 06/26/2019 | 9TH DISTRICT  | 7:30 PM  | TATTLER POST 973                           | CHICAGO        |
| 06/27/2019 | 8TH DISTRICT  | 8:00 PM  | MARRS-MEYER POST 991                       | WORTH          |

It's that time of year again. If your District or Division would like your scheduled meeting dates, time and location posted in the Department News please submit them to:  
 American Legion, Dept. of IL ~ P.O. Box 2910 Bloomington, IL 61702 ~ ATTN: JOY WILSON  
 If you have internet access you may email your schedule to: [joywilson@illegion.org](mailto:joywilson@illegion.org)  
**NOTE:** Please remember if any changes or updates regarding said posted meetings occur submit them as soon as possible to Joy Wilson in writing (or Email).



Calling all American Legion Riders

## Instate Legacy Run



Please join us for our Instate Legacy run dates are for...

- ★ First Leg --(June 22-23) Leg one goes through the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Divisions.
- ★ Second Leg— (June 29-30) through the 4th and 5th Divisions.
- ★ We will be riding for Legion Charities.
- ★ The registration fee will be **\$25.00** per bike.
- ★ **ALL** Riders are welcome!!!



The above pictures billboard is located at North Cunningham and I-74 in Urbana, IL.

*There is another billboard like this located between Marion & Carbondale.*

### Legion.org/WeBelieve

Audio: Stereo / Mixed

TRT: 30 sec & 15 sec

*We Believe* is a new PSA from The American Legion. The PSA shines a light on the values of the organization — patriotism, a strong national security, support for all veterans and a strong desire to turn today's youth into tomorrow's leaders.

**Through historic and current imagery, *We Believe* highlights Legionnaires in action and shows the impact of hundreds of American Legion programs and activities that strengthen the nation.**

For 100 years, veterans have been building our nation through The American Legion. We believe it makes a difference. We invite you to join us by airing the *We Believe* PSA. Located online at <https://psadirect.com/client/the-american-legion/>

*We Believe* PSA's

All available to download

HD :30 PSA

HD :15 PSA

SD :30 PSA

SD :15 PSA

:30 PSA Script



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Newsletter articles must be at Department Headquarters by the 15th of each month for it to be in the next months issue.



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**MAY**  
**TRIVIA**

1. What was the theme of the first Armed Forces Day in 1949?
2. The Secretary of Defense asked all of the armed forces to drop their specific service days and unify their celebrations. Which branch did not drop its own celebration?
3. Which U.S. President said, "...Word to the Nation: Guard zealously your right to serve in the Armed Forces, for without them, there will be no other rights to guard"?
4. Which event did NOT happen around the time of the first Armed Forces Day in 1949?

**ANSWERS:**



1. "Teamed for Defense." The recognition day stemmed from the unification of all branches of the military under the Department of Defense.
2. The Marine Corps declined to drop its birthday celebration but supports Armed Forces Day, too.
3. President John F. Kennedy.
4. The State of Israel was founded a year before.

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**NATIONAL POPPY DAY**  
**MAY 24, 2019**

**Armed Forces and Memorial Day**

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- COUNTRY SOLDIER
- COMMITMENT OFFICER
- DEDICATED INFANTRY
- MEDALS MARINES
- HONOR PEACE
- SERVICE ARMY
- LOYALTY AIR FORCE
- WARRIOR