

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

Department News



The American Legion Family



2018-2019 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MICHEAL M. CARDER

JUNE-JULY 2019



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

AS OF JUNE 14, 2019

TOP 10 DISTRICT AND DIVISION RANKINGS

District	Commander
9	Horn
7	Hoffman
11	Reece, Jr.
8	Lange
17	Elder
23	Devore
20	Flowers, Jr.
21	Kulavic
18	Rowe
16	Rice

Division	Commander
1	LAMPERT
4	NARGELENAS
2	BENIGNO
3	DAVIS, III
5	MADSON



2018-2019
 Department Commander
 Micheal M. Carder
 Thank you for your Leadership!

From The Desk of Department Commander Micheal M. Carder



Well, a lot was going on in May. Everything started with the annual Spring Meetings in Indianapolis, during which Senior Vice Roy and I were able to sit in on several committee meetings and gained valuable knowledge on the workings of these committees. From Indianapolis it was on the St. Louis, Missouri for the observation of the St. Louis Caucus which formed the American Legion. I must commend the Department of Missouri on their efforts to celebrate this historic caucus (exactly one hundred years later). It was an informative time to learn about The American Legion and to view the exhibits at the veterans museum.

In St. Louis the Illinois entourage picked up National Commander Brett Reistad and we began a week long journey through our state honoring the 100% post commanders in each division with a dinner and photo op with the National Commander. We started the journey at The Haven, then Popeye's town of Chester, IL, Lincoln's Home, the First Division Museum in Wheaton, the Holocaust Museum in Skokie and Great Lakes Naval Base where the commander was an honored guest for the trainee graduation. We finished our journey at the annual Armed Forces Day Dinner in the First Division. I commend all division commanders on their efforts to show our National Commander the best of the Illinois American Legion.

May continued with the Finance Committee meeting at Department Headquarters. I recommend that everyone attend our annual convention in July

to listen to the finance report it will be very interesting.

Following the finance meeting it was on to the Chicago Ruck March which members of the First Division along with Department Membership director set up a refreshment tent, it was a great afternoon.

The month finished with Memorial Day Ceremonies where those who have gone on to Post Everlasting were remembered.

The silver bullet will be flying through the state to attend as many Division Conventions as possible and to observe the great work of the American Legion Family at Premier Boys State, Special Olympics, Illini Girls State and the Youth Police School, as well as numerous 100 year celebrations.

(Dept. Commander continued on page 4)

From The Desk of Department Sr. Vice Commander Roy Weber



Illinois Team 100; as of this writing we have only a couple of weeks till close of books June 21. Our Department is at just 94% so time is critical to get your Post to 100%. Personal contact is the only sure way of renewing those remaining outstanding members. Let's get our membership teams of DIVISION, DISTRICT and POSTS activated now to make those visits and phone calls!

We have 211 Posts at 100% or more and have 100 Posts that are within 3 or less cards to reach that 100% mark! Using the veterans

"CAN DO" attitude we can still make a difference by cut off date.

Everyone's Consolidated Post Reports should now be completed and sent in to department. **EVERY** Post has done something in their community or supported our many programs. It is so very important that National has this information to tell Congress, "We are Veterans supporting Veterans." Let your membership know and understand the importance of reporting their efforts. The same goes for event photos and articles to put in our newsletter.

Back to membership, I want to thank everyone for their efforts achieving their Post, District and Division goals this year. As leaders our officers need to let the blue cappers that excel know how important their efforts are.

Don't forget about Boy's State, Girl's State, Special Olympics and Youth Police School this month. Attend as many program events as possible. Our programs are vital for our youth and fellow veterans.

I want to give special thanks to our department staff for their support and guidance this past year. From membership, to scheduling to advice we have THE very best support team there is!! I look forward to working with our entire ILLINOIS Team next year. And I look forward also to see our entire Illinois Team 100 Membership at department Convention in July.

From The Desk of Department Auxiliary President Debra Lewis



WOW! What a year our Illinois Zoo has had, it is obvious all our animals and zoo staff have been hard at work service our veterans, active duty servicemembers, their families and our communities. We certainly have taken “Respect, Preserve, Conserve” to heart this year. Our annual reports show the significant impact all our efforts have made in making our world a better place -THANK YOU!

There is still much work ahead of us as we near the close of our program year. Serving the athletes, coaches, and families at Special Olympics Summer games was an inspiring event. It seemed most of the cookies passed Commander Mike’s quality control testing too. Participating in Premier Boys State evening exercises, visiting Youth Police School for graduation and of course serving as official hostess at ALA Illini

Girls State make for a busy June. Hopefully, many of you plan to join us at Department Convention in July. What a great opportunity to share our successes and learn what works for other Posts, Squadrons, and Units.

Spending this year working with so many of our amazing members has been a once in a lifetime experience. I truly enjoyed traveling throughout the state meeting new people, and learning what makes each Post, District, and Division unique. One commonality I saw at every stop was a dedication to our organization and our mission. It is each of you that carry our message into the world, and it will be your dedication that clearly expresses that message. Never become discouraged, you are making a difference and the seeds you plant may take time to mature but they will eventually be harvested!

Thank you to the American Legion and Sons of the American Legion for electing some wonderful Commanders this year. Mike, Eugene, Roy Phil and I have worked to promote the American Legion Family and enjoyed every minute

of our time together. The friendship we have developed over the last few years will continue long after our successors have been installed. I feel so tremendously blessed to know and to have served with these gentlemen; they work tirelessly for “The Good of the Legion” and deserve our respect and admiration. I also must thank my entire Legion Family for their support throughout my life. It is the mentoring, friendship, love, and lessons learned through our work together that has helped shaped me as a person. I am grateful for the many blessings and relationships I have received through my membership in the American Legion Auxiliary.

I leave you with one final thought from Albert Einstein “*Try not to become a man of success, but a man of value. Look around at how people want to get more out of life than they put in. A man of value will give more than he receives. Be creative, but make sure that what you create is not a curse for mankind.*” I know the American Legion Family will continue to give more than they receive, for that I thank you each and every day.

From The Desk of Detachment Commander Eugene Gort



Greetings,

On behalf of the Detachment of Illinois, I would like to thank you all for your dedication and service on the American Legion Family over the past year. It has been a pleasure to serve along Commander Mike Carder and President Deb Lewis. Together we have promoted the “Legion Family”, and that by working together we can have the greatest impact on our communities. As we have traveled around the state of

Illinois we have seen first hand how well we work together in Illinois. Whether it is hosting fundraisers together, working together at a bingo, providing assistance to veterans and community members, or volunteering at the local V.A.; we have done it together.

I want to thank the American Legion for helping us start 8 new Squadrons and to restart 2 others. The Sons will continue to be promoting the formation of new squadrons; so if you don’t have one at your post please contact me or Phil Stander (leading candidate for Detachment Commander), and we will assist you with getting one started at your post. I would also

like to thank the American Legion Auxiliary, for making sure every stop along the way had coffee and sweets. But more importantly for all the volunteer hours that you ladies spend at the V.A., you are a true inspiration to what the word service means.

It has been an honor to serve the Detachment over this past year. I have made many friends and memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life. Thank you for the opportunity for allowing me to serve.





Did You Know?

Office: 312-980-4266 Email: Raymond.Toczec@va.gov

That when a veteran files a claim for service-connected disability (also known as compensation) they usually list the most apparent injuries and/or illnesses on their application. These would include the obvious like the loss of a foot from and IED (improvised explosive device), damage to the eyes from an incoming grenade, severe ear problems from too many dives in a submarine and bad knees from far too many parachute jumps. In listing the obvious they sometimes overlook many secondary conditions which also could be claimed. Here are some concrete examples.

1. A veteran has open heart surgery due to coronary artery disease from Agent Orange and has three bypasses. They are granted service-connection from the heart but fail to mention the scars on the chest are very tender to touch. That could be an additional 10%.
2. A soldier loses their left leg due to an IED in Iraq. Over time, because they now favor their right leg it develops problems. That can be secondary service connected.
3. The sailor with so many dives in a submarine has a bad hearing problem. They get service-connection for Bilateral Hearing Loss but fail to mention they also suffer from tinnitus which is a separate condition of the ear.
4. A parachutist with over 100 jumps develops knee problems which are granted as service-connected. Later they get shooting nerve pains down the legs from the knees. That's a separate claim.
5. A veteran is already getting benefits for their bum left leg. They lose their balance on the stairs and fall, causing a broken shoulder. That shoulder would be a new claim.
6. A veteran loses one eye and their vision on the left side is gone. When crossing the street they don't see a vehicle coming from their left, get hit and suffer multiple broken bones. Those would be secondary service-connected.

Above are some common examples but there are many more. These secondary conditions are most evident when a veteran receives payment for diabetes. The diabetes can lead to kidney damage, hypertension, vision problems, feet sores, peripheral neuropathy (numbness or tingling in the arms or legs) and even amputations.

And let's not forget side-effects due to medication taken for service-connected conditions. Many drugs, if used over time or in strong doses can cause stomach ulcers, strokes, rashes and many other illnesses. One very common example is ED (erectile dysfunction). Medication for diabetes and hypertension can cause this problem.

So if you feel you might have a secondary condition related to your primary service-connected condition please contact our office for assistance. Our telephone number is 312-980-4266 and we have 24/7 voicemail. You can also write us at The American Legion Rm. 106, 2122 W. Taylor St. Chicago, IL. 60612 or contact your Post or District Service Officer.

Our off motto is:

When in doubt, fill it out!

(Dept. Commander continued from page 2)

As we near our 101st convention, I remain concerned about our legacy for the next century. Our ILLINOIS membership has gone down again, I know many of the district commanders and post commanders have worked hard to bring in blue cappers back into the legion, however, some have not. We must get our message out about Who We Are, What We Do, and How the Legion can Help, especially in times of need. Whether it be in print or social media, preferable is personal contact. Let them know we/you care, that we need them. Letters and phone calls do not always work. I wholeheartedly recommend more and more revitalizations. Let's continue Knocking on Doors. Let's show the our American Legion Legacy that we can get the job done.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for a wonderful year. Serving as your 100th Department Commander has truly been an honor. I just cannot say enough about our Legion Family this year. My travels with President Deb Lewis and SAL Commander Eugene Gort as well as the Illinois Legion Family have been more fun than I ever imagined, these memories will last a lifetime. I also want to thank Dept. Adj. Marty, all of the Dept. Officers and our hard working Department staff for their dedication to The American Legion. I know you all will do the same for Roy Weber. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

KEEP KNOCKING



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 _____

LEGION Act

★ We need your help contacting members of Congress



The American Legion must continue to serve as a powerful voice for veterans in our nation's capitol. The power of our voice is only as strong as our membership allows us to be. The American Legion's Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, and Sons of The American Legion are the heart and soul of our organization.

Today, we need your help in contacting your members of the Senate and House of Representatives. Please reach out to your assigned Senator and Representative and ask them to Co-Sponsor S. 504 and H.R. 1641, respectively. Your member needs to encourage congressional leadership to bring the LEGION ACT (S. 504) and the Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act (H.R. 1641) to the floor for a vote, and to promise to vote for this legislation, to ensure all veterans are able to be recognized for their contributions and sacrifice in service to this country.

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

Since the end of World War II, the Federal Government has designated specific periods of war, the dates of which are important for qualification for certain benefits or membership in veterans organizations established by Congress. In between those recognized periods of war, during so-called peacetime eras, the US military has been involved in not fewer than 12 known eras, which are unrecognized by the US Government as periods of war, resulting in numerous US combat casualties. In the spirit of our 100th celebration, we need Congress to take immediate action so we may welcome and recognize through membership all of our fellow veteran brothers and sisters. A select number of members of Congress have come together in bipartisan fashion to introduce S. 504 and H.R. 1641.

Contact your Senator and Representative today to tell them to support S. 504 and H.R. 1641 today!

"These veterans are unable to receive some of the benefits and recognition available to their counterparts who served during official wartime periods. Because The American Legion is congressionally chartered, we are unable to welcome many of these veterans as members of the nation's largest veterans organization. It is fitting that during the 100th anniversary of the founding of The American Legion, Senators Kyrsten Sinema (AZ) and Thom Tillis (NC) are introducing the LEGION Act, bipartisan legislation that will recognize all veterans who served honorably since the start of World War II, while also fostering growth within the veteran community ... We hope that the American people will encourage all members of Congress to support the LEGION Act. It is an appropriate 'thank you' to those who served." - **Brett P. Reistad, National Commander**

Take Action!



Bipartisan LEGION Act passed by the Senate

June 13, 2019

A bill expanding membership eligibility for The American Legion passed on June 11 by unanimous consent in the Senate. The Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act — also known as the LEGION Act — is a bipartisan effort introduced by Sens. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., and Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C.

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 who have served in unrecognized times of war since World War II.

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.

"Nearly 1,600 brave American men and women were killed or wounded since World War II, while defending our nation during times not officially recognized as periods of war by the U.S. government," American Legion National Commander Brett P. Reistad said during his testimony. "These veterans are unable to receive some of the benefits and recognition available to their counterparts who served during official wartime periods."

When the LEGION Act was introduced Feb. 14 in the Senate, Sinema said, "The American Legion provides critical resources to our veterans, but currently, only veterans who served during formally recognized conflicts can belong to the Legion. That restriction leaves out thousands of former American servicemembers who signed up to defend our country. Our legislation rights this wrong and ensures veterans have the opportunity to join the American Legion."

###

10 common Questions about the American flag

Flag Day is June 14. The National Flag represents the living country and is considered to be a living thing emblematic of the respect and pride we have for our nation. Our flag is a precious possession. Display it proudly.

The Legion's flag web page, www.legion.org/flag, features resources such as flag FAQs, myths, flag-folding procedures and videos, and more. The following are a few common questions about the American flag.

1. **When was the U.S. flag created?**
2. **When was Flag Day established?**
3. **What is The American Legion's role with the Flag Code?**
4. **Are you required to destroy the flag if it touches the ground?**
5. **Can the flag be washed or dry-cleaned?**
6. **Can a flag that has been used to cover a casket be used for any other proper display purpose?**
7. **What should the position of the flag be when displayed from a staff in a post, public auditorium or other public meeting place, whether indoors or outdoors?**
8. **When the flag is not flown from a staff, how should it be displayed?**
9. **Who can authorize the flag to be flown at half-staff?**
10. **What happens to the state or POW flag when the U.S. flag is half-staffed?**

(American Flag continued on page 8)

Blue Water veterans legislation passes Senate, heads to White House

American Legion-supported legislation extending disability benefits covering medical conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure to Blue Water Navy veterans unanimously passed in the U.S. Senate June 12 and will now go to the White House. H.R. 299, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, passed 410-0 in the House of Representatives on May 14 and will become law once signed by President Donald Trump.

Veterans who served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1975 are presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange if diagnosed with a medical condition associated with the herbicide, according to the Agent Orange Act of 1991. However, this act applied only to veterans who served on land and in Vietnam's inland waterways, excluding those who served on ships off the coast of Vietnam, known as "Blue Water" Navy veterans. H.R. 299 will extend these benefits to the Blue Water Navy veterans.

H.R. 299 further expands coverage and includes the provision that every veteran exposed to herbicides like Agent Orange should receive the same presumptive benefits. A provision in H.R. 299 states, "A veteran who, during active military, naval, or air service, served offshore of the Republic of Vietnam during the period beginning on January 9, 1962, and ending on May 7, 1975," will be eligible for disability compensation for presumptive conditions of herbicide exposure. This will allow veterans who fall into that category and whose claims have been denied or held in pending status to gain access to VA medical care for conditions on the presumptive list.

H.R. 299 will afford spouses of certain veterans whose death was caused by a service-connected disability access to pension benefits. The bill also provides the children of veterans of covered service in Thailand who suffer from spina bifida access to health care, vocational training and rehabilitation, and monetary allowance.

Passage of the legislation came just over a week after the Department of Justice announced it would not appeal a federal court ruling, *Procopio v. Wilkie*, extending disability benefits for Agent Orange exposure to Blue Water Navy veterans.

(American Flag continued from page 7)

Answers to 10 common questions about the American flag

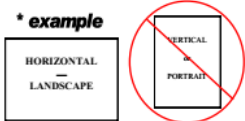
1. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed an act establishing an official flag. Today, the flag has 13 horizontal stripes that represent the colonies and 50 stars that represent the states. The color red "symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence, and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice," according to PBS.org.
2. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day to commemorate the adoption of the U.S. flag on June 14, 1777.
3. The U.S. Flag Code establishes the rules for display and care of the American flag. On Flag Day in June 1923, The American Legion and representatives of 68 other patriotic, fraternal, civic and military organizations met in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of drafting a code of flag etiquette. The 77th Congress adopted the code as public law on June 22, 1942. Today, the Legion is at the forefront of efforts to pass a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration.
4. The Flag Code states that the flag should not touch anything beneath it, including the ground. This is stated to indicate that care should be exercised in the handling of the flag, to protect it from becoming soiled or damaged. You are not required to destroy the flag when this happens. As long as the flag remains suitable for display, you may continue to display the flag as a symbol of our great country.
5. There are no provisions of the Flag Code that prohibit the washing or dry-cleaning of the flag. The decision would depend upon the type of material of the flag.
6. A flag that has been used to cover a casket can be used for any proper display purpose, to include displaying it from a staff or flagpole.
7. The flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church, public auditorium or meeting place, the flag should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the speaker's right as he or she faces the audience. The staffed flag should always be placed to the right of the speaker without regard to a platform or floor level.
8. It should be displayed vertically, whether indoors or out, and suspended so that its folds fall free as though the flag were staffed. The stripes may be displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, and the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right (that is, to the observer's left). When displayed in a window of a home or a place of business, the flag should be displayed in the same way, that is with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.
9. Only the president of the United States or the governor of the state may order the flag to be half-staffed, in accordance with Flag Code section 7(m).
10. The state flag, POW flag or any other flag or pennant in a display is lowered or removed when the flag is at half-staff. As indicated in the Flag Code, no flag or pennant should be placed above the flag of the United States.

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

PHOTO / CALENDAR CONTEST

CONTEST RULES:

- ★ Each photo **MUST** be accompanied by the Official entry form. *(Photo copied entry forms are acceptable)*
- ★ All photos **MUST** be of Legion events, supportive of Legion programs, or patriotic in nature. *For Calendar photo submissions the preference is the photo is taken in Illinois.*
- ★ Photos **MUST** need to be printed on photo paper **NOT** on copy or typing paper.
- ★ Digital photo images must have clarity of 300 dpi or better.
- ★ All photos entered should be NO smaller than 5x7 to be entered for the calendar program.
- ★ Each photo must have the name of the subject, location of where the photo was taken, approximate date of the photo, name of individuals in the photo *(reading from left to right)*.
- ★ Calendar Program photos **MUST** be HORIZONTAL / LANDSCAPE *(*see example) NO PORTRAIT / VERTICAL photos will be chosen or used in the calendar program.*
- ★ All photos will become the property of the Department of Illinois and will not be returned.
- ★ Failure to comply with all the preceding rules may disqualify an entry from winning any prize.



JUDGING: Judging will be done by the Department Commander and/or Department Sr. Vice Commander. Judging will take place no later than the first Friday following the Department Convention at Dept. Headquarters.

PRIZES:

- ★ Cash prizes will be awarded in EACH of the Five (5) Divisions as follows: 1st Place \$100; 2nd Place \$75; 3rd Place \$50; 4th place \$25.
- ★ \$75.00 will be awarded for photos selected for the **Calendar Program—2019** the photographer will be given credit in a caption on the calendar.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PRIZE MONEY:
All Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members are eligible, but must be current, paid-up members. Entry forms **MUST** have the Post, District, and Division number and the entrant's membership I.D. number.

SPECIAL NOTES: The Calendar Program is a Department of Illinois fund raising project. All Photos submitted may or may not be used in the Calendar Program—2019, Legion programs and/or brochures. However, we must have permission of the photographer and the persons or organization therein. **** See entry form.**

DEADLINE: Entries submitted must be received at Department Headquarters the Friday **prior** to the State Convention. *(not post-marked by)*

Submit photo entries to: **The American Legion, Dept. of IL**
Department Photo Contest
2720 E. Lincoln St.
Bloomington, IL 61704
(C/O: Dept. Asst. Adjutant)

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT PHOTO / CALENDAR CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Post #: _____ District #: _____ Division#: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Member I.D. No.: _____

Approximate Date Taken: _____

Name of Subject(s): _____ Photographer: _____

Location: _____

Individuals (from left to right): _____
(if additional space is needed please write on a separate piece of paper, attach and send with official entry form)

Signed: (X) _____

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 # _____



As The American Legion continues our Centennial Celebration in Indianapolis for our 101st National Convention, The Department of Illinois and the Joliet American Legion Band need your help. The Joliet American Legion Band will be taking part in the Senior Band Completion and marching in the Convention Parade on Sunday.

The Band has taken part in our State Convention and we want that same excitement that they bring to our State Convention to help us at the 101st National Convention. Taking a band (65-75 members) equipment and musical instrument will be expensive. The Fund raising has begun, the Department of Illinois is asking all Posts in Illinois to assist in this effort. Any amount that your Post can afford would be greatly appreciated.

Please make your checks to The American Legion Department of Illinois, noting for the Joliet American Legion Band. The Joliet American Legion Band has been the National Champion Band in the past and has the goal of bringing the Championship back to Illinois for our Centennial Celebration. Your help in making this a great National Convention would be greatly appreciated by the Department of Illinois and the Joliet American Band.

If you have any questions please contact me at the Department Headquarters. Thank in advance for your support.

In Service,

Micheal M. Carder
Department Commander

FREE MILITARY CONCERT TOUR

PRESENTED BY THE

AIR NATIONAL GUARD BAND OF THE MIDWEST

PATRIOTIC. CONCERT. ROCK. AND JAZZ MUSIC



JUNE 23 * 3PM

CANTIGNY PARK
WHEATON, IL

JUNE 24 * 7PM

NORTH SCHOOL PARK
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL

JUNE 25 * 7PM

WOODSTOCK PARK
WOODSTOCK, IL

JUNE 27 * 6:30PM

BICENTENNIAL PARK
JOLIET, IL

JUNE 28 * 7PM

SCOVILLE PARK
OAK PARK, IL

JUNE 30 * 6PM

STINER PAVILION
WAUKEGAN, IL

JULY 1 * 7PM

RIVERWALK:
MILLENNIUM CARILLON
NAPERVILLE, IL

JULY 2 * 7PM

PARK DISTRICT
MAIN BEACH
CRYSTAL LAKE, IL

**ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE
& OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



Military Day During the Champaign County Fair will be Held on Saturday July 20th 2019.

Veterans will be able to enter free from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

The Military Parade will be held at 2:00 pm. Line up for the Parade Will begin at 1:00 pm. All Veterans, Business and any Organizations are Welcome to Participate.

For information contact Robin Vandiver 217-390-6818 or robinjsanders@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

CLOSE OF BOOK JUNE 21ST

~ ~ ~

Illinois Legacy Ride Part 2
June 22nd--23rd
~ ~ ~

Youth Police Program
Springfield, IL
June 23rd--28th
~ ~ ~

INDEPENDENCE DAY DEPT. OFFICE CLOSED JULY 4TH

~ ~ ~

101st Annual American Legion,
Auxiliary & SAL Conventions
Springfield, IL
July 10th--13th
~ ~ ~

Boys Nation
Washington, DC
July 19th--27th
~ ~ ~

JR Shooting Sports Championship
Colorado Springs, CO
July 23rd--27th
~ ~ ~

ALA Fall Board Meeting
August 2nd--3rd
~ ~ ~

ALA Dept. President Homecoming
August 3rd
~ ~ ~

American Legion State
Golf Tournament
Danville, IL
August 3rd--4th
~ ~ ~

Baseball Regional Tournaments
August 6th--11th
~ ~ ~

Purple Heart Day
August 7th
#

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING RESERVATION FORM
2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION—INDIANAPOLIS, IN AUGUST 23—29, 2019

Illinois Housing: Omni Severin Indianapolis 40 W. Jackson Pl. Indianapolis, IN 46225 (317)634-6664 *(Rooms will be assigned on a first come first served basis.)*

**** HOUSING DEADLINE: JULY 19, 2019 ****

(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:

King (1-2 person) @ \$137.00 _____ **Arrival Date**

Doubles (1-2 person) @ \$137.00 _____

ADA King (1-2 person) @ \$137.00 _____ **Departure Date**

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

OTHER APPLICABLE FEES:

Convention Registration Fee: \$25.00

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

Rollaway Rate Per Day: \$25 per day

Parking: Valet only \$44 per day

ROOM RATE (First night): \$ 137.00

FIRST NIGHT ROOM RATE TAX (13.4%): \$ 23.29

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 19, 2019.** 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*

The American Legion Department of Illinois

101st 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). Row 2: City Centre, 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). Row 2: 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 12TH - COMMANDER'S AND PRESIDENT'S DINNER, SATURDAY, JULY 13TH

*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: _____

BOSS Center - Springfield, IL



AMERICAN LEGION HIRING EVENT

July 12, 2019
10:00AM - 1:00PM

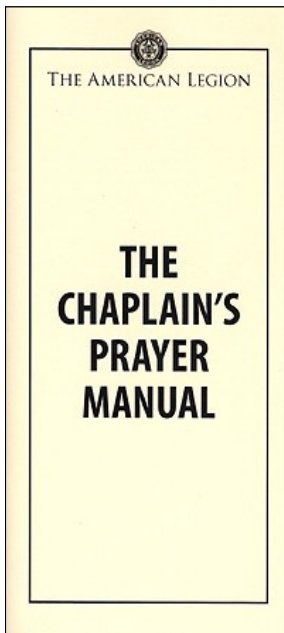
Chaplain's Conference



Thursday,
July 13, 2019

10:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM

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



101st 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

American Legion Family Reception

Meet and Greet

July 13th
approximately 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Rooms
B11-B, C, D
Lower Level of BOB
Center in Springfield



Meet with your newly elected
2019 – 2020 American Legion,
Auxiliary & Sons of The
American Legion Leaders
during a Legion Family reception.
Light refreshments shall be served.

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 BOSCO

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
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

ILLINOIS HALF PRICED HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

**Illinois Resident Veterans
who are under 65 and have a valid
DD-214**

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

**Visit a local DNR office or email your
DD-214 and a copy of your State ID to
DNR.LICENSE@ILLINOIS.GOV**

**THIS DISCOUNT IS ONLY AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS WHO ARE
CURRENT RESIDENTS OF ILLINOIS AND ARE UNDER 65. THE
DISCOUNT ONLY APPLIES TO LICENSES. ALL PERMITS AND STAMPS
MUST BE PURCHASED AT REGULAR PRICE. IF VETERAN WAS BORN
AFTER JANUARY 1, 1980, THEY MUST PROVIDE A HUNTER SAFETY
CERTIFICATION NUMBER TO RECEIVE A HUNTING LICENSE.**

**HTTPS://WWW.DNR.ILLINOIS.GOV
LICENSING: 217-782-2965**

FREE PRIVILEGES FOR DISABLED VETERANS RATED 10% OR MORE

**Illinois Residents:
Disability Affidavit card
available from your
Veteran's Service Officer
at the Illinois Department
Of Veterans' Affairs. Must
provide a copy of your
benefit statement to
receive card.**

**Non-Residents: Must have
a copy of your official
benefit letter showing
current name, address
and disability percentage.**

**DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS' AFFAIRS ID
CARD STATING "SERVICE
CONNECTED" IS NOT
VALID PROOF. VETERAN
MUST BE ABLE TO PROVE
RATING IS 10% OR MORE**

INCLUDES:

**HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE
SALMON AND TROUT STAMPS
STATE WATERFOWL STAMP
HABITAT STAMP**

**VETERAN MUST BUY PERMITS
HUNTER SAFETY CERTIFICATION
NOT REQUIRED**

(CREATED 06/11/2019 JLG)



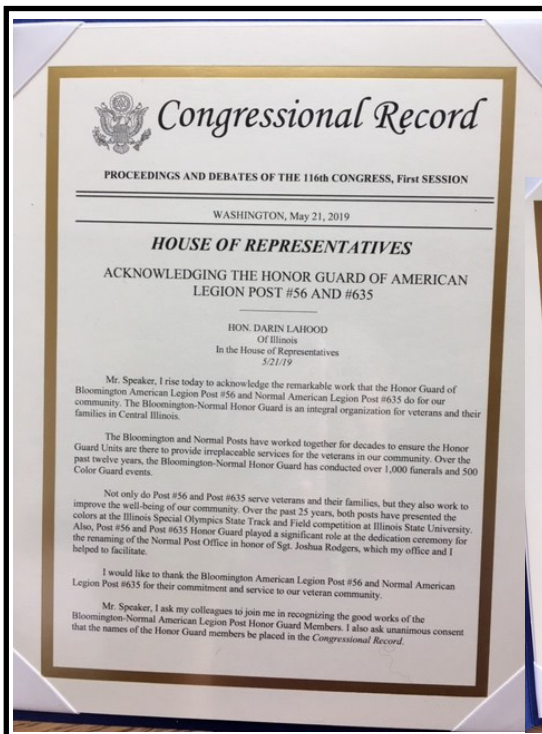
American Legion Family Postings

Legionnaire Receives USMC “Certificate of Commendation”

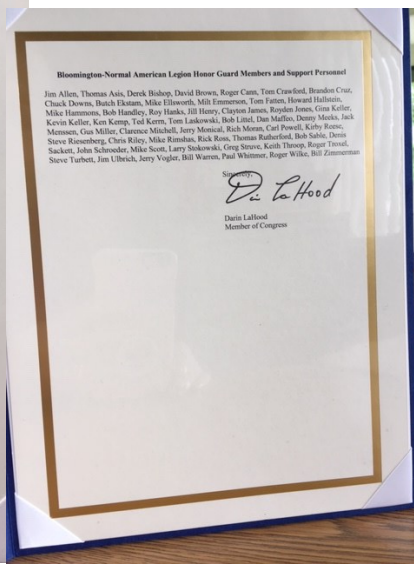


Pictured from L-R, Bill Schoeneberg, Cantigny Post 556 Commander; Bob “Doc” Adams, Co-founder of the Homeless Shelter for Veterans in Wheaton; Sergeant Dan Devine; and Wayne Fischer

On April 7th, 2019 Marine Sergeant Dan Devine was presented with his well deserved United States Marine Corps “Certificate of Commendation” at a Cantigny Post 556 sponsored Boy Scout Troop fundraiser. While assigned to Marine Barracks, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines in 1970, Sergeant Devine stepped up on 3 different occasions and came to the aid of his fellow Marines and on one occasion, without hesitation, drove his vehicle between a Marine engaged in a firefight with 2 insurgents to provide cover. As stated on his Certificate of Commendation signed by Robert B. Neller, Commandant of the Marine Corps, “By his presence of mind in the face of personal risk, ingenuity, and loyal devotion to duty, Sergeant Devine reflected credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.”



American Legion Post 56 & 635 Honor Guard Receive Congressional Record



The Bloomington and Normal Posts have worked together for decades to ensure the Honor Guard Units are there to provide irreplaceable services for the veterans in their community. Over the past 12 years, the Bloomington-Normal Honor Guard has conducted over 1,000 funerals and 500 Color Guard events. In addition, the Honor Guard continue their good works to improve the well-being of their community.

The Congressional Record was presented on May 21, 2019 and signed by Congressman Darin LaHood of Illinois in the House of Representatives.



4TH ANNUAL VETS FOR VETS RIDE

• ALL RIDERS, PUBLIC, AND VEHICLES WELCOME •
OUR VETS HAVE SACRIFICED SO MUCH FOR US - LET'S RIDE FOR THEM

**START AND REGISTRATION:
BASS PRO PARKING LOT EAST PEORIA, IL**

DATE: JULY 27TH

TIME: 09:00

REGISTRATION: 09:00 - 10:30

LAST BIKE IN BY 17:00 (5:00PM)

\$15.00 RIDER \$5.00 PASSENGER

CEREMONY AT START OF RIDE / PARADE TO FIRST STOP

FOOD AVAILABLE AT END OF RIDE PROVIDED BY MIKE'S KNOT JUST RIBS



**RIDE COORDINATED BY
CENTRAL ILLINOIS VETS FOR VETS COALITION**

**CENTRAL
ILLINOIS
V4V
VETS VETS**



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

PRESORTED
FIRST-CLASS MAIL
US POSTAGE PAID
BLOOMINGTON, IL
PERMIT No. 18

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS
P.O. BOX 2910
BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS 61702

PUBLISHED MONTHLY *

Phone: 309-663-0361 Fax: 309-663-5783
Email: hdqs@illegion.org Web: www.illegion.org

Department Commander MICHEAL M. CARDER
Department Editor MARTY CONATSER

Now Is The Time To Stand Together For Our Flag

* One year Subscription to the Department News \$10.00 for 11 issues
Newsletter articles must be at Department Headquarters by the 15th of each month for it to be in the next months issue.



Visit our website!
Scan Here

JUNE-JULY
TRIVIA

1. What did the real Butch Cassidy do after escaping to Bolivia with his partner-in-crime, the Sundance Kid?
2. Who were Michal Strank, Harlon H. Block, Franklin R. Sousley, Ira Hayes, Rene Gagnon and John H. Bradley, and how have they been memorialized?
3. What American military leader said, "Lafayette we are here," and on what occasion?

ANSWERS:



1. Cassidy whose real name was Robert Leroy Parker, reportedly returned to the U.S. and went into the adding machine manufacturing business.
2. They were the six servicemen who raised the American flag on Mount Suribachi a two jima during World War II--and who are memorialized in the dramatic 78-foot-high Iwo Jima Monument in Arlington, Virginia.
3. Gen. Black Jack Pershing, arriving in France in 1917 after the U.S. entered WWI.

Department of Illinois ~ Official Member of The National American Legion Press Association

R	A	M	O	D	E	E	R	F	Y	I	A	N	Y	P	4 T H o f J U L Y
R	V	I	C	E	L	E	B	R	A	T	I	O	N	A	
N	O	S	H	M	P	Y	N	O	A	B	E	I	Y	T	
U	Z	J	X	P	T	R	E	M	M	U	S	T	A	R	
V	O	Z	E	R	L	S	U	X	X	M	X	A	D	I	
E	C	N	E	D	N	E	P	E	D	N	I	R	I	O	
F	L	B	G	S	P	S	D	T	O	Z	C	A	L	T	
M	I	A	A	A	T	C	R	A	L	O	V	L	O	I	
L	L	R	R	C	P	R	Y	A	L	R	E	C	H	C	
F	T	A	E	F	I	A	I	O	T	I	Z	E	P	I	
C	D	G	Z	W	C	R	N	P	A	S	H	D	I	S	
E	J	U	L	Y	O	I	E	R	E	J	H	P	C	U	
O	E	N	B	Y	E	R	C	M	C	S	M	G	N	M	
Q	Z	L	W	S	W	R	K	S	A	J	N	H	I	D	
B	R	I	T	I	S	H	L	S	N	X	W	P	C	E	

Independence	Declaration	Flag	
Freedom	Picnic	Fireworks	
Parade	Celebration	America	
Patriotic	Holiday	Philadelphia	
Liberty	British	Colonies	
July	Stars	Stripes	
Summer	Music		