

The Insider

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VETERANS DAY

Honoring All Who Served



ILLINOIS ANSWERS THE CALL
in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian

Lomac Payton



Greetings American Legion Family—

We have been very busy these last few weeks doing post level training. Hopefully this will bring District, Division and Post members out of their comfort zones and help them to start getting members who have not paid their dues to do so. Members need to renew their membership as soon as possible; if they do not do so before December 31st, they will be delinquent. As slow as some members are about paying their dues, we don't want to give up and not contact them. Do your Buddy Checks. Some people may be having health issues or other problems and we need to know if they are so that we can help. We care about our members and their well-being; not just their dues. The only way we will know what our brothers and sisters need assistance is by doing the Buddy Check. Many of us see fellow members almost every day. When you see them, ask how they're doing; show concern. You may not know how much it means to a person to just have someone show concern about them. We must let others know that we care about them and their well-being so very much. So please, as I've mentioned, do the "Buddy Check."

Remember, we need to achieve at least 100% in membership this year (which ends December 31st). We can achieve this goal if we put forth the effort. Make phone calls, knock on doors, send letters to members who have not renewed. These are busy times and someone might just need a reminder.

"The Fortitude We Gain Along The Way Through Life" will make us better people and inspire others to mimic our actions to improve their own lives. In

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Delmar Buske



To Our American Legion Family—

Fall has arrived! I hope everyone is enjoying it. I saw a lot of familiar faces in Galesburg at Commander's homecoming and DEC towards the end of September. Congratulations to the membership winners. The commander's homecoming was well attended as was the breakfast at the Abingdon Post. Congratulations Commander Payton.

The training sessions have been well attended. I have been at all the sessions that my schedule would allow. Commission and Committee meetings were held at Department on October 8th. It was good to be present at the different meetings and see how our programs are progressing thus far. I was not able to attend the first set of committee meetings as Luella was in the hospital. She is recovering at home and would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and well wishes.

During the National President's Homecoming, the Department of Florida shared the continuing needs of the victims of Hurricane Ian. The American Legion Family was able to answer the call to action and accomplish the task of delivering about \$14,000 in goods and supplies from the Department of Illinois along with approximately \$6,000 in goods and supplies from the Department of Indiana to Legion Post 521 in North Fort Myers, FL. This was accomplished within a week. The members there are very appreciative. This could not have been done without the combined efforts of the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion. It was an honor for me to be involved in this accomplishment. Thank you all for making this possible! I hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving. We are looking forward to the program at the Haven this year!

Janet Bacon



Hello American Legion Family.

What a difference a year makes! Everyone seems to be busy making plans for the holidays as they are quickly approaching. Keep our veterans and their families in your thoughts and prayers during these times.

It makes me so proud to be part of the Illinois American Legion Family. You stepped up and helped with the Ian Hurricane Relief. Whether you sent items or a monetary donation, thank you.

Our Fall Forums are over for this year. Thank you to the Posts and Units that hosted a Forum. Thank you to all that attended. There was a lot of information shared. Get this information back to the units so they can continue making the strong foundation that is needed to keep this organization strong and around for the next 100 years.

We will be celebrating another birthday on November 10, 2022. I must also mention that the United States Marine Corps will be celebrating their 247th birthday on the same day.

Veterans Day is coming up quickly. I hope you have made plans. There are parades, ceremonies in towns and in schools. Take time out and thank your veteran for their service. I have been asked to participate in a Veteran's Day celebration that we have not done for two years. I am very excited to be back in the school to share with students the importance of this day.

Education Week is November 14-18, 2022. This week is to honor not only teachers, but all school personnel that touch the lives of our students.

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Kevin O'Connell



Greetings,

Membership has been going well; however we have slipped from 6th place Nationally to 9th place. Our membership totals are high due in part to our five year cards and also all of the hard work our Senior Vice Commander Mike Vozar is doing. We still have several Squadrons that are not certified, but that is being addressed. Let's keep those numbers increasing.

On October 1st we had a Detachment Executive Committee meeting in Columbia Illinois at Post 581. We had reports from our committee chairs as well as from one of our N.E.C. members. Post 581 along with the S.A.L. members were excellent hosts which added to making the event a success. Our next D.E.C. will be December 3rd at Department Headquarters in Bloomington. If you haven't attended one in the past, it's a great way to see how our organization runs.

We will begin hosting zoom meetings the fourth Thursday of every month for Division and District Commanders. This will be a great way to filter information down, as well as finding out what's going on Statewide. We however only want the Commanders, or if the Commander isn't available his Senior Vice Commander. We want to purposely keep this working group small so we can accomplish more. It's then up to the Commanders to visit Squadrons and share the information. These meetings will only last an hour or less hopefully.

Veterans Day is fast approaching. It's designed to honor all those who served. Take time out to attend a local event or organize one. Most importantly, thank

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WE ARE Family



A picture is worth a thousand words; an **EXAMPLE** is worth a million. When multiple American Legion posts in Florida were destroyed, The American Legion Department of Illinois Family came to action. Leadership put the call out on October 14, 2022, asking everyone to help us *to help our own*. The results were incredible, to say the least. Department Adjutant Marty Conatser said **“in a time when gas prices are crazy and inflation is eating people’s budgets, we managed to raise over \$14,000 in goods and monetary donations. That alone speaks VOLUMES of our organization.”** He went on to explain that people just don’t understand the magnitude of this effort; this was all done in less than 7 days and there’s still more coming in!



Department staff spent that Thursday and Friday loading the Legion’s trailer. Marty along with Department Senior Vice Delmar Buske, made a 5 day excursion to personally deliver all the supplies we were able to bring in/purchase. Before making their way to Florida, they made a stop at the Department of Indiana Headquarters to pick up what they had gathered as well. In total, the two states managed to bring in over \$20,000 of donations. Among those products were many cases of all size diapers, baby formula, female hygiene products, toiletries, cleaning supplies, grooming tools, etc.

On behalf of The American Legion Department of Illinois and those in Florida that we delivered to, we want to sincerely thank each and every one of you who helped to make this possible. We are incredibly proud of the generosity of our American Legion Family here in Illinois and your willingness to **ANSWER THE CALL**.



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to mimic our actions to improve their own lives. In the military we were taught patience, endurance and most importantly, staying alive. In today's society, many people don't have patience, or courage. Wouldn't it be ever so nice if things were more simple? Times change and so do things. We need to reprogram ourselves to change with the times or we will be left in the dust.

Peace be with each and every one of our American Legion Family. Keep everyone in your prayers and may "GOD" bless. Your Commander, Lomac A. Payton

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I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy with family and friends. Please keep our veterans and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

For God and Country

Janet Bacon, Department President

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those Veterans you come in contact with for their service to this Country. It's because of them we live in a free society.

God Bless Our Country, and stay safe.

NOVEMBER

Mark
YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 5: **4th Division Fall Forum**
(LINCOLN)

NOVEMBER 10: MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY
75% LEGION CUTOFF

NOVEMBER 11: **VETERANS DAY**
1ST 100% POST CASH AWARD
GOLD PIN CUTOFF

NOVEMBER 18: EGYPTIAN PAST CMDRS CLUB
(NOV 18-20)

NOVEMBER 24: **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
(OFFICE CLOSED TH/FR)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Top 10 District & Division Rankings

District	Commander
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13	Gibbs
22	Swaim
8	Petersen
10	Castella
17	Abdelnour
9	Florentino
3	Fitch
11	Oikion
19	Smith
23	Nollman

Division	Commander
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2	Kraut
4	Garrett
5	Maden
1	Thompson III
3	Seward Jr

LAST REMAINING CHARTER MEMBER OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 1148 RECEIVES HONOR FOR 75 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

Bill Motter is 96 years old and our last surviving charter member with 75 years of continuous service. On August 24, 2022 he was presented with an award to mark the milestone. Adjutant Paul Detmer, Commander Mickey Badertscher, and Chaplain Ronald Bocker are pictured below with Bill.

His daughters Liz Motter and Kathy Brotherton were very thankful to the Legion, taking to social media to say:

“Thank you all very much for honoring Dad today for his 75 years with the Post. We greatly appreciate all of you taking the time to visit him at Pinecrest and for presenting him with the pin and plaque of the founding members.”

Thank you Bill for being such an important part of our organization!



Billy Caldwell Post 806 Presents Gifts to the Yanks to Illinois Veterans Home-Chicago

Activity Therapist Julia Moreno met Jim Kostka and Dale Tippet with her team in mid-September to receive “Gifts To The Yanks” items from Billy Caldwell Post 806. Also pictured is Activities Associate Ashley Dicristofano and Administrator T’Kira Wilkerson. All of the staff were very gracious and generous with their time. As you know, skilled nursing home duty is a “huge” job, and we wish much success to those who have our veterans in their care. On our end, American Legion Billy Caldwell Post 806 has pledged to continue to be vigilant in support of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, and always in the spirit of mutual helpfulness!



“A BIG THANK YOU” From Commander Payton

I want to thank everyone for supporting me at my homecoming on September 24, 2022 in Galesburg, IL. A big thanks to Jim Talaska, Department Membership Director who organized everything and Department Adjutant and Past National Commander Marty Conatser for handling the business for the event. Thank you to Auxiliary President Janet Bacon, Sons of The American Legion Commander Kevin O’Connell, 3rd Division Commander Bill Seward and Jim Talaska for all of the wonderful gifts. Thank you to everyone who donated to my special projects through the 50/50 raffle and congratulations to our winner! I’d also like to extend a big thank you to Paul Manigire who served as the keynote speaker for Saturday night’s banquet. Thank you to the KC Hall for their help and support as well. And of course, another big thank you to my American Legion Post, Harry E. Wiles Post 381 for the wonderful breakfast on Sunday morning September 25, 2022. To all of you who attended the banquet and/or the breakfast, thank you! Everything was wonderful; truly first class.

Your Commander,

Lomac A. Payton

American Legion Department of Illinois, Office of VA&R

“VSO news & information”

VA announces presumptive conditions for Camp Lejeune Veterans

VA recently established a presumption of service connection for certain diseases associated with contaminants found in the early 1980's at Camp Lejeune, NC. Two on-base water supply systems were contaminated with the volatile organic compounds trichloroethylene (TCE), a metal degreaser; perchloroethylene (PCE), a dry-cleaning agent; benzene; and vinyl chloride.

To be eligible for a presumptive service connection, veterans must have served at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987, and later developed one of the following eight conditions:

- Adult leukemia
- Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes
- Bladder cancer
- Kidney cancer
- Liver cancer
- Multiple myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Parkinson's disease

Veterans eligible for presumptive service connection include former Reservists and National Guard members who were discharged on conditions other than dishonorable.

*Veterans and their family members who were at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987, can get health care benefits. VA may pay you back for your out-of-pocket health care costs that were related to any of these 15 conditions: Bladder cancer, Breast cancer, Esophageal cancer, Female infertility, Hepatic steatosis, Kidney cancer, Leukemia, Lung cancer, Miscarriage, Multiple myeloma, Myelodysplastic syndromes, Neurobehavioral effects, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Renal toxicity, and Scleroderma

Contact an American Legion VSO near you.

The new PACT Act



- » Expands toxic-exposed Veterans access to VA care
- » Extends health care eligibility for Vietnam, Gulf War, and Post-9/11 era combat Veterans
- » Adds new presumptive conditions for radiation, Agent Orange, Gulf War toxins, and burn pit exposures

EXPANDED VA CARE & BENEFITS

Learn more at [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov)
1-800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411)

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

We are happy to include your District/Division Meeting Dates, Happenings at your local post/community, announcements, etc.

Email sgreen@illegion.org OR send by mail to:
American Legion, Dept. of IL
P.O. Box 2910 Bloomington, IL 61702
ATTN: SHANDI GREEN

If any changes or updates need to be made to the schedule or other submissions, please submit them as soon as possible to Shandi Green in by email (or in writing).

NOTE: WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO INCLUDE YOUR SUBMISSIONS BUT CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THEY WILL BE. IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE, PLEASE SUBMIT BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH PRIOR



Are you a betting man (or woman)? Ronald Swaim, 22nd District Commander and Jerry Howard, 13th District Senior Vice Commander sure are! And they want YOU to join in on the fun too.

What started off as a small wager between the two has developed into a full out competition. While attending Commander/Senior Vice trainings held at Department Headquarters, Jerry and Ron happened to sit next to one another. As they got to talking, they realized they both were from the Godfrey area. At the end of the day, the two exchanged business cards. Not too long after their meeting, Jerry decided to call Ron up and wish him luck in the new membership year. As the telephone conversation went on, they started talking about their respective districts and by the end of the call, they had struck a side bet of their own. Reflecting back on this simple phone call, Senior Vice Commander Howard says “it was like this was all meant to be!” This friendly camaraderie has continued throughout the weeks with emails and phone calls between both districts. 13th District Commander Lee Gibbs jokingly told the two that they’d “lost their minds.”

Ron and Jerry both hope to inspire their fellow Legionnaires at the Division, District AND Post levels to change things up. We depend on membership to keep this organization alive. Now more than ever is the time to push the envelope and do what we can to retain the members we have and to bring new ones in. As of now, these two districts are going head to head for NUMBER ONE in membership by the end of the 2023 card year. What’s the price, you may ask? Jerry Howard and Lee Gibbs have spearheaded a new fundraising effort in the 2nd Division (with the help of The Great American Popcorn Company). So naturally, Jerry decided that if Ron won the bet, he’d gift him all 6 flavors of popcorn they’re selling. In return, Ron decided that if Jerry won, he’d provide a gift card to one of his favored local restaurants. Seems a little too nice, right? Don’t be disappointed just yet because that’s not all! These gentlemen have decided to up the ante.

Whoever loses this bet will not only have to provide the agreed upon goods, but they will ALSO receive a pie in the face at the 2023 American Legion Department of Illinois Convention. Yup, you read that right. We’ll provide the details of where you can catch “the show” that week. You’re not going to want to miss this one, so **STAY TUNED!!**

If you take away one lesson from this challenge, we hope that it is the objective of fellowship. We cannot do this alone. We need to work together; we need to build each other up and inspire one another and to challenge each other. Nothing changes unless we do. “This thing has taken a life of it’s own!” Commander Swaim exclaimed during a recent phone call. And it truly has. Just as Department Commander Lomac A. Payton’s slogan says, we are **STRONGER TOGETHER.**

VETERANS CORNER

Submitted by Jerry Vogler

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY IN BLOOMINGTON

The Veterans Corner “teased” the Veterans Day Ceremony for Friday, November 11, 2022 on the east side of the McLean County Museum of History in the column on October 3, 2022. The ceremony will commence at 11 minutes to 11:00 a.m. with the firing of a rifle each minute until 11:00 a.m. . This rifle firing is the traditional opening of the ceremony and honors the official ending of World War I “The war to end all wars”, (Armistice Day November 11, 1918). The ceremony includes an opening and welcome, Military Prayer, guest speaker, a three-volley rifle salute, taps and the bagpiper playing “Amazing Grace” with the traditional “Walk Off” stanza. Come out and show your respect and appreciation of our Veterans at this special event!

VA ACCELERATES STAFFING JOBS

The VA will hold Events in November to rush new employees into place and fill vacant posts faster as the agency works to hire 50,000 workers annually to keep up with the demands and trends affecting Veterans’ Health Care. Medical Technologist, Information Technology workers and many other jobs with special skill sets are badly needed at the VA Health Care facilities, including in Central Illinois. Visit <https://www.va.gov/jobs> and select Department of Veteran Affairs – Open Health Care Positions for more information and the application process.

CONFUSED ABOUT CAMP LEJEUNE LEGISLATION?

The messaging around the Camp Lejeune legislation and the PACT Act is confusing, and a lot of misinformation. Did you know the \$21 billion set aside for Camp Lejeune victims is only the start? THERE IS NO CAP ON THE AMOUNT THE GOVERNMENT WILL PAY OUT. Plus, even those rejected by the VA for a service-connected disability compensation claim are eligible. These revelations come from military.com, which further states that the \$21 billion fund is an estimate only and is expected to come from something called the “judgment fund”, a replenishing fund used to provide compensation in lawsuits against the government. Further, according to military.com you can sue for a deceased loved one, regardless of their cause of death. Under the recently passed PACT Act, you can file a lawsuit on their behalf, even though their death was not caused by the condition linked to their exposure. Additionally, even if the Veteran has been rejected on a VA claim for a medical condition allegedly from the exposure, can still file a lawsuit under the PACT Act. A lawsuit can be filed by anyone who resided, worked or was otherwise exposed (including In utero) for at least 30 days between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987 and got sick from the water – regardless of whether they previously received or were denied benefits with the VA. There are plenty of advertisements playing on TV, radio and in published journals about either filing a lawsuit through your own attorney or joining a class action lawsuit. No final rule has been made public as to how a private lawsuit award might affect an approved service-connected disability compensation award. Stay tuned!

VA HOME CARE AIDE PROGRAM

VA Home Care Aide Program pays for 10-20 hours of home care per week for Veterans of all ages who need non-medical care/assistance help to stay independent at home or in their room at an ALF/ILF (Assisted Living / Independent Living Facility). E.g., bathing, grooming, transportation, meal preparation, etc. . The home care aide providing the care to the Veteran, must work for an organization that has a contract with VA. The Veteran always gets to choose their caregiver – which means they have the option to choose a relative/friend to be their caregiver – if the organization is willing to hire and train them. The VA approved partner, Care Planning Institute will hire and appropriately train a family member/friend as the caregiver. The caregiver must pass a background/drug check and meet certain eligibility requirements determined by the Department of Public Health. Visit <https://www.careplanninginstitute.org/webinar> for more details or call 1-949-608-0042. Mark Dunning at Care Planning Institute 7545 Irvine Center Drive, Suite 200 Irvine, CA. 92618.



Please join us for

Our First Veterans Homecoming

November 12th 2022

Flag raising ceremony at 8:00 AM followed by breakfast, entertainment and raffles.

Hors D'oeuvres and dinner 4:00 to 6:00. All free for Veterans. Spouses to pay \$10 for both breakfast and dinner.

We want to express our gratitude for all you have done to secure our freedom.

Please come and enjoy a day especially for you!!!

Gene Thompson Memorial American Legion Post 235
571 Rutland St Marseilles Il 61341

2023 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

January 13 - 22, 2023

MEMBERSHIP CARAVAN SCHEDULE

JANUARY	Div#	Dist#	Post #	CITY	MEAL
JANUARY 13	3	15	381	ABINGDON	BREAKFAST 8:30 AM
JANUARY 13	3	14	227	EAST MOLINE	LUNCH 11:30 AM
JANUARY 13	2	13	193	GALENA	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 14	2	12	337	GENOA	LUNCH 11:30 AM
JANUARY 14	2	10	771	GURNEE	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 15	1	9	36	DES PLAINES	BREAKFAST 8:30 AM
JANUARY 15	1	5	687	STICKNEY	HORS D'OEUVRES (TBD)
JANUARY 15	1	2	923	CHICAGO	HORS D'OEUVRES (TBD)
JANUARY 15	2	11	80	DOWNERS GROVE	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 16	4	18	51	WESTVILLE	LUNCH 11:30 AM
JANUARY 16	4	19	55	FARMER CITY	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 17	CARAVAN DAY OFF ★		CARAVAN DAY OFF ★		CARAVAN DAY OFF
JANUARY 18	5	23	1168	EDGEWOOD	LUNCH 11:30 AM
JANUARY 18	5	24	306	METROPOLIS	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 19	5	25	147	MARION	LUNCH 11:30 AM
JANUARY 19	5	22	199	EDWARDSVILLE	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 20	3	20	1083	KAMPSVILLE	LUNCH 11:30 AM
JANUARY 20	4	21	386	VIRDEN	DINNER 6:00 PM
JANUARY 21	3	16	979	BARTONVILLE	LUNCH 11:30 AM
JANUARY 21	4	17	1115	SPRING BAY	DINNER 6:00 PM



National Vice Commander, Ken Hylton
will be our special guest during the 2023
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!

2022—2023 DIVISION & DISTRICT MEETING DATES

DATE	DIST. / DIV.	TIME	POST	CITY
11/02/2022	1ST DIVISION	7:30 PM	FRANKLIN PARK POST 974 (DEC @ 7:00)	FRANKLIN PARK
11/05/2022	19TH DISTRICT	7:30 AM	CARAVAN STOP—CHAMPAIGN POST 24	CHAMPAIGN
11/06/2022	19TH DISTRICT	7:30 AM	CARAVAN STOP—DELAND POST 102	DELAND
11/18/2022	10TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	GURNEE POST 771	GURNEE
11/19/2022	13TH DISTRICT	TBD	STERLING POST 296	STERLING
12/02/2022	19TH DISTRICT	10:00 AM	REVITALIZATION @ NEOGA POST 458	NEOGA
12/03/2022	1ST DIVISION	TBD	OPERATION CANES-OPSEC @ POST 626	HILLSIDE
12/03/2022	19TH DISTRICT	10:00 AM	REVITALIZATION @ NEOGA POST 458	NEOGA
01/08/2023	5TH DIVISION	1:00 PM	MARION POST 147	MARION
01/15/2023	23RD DISTRICT	1:00 PM	TEUTOPOLIS POST 924	TEUTOPOLIS
01/18/2023	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	MORTON GROVE POST 134	MORTON GROVE
01/22/2023	22ND DISTRICT	1:00 PM	DUPO POST 485	DUPO
01/22/2023	25TH DISTRICT	TBD	THE HAVEN	CARBONDALE
01/29/2023	10TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	WAUCONDA POST 911	WAUCONDA
02/01/2023	1ST DIVISION	7:30 PM	MORTON GROVE POST 134 (DEC @7:00)	MORTON GROVE
02/15/2023	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	EVANSTON POST 42	EVANSTON
02/18/2023	14TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	EAST MOLINE POST 227	EAST MOLINE
02/25/2023	13TH DISTRICT	TBD	LANARK POST 357	LANARK
03/05/2023	15TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	IPAVAL POST 17	IPAVAL
03/05/2023	16TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	GLASFORD POST 35	GLASFORD



85th HAVEN JAMBOREE

Sponsored by the:

EGYPTIAN PAST COMMANDERS AND PAST PRESIDENTS CLUBS

November 18-20, 2022

The E.P.C.C. has as its main responsibility, the support and maintenance of THE HAVEN, located on beautiful Crab Orchard Lake, Route #13, Carbondale, Illinois. This is an important phase of the rehabilitation work in the 5th Division. Our main sources of income are: Donations, Annual Dues, Annual Post Per Capita Assessment, Annual Jamboree Raffle, Special Projects, and Poppy Money.

JAMBOREE RAFFLE AND DONATIONS

The operation of THE HAVEN is no small undertaking. With your help, the E.P.C.C. has been able to maintain THE HAVEN since 1950. Participation in the Annual Jamboree Raffle will help support THE HAVEN for another year. Please assist by purchasing or selling the enclosed raffle tickets. We will gladly mail extra tickets! Please mail stubs and money to:

William J. Flanagan, Secretary/Treasurer, 409 East Oak Street, New Baden, IL 62265.

If not mailed by 11/11/2022, please bring them with you.

JAMBOREE HOUSING FOR 2022

We will again enjoy the accommodations at the Country Inn and Suites, 1306 Halfway Road, Marion, IL, 62959. Please make your own reservations by calling 1-618-997-2444. Be sure to mention The American Legion block of rooms coded HAVEN JAMBOREE for the weekend of **11/18 through 11/20/2022**. Your reservations must be received by **October 31, 2022**. The rate for the rooms will be \$95.00 plus tax for queen/king; \$105 plus tax for king studio or suite.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

1:00 P.M. Tour of the Marion Veterans Administration Medical Center. (possible limit in attendees)

5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Steak Fry at the Haven. COST \$20.00 per person. Due to large turnout for the steak fry, we appreciate your patience and consideration in seating and serving.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

11:00 A. M. - Sons of The American Legion 5th Division meeting at The Haven

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. Open House at The Haven

5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. Cocktail Hour (Courtesy 5th Div. Am. Leg.) Country Inn & Suites

7:00 P.M. **Buffet Style Banquet at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1601 W. White St., Marion.** The Menu will be: Pork Loin, Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Caesar Salad, Vegetable Medley, rolls w/butter, dessert (cheesecake), coffee, tea, water. Directions to the Knights of Columbus Hall will be available at hotel. Cost: \$30.00 a person. Cash bar available.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00 A.M. Egyptian Past Presidents Club, Meeting, Country Inn and Suites
10:00 A.M. Annual Meeting of the Egyptian Past Commanders Club at The Haven

MAKE ONE CHECK FOR PAST COMMANDERS DUES, STEAK FRY, BANQUET AND RAFFLE TICKETS PAYABLE TO: THE EGYPTIAN PAST COMMANDERS CLUB

CHECKS FOR PAST PRESIDENTS DUES PAYBLE TO: EGYPTIAN PAST PRESIDENTS CLUB

PAST PRESIDENTS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Dues are \$5.00 per year.
Detach and mail to: Judy Zimmerman
5531 Oak Street, Highland, IL

Name _____

Dist. _____ Unit _____

Address: _____

PAST COMMANDERS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Dues are \$5.00 per year.
Detach & mail to William Flanagan 409 E. Oak,
New Baden, IL 62265

Name _____

Dist _____ Post _____ Squadron _____

Address: _____

STEAK FRY RESERVATIONS Friday evening, November 18, 5-8 P.M. Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$20 per person). Reservations due 11/11/2022

Detach and mail to: William Flanagan
409 E. Oak, New Baden, IL 62265

Steak _____

Name _____

BANQUET RESERVATION FORM – Knights of Columbus Hall, Marion

Reservations due 11/11/2022 for Buffet Banquet. Detach and mail to William Flanagan
409 E. Oak, New Baden, IL 62265

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$30 per person) for E.P.C.C. Banquet, **Saturday, 11/19/2022.**
Tickets may be picked up at door. Please include all names for reservations.

_Name(s)_____

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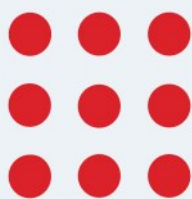
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