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In Flanders Fields

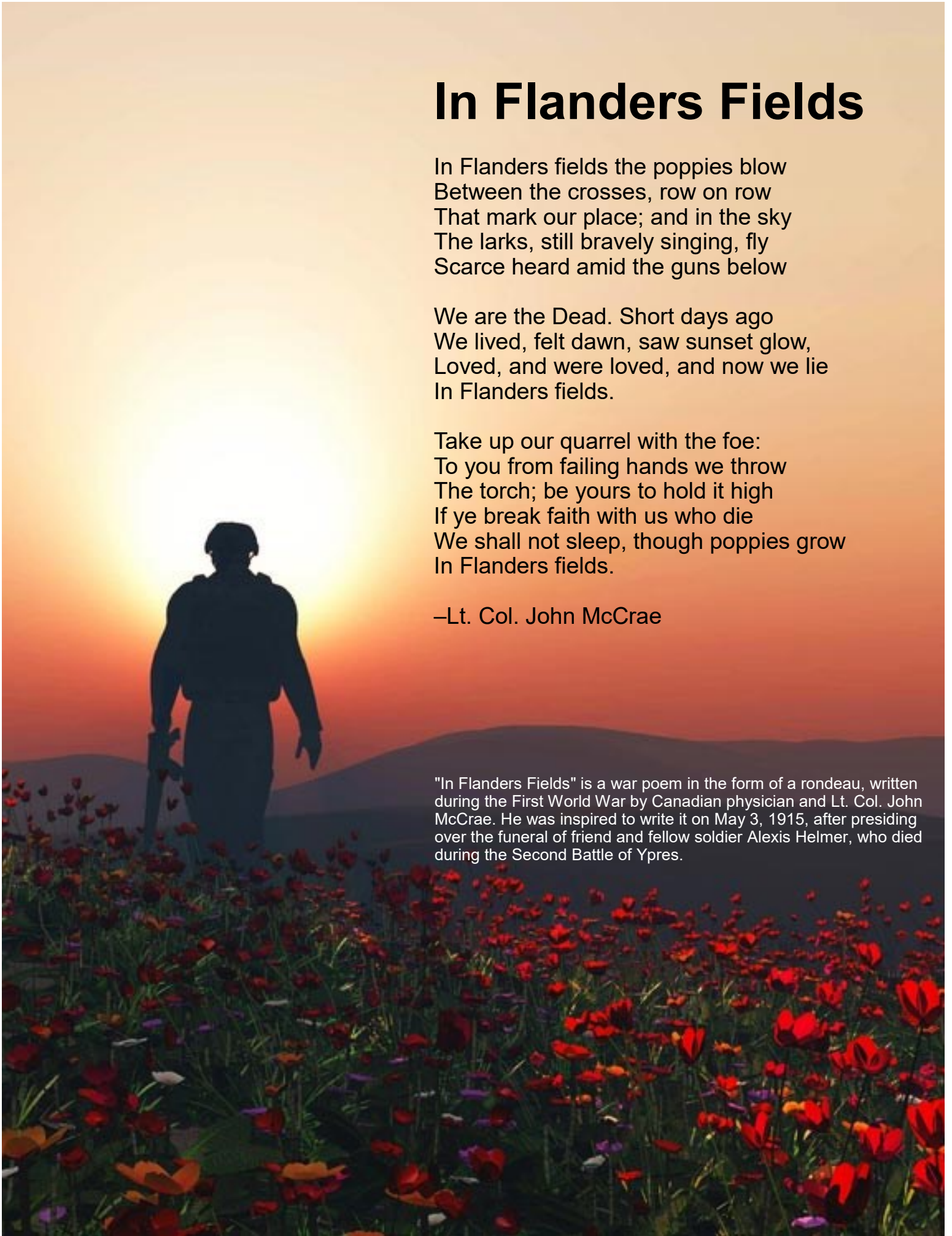
In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

—Lt. Col. John McCrae

"In Flanders Fields" is a war poem in the form of a rondeau, written during the First World War by Canadian physician and Lt. Col. John McCrae. He was inspired to write it on May 3, 1915, after presiding over the funeral of friend and fellow soldier Alexis Helmer, who died during the Second Battle of Ypres.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 6-9: **SPRING MEETINGS (INDY)**

MAY 14-18: **ARMED FORCES WEEK**

MAY 18: **ARMED FORCES DAY DINNER
(1ST DIVISION)**

MAY 27: **MEMORIAL DAY
(OFFICE CLOSED)**

JUNE 8-14: **PREMIER BOYS STATE
(EIU—CHARLESTON, IL)**

JUNE 12-22: **ILLINI GIRLS STATE**

JUNE 23-28: **YOUTH POLICE SCHOOL
(SPRINGFIELD, IL)**

JULY 4: **HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!
(OFFICE CLOSED)**

JULY 10-14: **THE AMERICAN LEGION &
AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

JULY 12-14: **SONS OF THE AMERICAN
LEGION DETACHMENT OF
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT
CONVENTION**

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American Legion Department of Illinois, Office of VA&R

We have had TREMENDOUS success with our meetings at Headquarters. We will continue to be available every third Wednesday, 0900 until 1400. Veterans and/or their family member will sign in upon arrival. Please remember we are now taking walk-ins AND appointments. Walk in meetings will be from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM; and 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM will be for appointments only. For those that plan to visit us we ask for your patience as we continue making adjustments to this new amenity. All questions should be directed to 312-980-4266.

It is suggested that you bring the following information with you to help expedite the process.

1. DD-214 and/or activation document
2. A list of your currently diagnosed conditions related to your military service.
3. If there are any relevant records or documents, you may bring them with you, but do not bring in boxes.



Department
Commander,

**DELMAR
BUSKE**

Greetings to our
American Legion
Family members!

It seems like the closer we get to convention, the faster time flies by. It is going to be nice to see everyone at the convention. Now is the time to be making your arrangements to be there.

The Illinois General Assembly has proclaimed March 29th as Vietnam Veterans Day. It was an honor for me to speak at the Danville V.A. on that day to about twenty five Vietnam Veterans. What a wonderful way to spend the day.

Been trying to go to all of Pam Ray's fundraisers. As a Legion Family member, it is nice to help Pam out on her quest to become National President in a couple years.

Had our Department Executive Committee meeting in Normal this past weekend. We talked about the convention, membership, the "Be the One" Walk in Southern Illinois, and the Armed Forces Week among other topics.

From there I went to Monticello to the Auxiliary Juniors Program. What a great turnout and a fantastic couple of days. It's great to see the Auxiliary working with the future members of our organization.

Our TAL family has worked together all year. Thanks for all your support.

Thank you President Angie & Commander Mike for an amazing year serving our veterans & their families.



Department Sr.
Vice Commander,

**JOSEPH
LAMPERT**

To Our American
Legion Family,

The end of the membership year is quickly approaching. Time really flies when you're having fun! Close of Books and Department Convention will be here before you know it. I look forward to seeing many of your faces there. As I mentioned last month, we have some membership information and incentives on page 7 of this newsletter, so make sure to check it out!

While we're on the subject of membership, another friendly reminder: dues will increase by \$5.00 for the 2025 membership year. This means the per capita will increase from \$35.00 to \$40.00. This is a perfect time to get a 5 year membership. With a 5 year membership, the per capita is locked at the current amount. Take advantage of this! Our membership continues to improve thanks to everyone's hard work. Please keep up the efforts so we can end the Legion year strong.

Don't forget that we have the honor of having our National Commander with us for the "Be the One" Walk to raise Veteran suicide awareness. This event is being put on by the 5th Division and we're hoping for a great turnout. It's not too late to participate! You'll find the registration form and liability waiver in this newsletter. We'll have plenty of them available the morning of the walk. Anyone and everyone is welcome. Just show up!

Commander Seehafer will remain in Illinois with us to celebrate Armed Forces Week. Please make time to attend your Division's event and hear what he has to say. I hope to see many of you!



Department
President,
**ANGIE
GOLIGHTLY**

Hello to our
“superheroes!”

Hello, how's our favorite ‘superheroes’? Did you get to see the eclipse? During the last one, I was in session at a National Convention. The convention ‘eclipsed’ the eclipse!

Our District Presidents are adding up our donations and hours for our year end reports. Our Chairmen are looking at award entries they have received. I’m sure you have all been sharing what you’ve done this year also, telling your story, as we all start our new year while finishing this one.

The Junior Convention was great. Keep in mind we include our Young Sons. Encourage the young people in your life to participate in our programs. This ensures they get an education in what patriotism is, the sacrifices you made, and conducting meetings. Where else will they learn this?

Armed Forces events will be taking place by the time you read this. I hope you plan on attending at least the one in your Division. I’m working on getting pledges to support our walk with our National Commander, for suicide awareness, although I’ll be happy to be able to walk one of the 8 miles.

Poppy Days will take us out in our communities. Be ready with a membership brochure with your contact information on it, as many of your comrades and their families will speak to you. Take a child along. It’s an activity they will remember, and they are a great ‘attention getter’ when giving out poppies. Be sure everyone wears poppies and your branded apparel. You’ll look great!

Please check out our new website. Ensure your

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Detachment
Commander,
**MICHAEL
VOZAR**

Greetings from
the Detachment
of Illinois!

We continue to reach out for renewals and recruit new members. Strong active membership allows us to better support our veterans, Posts, and promote Legion Family programs! As of this writing we are over 98% membership and hoping for 100% or more!

Our Spring DEC in Effingham was well attended. We were honored to have SAL National Commander Hall bring remarks and participate including recognition of Marshall Squadron 90 as the first in Illinois to become a National Four Pillars Squadron.

Detachment leadership attended the Central Region Extravaganza in Columbus Ohio. This annual event is a great networking opportunity to learn about effective communication, program support, and share ideas between Detachments.

Senior Vice Rick Allen participated at the Auxiliary Juniors and Young Sons Conference in Monticello which was a very successful event. We continue our efforts to engage Young Sons with the Patch program, and teach them about service to others, Americanism, honoring and supporting our veterans.

Squadrons worked with Post Family in many areas to celebrate American Legion Family Day.

It was a pleasure attending the Fourth Division fundraiser at Mattoon Post 88 in support of our candidate for National Auxiliary President Pam Ray! Great to see so many Legion Family members.

The Spring Illinois Premier Boys State Board Meeting was very productive. June is right around the corner and we continue recruiting to assist in sup-

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meetings are added to the events. Summer Special Olympics will be here soon, plus Girls & Boys State. Send & sponsor many citizens, we need them! Department Convention plans are in the works. We hope you plan to attend.

Until next time, keep being the superheroes we know and love. Never forget that we are serving you, the 'real' superheroes, ensuring your service will not be forgotten.

Angie Golightly

American Legion Auxiliary President

(Detachment Commander, Continued from page 2)

porting this great program as well as for the Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Academy and referrals to Girls State. The Fifth Division Haven Run was a wonderful fundraising event to support maintaining this great day camp for veterans and their families.

Armed Forces Week is coming up in May. National Commander Seehafer will be visiting and I hope you are able to attend an event in your area. Later in May, Sons will be assisting with and participating in Memorial Day activities to honor our fallen veterans.

Thank you to our veterans for your service!

Proud Possessor of A Priceless Heritage,

Michael Vozar, Commander – Detachment of Illinois



Round Lake Post 1170 Honors Local Police Officer & Veteran

During celebrations of The American Legion turns 105 years old, Round Lake Post 1170 recognized Round Lake Police Officer Daniel Arroyo for his service in the U.S. Navy. He was deployed from 03 June 2022 to 09 October 2023, ("in country" from 18 July 2022 to 03 August 2023). He was presented with The American Legion Grateful Appreciation Medal during the Village Board meeting on March 18th, 2024.

Sr. Vice Commander Ed Fuhrmann made the presentation with the assistance of the Chief of Police David Prus as Adjutant Gregory Corcoran made brief remarks. The committee assembly room was filled with fellow Round Lake Officers there to support one of their own.

When the Adjutant asked those present to "join us in welcoming Officer Daniel Arroyo home", the applause and cheers were enthusiastic. At the conclusion of the presentation, Officer Arroyo was met outside by, Chief David Prus, Commander Michael Stevens and each Officer in turn, with a kind word and a warm, welcome home, handshake.

Officer Arroyo, his wife and young son were kind enough to pose with the Award for a picture with Sr. Vice Commander Ed Fuhrmann after the ceremony.

*Photos by Legionnaire Melonie Recchetti
Submitted by Gregory Corcoran

2024 DIVISION & DISTRICT MEETING DATES

DATE	DIST. / DIV.	TIME	POST	CITY
05/05/2024	17TH DISTRICT	TBD	GIBSON CITY	GIBSON CITY
05/08/2024	2ND DISTRICT	7:00 PM	TATTLER POST 973	CHICAGO
05/15/2024	7TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	MORTON GROVE POST 134	MORTON GROVE
05/17/2024	10TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	CONVENTION & POST EVERLAST- ING —FOX LAKE 703	FOX LAKE
05/18/2024	13TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	MOUNT MORRIS MOOSE LODGE	MOUNT MORRIS
05/18/2024	19TH DISTRICT	TBD	CONVENTION —POST 559	CHAMPAIGN
05/19/2024	11TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	CONVENTION MEETING— MCHENRY POST 491	MCHENRY
05/19/2024	16TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	CHILLICOTHE POST 9	CHILLICOTHE
05/19/2024	21ST DISTRICT	1:00 PM	J. IVAN DAPPET POST 73	TAYLORVILLE
05/19/2024	22ND DISTRICT	9:00 AM	CONVENTION MEETING— COLLINSVILLE POST 365	COLLINSVILLE
05/19/2024	23RD DISTRICT	1:00 PM	CENTRALIA POST 446	CENTRALIA
05/19/2024	24TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	24TH DISTRICT CAUCUS - FAIRFIELD POST 176	FAIRFIELD
05/22/2024	9TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	FRANKLIN PARK POST 974	FRANKLIN PARK
06/01/2024	1ST DIVISION	TBD	EVERGREEN—MINI CONVENTION	EVERGREEN
06/01/2024	4TH DIVISION	5:00 PM	RAILSPLITTER	LEROY

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Send Dist/Div meeting dates, happenings at your 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



Monday, May 13—Fifth Division

Tuesday, May 14—Third Division

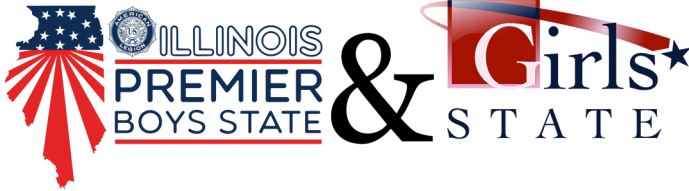
Wednesday, May 15—Fourth Division

Friday, May 17—Second Division

Saturday, May 18—First Division

Each Division will host an event in celebration of Armed Forces Day, hosting National Commander Daniel Seehafer as the guest of honor. Please try to attend the one in your Division! All stops are listed above.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Reminder to AL Posts, SAL Squadrons, AL Riders, & ALA Units:

*You can sponsor delegates to the AL Premier Boys
State & ALA Illini Girls State!*

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Both sessions will be held at Eastern Illinois University.
Delegates are to have completed their Junior year in high-
school.

AL Premier Boys State June 8th-June 14th

ALA Illini Girls State June 16-June 22nd

Don't miss out on a chance to inspire our future generations! Recruit delegates to the 87th Session of AL Illinois Premier Boys State & 83rd Session of ALA Illini Girls State

For further information or questions, contact:

Christopher Benigno @ benignoc@illinoisboysstate.org or Sarah Wyckoff @ sarahrichardshotmail.com

Westville Post 51

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Annual Fun Run Ride

Saturday, July 27, 2024

ALL LICENSED VEHICLES ARE WELCOME!!!

Registration 10am to 11am Westville American Legion

(Kickstands up at 11:15am - Route to be determined)

ROCK POSSE

will perform from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Food

will be available by Hangry Food Trailer

Registration:

\$20 for driver, \$5 for passenger

****RAIN OR SHINE****

Door prizes and other prizes will be given
out at each stop on the ride and when we
return.

For questions/more information,

please contact:

ALR Director, John Pigg
217-474-4017

THE AMERICAN LEGION CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT **CHALLENGE**

I am giving each District the opportunity to win (5) five free membership vouchers!

Every District that sends in 100% of their Consolidated Post Reports by **May 1st 2024** will receive (5) five free membership vouchers to be used in the **2024 card year**. These are to be used by the winning District or can be gifted to another District.

The Consolidated Post reports (CPR's) must be filled out as completely as possible. Leadership will not accept a CPR that only has the Post's information ie: Post name, address etc. and signed with no other information on the form. Forms are available online and are being mailed along with the Certification of Officers form to the Adjutants of each post in the state. This is an easy way to gain membership vouchers. Please reach out to your District and Division leaders for details and **Turn those forms in!**

Joe Lampert,

TAL Dept. of IL Senior Vice Commander

CLOSE OF BOOKS IS JUNE 14



Greetings All,

As I write this, we have just over 55,000 renewed members for the 2024 card year. The card year is quickly coming to an end and we still have a lot of work to do if we want to get to 100% membership. *We are currently ranking **49th Nationwide** for membership.* I know we are better than that.

We have another round of Veteran Outreaches coming up with the dates and locations listed on the previous page. I would like to encourage everyone to come on out and assist with this effort. If you cannot attend, please help work membership at your post. **Every card counts.** Every MEMBER counts.

It's time to get back to door knocking. We need to visit with our members face to face and let them know that they are more to us than just membership fees. Everyone is important and needed.

Let's close out the year with a bang and let's strive to reach our goal of 100%. If you need any assistance with lists or paperwork, we are here to help. Reach out and we will be happy to assist you in any way we can.

Jim Talaska,

TAL Dept. of IL Membership Director

Upcoming Veteran's Outreach Date

All Outreaches start at 09:00 and go until dark. Members of their respective Divisions are encouraged to attend and to go door knocking to get a in person experience with our Veterans. Personal contact will help bridge the gap between the Post and the member, showing them we value their membership.

May 10-11-12—1st Division - Franklin Park Post #974

CANCELED

ATTN: There will not be a fundraising calendar for the 2024-2025 year. *Therefore, the photo contest has been canceled this year.*



Special Olympics
Illinois

Summer Game Toy handouts for the Legion Riders

Every year the Auxiliary President has a special them. This year's theme is "Serving our Veterans, the Real Superheroes." To tie in with this theme, we are handing out action hero figures this year at the Special Olympics Summer Games. They can be traditional action figures, stuffed animal versions, or wearing a special cape. The athletes look forward to receiving these tokens from our Riders. If you can contribute any hero figure, let us know and we will find the closest Children and Youth representative from your Division to drop off to. We still need your help at the games on June 7th and 8th ! Any time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. We also need product for the new food guidelines or monetary donations to the American Legion Dept. of Il. earmarked Special Olympic Summer Games (more information provided on page 13 of this newsletter). Please call Dave Johnson at 815-520-4643 with any questions. Thank you for your continued support!

Join us to walk on May 11, 2024.

17 to 22 Veterans or Service Members take their Lives Each Day

That's more than 6000 annually. Louisville American Legion is Sponsoring a Walk to raise awareness to Veterans Suicide. The walk will start at 8AM on May 11, 2024 and will span approximately 8 miles.

Route: starting from the Clay County WWII Veterans Memorial Directly across road from the Flora VFW at 128 E 2nd St., Flora IL 62839, proceeding to route 45 north and concluding at the Clay County Veterans Monument on the Clay County Court House Square at the Clay County Veterans Monument.

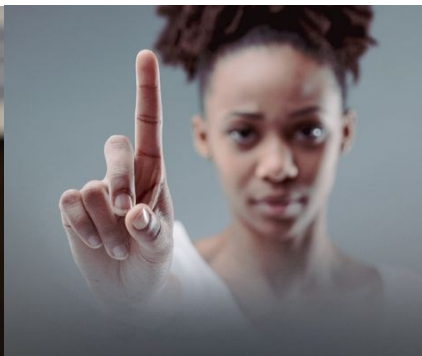
Lunch will be provided by the Louisville American Legion and transportation will be provided back to Flora to pick up vehicles. Everyone is invited to attend!

Donations will be accepted to the **Be The One** to prevent Suicide Raise Awareness suicide Hotline 988 press 1

Ask a Local Business, family or friends to sponsor you. Or if you can't participate, sponsor someone to walk for you. All donations will go to Support the American Legion **Be The One** Program.

On the following page, you will find our registration form with safety / liability waiver on the back.

Don't let another Mother celebrate Mothers Day without their Veteran.





WALKER REGISTRATION

BE THE ONE

WALK TO RAISE VETERAN SUICIDE AWARENESS

Over 6000 Veterans and Active Duty Members commit suicide annually. Join American Legion National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer and American Legion Family Members on May 11 2024 to participate in an awareness walk from Flora, Illinois to Louisville, Illinois.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Email Address _____ Cell Phone No. _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____ Phone _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION:

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Donation _____ Additional sponsors may be attached on a separate page

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Allergies? Y/N (if yes, please list) _____

Medications (if any) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Guardian's Signature (if participant is under the age of 18) _____



Saturday
May 11
2024

REGISTRATION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM:

I know that I am participating in this walk for the Be the One Walk to Raise Suicide Awareness, which is a potentially hazardous activity, that could cause injury or death. I will not enter and/or participate unless I am medically able and properly trained.

By registering, I certify that I am medically able to perform this event, am in good health, and am properly trained.

I assume all risks associated with participating in this event, including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity, traffic, and the conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me.

Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the American Legion Department of Illinois, and all Be the One Walk to Raise Suicide Awareness event sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver.

I grant permission to all the foregoing to use my photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

Printed Name of Emergency Contact

Phone number of Contact

Printed Name Of Participant

Signature & Date

2024 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AWARD PROGRAM DEADLINES

All forms are available online at www.illegion.org/awards

The American Legion has many awards available to posts and individuals. Each year, less and less submissions are sent in. There are nearly 800 posts. Each program has an outline and criteria to meet for each award. Details and submission instructions are available online www.illegion.org. Be sure to check the deadline for all award submissions some are approaching fast. **Don't miss the opportunity for your post to be recognized.** All winning Posts will be notified and receive recognition at the Department Convention this July in Springfield.

- **Legionnaire of the Year Award—June 15**
- **Firefighter of the Year - May 31**
- **Law Officer of the Year - May 31**
- **TLW Legion Rider of the Year Award - March 31**
- **Chaplains Cross/Star of David Award - June 6**
- **Community Service Award - April 30**
- **Hall of Fame Award - April 30**
- **Public Relations Award - June 1**
- **Photo Contest & Calendar Contest - Friday prior to state convention**

For hard copies: Contact the Department Print Shop at 309-663-0361 or email: printshop@illegion.org

2024 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



Special Olympics Illinois

Summer Games June 7-9, 2024

Each year Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games are held at ISU in Normal, IL. For those of you who can't attend, there is still a lot of preparation for the American Legion and Auxiliary Hospitality Tent. We feed over 4,000 athletes and their families each year. Posts donate lots of items to help out each year. See how you can help!

- Veggie straws variety (individual packs)
- Popchips variety (individual packs)
- Raisins (individual packs)
- Bare Baked Crunchy Fruit Chips (variety packs)
- Sun Chips variety (individual packs)
- Olives (green/black)
- Dry roasted peanuts w/sea salt
- Fruit (strawberries, blueberries, pineapple, grapes)
- Veggie chips variety (individual packs)
- Quaker rice crisps multipack
- Hummus singles (16 packs)
- Pirates Booty white cheddar puffs (individual packs)
- Baked lays—regular & BBQ (individual packs)
- Archer mini turkey/beef sticks
- GFS individual peanut butter packs
- Trail mix (240 cal or less)
- Veggie puffs variety (individual packs)
- Nature Valley crunchy granola snack mix (individual packs)
- Kind mini bars variety
- Snyder pretzels (individual packs—100 calories)
- Terra Veggie Chips (we will bag them)
- Beef/turkey jerky (please watch calories)
- Mount Olive sliced pickles
- Veggies (broccoli, cauliflower, bell peppers (variety), cherry tomatoes, radishes, baby carrots, celery)

For monetary donations:

Make checks payable to American Legion Dept. of IL so Department can cash it, then earmark in the memo section **“Special Olympics”** so C&Y gets the donation.

Notify your C&Y Division Chairmen of donations, so we will have an idea of supplies and money.
Send or take donations to Department HQ by the first week in June.

In addition, helpers are needed to set-up and take down additional tents used, as well as load and unload supplies from the trailer and trucks. With the entire Legion family involved (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL & Riders) we can make it a true Legion Family Hospitality Tent!

**The American Legion Family
Department of Illinois**

Fundraiser for Pam Ray, National President Fund

**Wine & Shine Pull
2024 Department Convention**



Pam Ray's Reception Committee will hold a Wine & Shine Pull at the 2024 Department Convention on Thursday evening, July 11th. Bring your favorite bottle of wine (value of at least \$15) to donate.

You aren't a wine drinker? We were thinking of you as well! Bring your favorite liquor, liqueur or spirit (value of at least \$15).



You can deliver your donations on Wednesday from 2:30 to 5:00 on the mezzanine of the Wyndham or beginning at 4:30 on Thursday.

Now the fun begins! Starting at 5:30 on Thursday until 7:00 (when the banquet starts), you can pick a cork out of the bucket for \$10. Didn't get there in time? You can purchase your cork right after the meal if there are any bottles left!!! You will win the bottle matching the same number on the cork you have drawn!

AMERICAN **Department of** **LEGION ILLINOIS** **CONVENTION** **HOUSING FORM**

105th Annual Department Convention July 9 –14, 2024

All reservations **MUST** be made directly with the hotel housing your Division/S.A.L. on or before June 18, 2024. You may make your reservation by mailing in this form with your credit card information or first night's deposit including tax. ***ALL cancellations must be made 48 hours prior to arrival date. Failure to cancel by that date will result in billing of one night's room rate.*** **PARKING IS INCLUDED IN THE RATE AT BOTH HOTELS**

	<u>DIVISION/S.A.L.</u>	<u>RATE</u>
<u>WYNDHAM SPRINGFIELD</u>	2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Divisions	\$117.00 plus tax
<u>CITY CENTRE</u>	and Sons of The American Legion	(\$133.38 total)
700 E. Adams Springfield, IL 62701 217/789-1530		

Reservation- Mail this form to the Wyndham Springfield ATTN: Grace Giacometti or phone 217/789-1530, ext 0. Visit <https://bit.ly/42e9rRd> to make your reservation online. For online/phone reservations, provide **group code:** **07097027AML**

<u>PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN</u>	1st Division & Auxiliary	\$119.00 plus tax
<u>HOTEL SPRINGFIELD</u> (<i>Doubletree by Hilton</i>)		(\$135.66 total)
701 E. Adams Springfield, IL 62701 217/544-8800		

Reservation- Mail this form to the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield OR make your reservation online.
For LEGION Reservations: www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/americanlegionconvention/
For AUXILIARY Reservations: www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/americanlegionauxiliary/

You may also call at 1/866-788-1860 or 217/544-8800. ***Please use the Group Code of "ALM" for the Legion and "ALX" for the Auxiliary.***

Special Notes: All rooms are subject to the applicable sales tax. All reservations must be made with credit card or advanced deposit. If reserving the room with a personal check, include the rate including tax as listed above. Cut-off date for ALL RESERVATIONS is June 18, 2024.

If you select a hotel that your Division is not housed in, you may be moved to your Division assigned hotel.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Division _____ District _____ Legion/SAL Title _____

Hotel _____ Type of room (circle) 1 Bed 2 Beds Disabled Access _____
 (Room type requests not guaranteed; hotels will do their best to accommodate. ***All hotel rooms are non-smoking.***)

Other Special Requests: _____

Name: _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____ Fax _____

Name(s) of additional people in room: _____.

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____



2nd Annual TOYS FOR TOTS Motorcycle Run

Sunday, July 28, 2024

50/50
Raffle

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Starting Location: Knuckleheads 108 E. North St. in Elburn

Ending Location: Elburn American Legion Post 630

Registration - 9:30am Safety Meeting - 10:30am KSU - 10:45am

\$20.00 Rider / \$10.00 Passenger - *This ride WILL NOT be escorted*

**Come Enjoy The Food, Drinks, Games and Music
And Help Put A Smile On A Child's Face This Christmas**

**Please Bring A New (Unwrapped) Toy To Donate
No Stuffed Animals**

Rain or Shine - We Still Ride (No Refunds)

***** FREE ADMISSION TO THE AFTER PARTY *****

However a donation to Toys For Tots would be greatly appreciated

**Our Special Guests, Sons of the American Legions Very Own, 27 West will
be performing hit songs from the 60's - 2000's from 4 - 6pm**



Presented by: Elburn American Legion 630 Charities
and The American Legion Riders Chapter 630



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On the Red Carpet

68TH BIVOUAC BANQUET

BE A STAR FOR THE NIGHT!

Admit one

\$75.00 ENTRANCE AND MEAL

You are cordially invited to attend the 68th Bivouac Banquet!

This year the dinner will be held at the National Director's (Gigi Callaway) American Legion Department of Illinois. Please include your entree selection(s) with the name(s) of the attendee along with your payment.

MENU

STARTERS

Assorted Breads
Crescent City Salad

Please select one entree for each attendee

ENTREES

- Provolone and Sage Chicken Breast with Lemon Caper Sauce, Risotto/Seasonable Vegetables OR
- Blackened Gulf Fish with Cajun Cream Sauce, Risotto, Seasonal Vegetable OR
- Vegetarian Jambalaya

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit Tart

DRINKS

Signature Champagne
Caffinated/Decaffinated Coffee
Hot Teas
Bar Available

AUGUST 23, 2024

Conditions:

Ticket purchase must be postmarked by August 1, 2024 and remitted to Bobbie Kimelton, 1708 Sailing Hawks Drive, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404. Payment may be check or by zelle at 6237389755.

No tickets will be sold at the event.

It is the Jeepettes responsibility to verify that purchase has been made and received PRIOR to arrival at Bivouac. No Exceptions

\$75.00 ENTRANCE AND MEAL STUB

Admit one

BE A STAR FOR THE NIGHT!

Our Program Book will give one the opportunity to be part of this year's Bivouac and at the same time celebrating your Post, District, Division, organization, business, or personal message.

Ad Order Form

Book Size 8 1/2" X 11"

Please provide print ready artwork for inclusion with advertisement



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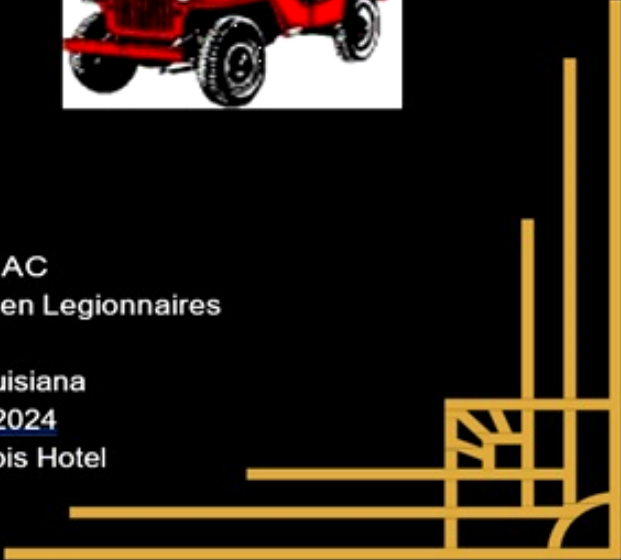
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20 & 4
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Division	Commander
2	REECE, JR.
1	HEDRICK
4	VANCE
5	SCHOO
3	HINTON

District	Commander
13	Gibbs
3	Fitch
9	Kwiatkowski
11	Westerhausen
25	Edwards
18	Taylor
20	Gardner
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7	Sheirop
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