

# The Insider

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Summer 2025



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mark YOUR  
calendar!

## JUNE

- JUNE 20: **LEGION CLOSE OF BOOKS**
- JUNE 20-22: **SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER GAMES**
- JUNE 22-27: **YOUTH POLICE SCHOOL**

## JULY

- JULY 4: **HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! (OFFICE CLOSED)**
- JULY 9-12: **LEGION/AUXILIARY DEPT. CONVENTION**
- JULY 11: **100%+ ALA TARGET DATE**
- JULY 11-13: **SAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION**
- JULY 25: **102% ALA TARGET DATE**

## AUGUST

- AUG 2-3: **TAL STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT (DANVILLE)**
- AUG 22-24: **SAL NATIONAL CONVENTION (TAMPA)**
- AUG 22-28: **LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION (TAMPA)**
- AUG 27: **PAM RAY INSTALLATION AS ALA NATIONAL PRESIDENT!**

**ROUTE 66**

**SAND ART**  
Buy Veteran & Great-Granddaughter

**FOR SALE**  
ALSO RT. 66 PHOTOS FOR SALE  
PHONE — 815.848.2704

# DIVISION & DISTRICT MEETING DATES

DATE	DIST./ DIV.	TIME	DETAILS & LOCATION
06/20/2025	10TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING @ WAUCONDA POST 911
06/25/2025	9TH DISTRICT	7:30 PM	DISTRICT MEETING @ PORTAGE PARK POST 183
07/19/2025	13TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING @ ALBANY POST 1079

Send Dist/Div meeting dates, happenings at your post/community, announcements, etc!

Email [sgreen@illegion.org](mailto: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

## Research Opportunity



For **Service Members or Veterans** with:

- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Blast exposure
- Exposure to firing large weapons



**Your Service Shapes Your Health. Let Your Voice Shape Your Care.**

Partner with us to transform support for Veterans, Service Members, and Caregivers. We're uncovering the vital links between military experience and current health. Share your insights to guide critical research and inform the future of VA healthcare.

For **Caregivers of Service Members or Veterans** with:

- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Blast exposure
- Exposure to firing large weapons



Survey closes June 15, 2025.

Participants can enter to win one of ten \$100 Amazon gift cards.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [vhaslcsvectorch@va.gov](mailto:vhaslcsvectorch@va.gov).



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs



**Department  
Commander,  
JOSEPH  
LAMPERT**

**Greetings  
Legionnaires,**

My, does time fly! I can't believe we are less than a month away from our Department Convention! There have been a lot of activities to keep us busy during the past few months. I attended the Auxiliary Junior and Young Sons Conference, Patriotic Conference, Commander Rick's homecoming, Armed Forces week with National Commander LaCoursiere, Memorial Day ceremonies, Premier Boy's State, Illini Girl's State, and will have attended Special Olympics and Youth Police Academy by the time you are reading this! I was also invited to a Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony in honor of the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II.

Now, in your free time, don't forget to continue working membership. We have done great this year! We need to charge hard until the end!

I want to give my heartfelt thanks to our Department Staff for all their hard work and support. I also want to thank each and everyone of you. Without our Legion Family, our organization will not survive. This has been one of the most rewarding and memorable years of my life.

Thank you again for the honor and privilege of allowing me to serve as your Department Commander.

See you in Springfield!

Still Serving America,  
Joe Lampert  
Department Commander



**Department Sr.  
Vice Commander,  
ROY  
SMITH**

**Hello My Fellow  
Legionnaires!**

What a year this has been, I have truly enjoyed my year as Senior Vice Commander for the Department of Illinois.

As we close out the year don't stop recruiting members or renewing our current members. I know it is tempting to let folks slide to next year but by doing this you may be doing them and the post a disservice. At this point those veterans who have not renewed are no longer qualified to receive the benefits they have earned as American Legion Members. It may not matter to them until something happens and they need that benefit.

Department Convention is coming soon, I encourage our members to come out and be a part of it. This is your opportunity to be a part of something special in the American Legion. I personally have learned more about our Legion and what it means to be a Legion Member, the programs that the Four Pillars support, and how our dues are spent in support of these Pillars. It also gives people a chance to meet the fantastic staff that has been assembled at Department Headquarters and say thank you for what they do for each of the Members! The convention also gives us a chance to share ideas, renew friendships.

Our National Convention is coming up shortly after our Department Convention. We will be in Tampa Florida. Hope to see those of you that can make it.

The Be The One walk was a great success this year, to those of you who cam out and participated I thank you. We had 104 registered attendees, with approximately 20 support people. We turned in \$12,001 to department to be presented to National for Be The One. We will do this again next year so mark your calendar!

Thank you all for your support and allowing me the opportunity to serve you.

Roy Smith  
Department Senior Vice Commander



**Department  
President,**

**ARLENE  
HOLTGRAVE**

**Hello American  
Legion Members!**

What an exciting adventure 2024-2025 has been!

A sincere thank you to Commander Joe and Detachment Commander Rick; you have made this year fantastic. Together we created an amazing year I could not have managed without you!

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all members of the American Legion Family for their support throughout this past year and all auxiliary members. Your presence at the reception after the Installation of officers at the Department Convention was amazing example of how the year would be as a family.

I attended National Convention in New Orleans in August, followed by Commander Joe Lampert's homecoming and the 100<sup>TH</sup> anniversary of Merle Guild American Legion Post 208 in September. In November, I joined in on the Veterans Day festivities in Utica, Clinton County Veterans Day program and parade, and parade in Monticello, and the Haven Jamboree in Marion. My membership chairman and I participated in the Christmas Gift programs at the Quincy Home, Danville VA, Marion VA, Jefferson Barracks, and Anna.

January brought the Legion family together for our annual caravan through the state of Illinois and in February I attended the Lincoln Pilgrimage hosted by Post 32 of Springfield.

March took us to the Junior Conference in Monticello where Commander Joe Lampert read stories to the junior auxiliary members and the young SAL members in attendance. This was enjoyed by all and we sincerely thank him for his presence. Commander Joe was also welcomed at our annual Patriotic Conference held in Springfield.

In April, I joined the group at the Haven in Marion at the end of the 11<sup>TH</sup> annual Haven Run sponsored by the 5<sup>TH</sup> Division Legion members. We would like to thank all participants in this activity and all the donations that were collected for the Haven.

On May 10, 2025, I participated in the "Be the One Walk" from Flora to Louisville sponsored by the Legion. My Membership Chairman Joyce Huelsmann and I also attended the Mayfest at the Quincy Home sponsored by the 22<sup>ND</sup> District Legion Family on May 4<sup>TH</sup> and have traveled around Illinois to the units, districts and divisions. Ron— "Moose" as most got to know him as— also

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**Detachment  
Commander,**

**RICK  
ALLEN**

**Greetings from  
Detachment**

It has been a great year for me and the Legion family. The time spent with Commander Joe Lampert and President Arlene will never be forgotten with all of the events we were invited to and worked together for the Veterans and the Legion Family. My passion for the programs and the Veterans will never weaken. My father as a Korean Veteran made this possible for myself and my family as so many Veterans did, so it is my time to pay back those who gave all they had.

I would like to give a big thank you to Wayne Madson for his work on membership and working with divisions, districts, and squadrons on membership matters. It has been at a fast pace working to start new squadrons. I would like to thank the Detachment for the support. They are truly a family you can count on.

The places I have been have given me a learning experience with friendly, family members as well as always making new friends.

May 10<sup>th</sup> I attended the "Be the One" walk from Flora to Louisville. It was 8.5 miles. This was done for Veteran Suicide and I was able to finish the whole thing.

We have now gotten to convention. My year as Commander has been amazing and the new friends I have made is great all in the service to Veterans. As this has taken me to places I have not been. My time has come to step down and I wish the new Commander all the best. Thank you to the office for your support. Just remember Veterans are the reason we are here. May God Bless America.

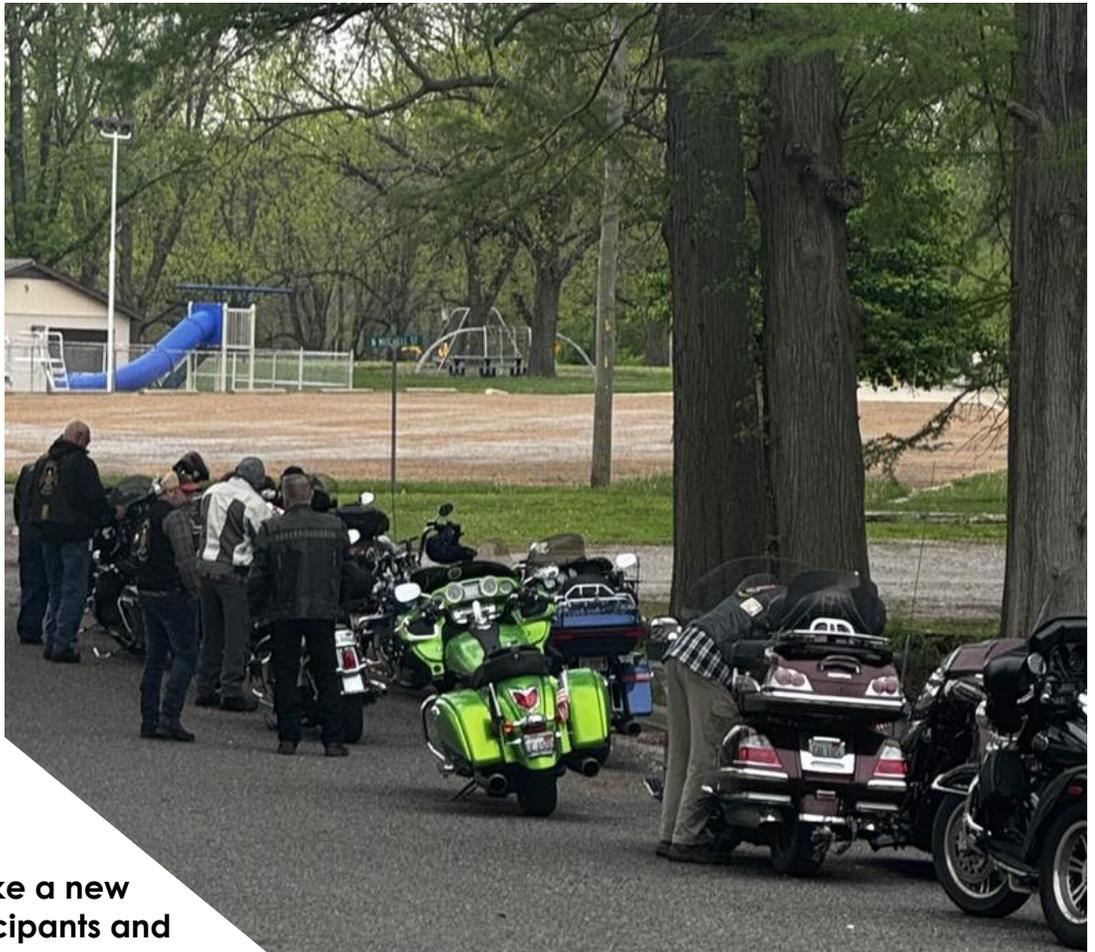
Planting seed for Stronger Family

Your Detachment Commander Rick Allen 2024-2025





# The 11th Annual Haven Run



was a great success! We broke a new record with a total of 50 participants and 5 Legion Chapters represented, raising over \$10,800 in total for The Haven. For those of you that don't know, for decades The Haven has provided relaxation and rehabilitation for area Veterans and their families. The Haven is run by the 5th Division and thrives purely on donations. Located along Highway 13, off Crab Orchard Lake, this sanctuary and day lodge is a place primarily for veterans from the Marion VA Hospital. It is also used for other Veterans groups and Civic Organizations. I'd like to extend a sincere "Thank You" to the following Posts for opening their doors to us: Edwardsville Post 199, Highland Post 439, Nashville Post 110, Centralia Post 446, DuQuion Post 647, Steeleville Post 480. We also want to say thank you to all Legion Posts, Auxiliary Units, Sons of The American Legion Squadrons and The American Legion Riders Chapters for their monetary contributions, donation of time and efforts, and their participation in this event. And lastly, a special thank you to all of you who made personal donations for the cause. This wouldn't be a successful and fun day without all the participants and volunteers. I hope to see everyone on next year's run, which is tentatively set for April 26, 2025. We will share updates throughout the year.

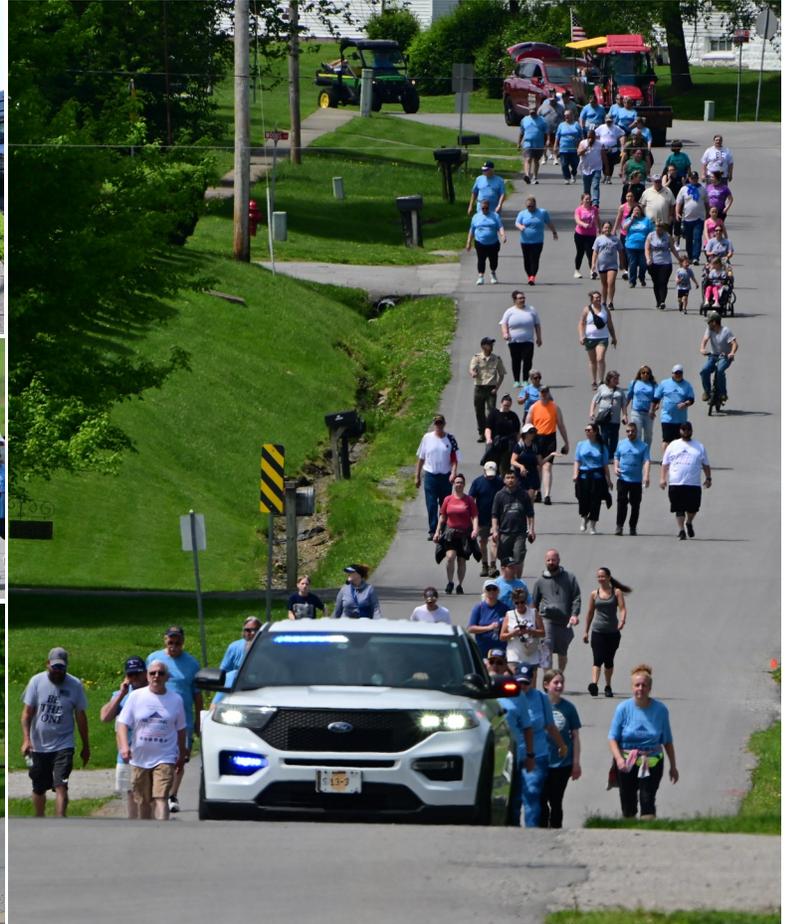
For God and Country,

Wayne Madson  
Senior Vice Commander,  
The Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Illinois

# BE THE ONE

## WALK TO RAISE VETERAN SUICIDE AWARENESS

On May 10, 2025 members (and non-members) of our Legion Family came together in Flora, IL to participate in the 5th Division's second annual Be the One Walk to Raise Veteran Suicide Awareness. National Commander LaCoursiere and his Aide Butch Hansen lead the way as people of all ages, backgrounds and physical abilities came together to participate. There were wagons for those who could not walk or needed a break, some drove cars, parents pushed their children in strollers, and some even busted out their scooters! No one was left out! It truly was an enjoyable and memorable event. As everyone came together at the Clay County WWII Veterans Memorial when the walk was finished, Department Senior Vice Commander Roy Smith extended his heartfelt thanks. Thank you to everyone who participated in the walk, sponsored a walker, made monetary donations, distributed water at designated checkpoints, helped provide the meal at the post afterwards, etc. A huge thank you also goes out to the city of Flora and local law enforcement and firefighters. The entire event was a huge success with 104 registered attendees and approximately 20 support people. Thanks to everyone, we were able to present Commander LaCoursiere with over \$12,000 to contribute to National's Be the One initiative. We will be doing this again next year, so mark your calendar for Mother's Day weekend!





Department of Illinois Service Officer Pat Caraker attended the meeting with Secretary of Veterans Affairs Doug Collins and Rep Mike Bost May 28th at Mt Vernon Illinois. The event was a very well received question and answer town hall meeting. We must remember and continue to be the Voice for our Veterans!



While the National Emergency Fund is a wonderful resource for Veterans throughout the Nation, we are fortunate to have our very own American Legion Illinois Disaster Relief Fund. On March 14 a F2 tornado destroyed Trenton Post 778 member Tom Korte's home. Since the area wasn't declared a Disaster Area from the government NEF wasn't available. Thanks to your generous donations to this fund, the Illinois Disaster Relief Committee was able to assist Tom in his time of need. Tom was presented a check from Department Sr Vice Commander Roy Smith.

Pictured left to right: Wayne Madson Committee rep for 5th Division, 23rd District Commander Mike Funneman, Tom Korte, Department Sr Vice Roy Smith, and Post 778 Commander Dennis Kennet



# SUMMER CAMP 2025

## Announcing **CAMP CORRAL** at 4-H Memorial Camp Monticello, IL July 6th-11th

Camp Corral offers Summer Camp opportunities to children of wounded, ill, & fallen military & veterans. Kids will find adventure, build confidence, challenge their fears, and make life-long friends.

Open to children ages 8-15, this incredible week of adventure is offered at no cost to the family.

Camp Corral offers recreational programs designed specifically to empower America's military children to make connections, build coping skills, and increase self-confidence. Camp Corral builds life skills to empower strong, resilient, and independent individuals.



2025 Summer Camp Locations

Strengthening military families one child at a time...



**APPLY TODAY!**

[campcorral.org](http://campcorral.org)

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

## 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention July 8 –13, 2025

All reservations **MUST** be made directly with the hotel housing your Division/S.A.L. on or before June 17, 2025. 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>HILTON GARDEN INN</u>	<u>DIVISION/S.A.L.</u>	<u>RATE</u>
3100 Dirksen Pkwy Springfield, IL 62703 217/529-7171	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Divisions and Sons of The American Legion	\$122.00 plus tax (\$139.08 total)

Reservation- Mail this form to the Hilton Garden Inn or phone 217/529-7171, Visit <https://www.American Legion Department of IL - Hilton Garden Inn Springfield - July 8-13 2025> to make your reservation online. For online/phone reservations, provide **group code: AML**

<u>PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> Division &amp; Auxiliary</u>	<u>\$122.00 plus tax</u>
<u>HOTEL SPRINGFIELD (Doubletree by Hilton)</u> 701 E. Adams Springfield, IL 62701 217/544-8800		<u>(\$139.08 total)</u>

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/americanlegion2025convention/](http://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/americanlegion2025convention/)  
**For AUXILIARY Reservations:** [www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/americanlegionauxiliary/](http://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 "AML" for the Legion and "AUX" 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 17, 2025.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Party In Honor of 2024-2025



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER  
**JOSEPH LAMPERT**

Thursday July 10,

**6:00 PM – 1:00AM**

**The Mess Hall Restaurant—Springfield Post 32**

**1120 Sangamon Avenue**

**217/523-3415**

The Mess Hall Restaurant is now open for lunch M-F from 11:00 am—2:00 pm

Dinner M-S from 4:00—8:00 pm

Complete Bar Service at Post 32 Everyday Open at 10:30 a.m.

**VIDEO GAMING AVAILABLE**

**FREE CONTINUOUS SHUTTLE**

THURS/FRI from 10:00 AM – 1:00 AM (between the hotels, Post 32 and Post 809)







**106th Annual  
Department Convention**

July 9 – 13, 2025

# **FREEDOM FEST**

Friday, July 11, 2025

**6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

***700 BLOCK EAST ADAMS ON THE  
STREET BETWEEN HOTELS***

**NO COVER CHARGE & EVERYONE WELCOME**

**BEER, SODA, FOOD**

**NO COOLERS OR OUTSIDE BEVERAGES ALLOWED**

**LIVE MUSIC 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM**

**FEATURING THE BAND**

**“Folsom Prison Five”**

*HELP COMMANDER JOE, PRESIDENT ARLENE & COMMANDER RICK  
CELEBRATE THEIR CONVENTIONS AND YEARS OF SERVICE!*

# AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING RESERVATION FORM

2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION—TAMPA, FL AUGUST 22-28, 2025

Illinois Housing: Tampa Marriott Water St., Tampa, FL 33602

(Rooms will be assigned on a first come first served basis.) \*HOUSING DEADLINE: JULY 22, 2025 \*\*

(Please Print)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Member of: Legion Auxiliary SAL (Circle one)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION ONLY** \* There is no charge if under the age of 18. \*

Registration fee of \$35.00 must be paid to Department for each adult that is to attend the National Convention regardless of housing arrangements. Those individuals who do not pay the registration fee with this form will be responsible for obtaining their own credentials.

## ADDITIONAL OCCUPANTS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Member of: Legion Auxiliary SAL (Circle one)  
*(If your name is listed above—DO NOT LIST HERE)*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Member of: Legion Auxiliary SAL (Circle one)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Member of: Legion Auxiliary SAL (Circle one)

**Under the age of 18 \***

PLEASE LIST NAMES and AGES

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

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

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

## OTHER APPLICABLE FEES:

Convention Registration Fee: **\$35.00**

Parking: Valet only \$28 per day.

Additional Occupant in Room: \$10 Triple / \$20 Quad (per day)

## PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING:

King (1-2 person) @ \$149.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrival Date

Doubles (1-2 person) @ \$149.00 \_\_\_\_\_

ADA King (1-2 person) @ \$149.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Departure Date

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM RATE (First night): \$ 149.00

FIRST NIGHT ROOM RATE TAX (16.20%): \$ 22.07  
(13.50% + \$1.95 per room, per night)

REGISTRATION FEE (\$35 Per Person): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Make all Checks Payable to: American Legion Department of Illinois

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVC # \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

**REGISTRATION FEE:** Each adult who will attend the National Convention must pay a registration fee of **\$35.00**. This includes Auxiliary. If the registration fee is not paid, you will have to obtain your own credentials once you arrive at National Convention. All registration fees are paid to the *American Legion Department of Illinois*, along with all first night's room and applicable fees (required by the Hotel).

**CANCELATIONS AND CHANGES:** All cancellations must be made in writing to the Department Adjutant and be in to *Department Headquarters by 4:30 pm on July 22, 2025*. If the cancellation is not in our hands by the date indicated, you will be responsible for the first night's lodging to the Hotel. Contact Department Headquarters Office with any changes.

**LATE HOUSING REGISTRATION:** You will need to make arrangements yourself and pay registration at the National Convention Center

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:** American Legion Department of Illinois 2720 E. Lincoln St., Bloomington, IL 61704

# 11th Annual American Legion State Golf Tournament



August 2 & 3, 2025

Harrison Park GC & Turtle Run GC  
4-Person Scramble



**Come out for Opening Ceremonies  
At Harrison Park Golf Course ~ Saturday at 8 AM  
*American Legion Riders. Presentation of Colors, Fly-  
Over, National Anthem & Post Honor Guard***

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

**Danville American Legion Post 210 (open to the public)  
Dinner & Drink specials  
Golfers Welcome!!**



For registration and more details contact:

Email: [ALStateGolf@gmail.com](mailto:ALStateGolf@gmail.com) Call: 800-383-4386

visit [www.alstategolf.com](http://www.alstategolf.com) for online registraion





**Support Veteran Charities!**

# American Legion State Golf Tournament

Danville, IL

August 2 & 3, 2025

Entry Deadline: July 11th

(Late entries accepted if availability)

**Entries limited to 54 teams**

**Opening Ceremonies**

Saturday, August 2nd

8:00 AM

Harrison Park Golf Course

American Legion Riders, Presentation of Colors,  
Fly-Over, National Anthem & Post Honor Guard

**All golfers need to register/check-in  
at least 20 min prior to scheduled  
tee-time at their assigned course.**



**TownePlace Suites  
by Marriott Danville**  
330 Eastgate Drive  
(217) 504-0300

Discounted Rate:  
*American Legion State  
Golf Tournament*



**Entry Fee:** \$150 per player

Includes: Sat & Sun rounds, cart fees, tee prize,  
Saturday meal and CASH prize money  
Additional Meals = \$18 each

**Format:** 4-person scramble  
Flighted after 1st day

**Starting Times:** Tee times begin at 9:00 AM Harrison Park & 9:00 AM Turtle Run  
Shotgun Sunday 9 AM both courses  
Tee time requests will be considered on first come, first serve basis

***Interested in being a Sponsor?***

Hole Sponsorships \$125 (American Legion Posts \$100)  
Includes: 1 sign each course, both days

**All proceeds go to Veteran Charities**

# American Legion State Golf Tournament

## REGISTRATION



### Date

**August 2 & 3, 2025**

### Time

**Saturday:** Tee times start at 9am

**Sunday:** Shotgun Start 9am

### Place



#### AJ Shannon, PGA

1300 W. Voorhees St.  
Danville, IL 61832  
(217) 431-2266



TURTLE RUN

#### Mike Smith, PGA

332 E. Liberty lane  
Danville, IL 61832  
(217) 442-8876

### Saturday Meal

#### Choice of meat:

Brisket  
Half Rack of Ribs  
10 oz. Grilled Chicken

- Green Beans
- Cheesy Potatoes
- Cole Slaw
- Dinner Roll

#### Additional Meals \$18

### Fees

Individual \$150 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Team \$ 600 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Add'l Meals \$ 18 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Brisket \_\_\_\_ Ribs \_\_\_\_ Chicken

**TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### Course Contests on Saturday!

**Phone:** 1-800-383-4386

**Email:** ALStateGolf@gmail.com

**Mail to:** American Legion State Golf | 100 W. Main St., Suite 146 | Danville, IL 61832

**Online Registration:** www.alstategolf.com (fees apply and require full team registration and payment)

**Completed Form and Payment Are Due by July 11, 2025.**

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

Representing Post: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Meal Choice:  Brisket  Ribs  Chicken

### Tee Time Preference

(Saturday's Round) \_\_\_\_ Early \_\_\_\_ Mid \_\_\_\_ Late

## REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!

### Foursome

**Player 2 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choice:  Brisket  Ribs  Chicken

**Player 3 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choice:  Brisket  Ribs  Chicken

**Player 4 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choice:  Brisket  Ribs  Chicken

Cash  Check

*Please make checks payable to American Legion State Golf*

Master Card  Visa  Discover  American Express

Name as it appears on card (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_



# 2025 American Legion State Golf Tournament Hole Sponsors

August 2 & 3, 2025

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hole Sponsor:**  \$125       **Additional Donation:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 **\$100 Legion Post**

Includes: Custom hole sign with business logo

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2025  
Illinois State Fair  
**Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The Illinois State Fair Committee invites you  
to be part of celebrating our Veterans.

**“250 Years of Service”**



# PARADE REGISTRATION

## Veteran's Day at the Illinois State Fair August 10, 2025

**Theme: Veterans, Celebrating 250 years**

**Entry Form Deadline: August 4, 2025. Invitation only to PARADE**

**All Era Veterans will be honored as Grand Marshall's in the Parade with Tram Transportation**

Parade line up will start at 3:15 PM. Parade will start at 4:00 PM

Please check one of the Categories below:

- Active Military Veteran Group
- Veteran Organization
- Veteran Support organization
- Veteran support youth group
- Band
- Veteran/Military Vehicle
- Fire/Police Department
- FFA / 4 H group
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a World War II or Korean War Veteran?  Yes  No

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

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Parade Form to: [crystal.womack@illinois.gov](mailto:crystal.womack@illinois.gov)

Or Fax Parade Form to: Crystal Womack 217-524-0344

Or Mail Parade Form to:

**Crystal Womack, 833 S. Spring St, Springfield, IL 62704**



## *Come and Join Us*

*Who: Department Adjutant, Martin F. Conatser*

*What: Retirement Open House and Dinner*

*When: Friday, July 18, 2025*

*Attire: Legion Casual*

*Where: Open House at Legion Headquarters*

*2:30–4:30 p.m.*

*2720 E. Lincoln St.*

*Bloomington, IL 61704*

*Dinner at the DoubleTree*

*Cocktails at 5:00 Dinner at 6:00*

*10 Brickyard Rd.*

*Bloomington, IL 61701*

*(309)664-6446*

*\*\*\*Mention the Legion Block for overnight accommodations*

*RSVP to: Ms. Christy Rich*

*(309) 663-0361*

*crich@illegion.org*

*By: July 12, 2025*

*If you are unable to join us on this special day, perhaps you could send a "Best Wishes" card to the Headquarters address. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.*

Please fill out this  
RSVP and send to  
Department  
Headquarters  
with payment or  
call 309-663-0361  
to RSVP and pay  
over the phone.

*Retirement Open House & Dinner Honoring*

*Department Adjutant Martin F. Conatser*

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Check Total(\$60 per guest): \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: The American Legion Department of Illinois

To guarantee your reservation, please contact Christy Rich

at (309)663-0361 or crich@illegion.org

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joined me when he could. I talked about my special project -Auxiliary Emergency Fund, AEF during all of my visits this year. With all the natural disasters happening all over the country, the AEF is greatly appreciated. Thank you everyone for your donations!

It's been a very busy year that has gone by quickly for all the Legion Family with all the ups and downs and ins and outs, but we managed to have many laughs to help us through it all!

Thank You again for your support during this year as the auxiliary "Built a Brighter Future for Our Veterans".

As I always say ...be Safe and healthy and most important...GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Arlene Holtgrave,

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois President 2024-2025



*Congratulations  
Commander Joe for an  
incredible Legion year!  
Thank you for your  
service!*



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## Top 10

DISTRICT & DIVISION RANKINGS  
 UPDATED 06/13/2025

Division	Commander
1	HORN
4	YOUNG
5	PAGE
3	HAZZARD
2	CARLSON

District	Commander
3	Hudson
7	Faraci
5	Reed
4	Acevedo
9	Tippett
22	Mahan
17	Thomas
18	Norton
20	Gardner
11	Miller



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