



The Insider

American Legion Department of Illinois News

MARCH 2023



Lomac Payton



Hello to all:

I hope everyone is doing well. Mother Nature has been wonderful this year for February. It's hard to believe the weather this time of year in the Midwest. Let's hope it will continue until Spring! The Lincoln Pilgrimage was great; the weather was beautiful and in the low 40's all weekend. There were Department Commanders from 8 states that attended the Lincoln Pilgrimage. We were privileged to have National Vice Commander Patricia Harris representing the National Commander.

On February 24-25, the Oratorical Contest was held in Springfield, Illinois. All the contestants were great and well prepared. Just around the corner is the Department Auxiliary's Patriotic Conference, which will be held in Springfield on March 17. Let's hope the weather will be nice that weekend, especially for everyone that will be traveling to Springfield for the conference. We are also looking forward to visiting the Harry S. Truman Pilgrimage in Independence, MO.

To all District, Division and Post Commanders, as well as members, we need to make that final push on membership to achieve 100% by Department's 2023 Close of Books. We can achieve this by rolling up our sleeves and contacting members. Make phone calls to those who have not paid their dues yet! The Department Senior Vice Commander cannot do this by himself; we need to rally with him and help wherever we can to achieve our goal of 100%. May GOD bless, and let's keep each other in our prayers.

Your Department Commander, Lomac A. Payton



Delmar Buske



To Our American Legion Family—

Though February may be the shortest month of the year, it sure has seemed to last the longest! I don't know if it's because of the weather or if we haven't done as much as usual, but I can say that what we have done has been very productive. Lincoln Pilgrimage was very busy this year with more people coming. With Covid bringing everything to a halt a few years ago, it is a relief to say that attendance has been increasing each year since. Springfield Post 32 does a very good job hosting the Pilgrimage and it is amazing how many different states come to it!

The Oratorical Contest was very good this year. While we didn't have as many contestants as in previous years, the ones we did have were very impressive. It seems like they get better each year! I have been to this event every year for as long as I can remember and I look forward to continuing to attend.

Our membership could still use a little boost. A lot of posts only need one or two more members to reach their 100% goal. Let's get out there and work on bringing those last few unpaid members back in.

Until next month.....



Janet Bacon



Hello Legion Family,

We had the perfect day for the 89th Lincoln Pilgrimage. The sun was shining and it was not too cold and there was not any snow or ice. Our National Guests were able to meet and greet many of our Legion Family members that were in attendance. The speeches that were given were excellent. Thank you goes out to Post #32 for hosting this event.

Friday, March 17th is Patriotic Conference held in Springfield at the Abraham Lincoln/Double Tree Hotel. We have several great speakers lined up. Following lunch, our National President, Vickie Koutz will speak and highlight her special project.

Following Patriotic Conference will be our Spring Board meeting. This meeting is open to any member of our Legion Family. We will find out who the winner is of our Membership Challenge that was made in August at the Fall Board meeting. No matter how it turns out we are all winners.

Please keep working on membership. Our members are the key to keeping our organizations strong and prosperous for future generations.

For God and Country
Janet Bacon, Department President



Kevin O'Connell



Greetings from the Detachment of Illinois,

Greetings from the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Illinois,

On February 22nd I attended the American Legion 9th District Americanism Program held at Franklin Park Post 974. The Americanism Program is a big part, and should be for the American Legion Family. In today's world, our schools have stopped doing the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of class. Our Veterans are seldom asked to speak in the schools on their military experience and the history they were a part of. The question is, how will our children learn about patriotism, and understand the sacrifices our Soldiers endured so they can enjoy the freedoms they enjoy today. Freedom isn't free, it's paid for by brave military members over the last several hundred years. As they say...All Gave Some, Some Gave All. We must never forget and we must instill into our children what freedom means, and what a great Nation we live in.

I attended the Washington Conference and was honored to attend the wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Sons of the American Legion National Commander Christopher Carlton. Following that ceremony, the Sons of the American Legion traveled to the Vietnam wall where another ceremony was conducted and wreaths were laid by different State and National Members. We then traveled to the World War Two Memorial for another ceremony. I was honored to place a wreath at the Illinois Pillar.

Our membership numbers continue to grow. Currently we are listed as 20th in the Nation at 85.58% , and we are 4th in the Central Region. With just a few points we would jump 10 spots. Our Division and District Officers are reaching out to the Squadrons assisting them on getting those numbers. I can't tell you how proud I am for all they are doing. Membership for the American Legion Family means a lot. The Proof I just witnessed in Washington D.C. where delegates of State and National American Legion Family went to the Hill to discuss Veteran related issues with the Elected Officials. The American Legion Family has a voice in

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Washington DC, because of the professionalism and size of our organization.

My next stop will be attending the Illinois American Legion Auxiliary Patriotic Conference in Springfield where I'm sure I'll collect on the membership wager.....

For God and Country,
Kevin O'Connell



**ILLINOIS
PREMIER
BOYS STATE
REGISTRATION OPEN**

Register at illinoisboystate.org

MARCH

Mark
YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 1: WASHINGTON
CONFERENCE

MARCH 15: **HAPPY 104TH BIRTHDAY
TO THE AMERICAN LEGION!**
85% ALA TARGET DATE

MARCH 17-18: **ALA PATRIOTIC CONFERENCE**

MARCH 29: NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR
VETERANS DAY

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

**Top 10 District &
Division Rankings
As of 03/03/2023**

District Commander

13	Gibbs
22	Swaim
3	Fitch
21	Baumann
18	Morris
23	Nollman
8	Petersen
9	Florentino
19	Smith
15	Harkness

Division Commander

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

Do you have a Compliment, Recommendation, Question, or Complaint?

Illinois Veterans' Accountability Unit (VAU)

Let us Know!

If you are an Illinois Veteran or other Illinois resident who seeks services from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA); a resident of any Illinois Veterans' Home, a family member of a resident, a visitor of any Illinois Veterans' Home; a vendor and/or contractor of the IDVA; or staff of the IDVA, we want to hear from you.

This office welcomes feedback about the services being provided to the Veterans of Illinois. If you received exceptional service or have concerns about poor performance involving any member of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, please let us know.

Email us at

IDVA.accountability@illinois.gov

or Call our Toll-Free Helpline

1-855-660-7011

More information about the VAU can be found on the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs website

<https://www2.illinois.gov/veterans/Pages/default.aspx>

The VAU maintains the confidentiality of investigations, complainants, and witnesses to the maximum extent allowable, but must disclose complaints to the Office of the Executive Inspector General (OEIG).

You can obtain more information about the OEIG or file a complaint with the OEIG directly through its website at <https://oeig.illinois.gov/>.

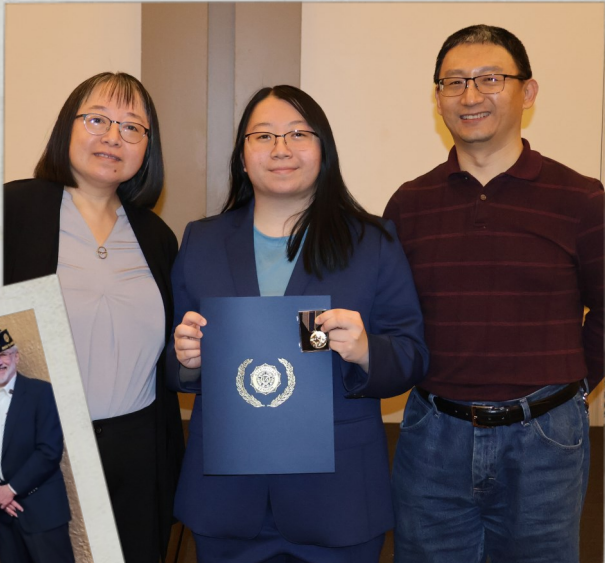


Illinois Department of
Veterans' Affairs

WHAT'S HAPPENING



The American Legion Department of Illinois Oratorical Contest Semi-Finalists on stage for a group photo at the competition held in Springfield on February 24.



2023 Department of Illinois Oratorical Contest Winner April Zhang with her parents. April will go on to represent the state of Illinois at the American Legion National Oratorical Competition Finals in Indianapolis .



Post Commander Tom Strossner, Sr Vice Steve Adams, Adjutant Herman Zelk and Past 1st Div 89th Dist Commander Ron White.

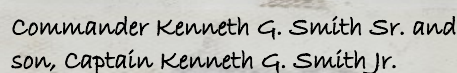
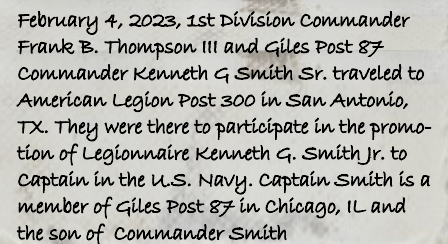
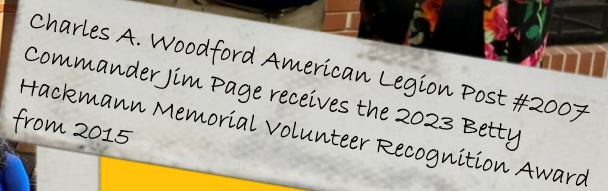
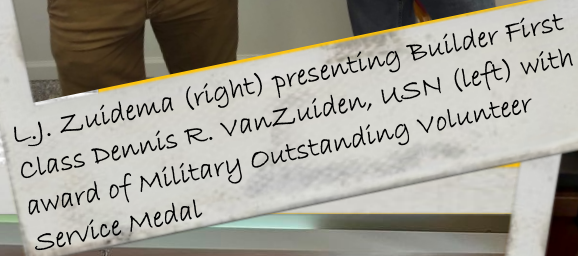


First Division Commander Frank Thompson III, 3rd District Commander Beverly Fitch, Auxiliary President Linda Shell, and SAL Commander Derrick Stinson at a Black History event recently hosted at Post 87.



Post 36 was presented a Community Enhancement by the 2023 Des Plaines Board President Rebecca Banks at the Mayor's Address To Business at the Des Plaines Theater.

A large group of students and staff are posing for a group photo in a hotel lobby. Many of the students are wearing medals around their necks and holding up small white cards. A banner in the background reads "award of Merit Service Medal". One student is lying on the floor in the foreground. The lobby has a patterned carpet and a red banner hanging from the ceiling.

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9TH ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY HAVEN RUN

(ALL VEHICLES WELCOME—2, 3
OR 4 WHEELS)

APRIL 29, 2023

START AT MARSHALL POST #90

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

Stops Include:

Robinson American Legion Post 69

Lawrenceville American Legion Post 28

Albion American Legion Post 590 (Lunch Stop)

Ridgeway American Legion Post 596

Carrier Mills American Legion Post 364

The Haven (BBQ & End of Run)

Cost to Participate: \$25/person

(to be paid the morning of the run or when you join the run at any stop)

Friday Night—Super 8 & Lincoln Suites hotels in Marshall (ROOM BLOCK UNAVAILABLE)

For those that wish to stay in Marion Saturday Night:

Rooms blocked at Country Inn & Suites, Marion, IL—(618)997-2444

(Make reservations by April 1st—Code: American Legion Haven Run 2023—\$98 plus tax)

YOU CAN JOIN THE RUN AT ANY STOP!

IF YOU WISH TO DONATE TOWARDS THE HAVEN, MEET US AT ANY STOP

CALL WAYNE MADSON WITH ANY QUESTIONS

(618)806-1408

madsonwsr@gmail.com

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE HAVEN



2023 State Convention Book Application for Ad placement

BUSINESS / ORGANIZATION: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

[Post use only] American Legion Post name: _____ Post No. _____

Slogan Choices: (three choices—choose one)

- ____ 1. We Are Proud To Be Part of
The American Legion Family
- ____ 2. Helping The American Legion
Help American's Veteran's
- ____ 3. We Proudly Stand Behind
The American Legion

Ad Choice: (please choose black & white or color)

- Medal of Honor (full page--7-1/2 x 10 in.)
- Silver Star (half page--7-1/2 x 5 in.)
- Bronze Star (quarter page--3-3/4 x 5 in.)
- Purple Heart (3-3/4 x 3-3/8 in. "Business card")
- Commander Salute (3-3/4 -1-11/16 in.)
- Flag Page (1-3/4 - 1 in.)

Black & White Ad

Color Ad

\$230.00 _____	\$250.00 _____
\$120.00 _____	\$125.00 _____
\$90.00 _____	\$95.00 _____
\$75.00 _____	\$80.00 _____
\$60.00 _____	\$65.00 _____
\$25.00 _____	\$25.00 _____

Method of Payment (please check one) All credit information will be kept confidential

____ Check (Make Check payable to: AMERICAN LEGION DEPT. OF IL)

Send Check to: American Legion, Dept. of IL 2720 E. Lincoln St. Bloomington, IL 61704

____ Credit Card _____

EXP Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Security Code #: ____

Card type: / MC / Visa / AmEx / Disc

2022—2023 DIVISION & DISTRICT MEETING DATES

DATE	DIST. / DIV.	TIME	POST	CITY
03/05/2023	15TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	IPAVA POST 17	IPAVA
03/05/2023	16TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	GLASFORD POST 35	GLASFORD
03/11/2023	5TH DIVISION	1:00 PM	COLUMBIA POST 581	COLUMBIA
03/12/2023	3RD DIVISION	1:00 PM	PEORIA POST 2	PEORIA
03/12/2023	18TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	DANVILLE POST 210	DANVILLE
03/12/2023	19TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	DECATUR POST 105 / LUNCH @ 11:30	DECATUR
03/12/2023	21ST DISTRICT	1:00 PM	PALMYRA POST 1034	PALMYRA
03/15/2023	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	JOSEPH M. SESTERHENN POST 166 @ MORTON GROVE POST 134	MORTON GROVE
03/17/2023	10TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	ROUND LAKE POST 1111	ROUND LAKE PARK
03/19/2023	23RD DISTRICT	1:00 PM	LOCATION TBD	TBD
04/02/2023	22ND DISTRICT	1:00 PM	NASHVILLE POST 110	NASHVILLE
04/02/2023	25TH DISTRICT	TBD	CHESTER POST 487	CHESTER
04/05/2023	1ST DIVISION	7:30 PM	TATTLER POST 973 (DEC @ 7:00	CHICAGO
04/19/2023	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	EVANSTON POST 42	EVANSTON

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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

Please submit any changes or updates to previous submissions to Shandi Green as soon as possible.

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

HOMECOMING

DETACHMENT COMMANDER

KEVIN O'CONNELL

SATURDAY APRIL 1, 2023

TINLEY PARK AMERICAN LEGION POST #615
17423 67TH COURT, TINLY PARK, IL

COCKTAILS: 6-7 PM

DINNER: 7-8 PM

PROGRAM: 8 PM

MUSIC: 8:30-11:30 PM

CATERED BY RICH'S PIZZA JOINT
ITALIAN BEEF, BAKED CHICKEN, PASTA

DISCOUNTED HOTEL RATES

HOLIDAY INN TINLEY PARK
18320 NORTH CREEK DRIVE
P: (708) 840-4300

CODE: SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

HOTEL RESERVATION CUTOFF: MARCH 1
DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF: MARCH 25



TICKETS: \$35 PER PERSON

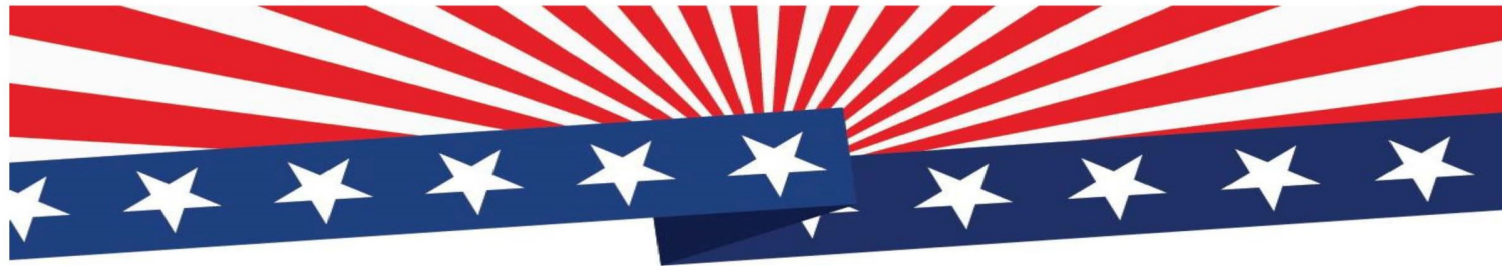
PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 25

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TAMMY GIRTEN
SEND THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:
6879 COMO COURT, TINLEY PARK, IL 60477

NAME: _____ POST: _____

NUMBER OF GUESTS: _____ AMT ENCLOSED: _____





The Illinois American Legion Second Division is Proud to Host

Armed Forces Day Dinner

Saturday, May 20, 2023

*To be held at the Lockport American Legion Post 18
15052 S. Archer Ave, Lockport, Illinois
One mile south of I355 on Archer Ave.*

Key Note Speaker:

*National Commander
Vincent J. (Jim) Troiola*

*Social Hour Starts at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm \$35.00 per person
Dinner will be a buffet with 3 entree choices, and multiple sides.*

Reservation

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Post #: _____ District #: _____

Amount enclosed: \$_____ Table of 8: Yes or NO

Please provide names on reverse side if a table of 8

Make checks payable to: American Legion 2nd Division

Mail to: Tom Lynch, 5808 S Washington St, Hinsdale, IL 60521

Questions, call or email Tom Lynch (708) 473-1317 or smoketcjl@yahoo.com

RSVP by May 5, 2023





American Legion Department of Illinois, Office of VA&R

Veterans Benefits and Resources from Other Federal Agencies :

The below is a brief list of Federal Agency that may be helpful to veterans and their family.

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: Provides financial education, monitors complaints and coordinates with other Federal and state agencies on military consumer protection measures.

Department of Agriculture: The U.S. Department of Agriculture provides many opportunities to Veterans in the areas of employment, education, and entrepreneurship. In addition to the nations ongoing need for farmers and those interested in agriculture, the USDA affords many Veterans the opportunity to start their own businesses through grants and financing opportunities.

Department of Defense: The Office of Warrior Care Policy supports wounded, ill, and injured Service members recover and reintegrate or transition to civilian life through education and employment initiatives, internships, military adaptive sports, recovery service coordination, and homeless prevention programs.

Department of Education: Service members, Veterans, and their dependents receive guidance and in some cases education benefits, loans, loan forgiveness, grants, and information about college accreditation.

Department of Energy: Provides training programs and partnerships for Veterans interested in working with the Department of Energy or in a career in the energy industry.

Department of Justice: Provides legal information, resources, and enforcement of federal employment, voting rights, and financial related housing laws. Their Elder Justice initiative combats elder abuse, neglect, and financial fraud.

Department of Labor: Provides Service members, Veterans, and their spouses with employment resources and expertise, such as preparing for meaningful careers and with protecting their employment rights.

Federal Communications Commission: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) provides important information to Veterans to help in protecting their hard-earned benefits. Like many other Americans, Veterans are victimized

by the scourge of Robo Calls and spoofing scams, and the FCC provides ways to avoid being victimized.

Federal Trade Commission: Supports Service members and Veterans with education and resources against unlawful and deceptive practices, scams and imposters, and tracks consumer complaints.

Health and Human Services: The Office of Child Support Enforcement, in the Department of Health and Human Services, provides resources in assisting Veterans and military families with child support issues.

Housing and Urban Development: Coordinates with Federal agencies and organizations that provide Veteran-related housing programs and services including helping homeless Veterans find permanent housing.

Internal Revenue Service: Provides tax information on special credits, deductions, exclusions, and rules, as well as how to manage Federal taxes, to Service members and Veterans.

Office of Personnel Management: Provides Federal employment and retirement information, an employment fair and workshop event calendar, and employment related links and resources.

Small Business Administration: Provides training, mentoring, business preparation, government contracting information, and other small business resources for transitioning Service members and Veterans.

Social Security Administration: The Social Security Administration may expedite the processing of claims for wounded warriors or Veterans who are receiving disability compensation.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provides information to engage and educate non-US citizen veterans and increase their awareness of naturalization options. If you are a service member or veteran of the U.S. military, you may be eligible to apply for naturalization under special provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

U.S. Postal Inspection Service: The U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) is the oldest federal law enforcement agency with the mission of protecting and educating Americans, including our nation's veterans from scams specifically targeting them.

Note: Federal Departments may change the narrative of their veteran programs. Ensure when calling that one asks to be connected to right person handling veterans.

AMERICAN LEGION SEMI-ANNUAL LUNCHEON Chadwick & Milledgeville

APRIL 15, 2023

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM @ Milledgeville Fire Station

Lunch includes: Pork chop sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, cookies & water.

FREE WILL OFFERING

Proceeds benefit American Legion Programs, including Boys & Girls State

Carry outs-Limited seating available

For deliveries in Chadwick or Milledgeville only

Call 815-225-7643

VETERANS CORNER

*Submitted by
Jerry Vogler*

VA INCREASES MAXIMUM LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT

As of March 1, 2023, the VA increased the maximum amount of life insurance coverage available to Veterans and service members from \$400,000 to \$500,000 for Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) and Service members Group Life Insurance (SGLI). Veterans under age 60 and currently enrolled in VGLI will be able to purchase additional coverage in \$25,000 increments up to \$500,000. All active duty, guard, and reserve service members eligible for SGLI will automatically receive the increased coverage March 1. VA currently serves nearly 6 million Veterans, service members, and their families with more than \$1.2 trillion of insurance. Life insurance options include SGLI, which eligible service members are automatically signed up for while serving; VGLI which Veterans can transition to from SGLI or apply for within one year and 120 days of leaving the service; VA Life, a new option that provides up to \$40,000 of whole life insurance for Veterans age 80 and under, with service-connected disabilities rate from 0 – 100%. The VA has a total of six different Life Insurance plan options including Family Service member's Group Life Insurance (FSGLI) and Traumatic Injury Protection (TSGLI). Visit <https://www.va.gov/life-insurance/options-eligibility/> for details of each plan.

VA PTSD TREATMENT DECISION AID

The VA has several different treatment options for Veterans who are suffering symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). One size does not fit all cases of PTSD and most Veterans are not aware of the options available to them to match their particular needs for treatment and care. To facilitate the selection of the best protocol for treatment, the VA has developed a PTSD Treatment Decision Aid which will provide information about options for the Veteran to learn more about PTSD and how the selection of the right option for treatment can aid the Veteran. The website compares the effective PTSD treatment options and helps answer the questions of What the Veteran wants in a treatment; a treatment comparison chart and helps the Veteran identify their treatment preferences. Coordination with the VA Health Care primary provider and VA Mental Health providers are available to help the Veteran decide what PTSD treatment fits best the needs of the Veteran. Visit <https://www.ptsd.va.gov/apps/decisionaid/compare.aspx> for more information and direct access to the decision-making tool.

BSA Patches Available at the 2023 US Grant Pilgrimage



Pictured to the left are the BSA patches available at the 2023 US Grant Pilgrimage which honors the Medal of Honor. Fickholm—Hissem American Legion Post 193 has been heavily involved in bringing this event to fruition, starting with their story about Sgt. Henry H. Taylor, our Civil War Hero and recipient of the medal.

On Saturday, April 29, 2023 there will be the dedication of the new bronze bust of Civil War Hero, Sgt. Henry H. Taylor, Recipient of the Medal of Honor. Sgt. Taylor was born and raised in the Galena area, Jo Daviess County, Illinois. The memorial will be coordinated with the 2023 US Grant Pilgrimage, Blackhawk Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. The community is invited to the event and brief ceremony. The Fickbohm-Hissem Post 193, The American Legion Department of Illinois is the coordinating Post for the event.

Jerry Howard, Commander, may be contacted at 815-990-4641 or jerryhow2014@gmail.com to answer questions.

From the Membership Desk

The year is flying by we are already in March. At this point we are a bit ahead of last year but not where we really need to be.

Membership as of Wednesday March 1st was at 55,021. That means we need just about 28 cards per post to make us a 100% Department.

We can do this but it will take a lot of work on our part. We know that these renewals are the hardest to get but I believe we can get there by Armed Forces Week: May 15th-21st.

If your post or District needs help, reach out and let us know what we can do to help get you where you need to be.

Lets get to the head of the pack and where Illinois should be: *in the front leading the way.*

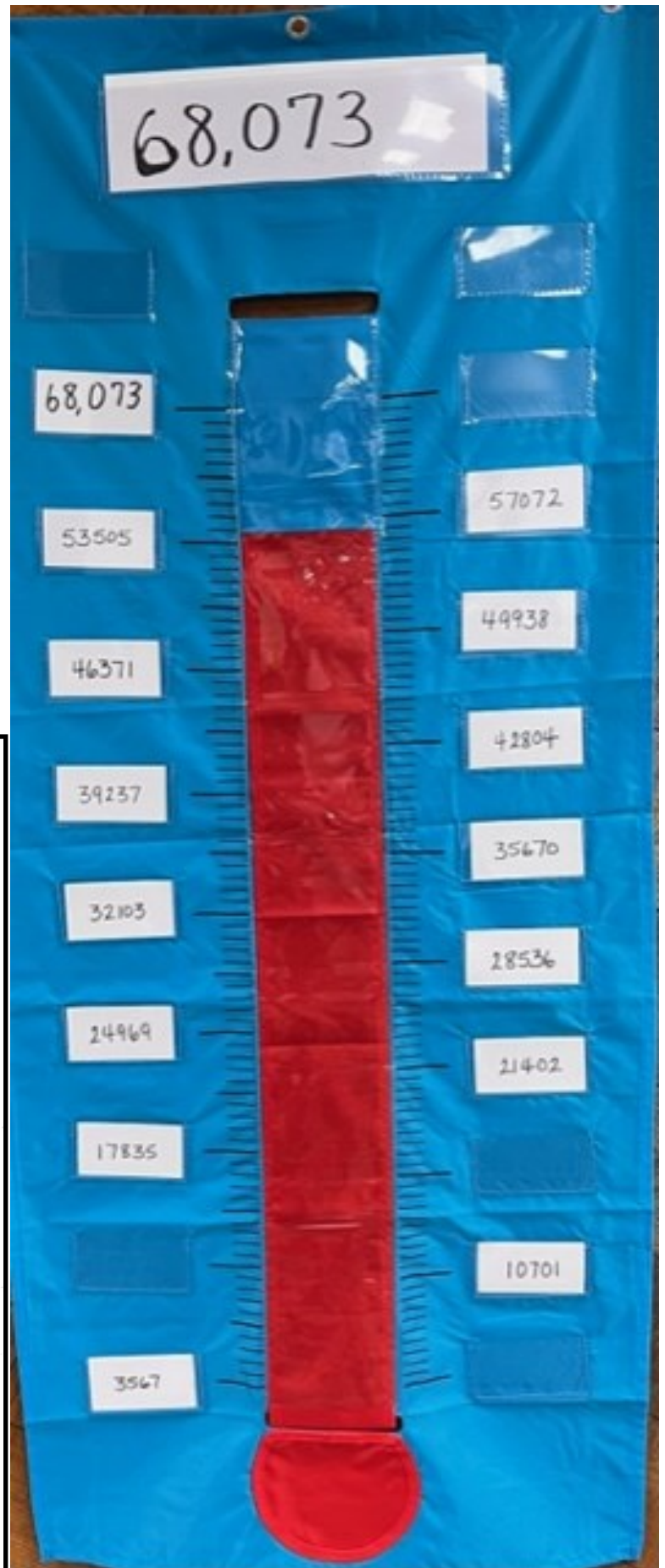
Lets show them how to do it.

Jim Talaska, Membership Director

American Legion Sweepstakes Drawing February 12, 2023

	AMOUNT WON	WINNER	City / State	ID #	Group
1st Place	\$ 10,000.00	David R. Schreiber	Chicago, IL	101206363	Legion
2nd Place	\$ 5,000.00	Leon N. Witek	Chicago, IL	204187658	Legion
3rd Place	\$ 2,500.00	Rebecca Vyncke	East Moline, IL	121926662	Auxiliary
4th Place	\$ 1,500.00	Robert J. Pankau	Effingham, IL	101268381	Legion
5th Place	\$ 1,000.00	Glenn A. Cekus	Chicago Ridge, IL	201311988	Legion
6th Place	\$ 1,000.00	Gary W. Powell	Colchester, IL	101290031	Legion
7th Place	\$ 750.00	Aaron E. Oclaire	Chicago, IL	204023763	Legion
8th Place	\$ 750.00	Gladys R. Novotny	Elmhurst, IL	301425969	Auxiliary
9th Place	\$ 500.00	John W. Cowman	Maquon, IL	203398503	Legion
10th Place	\$ 500.00	Cindy L. Tate	Salem, IL	205228026	Legion
11th Place	\$ 250.00	Dave M. Copeland	Springfield, IL	202044069	Legion
12th Place	\$ 250.00	Dennis F. Craig	O'Fallon, IL	101286239	Legion
13th Place	\$ 100.00	Thomas R. Proffit	Wilmington, IL	204165096	Legion
14th Place	\$ 100.00	Harold R. Shipman	Robinson, IL	352040171	Legion
15th Place	\$ 100.00	William Marquardt	Peoria, IL	204264416	Legion
16th Place	\$ 100.00	Edward Moore	Chicago, IL	204027257	Legion
17th Place	\$ 100.00	Alberta Pettis (Peaches)	Springfield, IL	300621849	Auxiliary
18th Place	\$ 100.00	Gregory M. Harris	Berwyn, IL	200938809	Legion
19th Place	\$ 100.00	Stephen B. Denniston	Rockford, IL	201499477	Legion
20th Place	\$ 100.00	David R. Marriott, Jr	Saint Joseph, IL	204722704	Legion
21st Place	\$ 100.00	James W. Kessler	Joliet, IL	101190251	Legion
22nd Place	\$ 100.00	Lawrence Grabowski	Centralia, IL	204775995	Legion

Total \$ 25,000.00



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The American Legion was founded in 1919, along with.....

1. The Versailles Peace Conference, creating a League of Nations
2. The first "all metal plane" by German designer Hugo Junkers
3. United Artists is founded by D.W. Griffith, Charles Chaplin, Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks
4. The 18th Amendment, prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages in the United States.
5. The debut of the first dial telephones
6. Hilton Hotel Corporation
7. KLM Airlines
8. General Motors
9. Bentley Motorcars
10. Lafayette National Park—the first national park east of the Mississippi. It was renamed Acadia National Park in 1929.

March interesting facts submitted by Doug Haberkamp