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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 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
vhaslcsvctorch@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 came 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 100TH 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 11TH annual Haven Run sponsored by the 5TH 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 22ND District Legion Family on May 4TH 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 10th, 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.



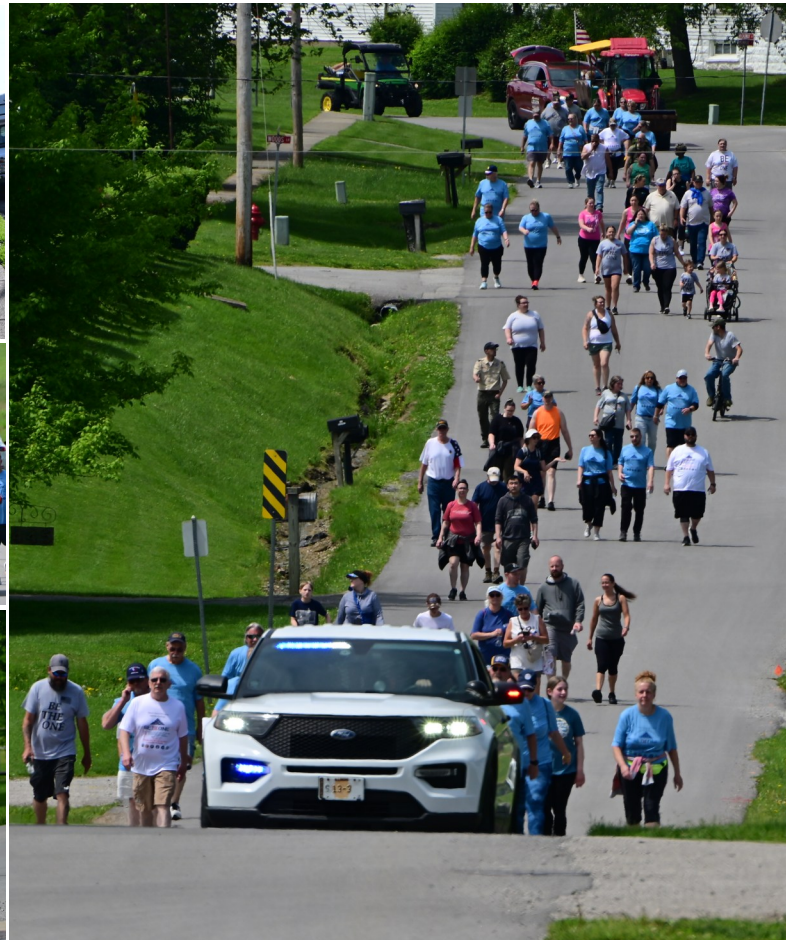
For God and Country,

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



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AMERICAN **LEGION**

Department of **ILLINOIS**

CONVENTION **HOUSING FORM**

106th 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**

HILTON GARDEN INN

3100 Dirksen Pkwy
 Springfield, IL 62703
 217/529-7171

DIVISION/S.A.L.

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Divisions
 and Sons of The American Legion

RATE

\$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**

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN

HOTEL SPRINGFIELD (Doubletree by Hilton)

701 E. Adams Springfield, IL 62701 217/544-8800

4th Division & Auxiliary

\$122.00 plus tax
 (\$139.08 total)

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/

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 "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 Call: 800-383-4386

visit 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 = \$ _____

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 _____

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)



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

This sign will be placed on one hole for both days of the tournament and at both Harrison Park Golf Course and Turtle Run Golf Club.

Bus. Card Attached: _____ Artwork Attached: _____

Special Instructions: _____

Amount Received: _____ ☐ Check ☐ Cash Amount Due: _____

Collected by: _____

Office Use:

☐ **Previous Sponsor**

☐ **New**

☐ **Artwork**

☐ **Sign Ordered**

-----tear off bottom for receipt-----

American Legion State Golf Sponsor – Thank you for your support!

Make Check Payable to: **American Legion State Golf**

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

61832 Amount Received: _____ Cash: _____ Check: _____

Amount Due: _____



2025
Illinois State Fair
Sunday, August 10th, 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:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Active Military Veteran Group | <input type="radio"/> Veteran Organization |
| <input type="radio"/> Veteran Support organization | <input type="radio"/> Veteran support youth group |
| <input type="radio"/> Band | <input type="radio"/> Veteran/Military Vehicle |
| <input type="radio"/> Fire/Police Department | <input type="radio"/> FFA / 4 H group |
| <input type="radio"/> 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

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.*

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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
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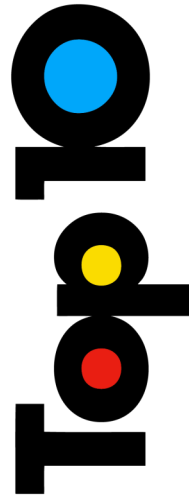
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