

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

Department News



The American Legion Family



2019–2020 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER ROY WEBER

SEPTEMBER 2019



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

AS OF
AUGUST 29, 2019

TOP 10 DISTRICT AND DIVISION RANKINGS

District Commander

1	Radka
8	Mitchell
13	Nichols
14	Schomer
15	Schlieper
16	Nighsonger
12	Hernandez
4	Przybylinski
23	Owens
21	Rump

Division Commander

3	GOSNEY
2	POWROZNIK
4	SHAPLAND
5	PICOU
1	CALLAWAY



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL LEADERS

*National Commander Bill Oxford, National President Nicole Clapp and
Sons of the American Legion National Commander Clint Bolt*



James W. "Bill" Oxford was elected National Commander of The American Legion on August 29, 2019, in Indianapolis, during the organization's 101st national convention.

A native of Lenoir, N.C., Oxford is a paid-up-for-life member and past commander of Post 29 in Lenoir. He has been a member of the nation's largest veterans organization since 1986. He served as department (state) commander of the North Carolina American Legion from 2010 to 2011. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Oxford was an aviation electronic technician for the A-6 Intruder and served in Vietnam during his initial enlistment. After being discharged as a sergeant in 1970, Oxford joined the North Carolina National Guard. He subsequently attended officer's candidate school and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve, where he ultimately retired as a colonel after more than 34 years of military service.

Oxford has served at every level of The American Legion. A former mayor and city council of Cajah's Mountain, N.C., he has worked since he was a high school student, with most of his career choices being in the maintenance and engineering field. He earned a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and multiple safety and environmental certificates.

Oxford has volunteered as a coach, umpire, referee and administrator in several

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From The Desk of Department Commander Roy Weber



Fellow Legionnaires, I am writing this issue from a stop on the Legacy Run. There has been days of hard rain and hot sunshine on the trip. What an experience and quite an adrenaline rush for one over 70!

Contributions to the Legacy Fund really add up Fast with over 40,000 donated before we left our starting Post in Florida. I got extremely wet, but watched our National Commander Brett Reistadt equally get wet on the trike in front of me (I believe we all are still drying out).

It will be back to the grind of improving our membership numbers

and keeping our Legion Programs active in September.

We have District and Division meetings training throughout the state over September and October.

I expect great attendance and lots of a input from 2019-2020. We are changing our schedule to help each District to attend this year.

Reminder...the 50% cut off date is September 11th.

RETENTION IS THE KEY to achieving our membership goals. There are many 2910 members, and now with the Legion Act opening up our eligible membership by Thousands of Veterans we can meet and beat our membership goals. I ask for you not to wait until it's too late to achieve your 100%!!!

Another goal is the \$1.00 back incentive for each member if your post is 100% by Veterans Day, November 11th. It's easy payback for those that put in the extra effort.

Lets ALL help Department of Illinois meet its membership goals this year.

I want to thank the Posts and District Commanders for being proactive in getting their membership turned in early.

The FALL D.E.C. and Commander's Homecoming is coming up, it will be held in Effingham on September 14th. (the dinner form is in this issue of the Dept. news, hurry deadlines are approaching quick).

I look forward to this event and hope see many of our Legion Family in attendance.

Hope everyone had a chance to make the short drive over to Indy and attend the 101st National Convention.

Quick Reminder...the Division Officer Retreat is in Carlinville September the 7th & 8th. I will see you there!

VETERANS CAN DO!

From The Desk of Department Sr. Vice Commander Wayne L. Fischer



My fellow Legionnaires, by the time you read this our American Legion National Convention will be history, so I'll jump right into membership.

Now is the time for each of us to be looking ahead to develop a plan and execute your plan that focuses on "Sustained Growth" starting with our Posts all the way up to Departments. The areas to focus on are Leadership; Communication; Membership; as well as the programs of the American Legion. Roy, Chad and I are working on the tactics to support our Plan for

Illinois and will be finalizing it at our upcoming Division Officers Retreat September 6th and 7th. Our goal is to be ready to present this plan to all District Officers in October when we will be holding our 1st ever District Officers Training by Division.

In the meantime every Post in the Department can and should be moving aggressively forward on Renewals; making Buddy Checks; New Member Outreach; and anything else locally that will enhance your Post's position and awareness in your local Community.

I believe by now everyone has heard about the recent passage of The Legion Act. Nationally, it is estimated that there are 4.2+ million veterans, I repeat 4.2+ MILLION veterans, now eligible to join Our Great Organization.

Now, how do you find these fellow Veterans? They are right there in your

community, in many cases, members of your Post know who they are. Go "meet and greet" them. Promote our Legion Programs, and then "Just Ask" them to join. Also, think about what this group of Veterans family members offer as potential New Members for our Ladies Auxiliary local units and our Sons of the American Legion local squadrons. I don't think the American Legion 100 years ago offered this large of a growth potential.

Another Program the American Legion National offer's is called "Direct Member Solicitation". We will also be promoting an aggressive "Transfer" opportunity for our Post Membership Teams to go after to sell these Legionnaires on the idea of transferring to your local Posts. More details will be coming out shortly.

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From The Desk of Department Auxiliary President Sue Cunniff Coughlin



“Celebrate Your Pride in Membership to Grow for the Future”

is our Department Membership theme for this year. Since this is our 100th birthday, this is a year to celebrate. If we celebrate the reasons that we belong to this organization and share that with non-members, maybe others would join us. Our membership team will be the “welcoming committee.” We want to welcome others and improve our membership experience with both new and existing members. Working our mission together as a Legion family can be a wonderful time. Sharing these experiences with others

in our communities may interest others to join our organization.

Our Fall Board meeting was in Chicago on August 2nd and 3rd. In keeping with our Celebration of the Past, the theme was a Roaring Twenties Party. Many of our members, both ladies and gentlemen, dressed appropriately for the theme. Commander Roy, Vice-Commander Wayne and Detachment Commander Phil joined in the fun and looked fantastic. We made our annual membership challenges between the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. The losers must donate to either Roy’s special project (NEF) or Sue’s special project (Veterans Facilities and Veterans Homes). We promised to recruit members for all three organizations as a family.

Veterans Day at the State Fair was awesome. We had a few tables in the pavilion to promote our organizations and benefits. We worked out table to-

gether as a family. We had members of The Legion, the Auxiliary and the SAL greeting people as they went through the pavilion and offering information about us. It was a pleasure meeting and speaking to many Veterans throughout the fairgrounds.

I am completing this article in Indianapolis as we are starting all the events for our National Convention. It is exciting to be here and I am sure it will be a wonderful time as we celebrate all our accomplishments from the past year and look forward to the coming year.

My sincere congratulations to everyone who completed the Legacy Run, especially Commander Roy and Detachment Commander Phil. I admire them for completing the race and I am very glad that they made it through

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From The Desk of Detachment Commander Phil Stander

Greetings American Legion Family,

The Son’s of The American Legion National Convention has concluded. Thank you Commander ‘Doc’ Gibbs for a productive and successful year, and Congratulations to Commander Clint Bolt. Illinois Son’s will continue to work hard to keep moving forward into the new century.

I was very Honored to have the opportunity to ride alongside Commander Roy Weber for the 2019 Legacy run. The Legacy Run provides awareness that the American Legion Family is alive and well. At all stops we were approached for information on who we were and what we were riding for, while providing that information we also passed out many

membership applications and signed up a few. As we rode along with over three hundred bikes you pass through many towns. You see many communities come out to show their patriotism by waving flags and cheering us on. Patriotism is alive and well within this great

country and events like this bring it to the surface for all to see and feel.

National American Legion Commander Brett Reistad, National Son’s of the American Legion Commander Doc Gibbs, Department of Illinois Commander Roy Webber and Detachment of Illinois Commander Phil Stander. The end of Day Four of the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Run at Wildcat Harley-Davidson in London, KY.



The Detachment of Illinois wish to congratulate Clint D. Bolt who was elected National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion in Indianapolis, Indiana during the 48th national convention of the Sons of The American Legion.



CONGRATULATIONS goes out to DSO Bill Slider (Marion) and VA & R Director Carolina Contreras (Chicago) in being part of the Top 12 in the National DSO Training class held August 7th—9th in Indianapolis. **KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK CAROLINA & BILL!**

Understanding Legionnaire Leadership


What it is

- Inspiring through example and effective communication
- Serving the strategic mission of the four pillars from the tactical level
- Guiding Legionnaires through the challenges of change (change management)
- Mentoring others to be a better version of yourself
- Passion and conviction in purpose

What it ISN'T

- Appointed or Elected Position(s)
- Serving "self" to satisfy ambition
- Refusing change and/or failing to embrace the strategic mission
- Stifling the growth of others due to competitive (self-serving) personality
- Hierarchy

THE AMERICAN LEGION
EDUCATION INSTITUTE



Commander Roy Weber & Sr. Vice Wayne Fischer (R) attend the National Workshop on August 8th—10th in Indy. Above pictured were some key points of Understanding Legion Leadership that they both intend to share during the Division Trainings that begin in October.



COMMANDER WEBER'S HOMECOMING

Saturday, September 14, 2019

D.E.C. Meeting

1:00 PM—Department Executive Committee Meeting
Effingham Event Center
1501 Fayette Ave., Effingham, IL
(Former K of C Hall)



Department Commander Roy Weber invites
the Legion Family to join him for dinner.

Effingham Event Center

1501 Fayette Ave., Effingham, IL

* Social Hour at 6:00 p.m.

* Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

* Entertainment following

* Business Casual Attire

Housing

Comfort Suites

1310 W. Fayette Rd.
Effingham, IL 62401

(217) 342-3151

Double Queens -or- King

\$91 plus tax each night,
includes hot breakfast

Cut off date for room block
is ...

August 31, 2019

Book Early!

Dinner Buffet Style Menu: Terriaki Chicken, Beef Brisket, Twice Baked
Potato Casserole, Green Beans, 7 Layer Salad and Patriotic Cupcakes.

* Dinner: \$26 per person Make check payable to: Kate Weber

* Dinner reservations should be sent to: Ann Flanagan
409 E. Oak St. New Baden, IL 62265

* Dinner reservation deadline: August 31, 2019

* Questions? Contact Dinner Chairman: Ann Flanagan
E: aflanaganaux@gmail.com C: (618) 304-4151

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # _____ Division # _____ District # _____



Auxiliary President Sue Cunniff Coughlin's Homecoming

On Saturday August 3rd our 100th Illinois American Legion Auxiliary Department President Sue Cunniff Coughlin celebrated her Homecoming in style by hosting a Roaring 20's themed event that took everyone back to 1920 when the American Legion Auxiliary began. **Pictured above left L-R**—Detachment Commander Phil Stander, Department President Sue Cunniff Coughlin, Department Commander Roy Weber, Iris Fischer and Department Sr. Vice Wayne Fischer.

Pictured above right—Commander Roy presents President Sue with a gift that literally exemplified her theme for the 2019-2020 year...“Celebrate Your Pride in Membership to GROW for the Future”. Sue absolutely loved her personalized step-stool. Congratulations to our 100th Illinois ALA President, we all look forward to working with you!



SEPTEMBER IS... NATIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH

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Opportunity is here now. Don't leave it up to someone else to do as they are probably waiting for someone else to do it also.

One can dwell on the past, but I learned a long time ago that “one should experience and learn from what happened”. The fact in life as the outcome or success one experiences as they “look ahead, make a plan and work on your goal”. Yes, some will not make their goal, but if you're listening, learning, and adapt to new opportunities and keep the mindset of looking ahead you will be no doubt be successful and meet your goal.

Commander Roy's Motto this year is “**CAN DO**”!!! Let's all commit to this 100%!!!

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safely. It was great to follow along with Commander Phil on his Facebook page.

When we return from National Convention, it will be a busy time as we start our Fall Forums and get all of our programs into full speed ahead. We have six Fall Forums planned over the weekends in September and October. These Forums will include information on our programs for the year and help our Divisions, Districts and Units with any challenges they may be facing. The dates and locations are available at www.ilala.org. Please help us spread the word in your area. We would love to have a great turnout at each Fall Forum stop. Also, please feel free to stop by.

Our team is here to help in any way we can to make it a successful year so we can strengthen our organization for the next 100 years.

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- Screen printed with the Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave logo on the left chest

Sweatpant

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The above product attributes may vary based on availability.

Gifts to the Yanks Fleece Blanket

- 365 GRAM WHIPSTITCHED 60" X 80" FLEECE BLANKET
- Heavyweight nylon stadium carrying strap Whipstitched edges
- Embroidered with the Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave logo



Gifts to the Yanks Jacket

- * PLEASE NOTE: Color may vary between Navy and Royal.
- Embroidered with the Gifts to the Yanks logo on the left chest.

Gift to the Yanks Veterans Gift Bag

The perfect gift for a veteran where size may be a problem.

Gift bags include:

- hat
- socks
- puzzle book
- deck of cards
- hankies etc.



Men's



Women's



Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerichs Salutes Veterans

By the Office of Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs



Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs appreciates the service and sacrifices made by military service men, women, families, and Veterans, and is doing what he can to honor their service.

The treasurer's office is the custodian of unclaimed property, including lost bank accounts, insurance policy proceeds, forgotten safe deposit boxes, and military medals.

Treasurer Frerichs has made it a priority to return Purple Hearts, other military medals, and military documents to Veterans and their families. Since 2015, Treasurer Frerichs and his staff have returned seven Purple Hearts to the servicemember or the family of the servicemember who earned it. In each case, the medal was surrendered from a bank

safe deposit box and treasury staff used public records to locate the Veteran or the Veteran's family.

The treasurer's office has more than 100 unclaimed military medals and decorations. Military medals are kept until the owners or the family members of the owners are found. Treasurer Frerichs encourages all Veterans and their families to search the I-Cash database for any lost medals, paperwork, or property that might be owed to them. Visit www.IllinoisTreasurer.gov/ICASH to find what's yours.

Treasurer Frerichs also has prioritized opportunities for Veteran-owned investment firms. He believes government workers should mirror the diversity in the state. Additionally, diversity is good for business. Research shows that diverse-owned companies often are well-suited to ascertain capital inefficiencies in the market, and as such, many are primed to outperform their peers.

Because of this, Treasurer Frerichs sees the value in investing in and making more opportunities available to Minority, Women, Veteran, and Disabled-owned investment firms.

Treasurer Frerichs also believes that higher education is an important investment and is vital to our communities. In honor of the men and women of Illinois who gave their lives to ensure safety and prosperity to their fellow Americans, Treasurer Frerichs has relaunched the Fallen Heroes College Scholarship.

This fund includes the dependents of members of the United States Armed Forces, as well as firefighters, law enforcement officers, paramedics, and other first-responders in Illinois who have died while serving their state and country at home or overseas. The Fallen Heroes Scholarship Fund offers children who have lost a parent in the line of duty an opportunity to receive a \$1,000 Bright Start Savings Scholarship. Treasurer Frerichs encourages those eligible for this program to submit a completed, signed application with required documentation to

FallenHeroes@IllinoisTreasurer.gov.

It is the duty of all citizens to honor, respect, and remember the sacrifices made by military service members, and Treasurer Frerichs is doing what he can to provide tools to help Veterans invest in themselves. To see what the treasurer's office can do for you, visit www.IllinoisTreasurer.gov.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

LABOR DAY
DEPT. OFFICE CLOSED
September 2nd
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Department Appointments
Meeting with Division Cmdrs
@ Dept. HQ
September 4th
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Division Officers Retreat
Carlinville, IL
September 7th--8th
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SAL Fall DEC
The Haven--Carbondale, IL
September 7th
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ALA--Forum
Rockton, IL
September 8th
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50% National Target
September 11th
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2020 Membership Cutoff Date
September 11th
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PATRIOTS DAY
September 11th
~ ~ ~

Fall D.E.C.
@ 1:00 PM
&

Department Commander's
Homecoming
Effingham, IL
September 14th
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Gold Pin Cut-off
12 NOON
September 14th
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ALA--Forum
Edgewood, IL
September 14th
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AMERICAN LEGION DAY
September 16th

MARK YOUR CALENDAR CONT. ...

POW / MIA RECOGNITION DAY September 20th

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Ntl. Children & Youth
Conference
Indianapolis, IN
September 20th—22nd

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Ntl. Americanism
Conference
Indianapolis, IN
September 27th—29th

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ALA--Forum
Franklin Park, IL
September 28th

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Department
Commission & Committee
Fall Meetings @ Dept. HQ
September 28th

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GOLD STAR MOTHERS' DAY September 29th

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Department
Commission & Committee
Fall Meetings @ Dept. HQ
October 5th

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2020 National Renewal Date
October 7th

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55% National Target &
2020 Membership Cutoff Date
October 9th

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ALA--Forum
Wyoming, IL
October 12th

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1st DIVISION
Div. & Dist. Officer Training
Districts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9
Morton Grove Post 134
Morton Grove, IL

Did You Know?

By Ray Toczek O: 312-980-4266 E: Raymond.Toczek@va.gov



That the American Legion VR & R Chicago office helps veterans and their dependents through many different means. We have walk-in hours, interviews by appointment;

receive daily e-mails, telephone calls and regular mail. We also attend outreach events. Some of our contacts are routine e.g. follow up on claims, submitting new evidence or updating addresses or banking information. Other contacts involve much more and often times end up with our office filing a new or reopened claim. While we try our best to help all we serve we realize that we can't assist everyone. In those cases at least we will steer them in the right direction. Some of our more interesting and successful cases are referred to us by Post Service Officers. Looking back over the last 12 months I want to highlight a few of the more interesting and successful claims or situations we handled.

A Service Officer of a Chicago Post was doing a wellness check on one of its members. The veteran had just retired and it was getting hard to live on just his Social Security check. Private health insurance was expensive. We contacted the vet and found that he had a Purple Heart Medal. The injury wasn't serious but it was enough to get him enrolled into the VA hospital. He now saves a ton of money on his medication bills. Also, turns out while on a field exercise he was in the wrong place at the wrong time and a practice shell exploded close to him causing hearing damage. He never knew he could file a claim. We did, got

him 70% and now he gets over \$1,000 a month in compensation AND he no longer has to pay property taxes on his home. All as a result of a wellness check by his Post.

Another Service Officer from a Post in the Rockford area contacted us about a Gulf War vet who was denied her claim for sleep apnea. She was discharged in 1993 and the earliest evidence she could gather about her condition was dated from 2007. We explained how Buddy Statements could be helpful. Through social media like Facebook she was able to locate three of her former Marines who shared the same barracks. They vividly remember her crazy sleeping habits, loud snoring, stopping breathing, etc. With Buddy Statement from them she was able to get service-connected disabled compensation granted at the 50% rate.

Finally a Service Officer from a Post in Granite City area referred us to a vet who was unable to prove he was assaulted off base by a group of thugs. To this day he suffers from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) because of that attack. His Army records were silent for this incident and the private hospital where he was treated at in Georgia didn't keep records that far back (1971). Luckily we were able to contact the C.I.D. unit at his base and there was a MP report on file. He finally got his benefits and a rather large retro payment.

So, as a new group of Service Officers are sworn into their Posts this fall please remember, we are here to try and help. We are only an e-mail or telephone call away.

Old age is not so bad when you consider the alternatives.

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

Deanna Woodburn was on the back of a motorcycle at 7 a.m. on Aug. 19, kicking off a day that didn't end until she got back to her hotel in Gainesville, Ga., after 7 p.m. And then she did homework.

But that didn't keep a smile off Woodburn's face at 6:30 a.m. the next morning, standing in the parking lot of Gainesville's Belk department store. The 18-year-old member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 635 in Normal, Ill., has wanted to take part in a Legacy Run for a long time. After all, it's in her blood.

"(The Legacy Run) has always been so important to me and my family that I've wanted to do it for years," said Woodburn, the daughter of American Legion Department of Illinois Membership Director Chad Woodburn, an American Legion Rider on his fourth Legacy Run, and granddaughter of former longtime Legion Rider Terry Woodburn.

Terry Woodburn was the longtime Department of Illinois adjutant and former chairman of National American Legion Riders Advisory Committee. Woodburn was instrumental in the early years of the Legacy Run, serving as a road captain.

For Chad, a member of Post 1922, preparing his daughter for the ride wasn't easy. "There's no real way to prepare a person, other than to tell them it's going to be long days," he said. "But it's a fun family time. When we got into Florida on (Aug. 17), she was right by my side and was a little shy, which is not her. The next day her social butterfly was back, and she was out enjoying the family presence that's here."

She is a freshman at Heartland Community College and past Honorary National Central Division Junior Auxiliary vice president.

With Deanna on the ride, three generations of Woodburn Legion Riders have taken part. "It's awesome," Chad said. "Dad's looking down on us and smiling right now."

Facebook post from Deanna...*"WELL, after 18 years of waiting, I finally did it! I finally rode my first Legacy Run! Without my dad, Chad Woodburn, I wouldn't have even come close to being prepared for the ride. Without my late Grandpa Terry Woodburn, this amazing ride might not even exist. Without my mom, Michelle, and brother, Luke, I wouldn't have had anyone to miss the whole week and without Mary Hinrichson and all our tons of Rider family members I would've had a fairly boring week.. Thank you to everyone who made this week possible for me to participate in and to everyone who took me under their wings. Oh, and of course I would be remiss if I didn't thank Greg for my road name!! I seriously can't wait until the ride next year to it all over again. Soon enough I will have my own bike! Grandpa, this ride was for you!!!"*



Three Generations of Legacy Riders



LEGACY RUN UPDATE:

More than \$554,000 was donated on the floor of the 101st American Legion Convention Aug. 27 in Indianapolis, bringing this year's donation total to \$975,208.

youth athletic programs, including service as the public address announcer for the Post 29 American Legion Baseball team.

Oxford and his wife, Frances, have been married since 1967 recently celebrating their 52nd anniversary. They have a son, Charles (married to Deah Reid), and a daughter, Jackie (married to Mike Carr). They also have four grandsons, Isiah, Micah, Jaggar and Dawson. All four grandsons are heavily involved in athletics, and Bill and Frances' favorite activity is watching them compete



Nicole Clapp, of Gladbrook, Iowa, was elected National President of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) during the organization's 98th National Convention held in Indianapolis.

National President Nicole's love for that "pretty red flower" started her life long journey to becoming the American Legion Auxiliary 100th National President.

Clapp has held numerous leadership positions in the organization at the unit, district, department, and national levels. At the national level she served as National Vice President, she served as 1987-1988 ALA Honorary National Junior President and chaired many committees and served special appointments, including national Finance chairman, national Children & Youth Committee chairman, national Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee chairman, Future Focus Committee member, and ALA Centennial Strategic Plan Committee member.

Clapp graduated with honors and distinction from The University of Iowa, where she obtained her bachelor's degree in nursing followed by a master's degree in nursing administration. She is board-certified in healthcare management and an American College of Healthcare Executives Fellow. Clapp was named the Wisconsin chapter's Young Healthcare Executive of the Year in 2004. She was also recognized as a one of *Becker's Hospital Review's* 50 Rural Hospital CEOs to Know in the United States. A 44-year Paid Up For Life member of American Legion Auxiliary Gladbrook, Iowa Unit 127, Clapp is eligible for membership through the service of her grandfather, Roger Schroeder, who served in the Navy during World War II.



Clint D. Bolt was elected National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion in Indianapolis, Indiana during the 48th national convention of the Sons of The American Legion.

Clint is a proud member of The Sons of The American Legion, John D. Sudduth Squadron 72 in Warrenton Virginia. Where he has been a member since 1998. Clint and Becky were married in 1987. They have one son named Jason. Jason is married to his wife Rachel; they have one daughter Ella Marie, who is 1 ½ yrs. old. Clint has two stepsons Greg and Josh. Greg has a 12yr old son name Caleb James. Josh is married and his wife's name is Racheal.

Clint is a restoration carpenter. His most notable work is on North Wales; a 1750's Country Estate in Warrenton, Va. once owned by Walter P Chrysler Jr. This home is listed on the National Registry of Historical Places and is one of the largest homes in the state of Virginia.

Clint has served his Squadron and Detachment at all levels. Clint is most proud of The Detachment Scholarship program he started in 2003 a program that continues to this day.

Clint served as National Vice Commander for the year 2010. Served as Children and Youth Commission Chairman, VA&R Commission Chairman. He was the National Representative for The Sons of The American Legion on the VA Volunteer Service National Advisory Committee.

Clint is eligible for membership through his Grandfather Kennard "KC." Bolt who served honorably in the United States Navy during WWII.

Clint is very proud of his Grandfathers service in the war but is also just as proud of his Grandmother, Marie Bolt's service. She, like so many women at that time had to raise the family and work towards the War effort. She not only had her husband in the war but also had three brothers and many other family members serving. Remarkably, she managed to keep the home going raising little children, the oldest was my dad, William Bolt, but she was a lathe operator at the torpedo factory in Alexandria, Virginia.

GOLD STAR 500



**ALWAYS REMEMBER,
NEVER FORGET!**

On September 24, 2019

cyclists will begin a 500-mile journey through the state of Illinois, known as the Gold Star 500. This third annual event works to preserve the legacy and honor of those service men and service women from Illinois who have made the ultimate sacrifice in support of service to this great nation. This 5 day, 500-mile event will use proceeds to fund scholarships in the name of our Fallen Heroes, thus preserving their legacy forever. Come and join our mission.

- ★ September 24-28, 2019
- ★ 500-mile endurance cycling event
- ★ Registration opening soon
- ★ Providing scholarships to Honor the Fallen
- ★ Federally recognized 501(c)3



**PLEASE LEND YOUR SUPPORT
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GOLDSTARMISSION.ORG**



2019 GS 500 General Route:

Day 1: Marseilles to Pontiac
Day 2: Pontiac to Peoria
Day 3: Peoria to Quad Cities
Day 4: Quad Cities to Rockford
Day 5: Rockford to St Charles

For additional information contact:

ERIC MURRAY

GOLD STAR MISSION VOLUNTEER

GOLD STAR 500 RIDE DIRECTOR

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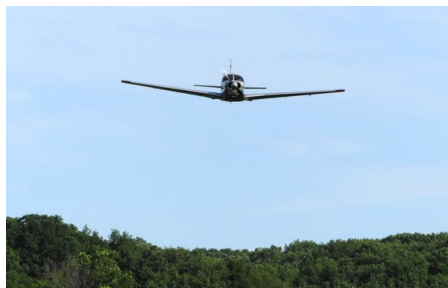
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ABOVE: Opening Ceremonies with Chrm Alpers. **BELOW:** the Annual War Plane fly over.



2019 AMERICAN LEGION STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Since 2013 Legion State Golf Chairman Gregg Alpers has consistently worked to make The American Legion Golf Tournament an entire weekend of fun. Even if you don't golf, you'll enjoy the early morning opening ceremony where you'll see the dozens of the Legion Family come together as they represent their post, unit or squadron by

presenting the posts colors or legion flag. For the past several years Gregg has also arranged a special flyer over with some being war planes. Then he has the Legion Riders roar in to help start the tournament. "What a beautiful start to the tournament, as usual, opening ceremonies did not disappoint! Danville knows how to honor our veterans", said Paul Garrett.

At the end of day Saturday there's a Chicken, Fish & Steak fry hosted at Danville American Legion Post 210, along with an evening of entertainment and fireworks—ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

The city of Danville has been our host each year and they welcome the Legion Family with open arms. We appreciate their warm hospitality. We even have several of the Indiana Legion Family who come over to join in the weekend of events.

This year the tournament was held on August 3rd & 4th. Tournament results are posted on the Illinois Legion website. The winner of this years Putting Contest is Chris Andrews who received \$100 in cash as well as Edwardsville Post 199 who received the same. The winner of the Quilt Raffle was Bob Haynes wha—t a beauty the quilt was.

Proceeds from this years tournament were given to Veterans Caring for Veterans, who received \$1,000, and several were made to local and state Veterans related programs & charities.

For a complete list follow [American Legion State Golf Tournament](#) on Facebook.

Save the Date for 2020 ~ August 1st & 2nd



ABOVE: 2019 Golf Tournaments Final results. **BELOW:** Golf Chairman, Gregg Alpers!



THANK YOU

On behalf of the president and board of directors of the Egyptian Past Commanders Klub, Haven, I would like to express a sincere and grateful thank you the Legion Family, posts, units and squadrons, who donated to Commander Mike Carder's Special Project. The money raised will be used to help replace the porch roof in need of repair.



2019—2020 DIVISION & DISTRICT MEETING DATES

DATE	DIST. / DIV.	TIME	POST	CITY
09/18/2019	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	LINCOLNWOOD POST 1226	LINCOLNWOOD
09/20/2019	10TH DISTRICT	UNKNOWN	DEERFIELD POST 738	DEERFIELD
09/26/2019	8TH DISTRICT	8:00 PM	PARK FOREST POST 1198	CHICAGO HEIGHTS
10/13/2019	12TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	BELVIDERE POST 77	BELVIDERE
10/13/2019	16TH DISTRICT	10:00 AM	DELAVAN POST 382	DELAVAN
10/13/2019	20TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	WINCHESTER POST 442	WINCHESTER
10/16/2019	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	GEO. W. BENJAMIN POST 791	NORTHBROOK
10/20/2019	3RD DIVISION	1:00 PM	LIMESTONE POST 979	BARTONVILLE
10/20/2019	17TH DISTRICT	UNKNOWN	WASHBURN POST 661	WASHBURN
10/20/2019	25TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	MARION POST 147	MARION
10/24/2019	8TH DISTRICT	8:00 PM	@ THE VETERANS GARAGE, HOSTED BY POST 854	POSEN

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If you have internet access you may email your schedule to: joywilson@illegion.org

NOTE: Please remember if any changes or updates regarding said posted meetings occur submit them as soon as possible to Joy Wilson in writing (or Email).



Loda Post 503



107 N. 600 East Rd., Loda, Illinois

September Schedule

6th—Friday at Loda Post 503

21st—Saturday (in Danville at Post 210) 5:00 PM to 7:00 pm... **This event is to raise money specifically for homeless veterans.**

27th—Friday at Loda Post 503

The serving times will be from 4:30PM to 7:30PM on Friday evenings unless specified.

The menu includes Fish (Pollack), Chicken, livers, gizzards, French fries, Baked beans, Green beans (with potatoes, bacon, and onions,) Coleslaw, and Potato salad.

Price (at the Loda location) is **\$8.00** for all you can eat. Children under 8 years old are free.

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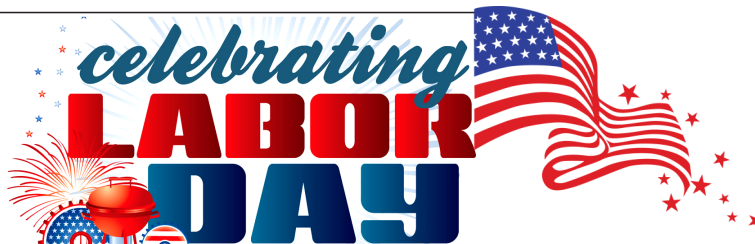
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SEPTEMBER TRIVIA

1. What great military leader was an accomplished yo-yo player?
2. How many pounds of feed were consumed daily by the 5,000 horses that pulled the artillery for Napoleon's Army of the North in 1815?
3. Charles de Gaulle served as ghost writer of the book "The Soldier" for what famous World War I military hero?
4. Antarctica and Australia are two continents have never experienced a what?
5. Tanks were used in a war for the first time in what year?

ANSWERS:

1. Napoleon's nemesis, the Duke of Wellington. At the time, the yo-yo was known as a Bangalore.
2. 10,000 pounds-or 50 tons. That comes to 20 pounds per horse.
3. Marshal Philippe Petain, whose 1945 death sentence for collaboration during WWII was commuted by de Gaulle to life imprisonment.
4. Major military conflict.
5. 1916.



See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. LABOR | 5. WORK | 9. SUMMER | 13. AMERICAN |
| 2. DAY | 6. LONG | 10. NATIONAL | 14. MONDAY |
| 3. HOLIDAY | 7. WEEKEND | 11. USA | 15. DAY |
| 4. SEPTEMBER | 8. ENDING | 12. TRAVEL | 16. OFF |

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