

*The  
American  
Legion*

**101<sup>st</sup>**

*Department  
Convention*

2018 ~ 2019 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MICHEAL M. CARDER



THE AMERICAN LEGION

**100**  
1919 2019  
*Years*

VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA

JULY 10~13, 2019 SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

**Sons of the American Legion  
56th Annual Detachment Convention  
Schedule included**





# THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



*To Honor the Memory of all  
American Legion, Auxiliary,  
Sons of The American Legion  
Members and Legion Riders  
who passed away  
this past membership year  
please attend the  
Memorial Service to be held  
Saturday, July 13, 2019*



*Past Department Commander - 1997*

*Richard Snodgrass*

*1930—2018*





*Greetings from National Commander  
Brett P. Reistad*

**The  
American  
Legion**

*For God and country*



OFFICE OF THE  
NATIONAL COMMANDER

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To my fellow Legionnaires and Legion Family members in Illinois:

A century ago, The American Legion was founded by veterans who had a post-war mission. Their mission, one that continues today, was to care for veterans, provide patriotic programs for our nation's youth, advocate for a strong national defense and instill a societal pride in what it means to be American.

That pride is on display in posts and communities throughout your department. It is the posts that people pass on their way to work everyday. It is the posts that sponsor the local youth activities and "welcome home" events for returning troops. It is the posts that transition into emergency shelters when natural disasters hit.

And we continue to count on our posts to ensure that our American Legion will remain a strong force for a second century! No legislative accomplishment, successful program or fundraising endeavor would ever be possible without a strong membership base.

Veterans rely on a strong health care system, a comprehensive GI Bill and employment opportunities when they leave the service. They need to know that The American Legion works tirelessly to make these benefits possible. Our centennial is a perfect opportunity for you to remind your fellow veterans that they have strong advocates in The American Legion. Tell our story to your local media and invite eligible veterans to join our organization. Remind those who have not renewed, or perhaps left The American Legion many years ago, that their presence is missed and they still have a home with us.

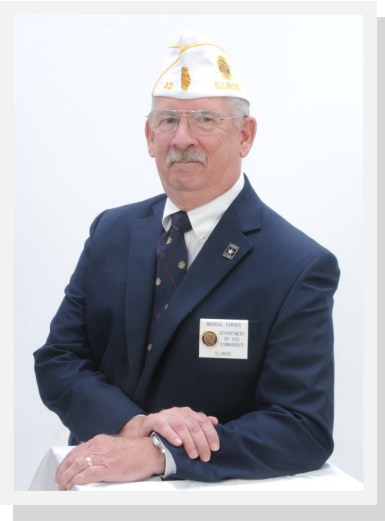
I thank you for your service as military veterans, as Legionnaires and as members of the Legion Family. Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable convention.

We are Team 100!

Brett P. Reistad  
National Commander



*Greetings from Department Commander  
Micheal M. Carder*



**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS  
COMMANDER  
MICHEAL M. CARDER  
2018 – 2019**

*Dear Legion Delegates, Alternates, Legion Family & Guests,*

*Welcome to the Annual Department of Illinois American Legion Convention in Springfield, Illinois. We have just completed our 100th year of service to veterans. We are now ready to embark in a new century of service this week with our 101st annual convention. Thank you for attending our convention to see the progress our Department has made this year and hear the plans for the next century.*

*This year we will have a display on loan from National that captures the first 100 years of history of The American Legion. Also, our the Public Relations Committee has prepared some wonderful visual events for the convention. I encourage everyone to attend the Commission and Committee meetings, District Caucus meetings, the instructional seminars, and the Convention Sessions on Friday & Saturday. There's always a lot of information for Legionnaires to take back to their posts and community. I do hope everyone takes time to attend the many planned Legion events during the week, including the Freedom Fest where we relax, enjoy food, drinks, music and laughter as we renew old friendships.*

*Finally, I look forward to seeing everyone who plans to attend the Saturday evening Commander & President banquet where your 2018-2019 American Legion Family Leadership says farewell and thanks you all for electing us to serve the Department of Illinois.*

*In Service,  
Department Commander  
Micheal M. "Mike" Carder*

# Department Officers 2018-2019



## THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

2018 — 2019

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

**MICHEAL M. CARDER**  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER  
CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

**ROY WEBER**  
DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER  
CONVENTION VICE CHAIRMAN

**MARTIN “MARTY” CONATSER**  
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT  
CONVENTION SECRETARY

**BERNARD STEGMUELLER**  
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN

**THOMAS MARCICIAK**  
ALTERNATE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN

**MYRON D. KIRBY**  
DEPARTMENT TREASURER



Ronald Neville .....	Department Judge Advocate
Bruce Gammage.....	Assistant Judge Advocate
Hon. Vincent M. Gaughan.....	Department Parliamentarian
Daniel P. Darcy.....	Assistant Parliamentarian
Virgil Oikion .....	Department Chaplain
Robert D. Meier .....	Assistant Chaplain
Jan Lepinski .....	Assistant Chaplain
Danny Eison.....	Department Sergeant-At-Arms
Greg Lisinski.....	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
Joseph Houdek .....	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
John Burford .....	Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms for Sr. Vice Commander
George “Don” Horn .....	Department Medical Officer
George Radka.....	Assistant Medical Officer
Paul Garrett .....	Department Historian
Josephina Francis .....	Assistant Historian
John Davis Jr. ....	Assistant Historian
George Radka.....	Special Aide to Department Commander
Anthony Siciliano .....	Special Aide to Department Commander
Philip H. Mette.....	Special Aide to Department Sr. Vice Commander
Carolina Contreras .....	Director of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

# Past National & Department Officers

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George G. Seaman*	1919	Richard I. Nicholes*	1971
Milton J. Foreman*	1920	Edward A. Schalk*	1972
Wm. R. McCauley*	1921 - 1922	Ralph C. Scott*	1973
Charles W. Schick*	1923	Ralph J. Coop*	1974
John J. Bullington*	1924	John B. Mahoney*	1975
Howard P. Savage*	1925	Edward F. Brennan*	1976
Scott W. Lucas*	1926	Eugene Corum	1977
Ferre C. Watkins*	1927	James V. Kissner*	1978
A.M. Carter*	1928	Norman J. Biebel*	1979
David L. Shillinglaw*	1929	Clarence V. Kleinfeldt*	1980
Edward A. Hayes*	1930	Patrick G. Breen*	1981
Arthur G. Poorman*	1931	Melvin L. Smith*	1982
Ivan A. Elliott*	1932	Larry J. Besson*	1983
James P. Ringley*	1933	Edward R. Czaja	1984
Charles C. Kapschull*	1934	Roy B. Koeneman*	1985
Paul G. Armstrong*	1935	Paul E. Briesse*	1986
J.B. Murphy*	1936	Max E. Mathers*	1987
Matthew J. Murphy*	1937	Clayborn M. Lofton	1988
Leonard Applequist*	1938	Jules J. Corbett*	1989
Edward Clamage*	1939	William F. Atteberry*	1990
L.N. Bittinger*	1940	Thomas Rizzo*	1991
William F. Waugh*	1941	Tom D. Brandt*	1992
N. Curtis Cation*	1942	Dennis R. Tipsword	1993
Francis E. Phelan*	1943	Arthur E. Rawers*	1994
Leonard W. Esper*	1944	Kermit F. Holtgrewe*	1995
Arthur E. Canty*	1945	Hon. Vincent A. Sanzotta*	1996
Omar J. McMackin*	1946	Ralph D. Adler, Jr.*	1996
Wm. P. Kleuskens*	1947	Richard E. Snodgrass*	1997
Douglas D. Getchell*	1948	Martin F. Conatser	1998
Wm. G. Burns*	1949	Vincent M. Gaughan	1999
Merle E. Schaad*	1950	Jack W. Cover*	2000
Lawrence J. Fenlon*	1951	Elden E. Madden*	2001
Charles C. Shaw*	1952	Henry J. Gazza, Jr.*	2002
Perc F. Brautigan*	1953	Rodger A. Bennett	2003
Edward Driemeyer*	1954	Elvin J. Carey*	2004
Irving Breakstone*	1955	Arnold Ambos	2005
Al W. Leonhard*	1956	Eugene Thompson	2006
Harold A. Cummins*	1957	Luis V. Gonzalez*	2007
Anthony Badamo*	1958	Myron D. Kirby	2008
Al Keller, Jr.*	1959	William C. Hudson*	2009
John H. Geiger*	1960	William J. Flanagan	2010
Clarence E. Brooks*	1961	Richard C. Groharing	2011
Karl Yost*	1962	David M. Hicks	2012
Eric H. Smith*	1963	Wayne Wagner	2013
Morris "Bob" Nooner, Jr.*	1964	Terry L. Woodburn*	2014
James O. Finks*	1965	Bernie StegmueLLer	2014
Joseph C. Murphy*	1966	Henry Robards	2015
Frederick E. Merritt*	1967	Paul W. Gardner	2016
Russell P. Bieritz*	1968	Cheri Stanton	2017
Albert J. Swiderski*	1969	Robert Henderson	2018
T. Stanley Kennedy*	1970		

## PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS FROM ILLINOIS

Milton J. Foreman*	1921
Howard P. Savage*	1926 - 1927
Edward A. Hayes*	1933 - 1934
John Stelle*	1945 - 1946
John S. Gleason, Jr.*	1957 - 1958
John H. Geiger*	1971 - 1972
Al Keller, Jr.*	1982 - 1983
Martin F. Conatser	2007 - 2008

## FOUNDERS FROM ILLINOIS

Earl B. Dickerson*	Chicago
John E. Hughes*	Quincy
Carl F. Kraatz*	Orland Park
Walker S. Ling*	Evansville
J. Edward Radley*	Peoria
Bruno Zingrone*	Oak Lawn
Marcus Goldman*	Urbana
Maurice Lepavsky*	Villa Park

# Department Officers 2018-2019

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## DIVISION COMMANDERS

First Division..... Joe Lampert  
Second Division ..... Christopher Benigno  
Third Division ..... John Davis, III  
Fourth Division ..... Laimutis Nargelenas  
Fifth Division ..... Wayne Madson

## DIVISION SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS

First Division..... Georgiann Callaway  
Second Division ..... Ray Powroznik  
Third Division ..... John Gosney  
Fourth Division ..... Ronald Shapland  
Fifth Division ..... Benjamin Picou



## DISTRICT COMMANDERS

1st ..... Michael Mittelstaedt  
2nd ..... Clemente Rodriguez  
3rd ..... Frank B. Thompson  
4th ..... Robert Przybylinski  
5th ..... Detrall Dearbone  
7th ..... Shawn Hoffmann  
8th ..... Donald E. Lange  
9th ..... George “Don” Horn  
10th ..... Layton Pennington  
11th ..... John B. Reece  
12th ..... Raymond Gerkitz  
13th ..... Leon Kraut  
14th ..... Richard Schomer  
15th ..... Jon E. Johnson  
16th ..... Sam Rice  
17th ..... Nancy Elder—Acting Cmdr  
18th ..... Annette M. Rowe  
19th ..... Cheryl L. Walker  
20th ..... Norman Flowers  
21st ..... Mary Kulavic  
22nd ..... Charles Mueth  
23rd ..... Tracy DeVore  
24th ..... Carole Sandusky  
25th ..... David Wright

## DISTRICT SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1st ..... David Frederick  
2nd ..... Lawrence Hippert  
3rd ..... Harold Toney  
4th ..... Rodolfo Acevedo  
5th ..... Richard Baker  
7th ..... John Wowk  
8th ..... Rick Mitchell  
9th ..... Dale Tippet  
10th ..... Robert Bucher  
11th ..... Kevin Leonard  
12th ..... Ascension Hernandez  
13th ..... Keith Nichols  
14th ..... George Howard  
15th ..... Steve Schlieper  
16th ..... Deanne Nighsonger  
17th ..... Nancy Elder  
18th ..... Allan Rathe  
19th ..... Gregg Roberts  
20th ..... Barry Struse  
21st ..... Richard Rump  
22nd ..... Donald Scheyer  
23rd ..... Stephen Owens  
24th ..... Christopher Hatcher  
25th .....



# Convention Board and Committees

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## CONVENTION OFFICIALS

Micheal M. Carder - **Convention Chairman**

Roy Weber - **Convention Vice Chairman**

Marty Conatser - **Convention Secretary**

Michael Walton - **Convention Director**



## CONVENTION BOARD OF MANAGERS

Micheal M. Carder

Bernard Stegmueller

Joe Lampert

Laimutis Nargelenas

Roy Weber

Thomas Marciciak

Christopher Benigno

Wayne Madson

Marty Conatser

Myron D. Kirby

John Davis, III

Michael Walton

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & MEMBERS

### BUDGET & FINANCE

Myron D. Kirby, **Chairman**

Marty Conatser, **Vice Chairman**

### COMMANDER'S & PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Pam Ray, **Chairwoman**

Sandra Kirby, **Auxiliary Chairwoman**

### COMPETITIONS

Robert Zimbelman, **Chairman**

### DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

William Flanagan, **Chairman**

Gregg Roberts, **Vice Chairman**

**Members:** Tom Nebgen, Michelle Aaron, James Flessner, Bruce Hallam, Rich Moran, Gale Roosa, Mike Stachowski, Gene Thompson, Chuck Zelinsky

### FREEDOM FEST

James Peters, Jr., **Chairman**

James Gasparin, Jerry Bellatti, **Vice Chairman**

### HALLS & ARRANGEMENTS

Michael Walton, **Chairman**

## *Convention Board and Committees, Cont.*

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### **LEGAL ADVISORY**

Ronald Neville, **Chairman**  
Bruce Gammage, **Vice Chairman**

### **LEGION RIDERS CONTEST**

Joe Lampert, **Chairman**  
Mike Lee, **Vice Chairman**

### **MEDICAL**

George “Don” Horn, **Chairman**  
George Radka, **Vice Chairman**

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Virgil Oikion, **Chairman**  
Bob Meier, Jan Lepinski, **Vice Chairmen**  
LaVera Davis, **Auxiliary**  
John Nemanich, **SAL**

### **MILITARY LIAISON**

Wes Barr, **Chairman**  
Tony Libri, **Vice Chairman**

### **PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS' BREAKFAST**

Robert “Bob” Henderson, **Chairman**

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Paul Garrett, **Chairman**  
Gary Granburg, **Vice Chairman**  
**Members:** Stephen Welty, Josephina Francis, Charles Granholm

### **SAFETY**

Delmar Buske, **Chairman**  
Ron Payne, **Vice Chairman**  
**Members:** Ricky Serrano, Charles Coffey, David Harris

### **SGT-AT-ARMS**

Danny Eison, **Chairman**  
**Members:** Michelle Aaron, George Blake, Denver Phelps, Kenneth Trumbull, Joe Lampert, Edna Taylor, Lomac Payton, John Gleckler, Mike Vance, Rich Moran, John Davis III, James Kostka, Jimmy Nagel, Alfonso Pizarro, Roy Smith, Jerry Goeckner, Peter Hirt, John Burford, Tom Chambers, Mike Edmonds, Suzette Flaishans, Kevin Kostuchowski, Steve Schlieper, Cheri Stanton, Ed Stash, Derrick Stinson, Harold Dillard, Gary Whyte, Munuel Guerra.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Mike Walton, **Chairman**

# Convention Committee Meetings



2019 — 101st ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION — SPRINGFIELD, IL

ALL MEETINGS OF CONVENTION & STANDING COMMITTEES WILL BE HELD IN THE  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD CENTER— SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

## WEDNESDAY -- JULY 10, 2019

### STANDING COMMITTEES / COMMISSIONS

#### VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

Chairman, Dennis Tipsworth

1:00 PM **Room B-7 West**

#### INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Chairman, Al Coughlin

1:00 PM **Room B-10**

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Department Commander, Micheal M. Carder

6:30 PM **Picture**

7:00 PM **Buddinger Room—Bank of Springfield Center**

#### FINANCE

Chairman, Myron D. Kirby

1:00 PM **Room B-4 E**

#### CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

#### DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

Chairman, Chairman, Paul W. Gardner

2:00 PM **Room B-9**

## THURSDAY -- JULY 11, 2019

### 9:00 AM

RULES

Liaison, Hon. **Vincent M. Gaughan**  
**Room B-1**

AMERICANISM

Liaison, **Jimmy Nagel**  
**Room B-4 East**

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Liaison, **Cheri Stanton**  
**Room B-4 West**

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

Liaison, **Dennis Tipsworth**  
**Room B-6 West**

NATIONAL SECURITY

Liaison, **Robert Zimbelman**  
**Room B-8**

NOMINATION OF  
DELEGATES-AT-LARGE

Liaison, **Joe Lampert**  
**Room B-9**

VETERANS AFFAIRS  
& REHABILITATION

Liaison, **Rodger Bennett**  
**Room B-10**

RESOLUTIONS

Liaison, **Wayne Fischer**  
**Room B-3**

JUDICIARY

Liaison, **Paul W. Gardner**  
**Room B-7 East**

### 10:00 AM

CREDENTIALS, CONTESTS &  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Liaison, **Al Coughlin**  
**Room B-2**

LEGISLATION

Liaison, **Laimutis Nargelenas**  
**Room B-7 West**

## *Caucus Meetings*



### DISTRICT CAUCUS SCHEDULE BANK OF SPRINGFIELD CENTER

**THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019**

<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>CAUCUS MEETING ROOM</u></b>
3:00 PM	1st	B-8
3:00 PM	2nd	B-7 East
3:00 PM	3rd	B-7 West
3:00 PM	4th	B-9
3:00 PM	5th	B-6 West
3:00 PM	7th	B-3
3:00 PM	8th	B-6 East
3:00 PM	9th	B-10
3:00 PM	10th & 13th	B-1
3:00 PM	11th	B-4 East
3:00 PM	12th	B-4 West
5:00 PM	14th	B-9
5:00 PM	15th	B-1
5:00 PM	16th	B-2
5:00 PM	17th	B-6 East
5:00 PM	18th	B-6 West
5:00 PM	19th	B-7 East
5:00 PM	20th	B-8
5:00 PM	21st	B-7 West
5:00 PM	22nd	B-4 West
5:00 PM	23rd	B-10
5:00 PM	24th & 25th	B-3

<b>HEADQUARTERS OFFICE &amp; MEDICAL</b>	<b>B-11A</b>
<b>SGT-AT-ARMS</b>	<b>B-7 East</b>
<b>DISTINGUISHED GUESTS</b>	<b>Murphy Room</b>

# URBANA AMERICAN LEGION POST 71



*107 NORTH BROADWAY AVE.*

## URBANA, IL

*Helping The American Legion Help  
America's Veteran's*



# Business Sessions



## 101st ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION The American Legion, Department of Illinois BANK OF SPRINGFIELD CENTER

**Friday, July 12, 2019**

9:00 A.M. .... CALL TO ORDER  
PRESIDING ..... Micheal M. Carder, Department Commander  
ADVANCE COLORS ..... Franklin Park Post 974  
"STAR SPANGLED BANNER" ..... Terry Lynn Gaddis  
INVOCATION ..... Virgil Oikion, Department Chaplain  
POW/MIA CEREMONY ..... Micheal M. Carder, Department Commander  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ..... Roy Weber, Department Sr. Vice Commander  
PREAMBLE ..... Micheal M. Carder, Department Commander  
GOD BLESS AMERICA ..... Terry Lynn Gaddis  
CALL TO ANNUAL CONVENTION ..... Marty Conatser, Convention Secretary

### **REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES**

RULES ..... Hon. Vincent M. Gaughan  
CREDENTIALS, CONTESTS & INTERNAL AFFAIRS ..... Al Coughlin

### **ADDRESS OF WELCOME**

- Elected Officials for the State of Illinois
- Veterans Organizations
- Veterans Hospitals Administrators
- Youth Champions
- American Legion Auxiliary
- Sons of The American Legion

### **CONVENTION REPORTS & PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

AMERICANISM .....  
CHILDREN & YOUTH ..... Cheri Stanton  
VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION ..... Dennis Tipsword  
VETERANS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS  
JUDICIARY ..... Paul Gardner  
LEGISLATION ..... Laimutis Nargelenas  
NATIONAL SECURITY ..... Robert Zimbelman  
NOMINATION OF DELEGATES -AT-LARGE ..... Joe Lampert  
SAFETY, LAW & ORDER ..... Delmar Buske  
RESOLUTIONS ..... Wayne Fischer  
VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION ..... Rodger Bennett

# Business Sessions



## 101st ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION The American Legion, Department of Illinois BANK OF SPRINGFIELD CENTER

**Saturday, July 13, 2019**

8:00 A.M. .... CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICE  
Virgil Oikion, Department Chaplain  
Bob Meier, Assistant Chaplain  
LaVera Davis, Auxiliary Chaplain  
John Nemanich, SAL Chaplain

All members of The American Legion family, friends and the general citizenry are invited.

**NO ADMITTANCE INTO THE CONVENTION HALL AFTER THE MEMORIAL SERVICE BEGINS**

CALL TO ORDER ..... Micheal M. Carder, Department Commander  
PRESIDING OFFICER ..... Micheal M. Carder, Department Commander  
SALUTE TO THE COLORS..... Micheal M. Carder, Department Commander  
INVOCATION ..... Virgil Oikion, Department Chaplain

### **CONTINUATION OF REPORTS**

POPPY CONTEST WINNERS ..... Denver Phelps  
COMMUNITY SERVICE ..... Lomac Payton  
CONVENTION REPORT ..... Michael Walton  
CONVENTION HOST AWARD PRESENTATION ..... Micheal M. Carder  
GIFTS TO THE YANKS..... Jeffrey Cox  
PUBLIC RELATIONS/INFORMATION EXCHANGE..... Paul Garrett  
BUDGET REPORT ..... Myron D. Kirby  
MEMBERSHIP REPORT and AWARDS..... Roy Weber  
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT ..... Bernard Stegmuller  
HISTORIAN AWARDS ..... Paul Garrett

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS — NEW BUSINESS**

#### **NOMINATION & ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

ALTERNATE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN

DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

INSTALLATION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ..... Hon. Vincent M. Gaughan, Past Department Commander  
BENEDICTION..... Virgil Oikion, Department Chaplain  
RETIRE COLORS..... Teutopolis Post 924  
ADJOURNMENT..... Sine Die

#### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

- ★ Department Executive Committee meeting will be on the right side of stage in Convention Hall following adjournment of the Department Convention.
- ★ Special meeting of all elected National Convention Delegates on left side of stage in Convention Hall immediately after the adjournment of D.E.C. - **Important Instructions.**

# Knight Hawk Coal Salutes America's Veterans



The men and women of Knight Hawk Coal wish to thank those veterans gathering for the American Legion Illinois State Convention for their service. Your service to our country is truly appreciated and we hope you have a productive, enjoyable and memorable event.



[knighthawkcoal.com](http://knighthawkcoal.com)

# Schedule of Events

**CHAPLAINS CONFERENCE**  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD CENTER  
ROOM B-6 EAST  
10:00 AM —11:00 AM  
**THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019**



**ADJUTANT'S TRAINING SEMINAR**  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD CENTER  
B-11 B, C  
11:00 AM —2:00 PM  
**THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019**



**"THANK YOU COMMANDER"  
PARTY**  
SPRINGFIELD LEGION POST 32  
6:00 PM —1:00 AM  
**THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019**



**VETERANS HIRING EVENT**  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD CENTER  
B-11 B, C, D  
10:00 AM —1:00 PM  
**FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019**



**PTSD/SUBSTANCE ABUSE/  
SUICIDE PREVENTION MEETING**  
ROOM B-6 WEST  
*Immediately following convention session*  
**FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019**



**LEGION RIDERS MEETING**  
MAIN HALL OF CONVENTION CENTER  
*Immediately following convention session*  
**FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019**



**CONVENTION PARADE**  
*LEGION RIDERS*  
*5:45 PM KICK-OFF TO*  
*FREEDOM FEST \*\**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019**



**\*\* FREEDOM FEST \*\***  
ROADWAY BETWEEN  
CONVENTION HOTELS  
6:00 PM — MIDNIGHT  
**FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019**



**BIKE SHOW**  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD CENTER  
(Main Entrance)  
REGISTRATION  
(at Legion Riders Exhibit Booth):  
9:00 AM —10:00 AM  
JUDGING: 10:00 AM —12:00 NOON  
**SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019**



**AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
RECEPTION**  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD CENTER  
B-11 B, C, D  
3:00 PM —5:00 PM  
**SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019**



**COMMANDER & PRESIDENT  
DINNER**  
WYNDHAM —BALLROOM  
COCKTAILS - 6:00 PM  
DINNER - 7:00 PM  
**SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019**



*Times and locations are subject to change. Please check bulletin board in Convention Headquarters for possible changes.*

## **Convention Booths**

- ★ 19th District ALA
- ★ American Legion by Maria Karson
- ★ American Legion State Golf Tournament
- ★ Boy Scouts
- ★ Chicago's Own Young Marines
- ★ Feel Good, Inc.
- ★ Friends of Fischer House—Illinois
- ★ Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave
- ★ Illinois Women's Military & Civilian Memorial
- ★ Legionnaires Insurance Trust
- ★ Legion Riders

- ★ Military Veterans Rights Bureau - Office of Attorney General
- ★ National Desert Storm War Memorial
- ★ POW / MIA
- ★ Premier Boys State
- ★ Secretary of State
- ★ Sewing For Veterans
- ★ UMAP
- ★ US Insurance Co.
- ★ Women in Military service for American Memorial



# MICHEAL M. CARDER

2018-2019

American Legion  
Department Commander



THANK YOU FOR ELECTING ME TO SERVE  
AS YOUR CENTENNIAL DEPARTMENT COMMANDER!



*We Proudly Stand Behind The American Legion*



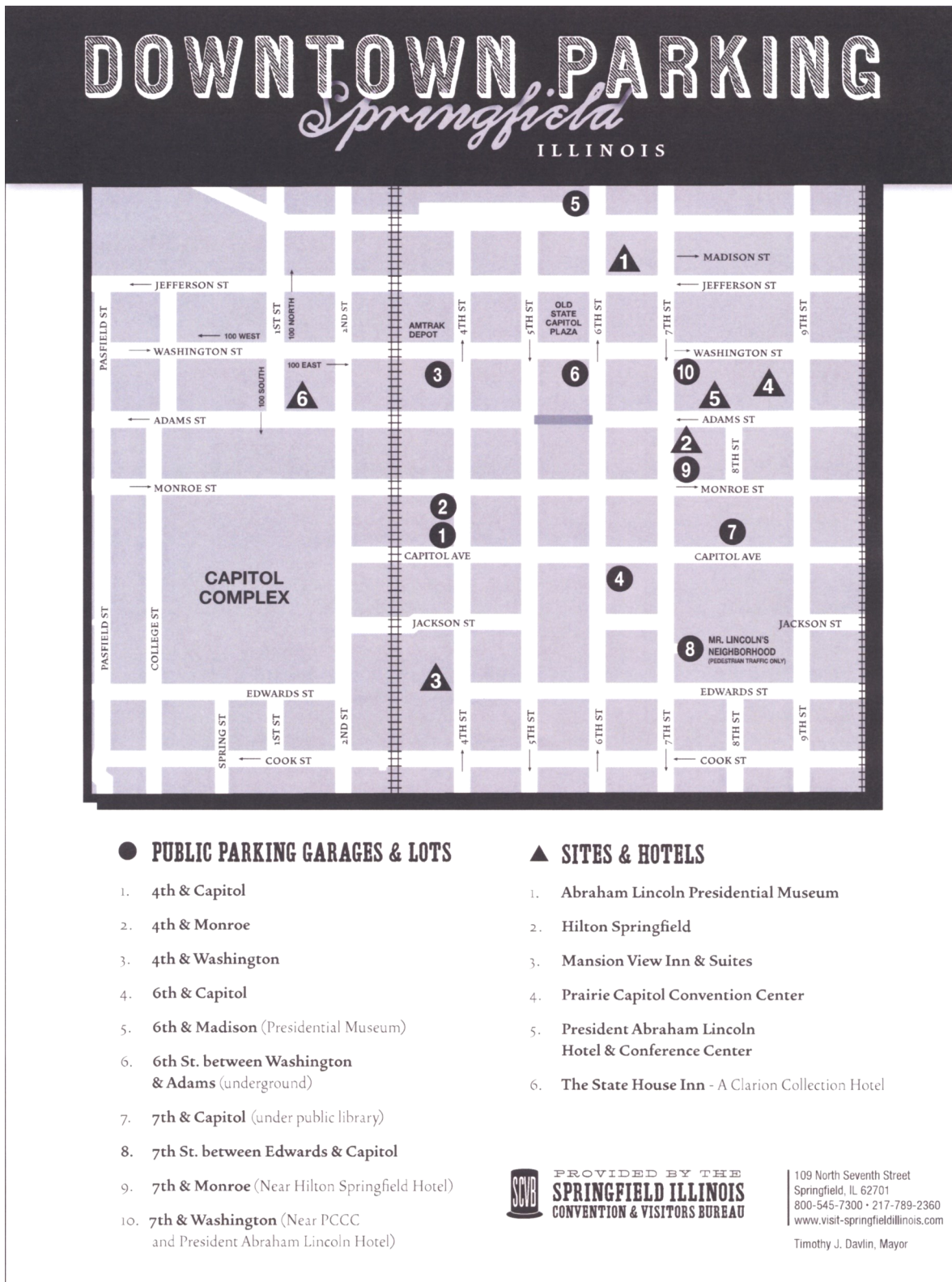
**REPUBLIC**  
SERVICES

We'll handle it from here.™

*Springfield, Illinois*

# Map of Springfield

## Welcome to Springfield Site of The 97th Annual American Legion State Convention





Department of Illinois  
National Executive Committeeman

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BERNARD STEGMUELLER

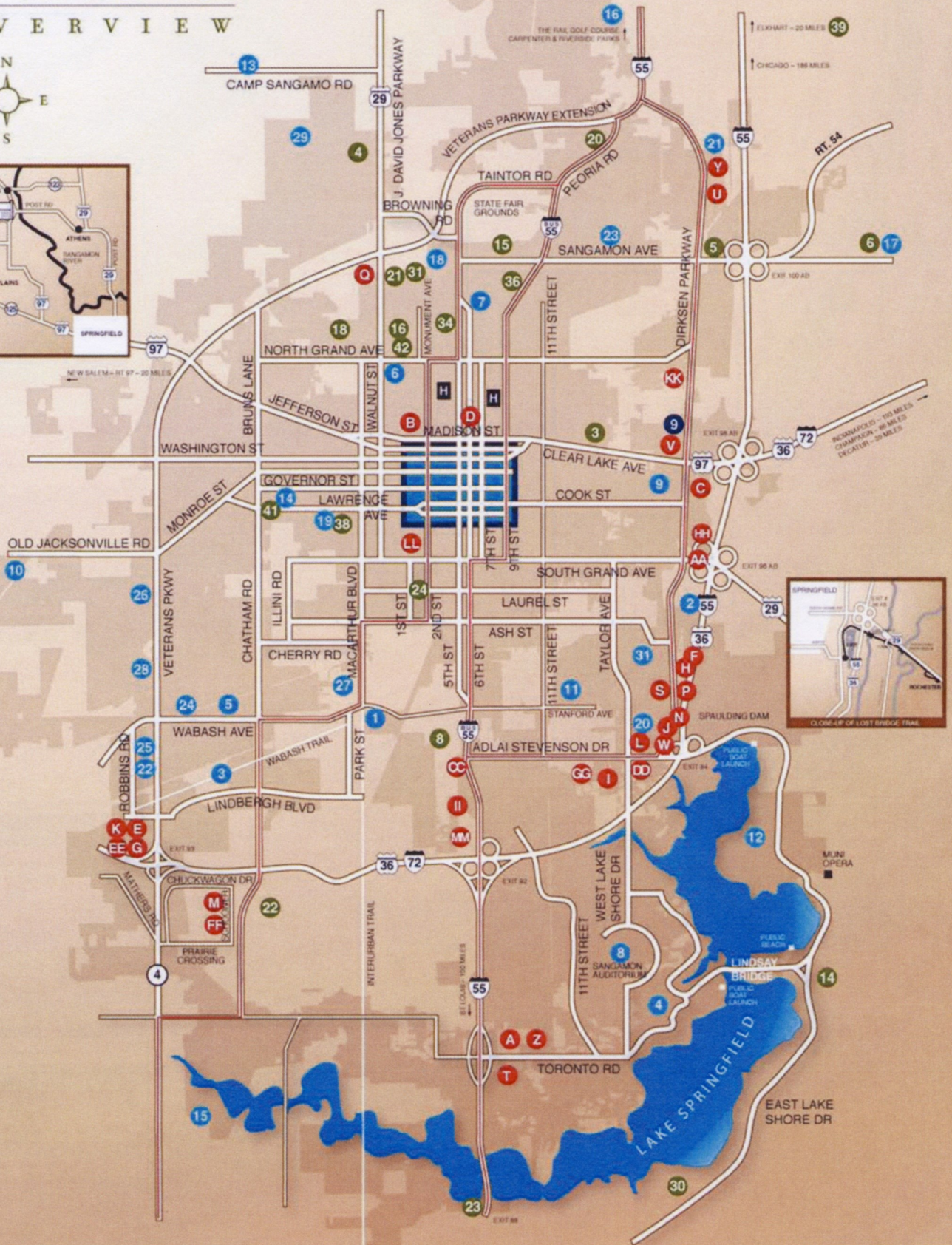
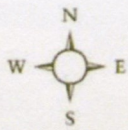
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## 2018-2019 Convention Reports

### DEPARTMENT COMMANDER Micheal M. "Mike" Carder

The start of the new century of The American Legion has been both exciting and bothersome. It was great to visit the posts and districts who celebrated The American Legions 100th birthday. These celebrations will continue until the National Convention.

The Department of Illinois was honored to have been visited by both Immediate PNC Denise Rohan and National Commander Brett Riestad. It was great to see all of the special welcomes presented by the Illinois Legion Family.

It was especially exciting to be in St. Louis, Missouri for the celebration of the St. Louis Caucus which solidified the foundation of The American Legion.

During the past year the programs of the Illinois American Legion have stood out due to the efforts of all the blue cappers and dedicated work of

the entire American Legion Family. It was also gratifying to see the work done in supporting local communities, especially with our youth. Our youth have so many great opportunities to receive the offerings of scholarships. This year we awarded scholarships from the Oratorical Contest, Essay Contest, Poppy Poster Contest, Boys State, Girls State, Youth Police, School award and Boys Scout of the year. There are probably some I am forgetting but awarding scholarships is just a portion of work we have done this year.

The great work continued this year with many programs we offer to our youth. Boys State, Girls State, Special Olympics, Boy Scouts, and the Youth Police School. These programs are run by numerous Legion family volunteers. Without them we just could not provide the programs. Job well done team!

This year my special project was The Haven a wonderful place where veterans and their families can

go and recharge their batteries. Your donations have been overwhelming, through your efforts a check for over \$3,000.00 was presented at The Haven Jamboree in November and the balance will be presented during this convention.

The American Legion Riders, I cannot say enough about the work they do. Their work within the state and the Legacy Run, keep riding folks.

The 100th year began with a great surge in membership and The Department of Illinois stayed consistently within the top 20 department nationally and following the Membership Caravan the surge diminished and our standing in the national statistics has dropped. This was the year to establish our legacy for the next century and I am bothered by our continued slide. I must say our department is not alone, I have talked with my colleagues in the Central States Region and they

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### DIVISIONS and DISTRICTS

#### FIRST DIVISION:

*1st - 9th Districts:* Cook County

#### SECOND DIVISION:

*10th:* Lake County

*11th:* McHenry, Kane, DuPage, Will

*12th:* Winnebago, Boone, DeKalb, LaSalle, Kendall, Grundy

*13th:* Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll, Ogle, Lee, Whiteside

#### THIRD DIVISION:

*14th:* Rock Island, Mercer, Henderson, Warren, Hancock, McDonough

*15th:* Henry, Knox, Fulton, Adams, Schuyler

*16th:* Bureau, Stark, Putnam, Marshall, Peoria, Tazewell

*20th:* Mason, Brown, Cass, Menard, Morgan, Scott, Pike, Calhoun, Greene, Jersey

#### FOURTH DIVISION:

*17th:* Woodford, Livingston, McLean, Ford, Logan

*18th:* Kankakee, Iroquois, Vermilion, Edgar, Clark, Cumberland

*19th:* Champaign, DeWitt, Piatt, Macon, Moultrie, Douglas, Coles, Shelby

*21st:* Sangamon, Christian, Macoupin, Montgomery

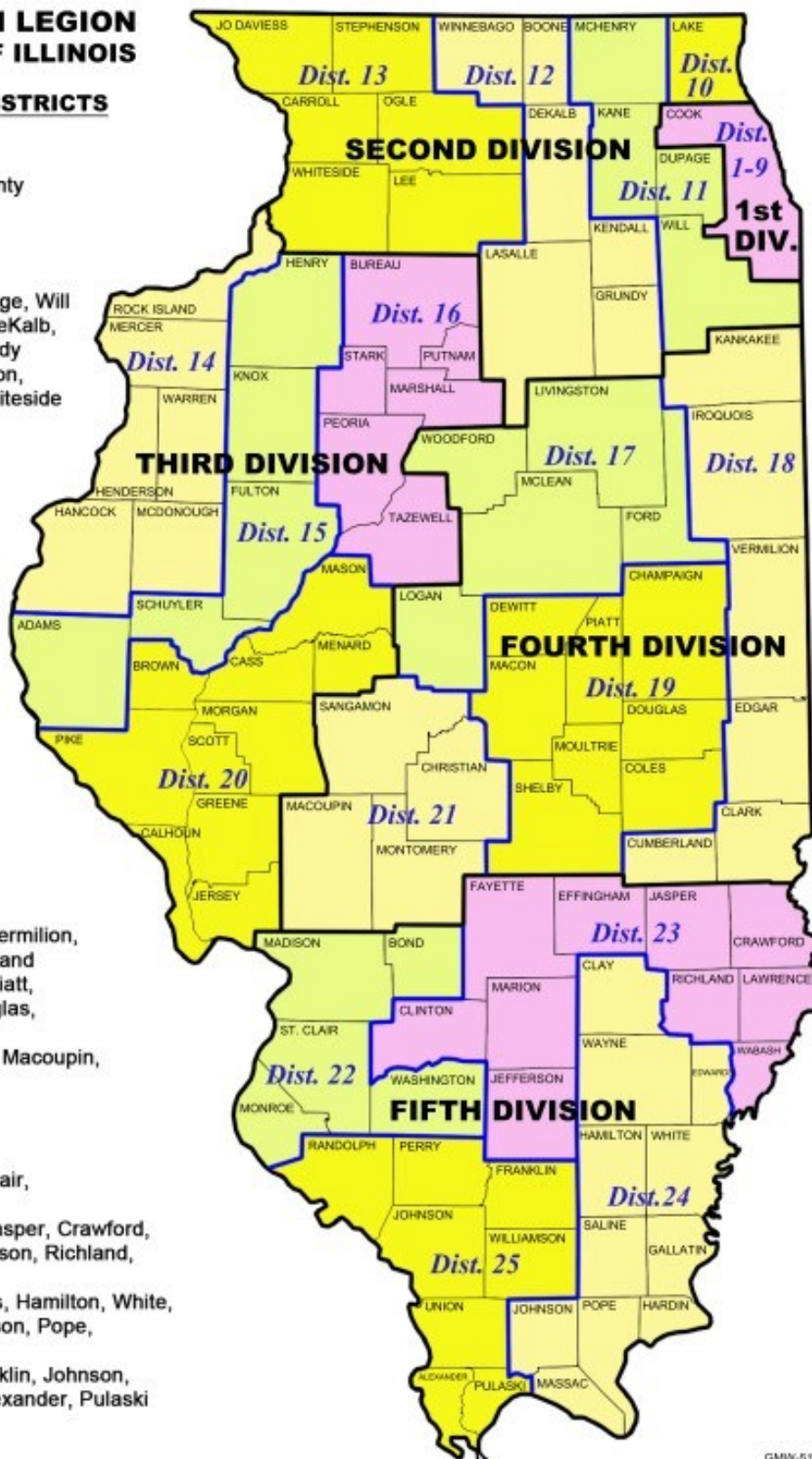
#### FIFTH DIVISION:

*22nd:* Madison, Bond, St. Clair, Monroe, Washington

*23rd:* Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford, Clinton, Marion, Jefferson, Richland, Lawrence, Wabash

*24th:* Clay, Wayne, Edwards, Hamilton, White, Saline, Gallatin, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Massac

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are experiencing the same phenomenon. Nationally, membership is down approximately 70,000 legionnaires, while Illinois is down approximately 4,000 legionnaires. If this continues what will happen to our programs, to our support to veterans and their families and veterans benefits. There is no magic solution to the slide, if there was we would have jumped on it immediately. But, what can be done? It is not hard, it takes the effort of all past and present commanders no matter what level of service to contact our members. I still believe in the Bloody Knuckle approach personal contact works the best. Mentor new officers and members, posts and districts need to increase revitalization efforts (it works) and be sure to use all publicity sources whether print or electronic.

I have frequently referred to The American Legion Family, it has been

a pleasure to serve with Auxiliary President Deb Lewis and SAL Commander Eugene Gort. Together in our own way we have promoted the ideals of the American Legion and its program. We can only grow stronger through the family effort.

I finally, I want to thank all the blue caps, with out your efforts all of our programs would have failed. You worked hard to stabilize our membership, we may have knocked down but, I know you will get up, roll up your sleeves, tighten your belts and meet our challenges head on. It can be done because we are the Illinois American Legion!

It has been a honor to serve with you during our 100th year. Thank you for your service.

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### DEPARTMENT SR VICE COMMANDER Roy Weber

It's hard to believe that it is time for another convention. It seems that I was just recently elected your Sr. Vice Commander, an event I will never forget. I am proud to have served the Department of Illinois and its Legionnaires this past year. I enjoyed attending many Division and District meetings of the American Legion, SAL and Auxiliary, as well as D.E.C. Meetings, Conferences and Homecomings.

This past year started well with membership. Our leadership and blue cappers have gone out Knocking for Membership as Commander Carder's pin states. Renewing and finding new members is difficult but success means we can continue to support our Veterans' needs and keep the program of The American Legion vibrant.

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# 9th District Commander

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The January American Legion Family Caravan traveled throughout the state despite some severe weather and road conditions. Only one stop had to be omitted due to poor road conditions. Past National Commander Denise Rohan was our special guest and gave an inspiring presentation at every stop. She had the remarkable ability to have a different message every time. What a pleasure it was to listen to her. Many cards were turned in at each stop. There was great comradery and of course way too much wonderful food at the stops.

Our Legion Programs are going strong again this year. Our 4-Pillars Pin project supporting the Oratorical contest, Gifts to the Yanks, Special Olympics and Premier Boy's State did very well. What a great way for our Legion Family to work together for our valuable programs. I want to

thank our blue cappers for their tireless efforts working for all of our great program successes.

I want to give a special thank you to our Department Staff for keeping me on track and never failing to assist me when I asked for help. Their tireless work on membership, leadership training, scheduling and artistry made my efforts this year go smoothly. No other office staff can equal them!!

I have learned more about our Legion Family than you can imagine. What a great Veteran's Service Organization we have.

I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to be of service to the American Legion Department of Illinois again this coming year.

Thank You.

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**DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT**  
Martin "Marty" Conatser

As we complete another year of service to veterans and our communities, I am so proud of the values this organization stands for. I want to "Thank" everyone that has guided and assisted me this year. I want to thank the Department Staff for the extra effort to cut the cost of operating the Department of Illinois. For the fourth year in a row the administrative cost of operation has gone down.

Commander Carder, President Lewis and SAL Commander Gort set a clear goal of making the Legion Family stronger in Illinois. I'm pleased to say that by working together, all parts of the Legion family accomplished great things in 2019. They proved that it can be done and was by many dedicated Legion family members.

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Illinois must continue to refine our vision for the future!

Revitalizations were conducted in many parts of the state this year. The personal contact by volunteers was outstanding. Please become involved in your area. We need to be more aggressive early in the next membership year. Doing this will make a huge difference in your local membership numbers and the financial security of the Department. Working together, the Legion family members lived up to what the moto "**Just Ask**" stands for.

As The American Legion Department of Illinois met the needs of the American Legion Family members again this year, the National Emergency Relief fund was there. Tornados and floods continue to happen and The American Legion Family members continue to step forward when

needed. That is just one reason to be a member of this great organization.

Please take advantage of the training being offered at this convention. The "Adjutants Training Seminar" will help your Post and the Department to conduct the business of The American Legion in the coming year.

Most of all I want to say "Thank you" to everyone that works so hard for others and makes The American Legion the great organization that we are.

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### DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE

Delmar Buske, Chairman

The Disaster Relief Committee was busy this year trying to keep Mother Nature at bay. The first part of this year we had tornadoes throughout Central Illinois with most of the damage in the Taylorville area. We fortunately had no members that were

displaced because of damage.

We had some flooding reported in the Northern part of the state, once again with no one reportedly being displaced.

We find that this is a good program to use as a recruiting tool.

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### FINANCE COMMISSION

Myron Kirby, Chairman

The Finance Commission always worked hard to maintain the financial stability of the Illinois American Legion. We thank all members who donate to our fundraisers and the commitment for being a member of the Department of Illinois American Legion. Some of our fundraisers have been slightly down this past year but with your help I am sure this going to be a better year. As always, the

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Finance Committee will continue to look for ways to keep our costs down and we will continue to look at new fundraisers in order to keep our income up.

Our old heating and ac system was installed when the building was built back in the 70's. It had become unreliable and needed replaced. A new system was installed at the cost of \$120,000.00. We would like to thank the Trust Fund Committee for their helping in pay \$100,000.00 of the cost.

Our adjutant Marty Conatser has eliminated some staff positions and reassigned duties. The staff has taken on Auxiliary membership data entry and our print shop has taken on printing for posts and other entities. These are just a couple examples on how Department is trying to maximize income and always watching the expense side. Looking at the proposed

budget for the year 2019-2020 you will see a deficit budget, the vast majority of the deficit is due to the loss of membership. That loss of membership in turn makes fund raisers more challenging with the loss of donors.

For those who order from National Emblem Sales catalog you might have noticed they now have two types of poppies: crepe paper and fabric. The fabric poppies are made in Illinois by Illinois Veterans. Emblem sales began offering the Illinois style poppy a few years ago and demand has increased. We appreciate Nationals support in this endeavor.

As many of you might know we have a new Financial Secretary, Tina Abdelnour. She started with us on August 21, 2018.

I would like to thank all members of the Finance Commission: Casimir Noga, 1st Division Vice Chairman, Ronald Carlson, 2nd Division, Dave Hicks, 3rd Division, Jerry Vogler,

4th Division and William Flanagan 5th Division for all their hard work, Commander Mike Carder and Sr. Vice Commander Roy Weber for attending the finance meetings I would also like to thank Department Commander Mike Carder for allowing the Committee and me to serve. Their support was much appreciated. A special thanks to Marty Conatser, Department Adjutant and the entire staff for their assistance this year.

As always if anyone has any questions on the budget, I am always will to answer those questions.

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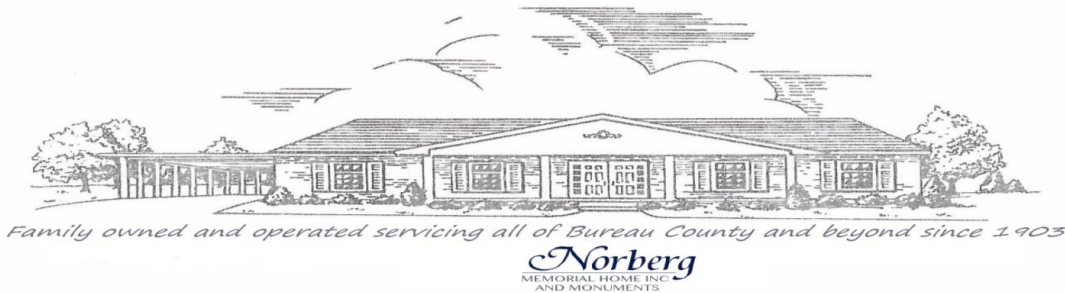
### SAFETY, LAW & ORDER COMMITTEE

Delmar Buske, Chairman

The Safety, Law & Order Committee was busy this year getting ready for the Youth Cadet law

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Enforcement school. We are once again using the national Guard Camp Lincoln Academy for our school. This is truly an American Legion, Illinois State Police, the Illinois National Guard cooperative effort. We could not put this school on without the effort of all agencies involved.

Our Police Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year was also determined with very good applications from throughout the State.

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### TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

Hon. Vincent M. Gaughan, Chairman

Purpose of the American Legion of Illinois Trust Fund is to provide an atmosphere of growth and stability to the Trust Fund. This enable and also position the Trust Fund to provide financial assistance to the

Department of Illinois and times of financial distress or unforeseen need.

At our American Legion D.E.C. meeting in April, 2019, the Trust Fund transferred \$100,000.00 to the Department for the complete replacement of the Heating and Air Conditioning system at our Department Headquarters in Bloomington, IL. This prevented any diminution any of the American Legion Programs or Services.

It is important to reiterate one of the dark days from when the Department of Illinois was in frightful financial condition. To keep our Headquarters door open we had to borrow about \$500,000.00 from our Trust Fund to operate and function. If our Trust Fund was not properly funded, our Department would have been required to borrow on the open market at the going interest rate. To be candid, we would still be paying interest and principal on our debt of \$500,000.00. This would have

greatly impacted the "Mission" of the American Legion helping veterans and Our Families. Our Trust Fund must always "be ready", willing and able "to support our Department".

In December 2018, our Trust Fund, along with the world market, took a big hit. Because of the correct deployment of our investments, the Fund is 99% restored as of this writing. Our financial advisors have been on top of every market move. Our Trust Fund will be positive and well-positioned at the end of 2019.

Our Trust Fund is well deployed to withstand the ups and downs of the stock market. It is the general consensus of the stock analyst that it will be up at the end of 2019.

First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust are our financial advisors. They have been exceptional attending meetings with your trust fund committee throughout the year

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providing valuable advice on our investments.

While we commend the Department Officers and Finance Commission for their efforts to control expenditures and increase income, we must also advocate the prudent reinforcement of the Trust Fund principal by regular deposits of any special request, grants and annual budget.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the exceptional members of our Trust Fund Committee for their participation and cooperation throughout the year.

Your Trust Fund members are: Tom Marciciak, Michael Walton, Robert F. Zimbelman, John Burford, and Vincent M. Gaughan. On behalf of the Trust Fund Committee we would express our appreciation for the opportunity to serve the American Legion State of Illinois.

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### LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

Laimutis Nargelenas, Chairman

The Illinois Legislative Commission consists of the following members: Chairman Laimutis "Limey" Nargelenas (4), Vice Chairman Hank Robards (5), secretary Kevin Kilkenny (3), Paul Gardner (2), Ken Trumbull (1).

The Commission has been very active this year conducting the meetings and tracking over 40 bills introduced in the Illinois General Assembly regarding the military and veterans. The Commission has also followed 30 bills that were introduced in Congress. The Legislative Commission members have met with numerous legislators to discuss legislation. Numerous bills in both the Illinois General Assembly and Congress have been successfully passed that will assist veterans in

numerous ways.

The Illinois Legislative Commission also participated in the first Illinois Veterans Lobby Day at the Capital. The legislative Commission met with other Veteran Organizations in Springfield at the AMVETS office to discuss how these organizations could come together to successfully impact legislation that would benefit veterans. After the meeting, the Commission members traveled to the capital to meet with their legislator. Please note the attached message that was given to our state legislators.

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### AMERICANISM COMMISSION

Philip Mette, Chairman

Americanism is one of the four pillars of the American Legion. The commission is charged to promote patriotism and good citizenship

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through patriotic observances and patriotic and civic instruction in sports. This is achieved by the programs of the commission and six separate committees. Commission members are Department Commander Micheal Carder-First Division, Gary Stieg- Second Division, John Davis III -Third Division, Vice Chairman Jimmy Nagel-Fourth Division, and Chairman Philip Mette-Fifth Division.

The commission met on October 6, March 1, and will meet on July 10.

Our major program is the High School Oratorical Scholarship Program—A constitutional Speech Contest. The purpose of the program is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States. Seventeen contestants competed in the semi-final contest on March 2nd at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. Five

advanced to the finals with the following results:

First Place: Caleb Maue, Homer Glen, 2nd Division, \$2000 scholarship.

Second Place: Regan Macwan, Naperville, 2nd Division, \$1500 scholarship.

Third Place: John Tofte, Downs, 4th Division, \$1200 scholarship.

Fourth Place: Abril Hunter, Belleville, 5th Division, \$1000 scholarship.

Fifth Place: William Meanes, Fairview Heights, \$1000 scholarship.

The Commission thanks the many Legion family members and Department staff who made the contests possible.

Caleb Maue competed at the National level on April 6th in Indianapolis. Caleb won his quarter and semi rounds and advanced to the finals on April 7th competing against Iowa and Tennessee. Caleb placed second and received a total of

\$17,500 in scholarships. Caleb is a home schooled junior and was sponsored by Joliet Post 1080.

The 2019 Americanism essay topic is “What are my responsibilities as a U.S. Citizen?” The Auxiliary judges the essays at the district, division and department levels. They will recognize the department winners on July 11 at their convention.

Premier Boys State was held on June 8 - 14. This is our premier program as it is “A Week that Shapes a Lifetime.” We look forward to a successful attendance and program.

The Americanism Commission encourages our Legion family to participate in patriotic observances on holidays such as Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veteran’s Day. Posts are encouraged to have an active Color Guard and hold flag disposal ceremonies and teach our younger proper flag etiquette. The commission reminds posts to screen

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all participants in our youth programs to ensure compliance in proper respect to the Flag of the United States.

The success of all our programs depends on the blue cappers to get involved and implement the many programs that serve our veterans, our youth, our communities, and our country.

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### CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMISSION

Paul W. Gardner, Chairman

There were no resolutions approved at the convention adding to or changing the Constitution & By-Laws.

The Commission meets a minimum of two times per year. In June prior to the Department Convention with Internal Affairs for the purpose

of assigning submitted resolutions and at the Department Convention to review any resolutions that may be presented for determination.

Current members of the Commission are 1<sup>st</sup> Division Anthony J. Sicilano; 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Paul W. Gardner; 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Harris Bedney; 4<sup>th</sup> Division JR Stillwell; 5<sup>th</sup> Division Jeffrey M. Roscow.

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### FLAG ALLIANCE COMMITTEE

Charlie Flood, Chairman

The citizen's flag alliance was formed by the legion and several other patriotic organizations to support a constitutional amendment to protect our flag from deliberate desecration. However, congress has done nothing in over 12 years on this matter every time it comes up in the senate it gets buried in committee, I want to

encourage everybody to contact their congressman and our senators to support this amendment. Also ask you fellow post and district members to do the same.

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### BOY SCOUT COMMITTEE

Bert Gangolf, Chairman

Moving forward is receiving a phone call from a legionnaire whose son is in scouting and asking how he can help the troop his son became a part of Talk to your fellow post members, talk to the Scout leader, contact your council executive, start going through some training. Such as Youth Protection Training (YPT), basic leadership training

Demonstrate to the patrol or troop how to fold, roll, clothing, sleeping bags and show them how to

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pack a duffel bag or back pack. Practice simple first aid, fishing, camping, axe and fire safety. We as veterans all have 'our own'

Specialty to teach and pass on to our young people. Electronic games are only one on one things. As with us experienced people, scouts learn to be a good trusting teammate, which is the beginning brickwork of becoming a leader. Keep moving forward.

For God and Country.

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### VETERANS HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ronald Shapland, Chairman

The Veterans Home Advisory Committee met at 1pm Saturday, October 6, 2018 at Department Headquarters. In attendance were:

Georgiann Callaway, 1<sup>st</sup> Division  
William Frangquist, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division  
Roger Schwengel, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Vice Chairman  
Ronald Shapland, 4<sup>th</sup> Division Chairman  
Donnie Houghland, 5<sup>th</sup> Division

Roger reports that IDVA has purchased the Sycamore nursing home about 2 blocks from the Quincy home and are remodeling it and removing the asbestos. There is an open house planned for October 19 at which time they will announce the new name. The remodeled home will house the Alzheimer and dementia unit. After the Alzheimer and dementia are moved they will start demolishing the worst unit and re-building. The Federal VA is supposed to fund 65% of the cost. No time line is set for completion of the rebuilding at this time, only the housing units will be replaced. The Administrative buildings will remain.

Donnie Houghland reports from

the Anna home. They are a 62- bed facility full with no wait list. They have been without a volunteer coordinator for 4 years and without an activities director for 1 ½ years, resulting in no outside activities for the residents. They were approved for a 42- bed addition 10 years ago that has never happened.

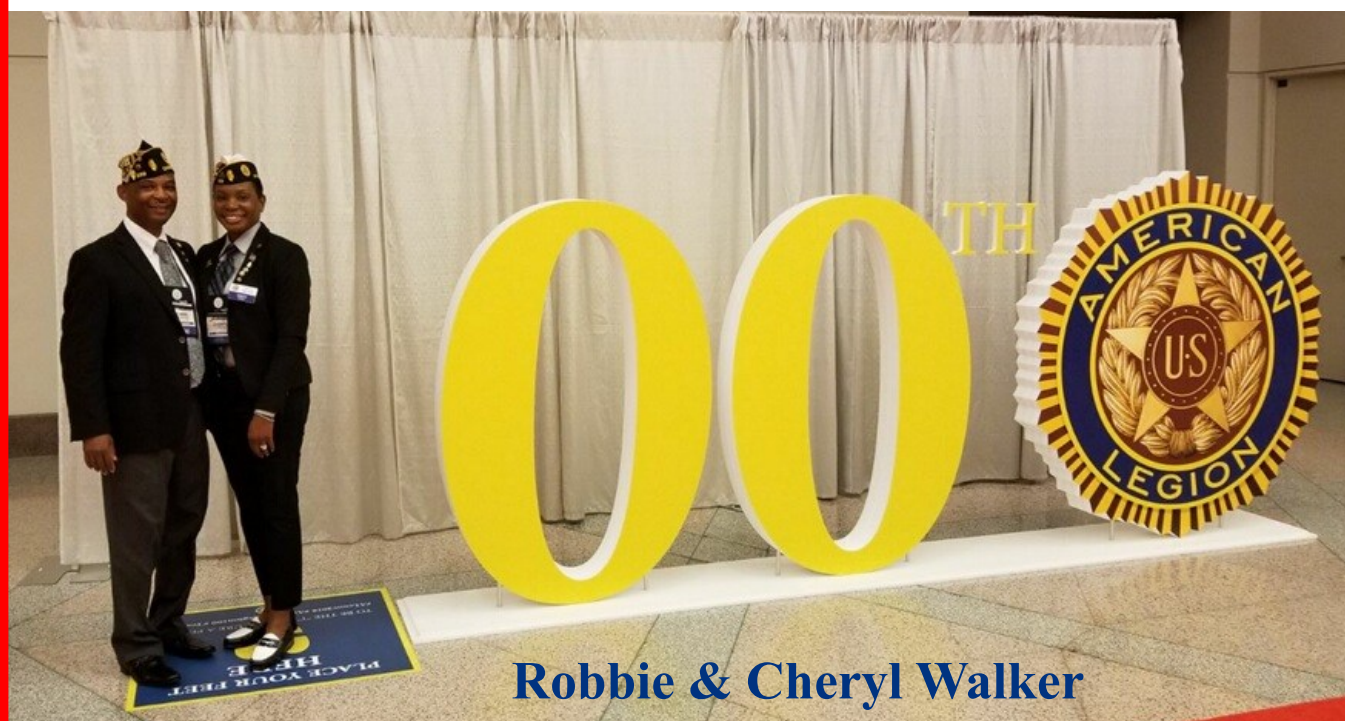
William Frangquist reports from LaSalle they have 200 beds, but are currently only housing 180, with a 3 month wait list. The Manteno home houses about 190 residents. They meet again October 20. They have a 3 month wait list.

Department Commander Micheal Carder and Vice Commander Roy Weber visited our meeting. We discussed the new 4-Pillars pin coming out soon. Mike reminded us of his project, The Haven.

Having no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

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Robbie & Cheryl Walker

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Continued report after the spring meeting at the 4 Veterans Homes in Illinois. The new home in Chicago may be open by spring of 2020. The new addition to the Quincy home is named Hammond Hall after a medal of honor recipient from the Quincy area. It was opened in January 2019 and is now full. Roger Schwengel reports that several members of his Post 37 assisted in the move to Hammond Hall. The staff of all of the Veterans homes in Illinois are grateful for all of the donations and volunteer help that they receive, so keep up the good work American Legion.

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### LEGION LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Paul W. Gardner, Chairman

The Legion Leadership Committee held four Leadership Seminars through 2018-2019. They were held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division (2), 1<sup>st</sup> Division (1) & 5<sup>th</sup> Division (1).

Judging from the continued decline in overall membership, it would seem that there should be some urgency in preparing Post Officers as well as District Officers in leadership skills.

The Seminars are designed for Commander, Senior & Junior Vice Commander as well as Adjutant and Service Officer.

Sons of the American Legion members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Committee will do a Seminar in any part of the state providing several dates are provided to insure

full participation by the instructors. Confirmed attendance is a requirement not only for the Committee but District/Division needs.

The current Leadership Committee is, 1<sup>st</sup> Division, Al Pizarro; 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, Paul W. Gardner; 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, Michelle Aaron; 4<sup>th</sup> Division Robbie Walker; 5<sup>th</sup> Division, David K. Harris and S.A.L. Liaison Edward Cavanaugh.

### STRENGTH THROUGH LEADERSHIP

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### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS COMMITTEE

Joe Lampert, Chairman

Committee Members: Joe Lampert - 1<sup>st</sup> Division, Chairman; Ed Stash—2<sup>nd</sup> Division; Bill Seward—3<sup>rd</sup> Division; Mike Edmonds—4<sup>th</sup>

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Division; Roy Smith—5th Division, Vice Chairman.

The Riders Committee met twice formally in the fall and spring. We communicated the rest of the year via email, completing our appointed duties.

We have submitted our budget for the upcoming year. We have planned our participation in the upcoming events for the Department Convention to include the Freedom Fest Parade and bike show along with a Legion Rider booth.

We will once again participate in the Special Olympics. We participated in the membership caravan in our respective divisions to help promote membership throughout our state.

We continue to promote the T.L. Woodburn Illinois Legion Rider of the Year award and we received two applications this year.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Division conducted the Third Annual Haven Legacy Run. The Committee conducted the First Annual in-state Legacy Run which was split over the last two weekends in June 2019.

The Committee will conduct an All Riders meeting immediately following the end of the Friday convention session.

We continue to support the Legacy Scholarship Fund, Gifts to the Yanks that Gave, NEF, OCW and many more Legion programs at the National, State and local levels.

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### CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMISSION

Cheri Stanton, Chairman

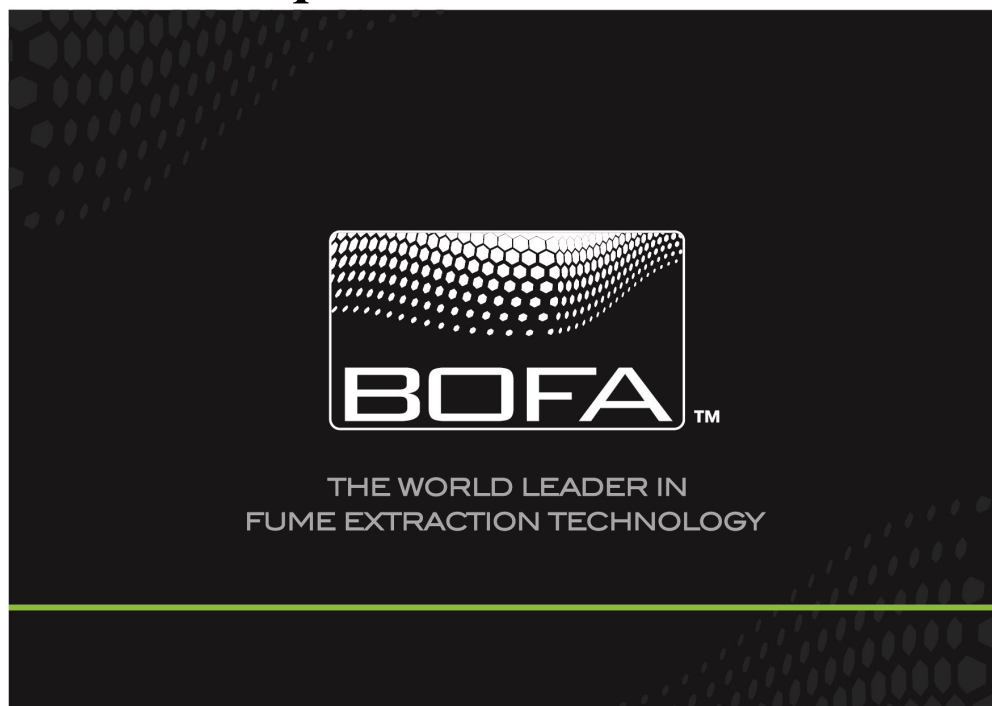
The Children and Youth Commission met three times this year. The first meeting in the Fall always revises the brochure for the coming year. We

go over the calendar of events for children and youth activities in the state. This gives the posts a guideline of activities their posts can get involved with for the year. It is always broken down by month activities so the posts can choose which events they can help with.

The second meeting is in the Spring to let us know the results of the Christmas Program for Institutionalized Children that our Legion Family works on. This was the first year we were able to donate \$5.00 for Legion and \$5.00 for Auxiliary toward Christmas gifts. We gave out over \$14,000 combined. This was a great achievement for our Legion Family. We are working on getting our SAL involved with our project. We also met with Sandy Nash at Special Olympics to work out concerns for this year's Games. Last year we were at Redbird Arena and

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this year they are redecorating the seating area. We had to find a new venue area on campus for our Hospitality Area. This year we were behind the stadium bleachers in a tunnel area for shade and use of electrical outlets. We also had two new areas that we served - Soccer and Boccie. The food was transported by golf carts to their area and we used a lot of dry ice to keep things cold. Things went well, thanks to all the volunteers from the Legion Family.

Our third meeting is at the end of June when we tally up all the POST CONSOLIDATED REPORTS. I always find it amazing at the amount of activity that Illinois does when only 1/3 of the Posts report. At least they take the time to fill out the report. Some of our smaller posts don't turn in anything but a signed report, however, I know they don't give a whole year of service and not

accomplish something. Maybe you forgot to mention something or it wasn't marked on the PCR exactly what you did. Congress needs to hear about it. They won't appropriate money for the Veterans if we don't let them know WE ARE STILL SERVING.

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### PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

Paul Garrett, Chairman

Public Relations and Information Exchange is primarily about sharing the Image of the American Legion. At every level, it is our job to inform, our members, the media, local and national elected officials, about who we are and what we do! If we are not doing our part to share this information in your Post, then The American Legion has NO image in

your area.

American Legion National is continually making great strides promoting our great Organization utilizing Social Media. The American Legion Website receives 400,000—600,000 visits per month. The Legion Online updates reaches more than 630,000 subscribers per week. The American Legion Videos are housed within one microsite. The Legion has fast growing network of social media channels, including Facebook with 100,000 plus in its audience, Twitter following is 63,500 LinkedIn, YouTube, Instagram and Pinterest. The American Legion app for cell phones, created in 2014 has nearly 20,500 downloads. It's not just the Legion Magazine anymore, by the way it still has a circulation of 2 million!! Our committee has sent out the Public Service Announcements to most local media sources in the Springfield area covering the Hiring Fair and Business

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Entrepreneurial Training seminar that took place at this Convention.

We continue to have a full complement of Committee members from each of the 5 Divisions that have been collecting media from Post, District, Division, and PR committee members in addition to local media sources covering the timeframe from last year's Convention up until this 101st Department Convention. We hope that you appreciate the hard work that our members have put into these presentations.

Again, this year we have encouraged Posts, Districts, and Divisions to submit applications for Public Relations / Information Exchange Recognition Award submissions. This Award was put together to hopefully spark Posts to boost their local image of the American Legion in their locations. The awards presentations will take place at the

end of my report today.

The committee has made available through the Department website and the Department Facebook page sightings of billboards representing the Legion as a whole along the roadsides of the Department, currently 6 have been recognized and we encourage anyone who spots one share the location both locally and with the Department.

The committee continues to encourage Post leadership and their members in general if they haven't already to participate in the social media available through both the Department and National links and establish pages and sites of their own.

It has been a great year for the Public Relations and Information Exchange committee sharing and promoting the image of the many great programs and activities of The Department of Illinois including numerous newspaper articles, local TV coverage of events such as the

visit of National Commander Brett Reistad to the Department Headquarters where he was interviewed and the interview was broadcast through the Peoria and Springfield viewing area.

Remember if we don't promote ourselves no one will!!

Thank you for allowing us to serve.

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### NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION

Robert Zimbelman, Chairman

We have had a very successful year. Our committee set goals at the first of the year. We identified all schools in the State of Illinois that had active ROTC and JROTC programs.

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This enabled us to get more schools in our program. We accomplished this without going over our budget.

Our five members of our committee could not have gotten their jobs done without all the posts helping us with presentations at these ceremonies.

Also I need to recognize Christy and Terry Lynn for their help in making all our orders go out in a smooth fashion. They just made it seem that way to all of us.

Thank you all for allowing us to serve you.

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### INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Al Coughlin, Chairman

Members of the Commission are: Al Coughlin (chairman; 1<sup>st</sup> Division), Roy Smith (vice chairman; 5<sup>th</sup> Division), Iris Kirschner (member 4<sup>th</sup> Division), Robert Howe (member; 2<sup>nd</sup> Division) and Wayne Erickson (member 3<sup>rd</sup> Division).

The Commission met first in September. The chairman brought up that there has been much discussion concerning membership at National. He reminded the commission that the resolution to eliminate districts which fall below 1,000 members was passed at a D.E.C. At this time there is one District well below the 1,000 member mark and that there is now one further District falling below that mark. Al informed the Commission that he discussed with Department Adjutant Marty Conatser what needs to be done since the one District has

hit the three (3) year mark as indicated in the resolution. It was agreed that Al and Marty will discuss the action that needs to be done prior to the Spring DEC 2019.

Our second meeting was in January for the "Big Four" Conference. The Department Adjutant addressed us concerning the dissolution of Districts not meeting the membership numbers needed to sustain a District. The Commission was informed to create a resolution to be presented at the Department Convention along with a letter which will be mailed to the Posts involved in order for them to decide which District they want to be moved into.

After the Spring D.E.C. in April, a letter from the Internal Affairs Commission was mailed to the Posts in District One (1) in order to inform them that they will need to choose a new District which to move into.

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The Commission met in June with the Constitution and By-laws Committee in order to assign resolutions submitted into the committee categories for the Department Convention.

The Commission met at the "BOS" Center on Wednesday July 10th in order to review resolutions assigned to our convention committee and to discuss other issues brought before the Commission.

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### VA&R COMMITTEE Rodger Bennett, Chairman

The VA&R Committee consists of Raymond P. Toczek from the 1st Division, Ashley "Dave" Davis from the 2nd Division, Tom Nebgen from the 3rd Division, Rodger Bennett from the 4th Division and Krystle Huelsmann from the 5th Division.

Our first meeting of the year was held at Dept. headquarters on September 29, 2018. All members were present. Guests included Joe Piento (7th Dist.) and Carolina Contreras (VA&R Service Officer).

Rodger Bennett is the chairman, Tom Nebgen the Vice-Chairman and Krystle Huelsmann was selected to be Secretary.

Dept. Commander Michael M. Carder and Sr. Vice Commander Roy Weber stopped by for a few moments to encourage us for the coming year. And thank us for our commitment to veteran's issues.

It was reported that we had 29 resolutions passed at the State Convention. At the National Convention eight were approved, 17 were received and recorded, 2 rejected and 2 referred for further study. That is a very good record.

Wayne Macejak, current Department Service Officer retired Nov. 1st. His replacement is Carolina

Contreras. Wayne is now helping at Hines.

Our subjects discussed were the availability of flue shots at all VA Hospitals. During routine blood work the Hep C test can be requested. Once tested no further testing is needed unless the veteran feels they may have again.

Restoring trust in the VA and the computerization updates were also topics of discussion. Eventually the VA and DOD systems will work together.

Our second meeting was held April 13m 2019 at Department Headquarters.

Again, all members were present. Also present was Carolina Contreras our VA&R Service Office in Chicago.

Reports were given to myself and Dave Davis on the Washington Conference, which we both attended. There were 6 issues to be discussed with our Representatives.

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The Blue Water issue and change of time frame of was (WWII to present) for were the two to be pushed hardest. Other topics discussed were the recovery of remains; which as been making great strides due to the joint cooperation of other countries and DNA technology. Both of us discussed the presentations and joint session held in Washington D.C.

Dept. Commander Carder and Sr. Vice Weber stopped for a few moments.

Carolina Contreras reported of how the VA is running smoothly with 2 part time workers and 4 full time officers. The Backlog issues are still being addressed and is improving. Carolina mentioned that the Secretary of the VA was to be in the regional office on the following Monday.

Those who were exposed the burn pits are encouraged to sign up for the Burn pit registry. The aftermath

effect is still in the early stages and 3,000 claims have already been granted.

A project is underway to allow dental for every veteran. Ray Toczek reported that the Vet Nursing home, is coming along well. He also mentioned that those who live in Chicago will get a veteran city sticker for free.

The appeals Modernization Act (AMA) is in full swing.

The pensin for the non-service connected will now have a look back period of 3 years or to the date of application.

The budget for the coming year was completed and sent to finance.

Our next was held Wednesday at 4:00 prior to the DEC.

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### **AMERICAN LEGION ILLINOIS PREMIER BOYS STATE**

Christopher Benigno, Chairman

As you read this, we will have completed our 84<sup>th</sup> session of the American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State program. Think about that for a minute. Sixteen short years after the American Legion was formed there was a program created by three Illinois Legionnaires by the names of Hayes Kennedy, Harold Card and Matthew Murphy. These veterans saw the need to create this program to help combat the anti-American sentiment and growing socialism-inspired youth camps that were forming within our own country. These men, these veterans, did not hesitate to take the lead to teach our youth why the United States of America is the best country in the world.

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Your American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State Committee and board has been making changes to the way we promote, conduct and forge forward with the program. Over the last two years we have created a new promotional brochure, a new mobile friendly website, ease of an online registration, created new promotional banners and during our 2019 session we accumulated enough video to create a new promotional video for 2020. We have set clear expectations for all our volunteers and the numbers keep growing. Unfortunately, our citizen numbers do not. As I write this, we currently have 367 boys registered. **THIS IS THE LOWEST NUMBER IN THE HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM!** I know we can do better! We have 736 American Legion posts and 277 Sons of the American Legion

Squadrons in the state of Illinois. If every post and squadron sent one boy, we would have 1,013 boys every year. Wow! Imagine giving over 1,000 boys every year this once in a lifetime opportunity to learn our form of government, learn respect for our flag and learn the importance of community involvement and leadership. We have made great strides in bringing the program back to the Premier status it once had, but without citizens there to experience it, this will not matter one bit. Our alumni are many and over 100 return every year to give the next set of boys the same experience that they once enjoyed as citizens.

Again, we ask for your assistance. Start talking about the program TODAY, don't wait. Our 85<sup>th</sup> session will still be held at Eastern Illinois University, June 13-19, 2020.

The online registration was put in place to assist posts to find candidates

by allowing the boys to register, print the first three pages and bring it to their local post for sponsorship. Although the online registration process is in play there is also a downloadable / printable registration form on the same page if the post is more comfortable with that method. Your committee and board are aware of the many responsibilities of our community posts and therefore are always looking to help streamline the process.

We ask that you read this at your next post, district and division meetings. If we don't talk about it, we can't fix it. After you present this to your membership, if anyone has any thoughts or ideas for the program, please email those thoughts to [ideas@illinoisboysstate.org](mailto:ideas@illinoisboysstate.org).

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### BASEBALL COMMITTEE

Don Wallis, Chairman

There were 148 American Legion baseball teams who registered for the 2018 season. That placed Illinois as fifth in the Nation for registered American Legion Baseball teams.

We published a State Rule Book that included a listing of all teams and their contact information from teams who registered in 2017.

The members of the committee provided direction and answered many questions for those managers

In our program. They also ran their respective District / Division tournaments.

The nineteen year olds remain eligible to participate in the program.

This past summer was one of very good baseball. We had two very good sites for the Department State

Tournaments.

Alton (Post 126) hosted the Senior Legion State Tournament. They worked hard and did a great job in all the areas they were asked to provide. The banquet meal was served in the school with Commander Mike Carder present. A great program was put together by the host committee. We had several games rained out and moved the games from the Alton High School field to Southern Illinois University — Edwardsville baseball complex where there was an artificial turf playing field. We experienced some lightening delays. The announcer and official scorekeeper provided for a very good experience. The staff who made this happen did an outstanding job. There was recognition of veterans before some of the tournament games.

Special thanks to Dennis Sharp for putting together this tournament and making it a success.

The teams who played in the State Senior Tournament was Mount Prospect Post 525 (1<sup>st</sup> Division), Elgin Post 57 (2<sup>nd</sup> Division), Milan Post 569 (3<sup>rd</sup> Division), Danville Post 210 (4<sup>th</sup> Division), Newton Post 20 (5<sup>th</sup> Division) and the host Alton Post 126 (5<sup>th</sup> Division). Mount Prospect and Danville were declared Co-State Champions as the tournament did not complete the last game and the if necessary game due to the weather issues. In the future rule changes have been made to extend the tournament dates until completion. Mount Prospect and Danville both advanced to the Great Lakes Regional (at Mercy Field - Napoleon, OH) We sent two teams due to our number of Senior Legion teams being 81.

Special thanks to Harry Rakers (4th Division Baseball Chairman) for being at Alton to assist in managing this tournament.

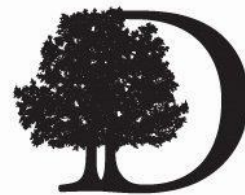
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At the Great Lakes Regional our representatives Mount Prospect went 0-2 and Danville was in the championship game and lost to Midland, Michigan.

Wheaton (Post 76) (2<sup>nd</sup> Division) hosted the Junior Legion State Tournament at the Wheaton College baseball field. The staff, the field prep workers, the concession stand workers and everyone involved did a great job! Special thanks to Jerry Miller, Rustin Lindsey and Del Miller (District 11 Baseball Chairman) for their work!

Teams who played were host [Barrington (Post 158), Wheaton (Post 76) (2<sup>nd</sup> Division), Gillespie (VFW Post 4547) (3rd Division)], [Danville (Post 210), Charleston (Post 93), (4<sup>th</sup> Division)], [Effingham (Post 126) and Highland (Post 439) and Teutopolis (Post 924 from the (5<sup>th</sup>

Division)]. Games were very competitive.

Barrington and Highland advanced to the Championship game with Highland winning the Junior Legion State Championship.

Special thanks to Butch Ogle who ran the Junior State Tournament.

I would like to thank all those who worked to make this season a success especially Baseball Committee members Paul Knudtson (1st Div.), Ray Powroznik (2nd Div.), Jim Shaw (3rd Div.), Harry Rakers (4th Div.) and all the District Baseball Chairman.

Thanks for allowing me to serve

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### COMMUNITY SERVICE & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Lomac A. Payton, I, Chairman

The Committee had (3) three meetings this year.

1. October
2. April
3. June

The Entries received was less than last year. But all was very good. Only (1) one entry for the Post Hall Of Fame Award this year.

The committee members are still attending Post, District, and Division meeting promoting Community Service. We are hoping more post will report their Community service activities next year. I want to thank the committee members for their dedication and hard work.

End of Reports



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## 2018-2019 FINAL STANDINGS OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRAM

# AMERICAN LEGION CONTRIBUTIONS

SUMMARY OF DONATIONS	
LEGION	\$ 91,718.52
AUXILIARY	\$ 22,459.30
SAL DETACHMENT	\$ 10,258.27
LEGION RIDERS	\$ 2,053.78
INDIVIDUALS	\$ 11,931.93
MEMORIALS	\$ 757.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 139,178.80</b>

### GIFTS TO THE YANKS MEMORIALS

- ♥ Tom Brandt, PDC
- ♥ June Czaja
- ♥ Cora Duval
- ♥ Stephen L. Johnson
- ♥ Prescilla Mathus
- ♥ Jack Powell
- ♥ Vincent Sanzotta
- ♥ Ron Umdenstock

### DIVISION TOTALS

2	\$ 31,714.01
5	\$ 23,220.46
4	\$ 18,962.79
1	\$ 13,045.38
3	\$ 4,775.88

### TOP TEN POSTS

665	\$ 10,466.47
264	\$ 5,000.00
263	\$ 5,000.00
13	\$ 3,500.00
1084	\$ 3,482.07
673	\$ 3,258.00
134	\$ 3,020.00
902	\$ 2,137.94
446	\$ 2,065.00
1941	\$ 2,000.00
1231	\$ 2,000.00
171	\$ 2,000.00
527	\$ 2,000.00
23	\$ 2,000.00

### DISTRICT TOTALS

11	\$ 17,881.07
22	\$ 17,855.02
17	\$ 10,221.39
10	\$ 9,100.00
18	\$ 5,426.00
23	\$ 4,744.60
7	\$ 3,520.00
5	\$ 3,300.00
13	\$ 3,237.94
16	\$ 3,050.88
19	\$ 2,824.00
9	\$ 2,070.72
2	\$ 1,667.00
8	\$ 1,666.66
12	\$ 1,495.00
20	\$ 1,125.00
4	\$ 500.00
21	\$ 491.40
14	\$ 400.00
25	\$ 320.84
1	\$ 300.00
24	\$ 300.00
15	\$ 200.00
3	\$ 21.00

**GIFTS TO THE YANKS WHO GAVE COMMITTEE**  
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665	\$ 10,466.47
264	\$ 5,000.00
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708	\$ 1,827.00
979	\$ 1,670.00
463	\$ 1,100.00
888	\$ 1,070.72
1052	\$ 1,052.00
78	\$ 1,469.68
111	\$ 1,000.00
964	\$ 1,000.00
192	\$ 1,000.00
71	\$ 1,000.00
282	\$ 1,000.00
1994	\$ 1,000.00

**AUXILIARY**  
**CONTRIBUTIONS**

<b>AUX. DIVISION TOTALS</b>	
5	\$ 9,221.50
1	\$ 4,793.72
2	\$ 3,107.08
4	\$ 2,836.00
3	\$ 2,501.00

<b>TOP FIVE UNITS</b>	
199	\$ 3,102.88
141	\$ 2,043.25
697	\$ 2,000.00
888	\$ 1,070.72
550	\$ 594.37

<b>DISTRICT TOTALS</b>	
22	\$ 4,553.25
23	\$ 3,648.25
8	\$ 2,130.00
17	\$ 1,391.00
12	\$ 1,272.08
16	\$ 1,226.00
11	\$ 1,160.00
9	\$ 1,100.72
7	\$ 983.00
19	\$ 920.00
15	\$ 660.00
25	\$ 525.00
24	\$ 495.00
18	\$ 405.00
10	\$ 395.00
14	\$ 385.00
13	\$ 280.00
20	\$ 230.00
3	\$ 210.00
5	\$ 210.00
4	\$ 155.00
21	\$ 120.00
1	\$ 5.00
2	\$ -

**LEGION RIDER**  
**CONTRIBUTIONS**

<b>LEGION RIDERS</b>	\$ 2053.78
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<b>SAL DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS</b>	\$ 8,253.55
Squadrons	\$ 2,004.72

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# THE AMERICAN LEGION 101<sup>ST</sup> CONVENTION

## **HOSPITALITY LOCATIONS 2019**

### **Rendezvous Room**

(Mezzanine Level Wyndham)

### **1<sup>st</sup> Division & Legion Riders**

(Commander Joe Lampert)

Note: Room has bar and refrigerator.

Will get ice from machine in Plaza 3 Room.

### **PLAZA 1 & 2**

(Mezzanine Level Wyndham)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Division & 12<sup>th</sup> District**

(Division Commander Chris Benigno; 12<sup>th</sup> District Commander Raymond F. Gerkitz)

Note: This room will get ice from ice machine in Plaza 3.

If available, a Refrigerator will be placed in this room by Wyndham.

### **VISTAS 1 - 3**

(29<sup>th</sup> Floor Wyndham)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Division**

(3<sup>rd</sup> Division Commander John L. Davis III)

### **VISTAS 4 - 5**

(29<sup>th</sup> Floor Wyndham)

### **4<sup>th</sup> Division** (Commander Limey Nargelenas)

Note: Ice Machine and refrigerator located in attached kitchen

### **Embassy Room**

(Lower Level Wyndham)

### **5<sup>th</sup> Division** (Commander Wayne Madson)

Note: Refrigerator is located in Ambassador Room kitchen.

### **Plaza 3**

(Mezzanine Level Wyndham)

### **11<sup>th</sup> District** (Commander John Reece Jr.)

### **VISTA 6**

(29<sup>th</sup> Floor Wyndham)

### **19<sup>th</sup> District** (Commander Cheryl Walker)

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Per authority of Department Commander Micheal Carder

Mike Walton, Convention Director  
Updated November 5, 2018

Please Note: Wyndham Springfield City Centre will supply refrigerators if available.  
If they have to “rent” them, the Person/Division/District will be responsible for the rental fee.

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**The National housing form can be found online at [www.illegion.org/event/national-convention](http://www.illegion.org/event/national-convention)  
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| ★ INDIANAPOLIS CITY TOUR—Indy 101              | ★ EDINBURGH PREMIUM OUTLET MALL                        |
| ★ INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY                  | ★ CAMP ATTERBURY TOUR                                  |
| ★ INDIANAPOLIS MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS TOUR      | ★ AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS TOUR |
| ★ ROLLS-ROYCE (Allison) AIRCRAFT ENGINE MUSEUM |  |

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Registration for tours will be available in a variety of ways:
  - ⇒ Online ([www.legion.org/convention/resources](http://www.legion.org/convention/resources)) click on TOUR OPPORTUNITIES
  - ⇒ On-site at the Indianapolis Convention Center during the 101st National Convention.
- ◆ Register early to ensure your spot as some tours have capacity limits and/or earlier registration deadlines
- ◆ Payment for each tour will be the responsibility of the individual who books the tour and not of The American Legion.
- ◆ Per participant pricing varies on the tour selected and/or any customization included.
- ◆ Once a tour is purchased, all payments are non-refundable, except in the case of a tour registrant not being able to attend the Convention or participate in a registered tour due to sickness or death.

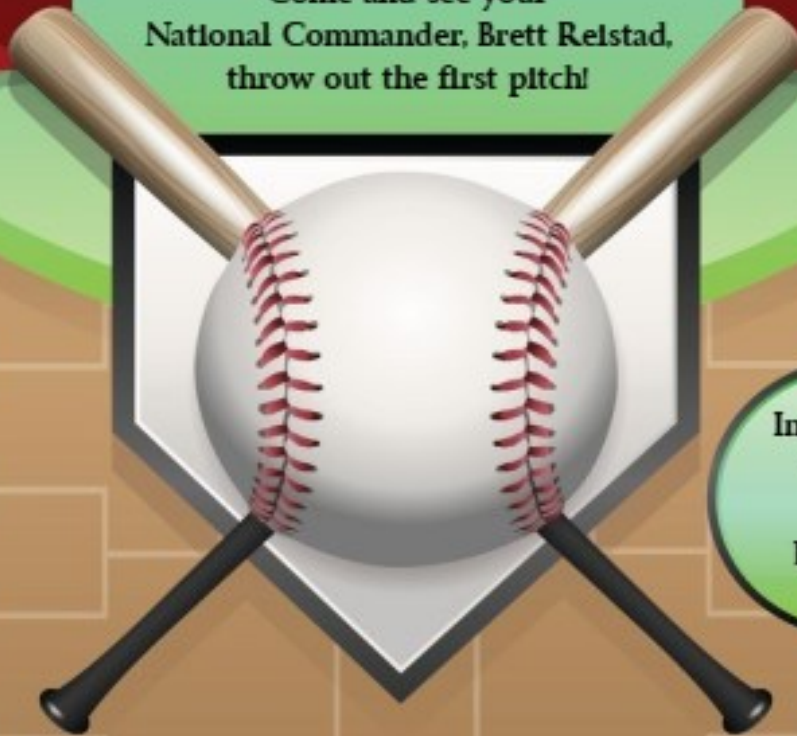
# The American Legion's 101st National Convention



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To purchase 9-24 tickets contact Box Office at 317.269.3545

*Groups of 25 or more please contact Ryan Barrett at 317.532.6792*



## CONVENTION PARADE

When: Sunday,  
August 25, 2019

Route: Pennsylvania &  
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Time: 4:00 P.M

## POST PARADE PARTY

Hosted by the Department of Indiana

Sunday, August 25th

2PM – 8PM

The American Legion Mall (southwest corner)

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# Illinois Party

*Monday, August 26, 2019*

*Please Join us at the Illinois American  
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**6:00 PM - 10:00 PM**



*August 26, 2019*

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Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 | Tipoff 7:00pm | Doors Open 6:00pm\*

The Indiana Fever would like to invite you, your family and friends to American Legion Family Night on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

*The American Legion will be acknowledged, as it celebrates its 100 years, at halftime for its impactful work for our state and for our country. Also represented will be American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of The American Legion, and American Legion Riders. You won't want to miss it!*



### ORDER DEADLINE:

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### Questions?

Contact Courtney Burks  
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### Seat Location

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# **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

## **56th ANNUAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION AGENDA**



# *Sons of The American Legion 56h Annual Detachment Convention*

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## **55<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION**

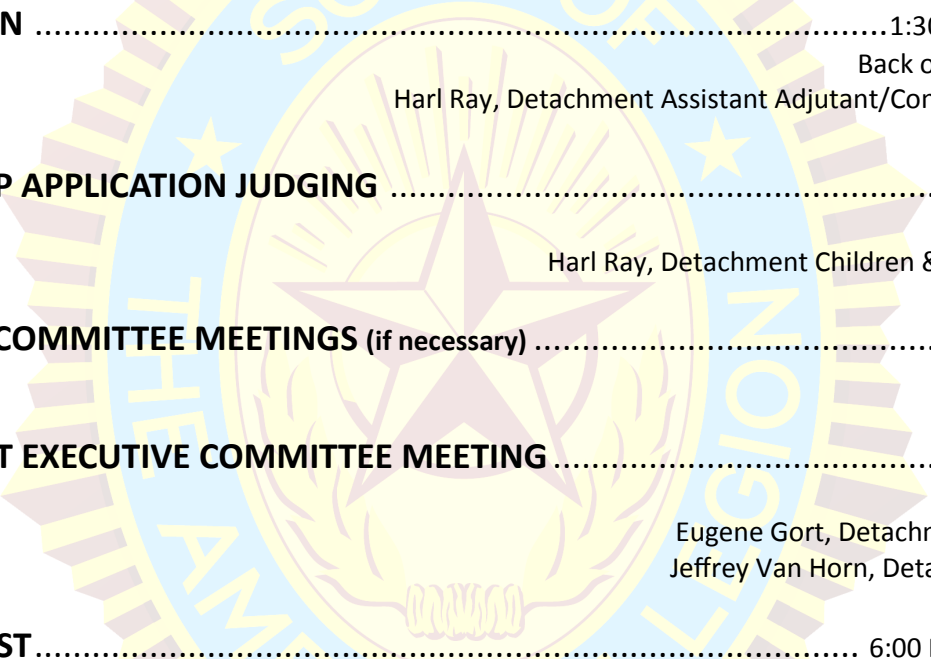
**12 - 14 JULY 2019**

**WYNDAM SPRINGFIELD HOTEL**

**SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

### **AGENDA**

#### ***FRIDAY, 12 JULY 2019***



<b>REGISTRATION .....</b>	<b>1:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.</b> Back of Convention Hall Harl Ray, Detachment Assistant Adjutant/Convention Registrar
<b>SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION JUDGING .....</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b> Convention Hall Harl Ray, Detachment Children & Youth Chairman
<b>COVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS (if necessary) .....</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b> Convention Hall
<b>DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING .....</b>	<b>6:00 P.M.</b> Convention Hall Eugene Gort, Detachment Commander Jeffrey Van Horn, Detachment Adjutant
<b>FREEDOM FEST .....</b>	<b>6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.</b>

# *Sons of The American Legion 56th Annual Detachment Convention*

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**SATURDAY, 13 JULY 2019**

**REGISTRATION**..... 8 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Back of Convention Hall

Harl Ray, Detachment Assistant Adjutant/Convention Registrar

**JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE** ..... Promptly begin as 8:00 A.M.

Bank of Springfield Convention Center, Main Hall

John Nemanich, Detachment Chaplain

**56th ANNUAL CONVENTION SESSION 1 - CALL TO ORDER**.....30 Minutes AFTER Memorial Service

Convention Hall

Eugene Gort, Detachment Commander

Jeffrey Van Horn, Detachment Adjutant

**SALUTE TO THE COLORS** ..... Color Guard

**INVOCATION** ..... John Nemanich, Detachment Chaplain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**..... Phil Stander, Detachment Sr. Vice Commander

**POW/MIA CEREMONY** ..... Eugene Gort, Detachment Commander / Jeff Haddick, Detachment Sgt-At-Arms

**PREAMBLE** ..... James Peters, 4th Division Commander

**CALL TO ANNUAL CONVENTION** ..... Jeffrey Van Horn, Detachment Adjutant

**ROLL CALL**..... Jeffrey Van Horn, Detachment Adjutant

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RULES & CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS** ..... J.R. Stillwell, Chairman

**FINANCE REPORT** ..... Robert L. Tharp, Detachment Finance Officer

**CREDENTIALS**..... Harl Ray, Chairman

**AMERICANISM** ..... Jim Borgman, Chairman

**CHILDREN & YOUTH** ..... Harl Ray, Chairman

**LEGISLATIVE** ..... TBA, Chairman

**NATIONAL SECURITY** ..... Bill Geary, Chairman

**VA&R** ..... Bruno T. Williamson, Chairman

**RESOLUTIONS**..... Kevin O'Connell, Chairman

## **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

**HISTORY BOOKS** ..... Phil Shipley, Detachment Historian

**SCHOLARSHIPS**..... Harl Ray, Children & Youth Chairman

**PRESENTATION OF CHAPLAINS CROSSES** ..... John Nemanich, Detachment Chaplain

**SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP REPORT and AWARDS** ..... Phil Stander, Detachment Sr. Vice Commander

**Clyde Stillwell Trophy**  
**Antony Badamo Trophy**  
**James T. Cummings, Jr. Trophy**  
**Roy Mitchell Trophy**  
**# 1 Pin Awards**

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**SUNDAY, 14 JULY 2019**

**PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S BREAKFAST ..... 7:00 A.M.**

Grille Breakfast Room—Wyndham, Springfield  
Paul Hayse, Immediate Past Detachment Commander

**56th ANNUAL CONVENTION SESSION 2—CALL TO ORDER..... 9:00 AM**

Convention Hall  
Eugene Gort, Detachment Commander  
Jeffrey Van Horn, Detachment Adjutant

## **LEGION FAMILY GREETINGS**

MICHEAL CARDER..... Department Commander—2018-2019  
ROY WEBER ..... Department Sr. Vice Commander—2018-2019  
WAYNE FISCHER ..... Newly elected, Sr. Vice Commander—2019-2020  
DEB LEWIS ..... Department Auxiliary President—2018-2019  
SUE CUNNIFF COUGHLIN..... Department 1st Vice President—2018-2019  
PATTI WILLIAMSON..... Newly elected, Department 1st Vice President—2019-2020

**DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT ..... Eugene Gort, Detachment Commander**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS**

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Detachment Sr. Vice Commander  
Detachment Commander

NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATE NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT Thomas E. Cisna, Chairman

## **ELECTION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES**

### **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**Installing Officer, Michael Lawler (WI), Past National SAL Commander**

**Installing Chaplain, Harl Ray, Past National SAL Chaplain**

**Installing Sgt-At-Arms, Denver Phelps, Past National Legion Sgt-At-Arms**

DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S PIN PRESENTATION ..... Eugene Gort, Retiring Detachment Commander  
PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S PIN PRESENTATION ..... Paul Hayse, Past Detachment Commander  
PAST DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S PLAQUE PRESENTATION ..... JR Stillwell, Past Detachment Commander  
DEPARTMENT ADVISOR'S REPORT ..... William Flanagan, Detachment Advisor  
FOR THE GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
BENEDICTION ..... John Nemanich, Detachment Chaplain  
RETIRE / SALUTE TO THE COLORS ..... Color Guard  
ADJOURNMENT "SINE DIE..... Eugene Gort, Detachment Commander

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**THE ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THIS CONVENTION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NECESSARY**

*The actions of the 56th Annual Convention of the Detachment of Illinois are subject to approval of the Department of Illinois "Sons of The American Legion Liaison ( Advisory ) Committee" and by them to the Department Executive Committee.*

## **NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATION MEETING**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.**

**All Elected Delegates of the 56th Annual National Sons of The American Legion Convention**

*This meeting is for the purpose to discuss items pertaining to the upcoming National Convention in Indianapolis, IN*

## **DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE DETACHMENT CONVENTION.**

**The newly elected Detachment Commander, Detachment Senior Vice-Commander, Division Commanders, Division Vice-Commanders, District Commanders, District Vice-Commanders, National Executive Committeeman, Alternative National Executive Committeeman and all Past Detachment Commanders**

*This meeting is for the purpose of necessary appointments, announcements and any other business that may be necessary to come before it.*

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# American Legion Family Reception



## *Meet and Greet*

**July 13th approximately 3:00 p.m.**

Meeting Rooms B11—B C D

Lower Level of BOS Center in Springfield

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