

# American Legion Department of Illinois Department News

THE  
AMERICAN  
LEGION **FAMILY**

SEPTEMBER 2021



2021-2022 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WAYNE L. FISCHER

## NATIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH PREPARE TO PROTECT EVERYONE YOU LOVE

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Top 10 District &  
Division Rankings  
AS OF 08/25/2021

#### District Commander

4	Acevedo
16	Tanner
21	Rogers
12	Latham
18	Castleberry
10	Bucher
14	Howard
25	Fravel
5	Callaway
15	Seward, Jr.

#### Division Commander

3	TALASKA
4	MONROE
2	JOHNSON
1	CHAMBERS
5	MILLER



#### WEEK 1

##### Week 1 September 1-4: Make A Plan

Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations due to the coronavirus.

#### WEEK 2

##### Week 2 September 5-11: Build A Kit

Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly. Update your kits and supplies based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control.

#### WEEK 3

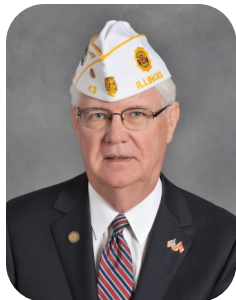
##### Week 3 September 12-18: Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness

Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family. Know the risk of disasters in your area. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards. Check your insurance coverage to make sure it is up-to-date.

#### WEEK 4

##### Week 4 September 19-25: Teach Youth About Preparedness

Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved.



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



To All My Fellow Legionnaires; Auxiliary Members; and Sons of the American Legion,

By the time you all get to read this we will have returned from our National Convention in Phoenix. I am sure it will be another successful and memorable one.

Recently we were on a virtual conference with Paul Dillard,

our Leading Candidate for National Commander at the time and now our National Commander. This discussion focused on Membership supporting Paul's motto of **"Leave No Veteran Behind"**. Initially our focus will be on **"Retention"** of Legionnaires that were paid for 5-10 years but did not pay last year due to many different reasons. These Legionnaires supported our American Legion for years and now it is up to us to get them back into the fold. Maybe it was Covid; maybe it was personal issues; or maybe they were just ignored by their fellow

Post members. Either way, we will start our **"Membership Drive"** focused here. More information will be forthcoming.

Last week we held our Division Officers Retreat at Department Headquarters and had a very informative and involved meeting by those attending. Next on the schedule will be our Division/District Officers Training in September. This purpose of these training sessions by Division, is to insure all our Division Officers truly take

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## From the Desk of Department Sr. Vice Commander Lomac Payton



To my Fellow Legionnaires;

We are in the first month after the convention. And we are starting to move forward with plans set by commander Wayne Fischer for 2021-2022. I'm starting to work on membership, hoping everyone will step up and help with increasing the numbers by Veterans day. Please, do not hold cards, send them to department so you can get credit, It is important to our members when they pay their

members when they pay their dues to send them in so they can process them soon as possible. We just held the 3rd division retreat on last saturday, the turnout was very good, and some good ideas was presented. So, lets ban together and move forward.



  **Veterans  
Crisis Line**  
**1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1**





## From the Desk of Department Auxiliary President Patti Williamson



**H**ello Illinois American Legion Family,

This is the year that we are celebrating the military caregiver, the unsung hero, who does everything for love. They are mothers, fathers, spouses and children of our military and veterans in need. Sometimes they live with the veteran and sometimes they just handle the finances, medicines, appoint-

finances, medicines, appointments and are usually the taxi service but they don't always live together. The President's plaque will honor the Division, District and Unit that holds or sponsors the most events to celebrate the contributions of the caregiver. The plaque will be awarded on stage at Department Convention 2022. The report is in narrative form and please include pictures when possible and due to me for judging on May 1, 2022.

My special project this year will be the National Creative Arts Festival. This is a therapy

program for veterans that use music, art, writing and theater to help veterans express and deal with their emotions and experiences in the service. The Festival lasts for a week and the veterans are together sharing military and VA experiences and bringing each other out of their isolation and shells. They form lifelong friendships and have a sense of accomplishment and pride in a job well done.

This Patriotic Conference will bring great speakers, activities and an art show with

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## From the Desk of Detachment Commander Jeff Trout



**H**ello American Legion Family of Illinois,

It certainly has been a whirlwind of a first month as Commander of the Detachment of Illinois. I had the pleasure of representing your Sons at a 1<sup>st</sup> Division Legion Family fundraiser at a Chicago White Sox game. The following weekend we were in Springfield to bring greetings to President Patti's Fall Board meeting of The American Legion Auxiliary and finishing up in Danville to show

finishing up in Danville to show our support for The American Legion State Golf Tournament. Then it was on to Springfield for Veterans Day at the Illinois State Fair.

Each event in itself was exciting to attend and represent the Sons of The American Legion but what made it even greater was being a part of showing everyone what The American Legion Family is all about. While the White Sox game is organized by the Sons of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division, it is a fundraiser for American Legion Baseball and has the support and participation of all members of the Legion family. The State Golf tournament has sponsors from Posts, Units, and Squadrons from around the State, once again showing how much we can do when working together as a

Family. And the State Fair was a great success as we worked together to show our Veterans and their families they are not forgotten.

We should remember that none of this can happen without your support and participation. As we "Embrace the Challenge" while "Crafting a Brighter Future for Our Veterans" and "Reel 'Em In", I thank you for helping to continue this legacy.





<https://www.orders.giftstotheyanks.org>



## Gifts to the Yanks Fleece Blanket

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



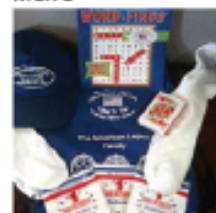
## Gifts to the Yanks Veterans Gift Bag

The perfect gift for a veteran.

- Gift bags include:
- Hat
- Socks
- Puzzle Book
- Deck of Cards
- Hankies
- ect.



Men's



Women's



**LIMITED INVENTORY AVAILABLE!**

VA Hospitals and Homes can begin ordering on 09.15.21.  
Posts can begin ordering on 10.01.21

**ORDERS DUE  
BY 11.01.2021**

Mail to: Gifts To The Yanks Who Gave  
The American Legion Dept. of IL  
2720 E. Lincoln Street  
Bloomington, IL 61740

### GTTY CONTRIBUTION FORM

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR POST: \_\_\_\_\_ POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT \$: \_\_\_\_\_ PAYMENT TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK -OR- \_\_\_\_\_ CREDIT CARD  
(checks payable to: The American Legion, Dept. of Illinois (Emarked: "Gifts To The Yanks"))

PLEASE CHARGE \$: \_\_\_\_\_ ON MY ☐ VISA ☐ MASTER CARD ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS

CREDIT CARD NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required)

Contributions are tax deductible



# GOLD STAR MISSION

**SEPTEMBER 21-25, 2021**

Join us on this 500-mile journey to celebrate our 5th year memorializing our fallen heroes.

The Gold Star Mission 500 is a 5-day, 500-mile journey traveling through Illinois meant to preserve the legacy and honor of those 300 service members from Illinois who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

## 2021 520+mi. Route Schedule:

Day 1: Decatur-Gibson City-Urbana  
Day 2: Urbana-Paris-Lawrenceville  
Day 3: Lawrenceville-Mt. Carmel- Mt. Vernon  
Day 4: Mt. Vernon-Vandalia-Effingham  
Day 5: Effingham-Taylorville-Springfield



Proceeds from this ride and other Gold Star Mission sponsored events are used to fund scholarships in the name of our Fallen Heroes, thus preserving their legacy forever.

For more details and to register or volunteer go to:

<https://goldstarmission.org/>

Click on the Gold Star 500 banner.

# ALWAYS REMEMBER NEVER FORGET

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charge of their Districts to have everyone on the same page focusing on Leadership, Membership, and American Legion Programs.

Our Membership Goals for this year are 2-fold. The first being, achieving a minimum of 68,638 (100% of last year). Then make our assigned National Goal of 70.214 (+2.3%). It can be done when we all remember and work--- **“R” “N” “R”!!!!**

**“Retention” “New Members” “Renew Current Members”**

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entries from our artists and crafters. There will be judging, voting and awarding of blue ribbons. Join the fun and sign in an entry or cast a ballot.

Last month, the Auxiliary had its fall board meeting and I had instructed the chairmen to think outside of the box and include new awards honoring the caregiver. Please continue to look for new awards and incentives.

The Gold Star family celebration of life was touching and an amazing tribute to these brave men and women that paid the ultimate sacrifice. The event was well attended by families and veterans. We ended the day in a parade with the rest of the Legion Family.

I am looking forward to attending National Convention in Phoenix Arizona and celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the American Legion Auxiliary and all of our accomplishments! I'm sure that Illinois will shine.

When we return from National Convention, the fall forums/membership meetings start and continue through 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](http://www.ilala.org) under the events tab and labeled Fall Forums. We would love to have a great turnout at each stop and everyone is invited to attend whether it is your Division or not.

We will be expanding our social media presence this year but more details later.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### LABOR DAY

SEPT 6

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### COMMISSION/ COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

SEPT. 8

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### FALL D.E.C. & COMMANDER HOMECOMING

(LISLE, IL)

SEPT. 11

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### 2ND DIV. DIST. OFFICER TRAINING (HOMECOMING HOTEL)

9:00 AM—12:30 PM

SEPT. 12

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### 1ST DIV. DIST. OFFICER TRAINING (TBD)

9:00 AM—12:30 PM

SEPT. 18

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### 3RD DIV. MEMBERSHIP/ LEADERSHIP MEETING

(East Moline)

SEPT. 18

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### AMERICANISM/ C&Y CONFERENCE

(INDY)

SEPT. 18-19

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### 3RD DIV. DIST. OFFICER TRAINING

(TBD)

9:00 AM—12:30 PM

SEPT. 19

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### 5TH DIV. DIST. OFFICER TRAINING

(TBD)

9:00 AM—12:30 PM

SEPT. 25

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### 1ST DIV. MEMBERSHIP/ LEADERSHIP MEETING

(Franklin Park)

9:00 AM

SEPT. 25

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### 4TH DIV. DIST. OFFICER TRAINING

(TBD)

9:00 AM—12:30 PM

SEPT. 26

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### GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY

SEPT. 26

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, WAYNE FISCHER!

SEPT. 29

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Images pouring out of Afghanistan as the Taliban retakes control of the country in the wake of the U.S. withdrawal have veterans of all eras reacting to the unfolding tragedy and wondering how they can assist those in need.

Extracting Afghan interpreters who assisted U.S. troops during the global war on terrorism has been a primary focus of the evacuation efforts. Leaving these individuals behind places their lives in jeopardy as they face death threats from ISIS, the Taliban, al Qaeda and others because of their service to the United States.

Veterans looking to help resettled Afghans with Special Immigrant Visas (SIV) and refugees within their communities are encouraged to reach out to refugee assistance organizations in their local area. Many of these organizations are in desperate need of volunteers and donations. For a list of resettlement agency and affiliate contacts, please visit [wrapsnet.org/resources/](https://wrapsnet.org/resources/).

To establish eligibility for a SIV, an Afghan ally must prove that they have at least one year of qualifying employment by, or on the behalf of, the U.S. government. Most SIV applicants are currently in this stage. Veterans and service-members deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Freedom Sentinel who are able to help an Afghan ally establish qualifying employment will help expedite the process for them.

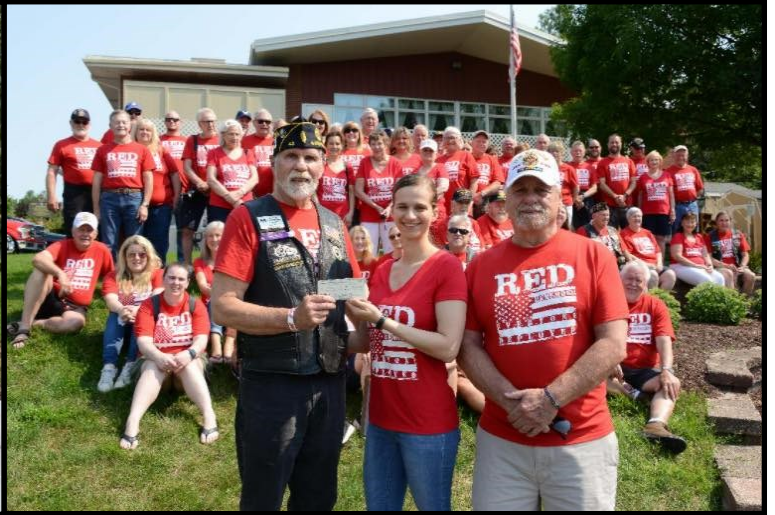
Those who served as the direct, senior supervisor or a person familiar with the work of SIV-eligible Afghans on behalf of the United States may submit the letter of recommendation or evaluation. The letter of reference must include the SIV case number to be matched with applicant. The letter should be submitted to [SIV-Veterans-Support@State.gov](mailto:SIV-Veterans-Support@State.gov) with the subject line of the email being the applicant's name and SIV case number.

A full overview of the program — including the step-by-step instructions on how to navigate this process — [is available at this webpage](#). The Department of State is urging people to follow the instructions closely to help the staff at the National Visa Center work expeditiously. Not all Afghans at risk will qualify for the SIV program. Those who are not potential candidates should be directed to [state.gov/afghanistan-inquiries/](https://state.gov/afghanistan-inquiries/) or [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov) for more information.

“Abandonment of those who assisted us is literally an issue of life or death,” American Legion National Commander James W. “Bill” Oxford said in a July statement. “If we abandon such friends, how could we expect any assistance by potential allies in future missions?”

\*From Legion National Headquarters\*

# Naperville Post 43 American Legion Riders RED T-shirt Fundraiser: “Remembering Everyone Deployed”



What started as a casual conversation turned into an extremely successful fundraiser for our ALR Post 43, Naperville, IL. Bill Curran, Assistant Director, Jim Hoch, a friend of the Post and I met after the American Legion meeting on April 4th. Jim said he had an idea for a fundraiser based on his recent purchase of four “RED” T-shirts, using an Amazon gift card from his mother.

Jim asked Bill and I if the Post 43 Riders would consider taking on the project. It sounded like a great idea, where would the proceeds go? We choose the Gold Star Family Memorial Fund, which is currently raising funds for a memorial to be erected in Veterans Park, Naperville. Raising this money would be our way to give to the community with all the proceeds going to this Memorial Fund.

At our next Rider meeting I brought up the fundraising idea. A motion was made to take on the project and seconded, with a unanimous vote of Ayes! Bill and I met with a local company that custom prints T-shirts to work out the graphic design and after a quote we placed our first order and began selling the “RED” T-shirts at the VFW Post on weekends.

Kristen Jungles, with the VFW Auxiliary worked up our flyer/ order form. Nancy Quigley, owner of Quigley’s Irish Pub in Naperville, got behind us with her full support and allowed us to sell the shirts Friday nights, June 11 and 18, from 5 – 8pm. We took in over \$1,000 from shirt sales and donations each night. Then Stephanie Penick, Editor and owner of *Positively Naperville*, also gave us her support by publishing where and when we would be selling “RED” T-shirts.

We had full support from American Legion Post 43, Post Commander Nadia Baran and our SAL Squadron making this a fantastic success. On Saturday July 3 we invited all the people who bought shirts to come to the Post for a group photo. I had the honor of presenting a check for \$7,000. to the Gold Star Families Memorial committee.

We weren’t done yet - we sold “RED” T-shirts at the Naperville Salute, a weekend event honoring our Veterans and First Responders, another Friday night at Quigley’s and then selling shirts at the Naperville Irish Fest raising another \$2,000 that will be presented at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Gold Star Families Memorial September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Our inspiration and dedication for this Fundraiser comes from a letter we received along with a \$100 donation.

*“I am making this donation to honor a dear friend, a Gold Star Mom and formerly an Illinois resident.*

*Her son John served 4 years with the US Army and reenlisted when he was unable to find a job that would provide support for his wife, stepson, and unborn twin boys. He never got to hold his baby boys, before he got to return home, his helicopter was shot down in Iraq killing him and his fellow crew members. I know the pain has never left her heart.*

*Bless you all for your work in creating this tribute to the Families that have lost so much.”*

Steve Strickland, Director American Legion Riders Post 43 Naperville, IL



# T-SHIRT ORDER FORM:

## \$20 PER SHIRT

Contact: Steve Strickland - bc31iuwg1@gmail.com / 630.453.0095 with questions!

**Checks Payable: American Legion Riders**

**PO Box 4 Naperville, IL 60566**

**Proceeds Benefit: Gold Star Families Memorial**

**Constructed at Veterans Park in Naperville**

### WOMEN'S V-NECK

**Small**

**Medium**

**Large**

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**X-Large**

**2X-Large**

**3X-Large**

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### MEN'S CREW NECK

**Small**

**Medium**

**Large**

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**X-Large**

**2X-Large**

**3X-Large**

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# COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING

## Saturday, September 11, 2021



**D.E.C. Meeting – 1:00 PM**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Lisle Naperville**

**3003 Corporate West Drive Lisle, IL 60532**

Department Commander **WAYNE FISCHER**  
invites the Legion Family to join him for dinner



**DoubleTree by Hilton Lisle Naperville**  
**3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL 60532**

**Social Hour: 5:00 p.m.**

**Dinner: 6:00 p.m.**

**Entertainment/Program following**  
**Business Casual Attire**



**Housing: DoubleTree by Hilton Lisle Naperville P: (630) 505-0900**

**\$103 plus tax each night, includes hot breakfast Cut off date for room block is August 31**

**Booking link: <http://group.doubletree.com/ALDeptofIllinois>**

**Group Name: American Legion Department of Illinois Group Code: CDI**

**Dinner Menu: Entrée selection of Sliced Strip Loin of Beef, Sauteed Chicken, or Spinach & Cheese Ravioli.**

**\*ENTRÉE SELECTION MUST BE MADE WHEN PROVIDING BANQUET RESERVATION/PAYMENT\***

- ★ Dinner: \$40 per person Make check payable to: Iris Fischer
- ★ Dinner reservations should be sent to:  
Iris Fischer, 212 Winslow Ct. Naperville, IL 60565
- ★ Dinner reservation deadline: August 31, 2021
- ★ Questions? Contact Dinner Chairman: Jim Vahle  
E: [vahlej@comcast.net](mailto:vahlej@comcast.net) C: (630) 864-7183

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Division # \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_







## Contribution Form for Department Commander Fischer'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 Wayne Fischer's 2022 Special Project

### "EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE!"

**Illinois Veterans helping their own! Department of Illinois Commander Wayne Fischer is asking for your donations, *large or small*, to keep building the 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.**

**CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE**





On August 8, 2021 George L. Giles Post #87, Inducted Willis Miles as the new Commander for 2021-2022. Commander Miles is a Vietnam Army Veteran and a longtime American Legion member.



Also inducted were new officers  
L-R, Sr. Vice Kenneth Grizzard (17yrs)  
Fin. Off. Kenneth Smith Sr (39yrs)  
Adj. Charles S. Johnson (22yrs)



Mr. Derrick Stinson  
Commander,  
Elvin J. Carey Post  
Officiated the  
Post Inductions



3rd District  
Commander,  
Harold Toney  
was the guest speaker



Flora Gardner, President of the  
George L. Giles #87 Ladies Auxiliary &  
the ladies of the Auxillary hosted  
the event.



2021 Dept. Photo Contest Winners			2022 Calendar Winners			
1ST DIVISION			MONTH	NAME	DIV.	AWARD
1ST PLACE	Dale Tippet	\$100	COVER	Dale Tippet	1	\$75
2ND PLACE	Josefina Frances	\$75				
3RD PLACE	Colinette Marshall	\$50				
4TH PLACE	Josefina Frances	\$25				
2ND DIVISION			JANUARY	Roger Schwengel	3	\$75
1ST PLACE	Rebecca Larsen	\$100	FEBRUARY	Josefina Frances	1	\$75
2ND PLACE	_____	\$75				
3RD PLACE	_____	\$50				
4TH PLACE	_____	\$25				
3RD DIVISION			MARCH	Josefina Frances	1	\$75
1ST PLACE	Belinda Rush	\$100	APRIL	Mark Young	4	\$75
2ND PLACE	Jim Watts	\$75				
3RD PLACE	Roger Schwengel	\$50				
4TH PLACE	Roger Schwengel	\$25				
4TH DIVISION			MAY	Freeburg Locklar-Smith	5	\$75
1ST PLACE	Mark Young	\$100	JUNE	David A. Scott Sr.		\$75
2ND PLACE	Jean Gray	\$75				
3RD PLACE	_____	\$50				
4TH PLACE	_____	\$25				
5TH DIVISION			JULY	Rebecca Larsen	2	\$75
1ST PLACE	Freeburg Locklar-Smith	\$100	AUGUST	Josefina Frances	1	\$75
2ND PLACE	_____	\$75				
3RD PLACE	_____	\$50				
4TH PLACE	_____	\$25				
			SEPTEMBER	Josephina Frances	1	\$75
1ST PLACE	Freeburg Locklar-Smith	\$100	OCTOBER	Colinette Marshall	1	\$75
2ND PLACE	_____	\$75				
3RD PLACE	_____	\$50				
4TH PLACE	_____	\$25				
			NOVEMBER	Belinda Rush	3	\$75
1ST PLACE	Freeburg Locklar-Smith	\$100	DECEMBER	Roger Schwengel	3	\$75
2ND PLACE	_____	\$75				
3RD PLACE	_____	\$50				
4TH PLACE	_____	\$25				

# 2021—2022 DIVISION & DISTRICT MEETING DATES

DATE	DIST. / DIV.	TIME	POST	CITY
09/08/2021	1ST DIVISION	7:30 PM	DORIE MILLER POST 915	CHICAGO
09/08/2021	2ND DISTRICT	7:00 PM	TATTLER POST 973	CHICAGO
09/15/2021	4TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	MCKINLEY POST 231	CHICAGO
09/15/2021	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	LINCOLNWOOD POST 1226	LINCOLNWOOD
09/17/2021	10TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	FOX LAKE POST 703 POW/MIA CEREMONY	FOX LAKE
09/18/2021	1ST DIVISION	7:00 AM	MARRS-MEYER POST –DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING	WORTH
09/23/2021	8TH DISTRICT	8:00 PM	PARK FOREST POST 1198	PARK FOREST
10/10/2021	11TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	HUNTLEY POST 673	HUNTLEY
10/10/2021	12TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	DURAND POST 676	DURAND
10/10/2021	14TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	EAST MOLINE POST 227	EAST MOLINE
10/10/2021	21ST DISTRICT	1:00 PM	PALMYRA POST 1034	PALMYRA
10/20/2021	4TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	MCKINLEY POST 231	CHICAGO
10/20/2021	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	GEORGE W. BENJAMIN POST 791	NORTHBROOK
10/28/2021	8TH DISTRICT	8:00 PM	CHICAGO HEIGHTS POST 131	CHICAGO HEIGHTS
11/04/2021	1ST DIVISION	7:30 PM	FRANKLIN PARK POST 974	FRANKLIN PARK
11/13/2021	13TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	FALL MEETING—DIXON POST 12	DIXON
11/17/2021	4TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	MCKINLEY POST 231	CHICAGO
11/17/2021	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	MORTON GROVE POST 134	MORTON GROVE
11/18/2021	8TH DISTRICT	8:00 PM	GLENN MAKER POST 1160	CHICAGO RIDGE
11/19/2021	10TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	GURNEE POST 771	GURNEE
12/12/2021	3RD DIVISION	1:00 PM	DELAVAN POST 382	DELAVAN
12/15/2021	4TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	MCKINLEY POST 231	CHICAGO
12/18/2021	3RD DIVISION	5:00 PM	WASHINGTON POST 100 CHRISTMAS PARTY	WASHINGTON
01/19/2022	4TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	MCKINLEY POST 231	CHICAGO
01/19/2022	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	MORTON GROVE POST 134	MORTON GROVE



## Loda Post 503



**107 N. 600 East Rd., Loda, Illinois**

**Sept. 10**—Friday at Loda Post 503

**Sept. 24**—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, French fries, Baked beans, Green beans (with potatoes, bacon, and onions) Coleslaw, and Potato salad.

Price is **\$10.00** for all you can eat. Children eat free.

### ABOUT

#### MISSION ZERO HUNDRED HOURS

We believe competition BBQ can provide a familiar, structured, and mission centric environment to Veterans, that helps struggling vets channel their energies toward healthy goals and finding a new support network through the extended Competition BBQ Family.

Veterans have the opportunity to cook with teams as part of our effort and mission to raise awareness and end Veteran Suicide; by embedding Veterans with BBQ Cook Teams for an immersive BBQ Mission.

### ABOUT

#### F3 CROSSROADS

F3 — our three Fs stand for Fitness, Fellowship and Faith — traces its roots to a free, participant-led boot camp workout held on Saturday mornings at a Charlotte, N.C., park since 2006. The co-founders of F3 are David Redding, "Dredd," and Tim Whitmire, "OBT," who launched their first Saturday workout on 1/1/11 on the campus of A.G. Middle School in Charlotte.

Our mission is to plant, grow and serve small workout groups for men for the invigoration of male community leadership.

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## SEPTEMBER TRIVIA

- When was the first Labor Day parade held in the United States?
- Which U.S. President signed the bill making Labor Day a national holiday?
- Which state was the first to officially make Labor Day a state-recognized holiday?
- Besides Labor Day, which other holidays always fall on a Monday?
- What date was The Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968 signed into law?

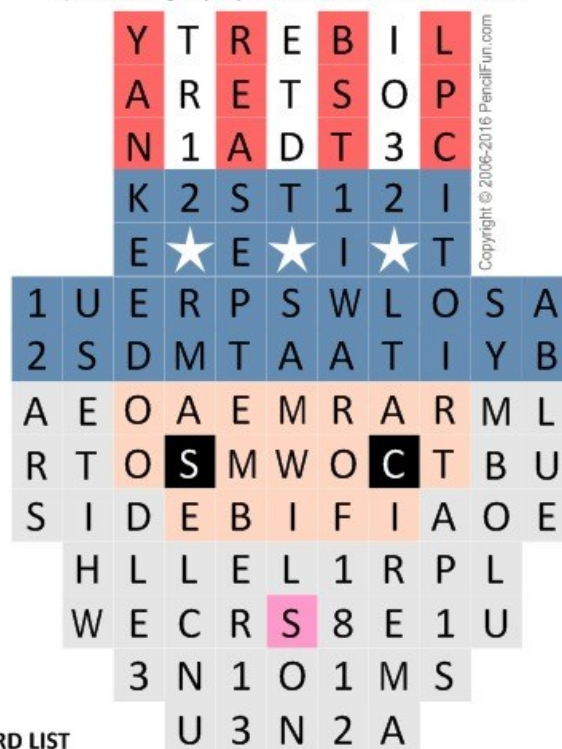
### ANSWERS:

- September 5, 1882
- Grover Cleveland
- Oregon
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, and Columbus Day
- June 28, 1968



## Uncle Sam Word Search

Find words associated with Uncle Sam hidden in the puzzle below. They are hiding forwards, backwards, up, down, and diagonally. As you find the words, cross them off the word list.



### WORD LIST

AMERICA  
BLUE  
LIBERTY  
MILITARY

PATRIOTIC  
POSTER  
RED  
SAM WILSON

SEPTEMBER 13  
SYMBOL  
UNCLE SAM  
USA

WAR OF 1812  
WHITE  
YANKEE DOODLE