

# American Legion Department of Illinois Department News

2020–2021 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER ROY WEBER

THE  
AMERICAN  
LEGION **FAMILY**



JANUARY 2021



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Top 10 District &  
Division Rankings  
AS OF 12/23/2020

District Commander

17	Young
22	Scheyer
8	Mitchell
3	Thompson, Ill
13	Gibbs
16	Talaska
15	Schlieper
20	Gann
12	Latham
5	Dearbone

Division Commander

3	FLOWERS, JR
5	PICOU
4	SHAPLAND
2	POWROZNIK
1	CALLAWAY

LIVE



## BREAKING NEWS

# 2021 MEMBERSHIP CARAVAN COMING TO A CITY NEAR YOU!

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Get ready...here we come!! 2020 has been a tough year for everyone, especially our Legion Family. Membership numbers are down and now is the time to get them back up! Despite the difficulties this past year has presented us with, we won't stop until we've gotten back to no less than five percent. We are following guidelines to keep everyone healthy and safe during our 2021 Caravan and are very excited to see you all there!

The 2021 Caravan schedule is located on page 4 in this issue of Department News.



# From the Desk of Department Commander Roy Weber



Fellow Legionnaires,

First of all, I hope you all had a Blessed Christmas and were able to have family with you. I want to thank everyone for the well wishes for this Christmas season.

We begin another year still affected by COVID-19, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Hopefully, the medicines being used will end this

pandemic this year. For our Legion programs, the near future is questionable but we have to keep thinking positive and planning for a full schedule of events. We still need to contact schools for Girls State, Boys State, and Youth Police school, all while taking care of our Veterans and their families.

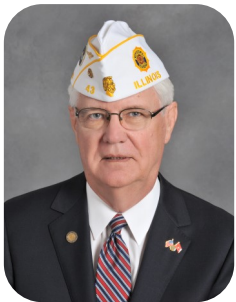
Of course membership is necessary to keep ours the largest active Veterans service organization.

Congratulations to our Top 10 Districts, all of which were 81% or more. District 17 is still leading the

pack with close to 87%. Keep up the great work, Commander Young!

Saturday December 19, Clinton County had a revitalization conducted at Aviston Post 1239. The Department had requested that every District host a revitalization during this Legion year. As of January 1st, only a few have done so. Contact Chad Woodburn if you need assistance setting one up in your district. The Department Headquarters is at your disposal for

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# From the Desk of Department Sr. Vice Commander Wayne L. Fischer



To my Fellow Legionnaires; Auxiliary; and Sons of the American Legion,

I hope everyone had a Happy and Safe Holiday Season and now are ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Legion Year. Time fly's when your having fun. Vaccines are starting to find their way into hospitals and hopefully into the arms of our Veterans and their families. As we all know this has been an incredibly challenging time for everyone, but

we have always dealt with challenges. I know we are not totally out of the "COVID-19" woods yet as our American Legion Programs are still on the calendar, but at the same time we all must and will promote personal safety for all participants.

But we are moving forward with our Annual Membership Caravan. We deeply appreciate all our Posts support in helping us carry out this Program by hosting these gatherings. But the success of our Membership Caravan is based on getting Membership cards turned in. This year we will also acknowledge cards turned in thru "MyLegion.org." Details of how that will be tracked

will be forwarded out to all our Post Commanders. Membership drives out American Legion. We need to do our absolute best in getting as many renewals and new Legionnaires in as possible. Not just for the Caravan but for the entire year.

And do not forget your "Buddy Checks". Let me share a personal call I made on the way home from Department. This Legionnaire will turn 98 years old this December 20. His wife passed away this past year and he is living in a Senior Center where we did a Veterans Coffee

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## From the Desk of Department Auxiliary President Sue Cumniff Coughlin



**H**appy New Year! It's hard to believe this is already January 2021 and we are still dealing with this pandemic. Hopefully, it will be a better year and this virus will go away. I hope everyone was able to enjoy the holidays even though it was probably quite different than your holiday celebrations in the past. We hope your new year's resolutions

included recommitting yourself to the mission of the American Legion Family.

In December, Commanders Roy, Phil, and I were able to stop by a few VA facilities to drop off masks. The facility staff members were glad to see us and very thankful for the masks. The weather was nice, so we were able to chat with the staff outside. It was heartwarming to hear that our VA Representatives and Deputies were finding different ways to continue supporting the Veterans. Some had dropped off needed goods

while others were making stockings with goodies in them. We also had a group that was planning to sing Christmas Carols outside. We are hoping to visit more of the VA facilities in January and February to distribute more masks.

Our American Legion Family Caravan is coming to an area near you soon! We will be traveling across the state January 14th thru January 24th. Please find something close to you and join us for this wonderful opportunity to meet with

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## From the Desk of Detachment Commander Phil Stander



**G**OODBYE 2020, Hello 2021!!!! HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

I pray this finds you all Safe and Healthy.

2020 was a challenging year. I am very proud of all the work and effort that has allowed the American Legion to adapt and overcome. 2020 membership for the sons will close out very near 100% falling about 50 short. Membership for 2021 is going strong having exceeded every target date so far. The Sons have also Char-

tered 3 new squadrons with at least 2 more in the works. If your post does not have a Squadron now is a great time to start one. If interested just reach out and we can attend your post meeting and help get one started.

With the vaccine in distribution I have high hopes we can return to normal starting with the Membership Caravan. The schedule is out. These visits will kick start 2021 and we will catch up with those we have not seen through this pandemic.

If you haven't heard The Sons along with Mergz Media have completely revamped our website, Please stop by via Computer, Tablet or smart phone

<http://www.il-sal.org>

Please continue to do your Buddy Checks. Keep members informed as to what is going on. Check that they have what they need and are staying safe.

If you have an event coming up please submit a flyer to our Public Relations Officer, Eugene Gort at [eugenegort@yahoo.com](mailto:eugenegort@yahoo.com) and he will post the info.

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 I was in High School in the late 60's if I needed to write a term paper I would have to take the bus downtown to the main Chicago Public Library to do my research. I would first look up articles in the Periodic Index, write down the reference numbers, give them to the librarian

and wait for these large volumes of back issues of magazines to be located and brought to the reading room. Needless to say a simple term paper would take the better part of a day to complete.

Computers and the Internet have certainly made our lives easier, especially when you need to find information. As an accredited Service Officer we are no exception and use the Internet daily to assist in VA claims processing. Here are just some of the sites we use and they are free to the public!

### GOOGLE

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

Haven't had contact with a Post member in several years and want to check out if they passed away. Enter the member's name, followed by obit and their last known state. 50% of the time you'll locate their obituary. Or want to see if your old Army unit is having a reunion. Type in your outfit and find out. Tons of other uses.

### GOVERNMENT FORMS

<http://www.va.gov/vaforms/>

Often times we get calls from clients asking for a particular form. We can certainly send it by "snail mail" and they will get it in 3-4 days or they can go to the above site, download the form and they are good to go. This site not only has all VA forms but also includes Department of Defense (DOD), Standard Forms (SF) and General Service Administration (GSA) forms. All are just a click away.

### TELEPHONE BOOKS

[www.whitepages.com](http://www.whitepages.com)

We use this one a lot. It has a database drawn from all the telephone directories published in the United States. You can search for a person using their name only, or add a state search or localize it to a particular town. Especially useful in trying to track down old military buddies to get affidavits for VA claims. This site also includes reverse look up. If the number is unlisted, you can pay a small fee and still get the number.

### NATIONAL GRAVESITE LOCATOR

<https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/index.html>

Your family wants to visit the gravesite of your favorite uncle or aunt who served during the Korean Conflict. This site can often times help locate where they are buried and will include the veteran's branch of service, date of birth and date of death.

### PERSONAL VA ACCOUNTS (updated)

(BENEFITS) [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov)

This site lets you set up your own account so you can file and track your claim or appeal anytime. Need a certificate of eligibility for a VA loan, change your direct deposit info, a civil service preference letter or proof of service? It now links you to your VA hospital account, among other changes.

### PERSONAL VA ACCOUNTS

(HOSPITAL) <https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/home>

This site is used to check your upcoming hospital appointments, schedule one, contact your VA provider and review your medical tests.

### CONTACT US AT THE CHICAGO VA&R OFFICE

[VAVBACHL.AML@va.gov](mailto:VAVBACHL.AML@va.gov)

When Post members have a VA benefit question and prefer to e-mail us rather than call. Our questions run the gamut from how to obtain a replacement military discharge to how to file a claim for service-connected disabled compensation or Non-Service Connected pension. We monitor this site daily and one can expect a return reply from one of our Service Officers within 1-2 days.

### OUR NO COST POST ACCIDENTAL LIFE INSURANCE

<https://www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare>

With your membership comes a free \$1,000 accidental death insurance policy. It's

\$5,000 if traveling on official American Legion business. Be sure yours is current. If your dues lapsed even for a few weeks it was inactivated and you have to activate it again.

### VA WEBSITE (NEW AND REVISED)

<https://www.va.gov/>

At this site you can check out hospital, education, disability, records and many more. It has been recently revised and is very user friendly. The search part is especially useful, for instance, type in Thailand Agent Orange and you'll get a ton of info.

### FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS

[https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits\\_book.asp](https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp)

Here you can see a brief summary of all Veterans Administration benefits, common acronyms and all Veterans Administration facilities (hospitals, clinics, Regional Offices, cemeteries and vet centers.) **The 2020 edition doesn't seem to be available yet, probably due to COVID.**

And yes, in case you're wondering, I checked each site to be sure they haven't moved. They are current as of this article. See you next month along with the vaccine?

# 2021 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY January 14 - 23, 2021 MEMBERSHIP CARAVAN SCHEDULE

JANUARY	Div#	Dist#	Post #	CITY	MEAL
JANUARY 14	3	20	374	MT. STERLING	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 15	3	15	16	CANTON	LUNCH 11:00 AM
JANUARY 15	3	14	246	MOLINE	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 16	2	13	902	ROCK FALLS	BREAKFAST 8:00 AM
JANUARY 16	2	12	77	BELVIDERE	LUNCH 12:00 PM
JANUARY 16	2	10	703	FOX LAKE	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 17	1	9	208	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS	BREAKFAST 8:00 AM
JANUARY 17	1	5	96	CICERO	HORS D'OEUVRES 12:00 PM
JANUARY 17	1	8	854	EVERGREEN PARK	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 18	2	11	1080	JOLIET	LUNCH 11:00 AM
JANUARY 18	3	16	100	WASHINGTON	DINNER 6:00 PM
<b>JANUARY 19 CARAVAN DAY OFF ★ CARAVAN DAY OFF ★ CARAVAN DAY OFF</b>					
JANUARY 20	4	18	566	GREENUP	LUNCH 12:00 PM
JANUARY 20	5	23	924	TEUTOPOLIS	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 21	5	24	914	LOUISVILLE	LUNCH 11:00 AM
JANUARY 21	5	25	127	MURPHYSBORO	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 22	5	22	794	EAST ALTON	LUNCH 11:00 AM
JANUARY 22	4	21	73	TAYLORVILLE	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 23	4	17	263	LINCOLN	LUNCH 12:00 PM
JANUARY 23	4	19	103	CLINTON	DINNER 6:00 PM



**National Membership and Post Activities**  
 Chairman, Jay Bowen will be our special guest during the 2021 Illinois American Legion Family Caravan. Please make time to come to one of the caravan stops nearest you to visit with him. Also, if you plan on attending the meal you need to R.S.V.P. the host post.



***Bring all membership cards with you to turn in...even if it's just **ONE!*****

# Walking with the Webers

When Department of Illinois Commander, Roy Weber, decided to participate in the 100 Miles for Hope Challenge, his whole family joined in from all over the world! Roy and his wife, Kate, got outdoors and completed their challenge close to home in Effingham. Their son, Matt Weber completed his 100 miles in Georgia with his two boys, Henry and Owen. He added a little extra challenge with a stroller in tow. Dr. Jennifer Williams took up her 100 miles in Carbondale and made sure to stop by the Haven to document her journey. And their son, Staff Sargent Aaron Weber, finished his challenge all the way from Ahmed al-Jaber Air Base in Kuwait (we thank you for your service!). The Weber Family is a prime example of how we can make a difference and help our Veterans no matter where we are. Their dedication to the cause and the fun they had completing this family effort should be an inspiration to us all. Thank you for leading our Legion Family by example, Commander and family!

All proceeds from the 100 Miles for Hope challenge go to the Veterans and Children Foundation. According to the 100 Miles for Hope FAQ's (visit [www.legion.org/100miles/FAQ](http://www.legion.org/100miles/FAQ) for more information), "The foundation is the fundraiser selected by National Commander Bill Oxford during his term. It 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 benefit claims and other needs. The V&CF also provides Temporary Financial Assistance grants for military families facing financial crises." Commander Roy brought it to our attention that there was so much success with the first challenge that a second one is in the works! Oxford says plans are underway for the second annual challenge, tentatively planned to begin on the American Legion's birthday in March. Commander Weber is encouraging everyone who can to partake. Not only is this a wonderful way to support our Veterans, but it's also a great way to stay active and healthy during these times.







(Clockwise, starting from top left corner)

1. Roy and Wife, Kate, with their certificate of completion. 2. Roy and Kate in front of the Teutopolis Post 924 Veterans Memorial. 3. Henry Weber trying on dad's (Matt Weber) 100 Miles t-shirt! 4. Matt Weber pushing son other son, Owen, in his stroller during one of his walks towards the goal. 5. Owen had to try on dad's shirt too!! 6. Dr. Jennifer Williams snapping a photo in her shirt in front of The Haven. 7. Staff Sargent Aaron Weber poses in his shirt in front of one of the 407th Expeditionary Security Forces barriers at Ahmed al-Jaber Air Base in Kuwait. 8. Roy and Kate Weber getting a photo in front of his vehicle with their certificate of completion.





# American Legion Baseball Registration for 2021 Opens Jan. 1

Registration for the 2021 American Legion Baseball season will open Jan. 1.

Register online at [baseball.legion.org](http://baseball.legion.org).

The early deadline for registration is May 15. Teams registered after May 15 will be subject to a \$200 late fee through the final deadline of June 1. Please note that each American Legion department may set an earlier deadline for registration.

Registration fees for senior teams are \$50 for national registration, \$35 for administrative fees and either \$130 for season personal accident insurance or \$200 for year-round insurance coverage. General liability insurance costs are \$120.

Fees for junior teams are \$25 for national registration, \$35 for administrative fees and either \$110 for season personal accident insurance or \$160 for year-round insurance coverage. General liability insurance costs are \$82.

State fees, if applicable, will vary by state.

To learn more about your specific department's state fees and deadlines, contact your department chairman.

Insurance purchases will be available Feb. 15.

As part of the education and training requirements of Public Law 115-126, the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, all coaches, managers and volunteer staff members must complete the Abuse Awareness course either through Protect Youth Sports or USA Baseball. All coaches, managers and volunteer staff members must also have a completed and passed background check. Visit <https://www.legion.org/publications/212564/risk-management-policies-baseball> to download the American Legion Baseball Risk Management Guidebook.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**New Year's Day**  
**DEPT. OFFICE CLOSED**  
**January 1**  
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2021 National Membership  
Cut-off Date  
January 6  
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**Illinois American Legion**  
**Family Membership Caravan**  
**January 14—25**  
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**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**DEPT. OFFICE CLOSED**  
**January 18**  
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60% SAL Target Date  
December 19  
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90% Illinois Target Date  
AND  
3rd 100% Post Cash Award  
AND  
Cut-off for Lincoln Pilgrimage  
(cut-off 1:00 PM)  
AND  
60% ALA Target Date  
January 31  
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4 Chaplain's Sunday  
February 4  
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Americanism Essay Contest  
Deadline (*1st Friday in Feb.*)  
February 5th  
~ ~ ~

Lincoln Pilgrimage  
Springfield, IL  
February 12  
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**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!**  
February 14  
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**President's Day**  
**DEPT. OFFICE CLOSED**  
**February 15**  
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Div. & Dist.  
Sr & Jr Vice Cmdrs  
Planning Session  
10:00 AM-3:00 PM  
@ Dept. HQ  
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2020 National Renewal Date  
February 24  
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Washington Conference  
AND  
DSO Training  
Washington DC  
Feb 28-March 3  
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Department of Illinois  
Oratorical Contest  
Crowne Plaza—Springfield, IL  
March 6  
Semi-Finals @ 9:30 AM  
Finals @ 2:30 PM  
(Contestant Orientation held March 5th)  
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**American Legion's 102nd Birthday!**  
March 16  
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**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!**  
March 17  
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any membership drive.

As you know, the Department of Illinois allowed our Target of 75% on Veteran's Day. Also, thanks to your hard work, we met the National Target of 75% on Pearl Harbor Day.

Our Membership Caravan is still continuing as scheduled so please plan to attend a stop near you with membership cards.

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us and our National guest Jay Bowen. Bring your Auxiliary members and your questions. Don't forget to bring membership! I look forward to meeting many members of our American Legion Family during these stops.

Hopefully, some of our state restrictions will be relaxed by March. We are still planning to have our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration at our Department Headquarters in Bloomington on Thursday March 18th. We hope to have our National President Nicole Clapp in attendance along with our Department Leadership. This will be a great opportunity to meet with everyone. Hors d'oeuvre and refreshments will be available. The cost will be \$10. The following day is our Patriotic Conference at the President Abraham Lincoln in Springfield starting at 9:00 AM. We will have some great speakers and many surprises planned for the day. Look for more details to come.

Please keep reaching out to your family, friends and acquaintances and tell them about our amazing American Legion Family and all the wonderful things we do. We continue to see a decline in membership. As a Legion Family, we need to keep working on recruiting, rejoining and renewing members.

As we start this New Year, keep this quote from Zig Ziglar in mind, "The past is your lesson. The present is your gift. The future is your motivation." Let's remember our lessons, enjoy today and get moving for our future!

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one Saturday a month for several years but cannot do them with the Covid-19 restrictions. But we will be ready to move ahead with these restrictions were lifted. I wanted to share this with all of you as my call was very much appreciated and timely. We talked for over 15 minutes and we talked about a lot of things, especially his family and the passing of his wife. I share this with you as these "Buddy Checks" are good for the Veterans you call, and they bring out a certain level of humbleness in you. Let us all do something to help our Veterans feel wanted now just as members but also as special friends. As Commander Roy's motto states-"**Veterans Can Do**"!!!! That us!!!!

**Springfield Post 32,  
The American Legion  
1120 Sangamon Avenue,  
Springfield, Illinois 62702-1853**

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**87<sup>th</sup> Annual National American Legion  
Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham  
Lincoln**

It is with great regret that we are compelled to send this letter. The American Legion Springfield Post 32 has concluded that we must cancel the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual National American Legion Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln. Given the dangerous conditions posed by the Coronavirus Pandemic, it is prudent that we do so.

To maintain continuity in this proud annual tradition, The American Legion Post 32 and The American Legion Department of Illinois will plan and conduct a modified Pilgrimage Ceremony at Mr. Lincoln's Tomb on his birthday. The exact nature of the Ceremony is not clear at this time due to pandemic mitigation regulations now in effect per the authority of the State of Illinois.

Please rest assured that we will be back next year for the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual National Pilgrimage. We will miss you this year but look forward to seeing you again next year.

**Seabees**  
**"CAN DO!"**



Commander Roy Weber is selling Seabees patches for \$10 a piece! Earnings will contribute to the Illinois Disaster Relief Fund (reference pg. 5 for IDRf flyer and more information). For those interested, please contact Department Headquarters to get yours today!



Commander Roy Weber at the 2nd Division Membership Awards, showing off a Commander's Top Ten jacket with the Seabees patch





### Contribution Form for Department Commander Weber's Special Project

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR POST: \_\_\_\_\_

POST #: \_\_\_\_\_ DIV #: \_\_\_\_\_ DIST. #: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Check -or- \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card

Please Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on my Credit Card



Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Required)

## Department Commander **ROY WEBER'S** 2021 Special Project

### **VETERANS "CAN DO!"**

**Illinois Veterans helping their own! Department of Illinois Commander Roy Weber is asking for your donations, large or small, to build the new Illinois Disaster Relief Fund. Your contribution will ensure that funds are available in times of need. These funds will be dedicated to Veterans right here in our very own state. Tornadoes, Hurricanes, Flooding, and other unforeseen disasters can strike instantly. And when they do, The American Legion's Illinois Disaster Relief Fund will be there to help.**

☆ Please make checks payable to the ***Department of Illinois*** and earmarked ***"Commander's Special Project - Illinois Disaster Relief Fund"***

☆ Send contributions to:  
***The American Legion—Dept. of Ill***  
***2720 E. Lincoln St.***  
***Bloomington, IL 61704***

**CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE**



# 2021 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



## 4 PILLARS PIN \$100 each

Along with the pin, a certificate of appreciation will be included confirming your generous support of our American Legion Family programs.



(This stylish pin will be a 1.5" inch dual plated gold & silver 3D pin with gold and blue stones inserted in each pillar. Auxiliary & SAL on front, Youth Police Program and Boy Scouts on back)

## THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

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

- ★ AUXILIARY—SUPPORTING THE ILLINOIS STATE VETERANS HOMES
- ★ SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION—SUPPORTING THE CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION
- ★ BOY SCOUTS
- ★ YOUTH POLICE PROGRAM

*Be a 100% Supporter for your American Legion Family Programs*

### 2021 American Legion Family ~ Department of Illinois ~ 4 Pillars Pin

Please complete this form and mail with payment to:  
American Legion Department of Illinois, 2720 E. Lincoln Street, Bloomington, IL 61704

Post Number \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Cost \$\_\_\_\_\_ Payment type: ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ Discover ☐ Check number \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## 2020—2021 DIVISION & DISTRICT MEETING DATES

DATE	DIST. / DIV.	TIME	POST	CITY
01/10/2021	5TH DIVISION	1:00 PM	SALEM POST 128	SALEM
01/20/2021	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	SESTERHENN POST 166	MORTON GROVE
01/25/2021	8TH DISTRICT	8:00 PM	REHFELDT-MEYER POST 474	MATTESON
01/27/2021	9TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	H.H. ROHDE POST 888	NORTHLAKE
02/17/2021	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	ROGERS PARK POST 108	EVANSTON
02/21/2021	13TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	POLO POST 83	POLO
02/24/2021	9TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	BILLY CALDWELL POST 806	FRANKLIN PARK
02/25/2021	8TH DISTRICT	8:00 PM	ORLAND MEMORIAL POST 111	ORLAND PARK
03/17/2021	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	MORTON GROVE POST 134	MORTON GROVE
03/21/2021	5TH DIVISION	1:00 PM	MCLEANSBORO POST 106	MCLEANSBORO
03/24/2021	9TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	RIVER GROVE POST 335	ITALIAN-AMERICAN VETERANS MUSEUM
03/25/2021	8TH DISTRICT	8:00 PM	EDWARD SCHULTZ POST 697	LANSING
04/21/2021	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	EVANSTON POST 42	EVANSTON
04/22/2021	8TH DISTRICT	8:00 PM	TINLEY PARK POST 615	TINLEY PARK
04/28/2021	9TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	DES PLAINES POST 36	DES PLAINES



**During the Cold Temperatures**  
**PLEASE don't forget to check on our**  
**comarades who are alone or can not get out!**



Take a few minutes  
to make sure they are  
warm and have food



Be part of something bigger  
**\$215 million**  
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Simply shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to support your favorite charity.

Get started

## Shopping for GOOD

The holidays may be behind us, but we all know the shopping never ends! Next time you're purchasing online, consider using AmazonSmile. American Legion Charities Inc. and the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) are two charitable organizations featured on AmazonSmile – a simple and automatic way to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. On AmazonSmile you will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com but with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate a portion of the purchase price to the charitable organization of your choice.

## Pies Put the “FUN” in Fundraiser at Fall DEC!



Part of taking care of business at the Fall DEC was raising funds for CWF. What tastier way to do that than a big pie in the face?? The Legion Family had a get together at Springfield Post 32 before DEC's and fall board meetings.





107 N. 600 East Rd., Loda, Illinois

We're very sad to say that we will be canceling until further notice. Thank you for your support and we will keep you posted!

## 14th District Convention

Will be held on May 1st  
10:00 AM  
Macomb Post 6  
Food Provided



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## Winter Word Find

## JANUARY TRIVIA

1. The first ball to be dropped in New York's Times Square happened in what year?
2. The first time that January 1<sup>st</sup> was celebrated as the beginning of a new year was in 153 B.C. when the Romans moved the first month of their calendar back to January. For what reason did the Romans do this?
3. What famous Frank was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, on January 1, 1938?
4. On January 1, 1971, what kind of commercials were banned from American televisions?
5. The tradition of eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day is believed to do what?
6. In some parts of the U.S., eating pancakes with butter, syrup, and whipped cream on New Year's Day indicates what?

### ANSWERS:

1. 1908
2. To coincide with elections of the two highest ranking Republic positions.
3. Actor Frank Langella
4. Ads for cigarettes.
5. Bring prosperity for the next year.
6. You are having breakfast at Shoney's or Denny's.



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