

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS Department News



The American Legion Family



2020–2021 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER ROY WEBER

AUGUST 2020



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

TOP 10 DISTRICT AND DIVISION RANKINGS

District Commander

**No
MEMBERSHIP
RANKINGS
AT THIS
TIME.**

Division Commander



Dear American Legion Family members and friends,

I have taken the first steps on a 100-mile journey in support of our nation's veterans and children. The unique challenge — 100 Miles for Hope — was created to help drive resources toward our Veterans & Children Foundation.

In a show of American Legion Family solidarity, Sons of The American Legion Commander Clint Bolt and American Legion Auxiliary President Nicole Clapp have committed to their own 100-mile challenges.

We're asking for support from our American Legion Family members to put on their walking or running shoes, get on their bikes or rev up their motorcycles for 100 miles today

through Veterans Day, which is 100 days from now. And I am issuing a special challenge to department commanders to join me, if they are physically able, in the 100-mile quest.

For a \$30 registration fee, 100 Miles for Hope participants receive a slick tech shirt (available in men's, women's and children's sizes), a sign to display and a certificate of accomplishment when they finish. Roughly 50 percent of the \$30 fee will go toward V&CF after figuring in costs for the shirts, shipping, etc.

Posts can also participate by creating their own events for members while keeping local social distancing rules in mind. This is a great opportunity to safely celebrate Patriot Day, American Legion Day and Veterans Day later on.

Learn more about this initiative on the Legion website, www.legion.org/100miles and get started by registering at Emblem Sales.

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From The Desk of Department Commander Roy Weber



Legionnaires,

The 2021 Legion year has officially begun.

This would have been the time as your Immediate Past Department Commander for me to thank each one of you for your confidence and electing me. None of us, National to Post level, would have every predicated we would repeat our leadership year. I ask for **EVERYONE** to pull together to make 2020-2021 a great Legion Family Year.

By now we know exactly how COVID-19 has affected The American Legion, our membership, our programs, teaching our nation's youth about Americanism,

our nation's youth about Americanism, to serving our Veterans in hospitals and nursing homes. I plan to work hard and take the necessary steps to get the Legion back to doing what we do in a healthy and safe manner.

I look forward to traveling again. At the beginning of August I will be participating in the annual American Legion State Golf tournament held in Danville, IL. I understand there is a record number of 52 teams playing this year. One of the teams will consist of ALA President Sue, Detachment Commander Phil, Al Coughlin and myself. I am confident you will not miss the "Legion Family Duffers and suspect our golfing skills will be quite evident by our eventual placement. However if we are able to use Phil's unique scoring method our placement could be quite different! To be determined.

The August Division Award Ceremonies

are next on the agenda.

The awards presented at these ceremonies are typically given at the annual Department Convention. However as we all know that event did not happen. So, we as a Legion Family will travel the state to recognize our Division, District, Post, Unit, Squadron, and special individuals our sincere gratitude for "Staying the Course" and going the extra mile to achieve their 2019 American Legion goals.

As we enter a new Legion year, the required Post certification meeting dates and our new goals have to be implemented. The Division and District training seminars enabled our leadership to set in place a plan for membership for the last year. However, due to the much shortened legion year of travel, plans changed. Now we will set up our teams again

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



To All my fellow Legionnaires; Auxiliary Members; and Sons of the American Legion:

We all know what a "Different Year" this has been and as we go into our 2020-2021 Year, we are still faced with many of the same issues. But our #1 Goal is always to **"Stay Safe"!!!** Whether it is a Department; Division; District; County; or Post meeting, let us be sure we all follow the current health guidelines so we are doing all we can to overcome this Pandemic.

AND, now on to 2020-2021. Given that most all Officers will be remaining in place for another year, it is the year

we can and should move forward quickly and generate the positive results on Membership AND on our American Legion Programs. We need and want the Department of Illinois to move forward and back up to 100%+ in Membership. Here are the area's that we all must focus on to achieve that Goal-

Leadership-We owe it to our entire Membership to find those Legionnaires that are ready and want to move forward to build on our positives and eliminate our negatives,

Membership-I know it is ideal thinking, but this is not a "one person" run organization at all levels starting at our Posts and moving up to Department. We must have "Teams" that work at all levels of the American Legion. Withing the State of Illinois, our IVDA estimates that there are 575,000 Eligible Veterans to join our ranks. Let us find 'em and sign 'em!!!!

American Legion Programs-All of our American Legion Programs need all our support. The place to start is to challenge each Post and District to pick 2 or 3 Programs to focus on for this year. Saying or doing nothing will get us nothing, so let us all find the energy and spirit to help get these Programs moving forward.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this. We are all in this together and let us put Illinois on the Big Map as the one to follow!!!! I look forward to supporting and being part of your efforts for 2020-2021 in achieving a successful year for our Fellow Legionnaires.

Remember and keep in mind that our Commander Roy's slogan remains "Veterans Can Do"!!! Let us all continue to carry that "Spirit" forward.



From The Desk of Department Auxiliary President Sue Cunniff Coughlin



Greeting Legionnaires, I'm excited to get back on the road and once again take care of the Department of Illinois American Legion Auxiliary business for 2020-2021. Sure, we can focus on the ending of the 2019-2020 year, but I would rather take on the "Can Do" attitude and "Keep the Drive Alive" to do what needs to be done.

This last weekend Al and I headed to Danville for the annual Legion State Golf Tournament. I am certain you will see AND hear about all the fun the Legion Family Duffers had planned. Of course there was a bit of golf involved too! Word has it there were a record number of teams playing this year!

Not being able to celebrate our 100th American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention was tough. However it is our duty to be responsible as we continue to take care of our Veterans and Legion Family. We are resilient and WILL get back to celebrating, educating and encouraging as we have done for the past 100 years.

ALA will have a very busy start to the 2020-2021 year. In August the Legion Family will travel the state to each of the Legion Family Division Award Ceremonies. Each ceremony is scheduled (noted on pg. 5) and I hope you have your reservations made. Membership winners and special award recipients shall be awarded at each ceremony. I hope you and your family will be in attendance. Personally, I am looking forward to seeing our Legion Family back together. Additionally, there are some special opportunities to those who bring

in paid Membership to these special events. You won't want to miss out on the action!

Reminder our Fall Board meeting will be held in Springfield on Sunday, September 27th. I have faith that the ALA will have reached the 35% Membership Target Date by this time as well continue "Celebrating Our Legion Family."

It would be an honor to join in any of your projects whenever I can. Let me know if you would like me to attend an event or if there is something you would like me to know about. I look forward to working with everyone again and I hope to visit with many of you this year during my travels.



From The Desk of Detachment Commander Phil Stander



There's no stopping us now. Memberships year 2021 is upon us. Clear roads await for all of us to pave a new path towards fresh goals. The way to get there may need some updating however we are ready to adapt and overcome the detours ahead.

Most all the American Legion programs have taken a hit due to this virus. My project is the Child Welfare Foundation. We all need to work especially hard this year to continue to support all Legion Programs. If you have an event coming

up please submit a flyer to our Public Relations Officer, Eugene Gort at eu-genegort@yahoo.com and he will post the info.

2021 membership cards are out. As we continue to knock on doors for 2020 renewals we can also get a jump start on 2021. The Early Bird catches the Worm!!! 9 new squadrons were chartered in 2020 in Illinois. The highest in the country. 2021 brings a fresh opportunity for those Posts that have not yet started a squadron. Rumor has it that 1 new squadron has already sent in a request for a charter. Don't miss out on all the benefits of having the son's participate at your post.

We are at the starting line of what some would call "The New Normal" Let us all

do our part to map out what that New Normal may look like. Please stay safe and work hard and do what we do best.

With a good "Can Do" Attitude we can "Celebrate the Past and Awaken the Future" While keeping "The Drive Alive"

Stay safe and we will see you soon.



Did You Know?... By Ray Toczec O: 312-980-4266 E: Raymond.Toczec@va.gov

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

1. A veteran has GERD, first diagnosed in the Air Force. His current medication is no longer helping so the doctor prescribes a new one. One of the side effects is dizziness. After taking this new medication for a week, the veteran has a dizzy spell on the way to the bathroom. He falls and breaks his hip. Complications arise and the hip must be replaced. That new hip condition would be considered service-connected disabled, 2nd to his GERD because of the medication.
2. A veteran has her appendix removed while in the Navy and the surgery went fine, the only aftereffect was a six inch scar on her belly. Five years after discharge the scar becomes infected. New surgery is needed to mend the scar and that goes well, except when that scar is now touched or rubbed against, it's painful. That painful scar would now be considered service-connected disabled, 2nd to her appendix removal.
3. The sailor with so many dives in a submarine has a bad hearing problem. They get service-connection for Bilateral Hearing Loss but fail to mention they also suffer from tinnitus (ringing, buzzing noise) which is a separate condition of the ear. That's a valid claim.

4. An airborne Marine with over 100 jumps develops knee problems which are granted as service-connected. Later she gets shooting nerve pains down the legs from the knees. That's a separate claim for radiculopathy, 2nd to her knees.

5. A veteran is already getting benefits for their bum left leg. They lose their balance on the stairs and fall, causing a broken shoulder. That shoulder would be a new claim.

A veteran has service-connected diabetes from Agent Orange in Vietnam. They develop diabetic cataracts in both eyes and several toes must be amputated due to the diabetes. Both the cataracts and loss of toes would be considered service-connected disabled, 2nd to their diabetes. Besides those conditions, diabetes can sometimes lead to kidney damage, hypertension, feet sores, peripheral neuropathy (numbness or tingling in the arms or legs) and even amputations of an arm or leg.

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

So if you feel you might have a secondary condition related to your primary service-connected disability, or you feel your medication you are taking for your service-connected condition has caused a permanent side effect, please contact our office for assistance. Our telephone number is 312-980-4266 and we have 24/7 voicemail. You can also write us at The American Legion Rm. 106, 2122 W. Taylor St. Chicago, IL. 60612 or use my e-mail address shown above. Our office motto regarding claims is:

When in doubt, fill it out!

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and implement new plans and goals we will set at the Division Commander's retreat. I am confident the "Can Do" attitude is still with us as we challenge ourselves for a successful implementation.

We have many tools at our disposal for retention, finding new members and reaching out to those who have fell off of our rosters. The Department Staff is always available and willing to assist our legionnaires pertaining to membership, programs and other veteran affairs. Don't hesitate to reach out to them.

Remember "Veterans Can Do!"

LOCATION CHANGE

5th Division Legion Family Award Ceremony

The award ceremony has changed location from
The Haven in Marion to

**New Baden American Legion Post 321 at 105 East
Illinois Road New Baden, IL**

Legion Family Awards Ceremonies



IN REPLACE OF TRADITIONAL
CONVENTION AWARD
PRESENTATIONS EACH
DIVISION ARE SET TO HOST AN
AWARDS CEREMONY FOR

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THE LEGION FAMILY

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THE AMERICAN LEGION,
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY &
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Listed is each Divisions event schedule.

NOTE: date, time, & cost.

You must RSVP the contact for tickets!



1ST DIVISION

LEGION FAMILY
MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Sunday, August 9th

@ Post 974—FRANKLIN PARK

Awards @ 12:00 PM ~ Lunch following

\$15 per meal ~ RSVP to

Bernie Darmetko @ 708-860-1897 -or-

American Legion 1st Division

PO Box 280 Riverside, IL 60546

Award winners will receive a special letter of invitation.

2ND DIVISION

LEGION FAMILY
MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Saturday, August 15th

@ Post 589—WARRENVILLE

Lunch @ 11:00 AM ~ Awards @ 1:00 PM

\$10 per meal ~ RSVP to

Karolyn Leonard 630-669-6635 -or-

karolynleonard@yahoo.com

27W775 Galusha Rd. Warrenville, IL 60555

Award winners will receive a special letter of invitation.

3RD DIVISION

LEGION FAMILY
MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Saturday, August 22nd

@ Post 136—MONMOUTH

Awards @ 2:00 PM ~ No meal

RSVP to Rick Schomer @ 309-798-0769 -or-

rrrschomer@gmail.com

Award winners will receive a special letter of invitation.

4TH DIVISION

LEGION FAMILY
MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Sunday, August 23rd

@ Post 122—CULLOM

Awards @ 12:00 PM ~ Lunch following

\$8 per meal ~ RSVP to

Ron Shapland 815-848-2158 -or-

d_shapland@hotmail.com

Award winners will receive a special letter of invitation.

5TH DIVISION

LEGION FAMILY
MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Saturday, August 29th

105 E. Illinois Rd. New Baden, IL

Awards @ 3:00 PM ~ Dinner @ 4:00 PM

\$10 per meal ~ RSVP to

Glenn Gindler 618-210-9677 glennng43@aol.com -or-

Jerome Goeckner 217-821-0346

goecknerfarms@yahoo.com

Award winners will receive a special letter of invitation.

American Legion Family State Golf Tournament 2020



2020 American Legion	1st	2nd	3rd
Combs - Baker	57	58	115
Collins - Baker	59	60	119
Conner - Baker	63	65	128
Conner - Baker	63	66	129
Conner - Baker	64	66	130
Conner - Baker	64	69	133
Conner - Baker	64	65	129
Conner - Baker	64	68	132



The LEGION Act (*Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act*) was signed July 30, 2019. It opened the door for approximately 6 million veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible. **A YEAR HAS PASSED...HAVE YOU ASKED?**

HAVE YOU ASKED...

Do you Belong to The American Legion?


Everyday Veterans Discounts and Services

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

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

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

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

The American Legion Membership Application			
(Name)		(Date of Birth)	
(Mailing Address)		(Phone Number)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(Post #)
(E-mail)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female (Gender)	(Dues)	
<input type="checkbox"/> I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably. Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below			
<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy		
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard		
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only)		
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts			
30-009 Signature of applicant		Date	Name of recruiter

Receipt of Dues (Please Print)	
From	\$ _____ for 20 _____ Post # _____
Recruiter's Name	_____
Recruiter's Signature	_____
Recruiter's Phone #	_____

Pictured are Deanna Woodburn with her father, Chad Woodburn after their completion of the 2019 American Legion Legacy Run. Later, Deanna would find out that she was a 2020 American Legion Legacy Scholarship recipient. Congratulations, Deanna! We are all so proud of you!



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One hundred miles may seem like a long way. But it was chosen with a purpose. The 100-day time frame was selected so that walkers could break it down to a mile day. That's roughly 20 to 30 minutes a day, which is the activity level many health experts recommend.

I'll be walking 100 miles and riding my bike for another 100 miles to support our veterans and children. I'm sure my health will benefit from the increased activity, after being sheltered in place for so long. But the real beneficiaries are veterans and children in need who receive vital assistance from The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation, formerly known as the American Legion Endowment Fund.

The foundation provides necessary

funds to train and support The American Legion's network of more than 3,000 accredited service officers who represent veterans, free of charge, with their benefits claims and other needs. Additionally, military families facing financial crises are eligible to receive Temporary Financial Assistance, which is funded by American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation donations.

It's up to you how you cross that 100-mile threshold (and when you do, share your journey on our Legiontown web page). On days when you lack the motivation to put in a mile or two, just remember who we are doing this for.

Join me in keeping this important foundation strong to ensure we honor our commitments to all veterans, military families and children in need.



About the Show:

What happens when three veterans walk into a podcast studio? Vibrant camaraderie, playful joking and hot takes ensue. Join Mark Seavey, Ashley Gorbulja-Maldonado and Jeff Daly as they explore current events, interesting trends and quirky stories of interest to the military community.

The twice-monthly podcast is produced by
The American Legion.

The podcast is a veterans-eye-view on current events—particularly in the military and veteran community.



Mark
Seavey



Ashley
Gorbulja-
Maldonado



Jeff Daly

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST 9

**1st Division Legion Family
Awards Ceremony**

(details on pg. 7)

FRANKLIN PARK

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AUGUST 15TH

**2nd Division Legion Family
Awards Ceremony**

(details on pg. 7)

WARRENVILLE

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AUGUST 22ND

**3rd Division Legion Family
Awards Ceremony**

(details on pg. 7)

MONMOUTH

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AUGUST 23RD

**4th Division Legion Family
Awards Ceremony**

(details on pg. 7)

CULLOM

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AUGUST 29TH

**5th Division Legion Family
Awards Ceremony**

(details on pg. 7)

MARION @ The Haven

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SEPTEMBER 7TH

LABOR DAY

DEPT. OFFICE CLOSED

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Veterans suicide prevention plans take a big step forward, but still face tough political hurdles

Senate lawmakers advanced a major veterans suicide prevention initiative on Wednesday, creating a potential legislative path for action on this issue by the end of the year.

But the measure also could turn into yet another election-year partisan fight if party leaders can't find quick compromises on lingering policy differences. Quick passage of the Hannon Bill without any House alterations is unlikely. The Democratic-lead House committee has looked at different requirements for community mental health grants, body cameras for VA police to better track first-responders suicide awareness training, and broader discussion of safe storage for veterans firearms — all items that aren't in the Senate version.

Still, the momentum of a major Senate veterans bill combined with the House committee's work could provide some momentum on the issue in coming months, and possibly compromise legislation by the end of the year. If so, 2020 could prove to be a key milestone year in the suicide prevention effort.

The bill, the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act, has been stalled in the chamber since last year but was approved without objection as lawmakers prepare for their upcoming August recess.

The measure — named for Hannon, a Navy Seal who died by suicide in early 2018 — has been highlighted for months by some veterans advocacy groups as a potential breakthrough measure to curb veterans suicide. According to the latest department statistics, about 20 veterans and service members die by suicide each day. More veterans died by suicide from 2005 and 2017 (nearly 79,000) than the total number of U.S. troops who died in 30 years of war in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan (about 65,000).

The Hannon bill would broaden the Department of Veterans Affairs suicide prevention efforts through a series of investments in outreach programs and scholarships for mental health professionals. VA officials would be granted direct hiring authority to more quickly fill staffing gaps in mental health services and a new grant program would encourage collaboration with community organizations in providing quick aid to veterans in distress, especially in rural areas.

*Article paraphrased from Military Times by Leo Shane



Winner winner!!



This year, sweepstakes drawings went a little differently than expected! But in traditional “Can Do” fashion, we made it work! We brought out the drum at headquarters and initiated our newest work family member, Shandi Green, with the honor of drawing for our \$10,000 winner! Joy Wilson, who has been with us for 19 years, participated in her last sweepstakes drawing by selecting our final name. Joy will be retiring and heading off on her next adventure in Tennessee. Her shoes will be big ones to fill! She will be greatly missed and we wish her the best of luck in her new endeavor.



American Legion Sweepstakes Drawing July 31, 2020

	AMOUNT WON	WINNER	CITY	GROUP	TICKET #
1st Place	\$ 10,000.00	PeterM. Dancker	Rantoul	Legion	204290655
2nd Place	\$ 5,000.00	Paul S. Trosper	Danville	Legion	202492453
3rd Place	\$ 2,500.00	Richard A. Kowalczyk	Fort Collins, CO	Legion	203265497
4th Place	\$ 1,500.00	Audrey Schofield	Schaumburg	Legion	301726939
5th Place	\$ 1,000.00	Kelly R. Wilson	Eldorado	Auxiliary	300725384
6th Place	\$ 1,000.00	Jeffery W. Schindlbeck	North Aurora	Legion	201895245
7th Place	\$ 750.00	Raymond L. Dykstra	Cadiz, KY	Legion	101223332
8th Place	\$ 750.00	Mark C. Balkcom, Jr	Sycamore	Legion	205675457
9th Place	\$ 500.00	Paul T. Riechman	Jerseyville	Legion	100054506
10th Place	\$ 500.00	Donald A. Martens	Rockford	SAL	261297956
11th Place	\$ 250.00	Richard E. Chambers	Lewistown	Legion	101253791
12th Place	\$ 250.00	Ivan Mollet	Prairie Du Rocher	Legion	101285583
13th Place	\$ 100.00	William T. Archer, Jr	Naperville	Legion	204299214
14th Place	\$ 100.00	Thomas Cunningham	Mokena	Legion	203842975
15th Place	\$ 100.00	Ardelle Lowe	La Harpe	Auxiliary	301686252
16th Place	\$ 100.00	Margaret I. Sherpan	Plainfield	Auxiliary	132753790
17th Place	\$ 100.00	David R. Allen	Rock Falls	Legion	204550078
18th Place	\$ 100.00	Terry L. Barnard	Pekin	Legion	201011380
19th Place	\$ 100.00	William Ayres	Geneseo	Legion	204965961
20th Place	\$ 100.00	Samuel M. Brian Jr	Villa Grove, CO	Legion	201221823
21st Place	\$ 100.00	James H. Deen	McLeansboro	Legion	203325514
22nd Place	\$ 100.00	James Dunfee	Herrin	Legion	101319609
Total	\$ 25,000.00				

Department of Veteran's Affairs Launches 'Operation Rising Spirit'



On May 26, the IDVA launched "Operation Rising Spirit," a campaign challenging service organizations, volunteers, and patriots of Illinois to raise the spirits of military veterans and the heroic staff who care for them every day.

Illinois veterans' homes were directed to restrict visitation as part of the staunch measures implemented to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus pandemic. And every day, staff at the homes enter the frontlines to safeguard our veterans' safety and wellbeing.



Commander Roy Weber making health barriers for Service Officer desks at VA&R office Chicago.

About

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs provides high quality, skilled care at four veterans' homes in Anna, LaSalle, Manteno, and Quincy, Illinois, and housing and supportive services for homeless veterans at the Prince home at Manteno. The department's Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) typically assist more than 1,000 veterans per week in obtaining federal, local, and state veterans' benefits. Although physical offices are temporarily closed, VSOs are still available remotely at emails and phone numbers in this list:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/veterans/Documents/FIELD%20PHONES.pdf>

2020 Dept. Photo Contest Winners			2021 Calendar Winners			
1ST DIVISION			MONTH	NAME	DIV.	AWARD
1ST PLACE	COLINETTE MARSHALL	\$100				
2ND PLACE	JOHN BROGAN	\$75	COVER	RICHARD YNDESTAD	2	\$75
3RD PLACE	COLINETTE MARSHALL	\$50				
4TH PLACE	COLINETTE MARSHALL	\$25	JANUARY	JOHN BROGAN	1	\$75
2ND DIVISION			FEBRUARY	PHILIP H. METTE	5	\$75
1ST PLACE	RICHARD YNDESTAD	\$100				
2ND PLACE	RICHARD YNDESTAD	\$75	MARCH	RICHARD YNDESTAD	2	\$75
3RD PLACE	RICHARD YNDESTAD	\$50				
4TH PLACE	RICHARD YNDESTAD	\$25	APRIL	JILL HENRY	4	\$75
3RD DIVISION						
1ST PLACE	DAVID A. SCOTT, SR.	\$100	MAY	COLINETTE MARSHALL	1	\$75
2ND PLACE	DAVID A. SCOTT, SR.	\$75				
3RD PLACE	DAVID A. SCOTT, SR.	\$50	JUNE	DAVID A. SCOTT, SR.	3	\$75
4TH PLACE	DAVID A. SCOTT, SR.	\$25				
4TH DIVISION			JULY	PHILIP H. METTE	5	\$75
1ST PLACE	JILL HENRY	\$100				
2ND PLACE	JILL HENRY	\$75	AUGUST	MARK YOUNG	4	\$75
3RD PLACE	JILL HENRY	\$50				
4TH PLACE	JILL HENRY	\$25	SEPTEMBER	KRISTA METTE	5	\$75
5TH DIVISION			OCTOBER	DAVID A. SCOTT, SR.	3	\$75
1ST PLACE	KRISTA METTE	\$100				
2ND PLACE	PHILIP H. METTE	\$75	NOVEMBER	JILL HENRY	4	\$75
3RD PLACE	PHILIP H. METTE	\$50				
4TH PLACE	PHILIP H. METTE	\$25	DECEMBER	RICHARD YNDESTAD	2	\$75

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY HAVEN RUN

(2, 3 OR 4 WHEELS)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

HAVEN RUN

START AT SALEM POST #128

REGISTRATION @ 8:30 AM / LEAVE @ 9:00 AM

ARRIVES APPROX 5:00 PM AT THE HAVEN

DINNER AT THE HAVEN

STEAK DINNER @ APPROX 5:30 PM

COST FOR RUN AND STEAK DINNER ARE \$25.00/PERSON

STEAK DINNER ALONE IS \$15.00/PERSON

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 FOR STEAK DINNER

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

CHECK ON 5TH DIVISION FACEBOOK PAGE

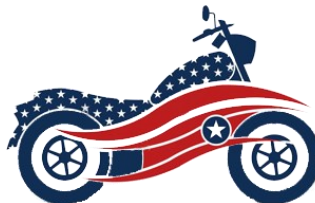
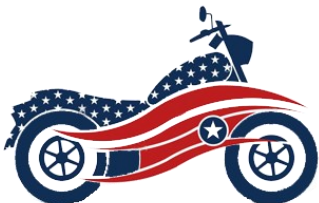
CALL WAYNE MADSON

WITH ANY QUESTIONS AND TO PRE-REGISTER

(618) 806-1408

madsonwsr@gmail.com

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE HAVEN





Arnold Duran from Palos Memorial Post #1993 presents American Legion School Awards to graduating eighth graders from Independence Junior High School in Palos Heights, Illinois.



Charter Applications for Temporary, Permanent and Squadron have changed due to eligibility dates changing. For any questions, please email Brian Compton at bcompton@legion.org



Veterans helping veterans, it's what The American Legion does

On July 31st, Department Commander Roy Weber and Department Senior Vice Commander Wayne Fischer presented Lloyd Degiovanni, a 96-year-old WWII &

Korean War veteran a check from the National Emergency Fund, to help him out after a flood disaster in his home town.

Mr. Degiovanni is a 76-year member of The American Legion Post 463 in Roanoke. Mr. Degiovanni said, "thank you for this, The American Legion is one of the best organizations out there". He earned a combat star during the battle of Okinawa and landed on Nagasaki two weeks after the bomb was dropped.

The National Emergency Fund (NEF) is a grant program to help eligible Legionnaires after a local disaster has been declared.

The eligibility requirements are: Applicants must have been displaced from their primary residence due to damage sustained during a declared natural disaster.

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AUGUST TRIVIA

1. What utensil was forbidden to use by British sailors until the very late nineteenth century because it was considered both unmanly and harmful to discipline?
2. What American actor was given the British Distinguished Service Cross for commanding a flotilla of raiding craft for Admiral Louis Mountbatten's commandos during WWII?
3. Before the U.S. Navy adopted the standard 21-gun salute in 1841, how many blasts did its warships fire when they sailed into foreign ports?
4. Why was actor Paul Newman disqualified from the Navy's pilot-training program during WWII?

ANSWERS:

1. The fork
2. Douglas Fairbanks Jr.
3. One for each state in the union.
4. Newman's dazzling blue eyes were colorblind



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