

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

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To: All Post's in Illinois
From: Josh Thielen
Date: 7/26/2026
Re: Post Mailings

The American Legion Department of Illinois has been looking at areas where we can cut cost. As we lose membership, we will be looking at all avenues where we can decrease spending but still provide the programs with full support. Over the last couple of years, we have cut cost related to the Oratorical Contest, by changing the venue and timing, and our sweepstakes. The sweepstakes are done all in house now with envelope stuffing done by volunteers. Last year we stopped sending out division and district mailings. The information being provided to them was already in a fillable form on our department website www.illegion.org.

This year we want to start taking steps to decrease the number of post mailings coming out. We have approximately 650 posts in the department. It adds up pretty quickly when we try to send out information to everyone throughout the year. This year we are going to be trying a couple of things to reduce that cost.

1. To reduce printing and mailing cost. If your post would rather receive post mailings through email, please fill out the Post Notification Form and either mail it to department or email to Department Adjutant Joshua Thielen, jthielen@illegion.org.
2. We will be putting the mailings on the department website on the News & Events tab under Department Newsletter. This will provide you with the same information but quicker access, as mail service seems to be getting slower.
3. If you choose to continue to receive a mailed version of the packets there is no action to be taken.

Thank you,



Joshua Thielen, Department Adjutant



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Post Notification Form

Post # _____ Post Name: _____

Post Address: _____
Street City ST Zip

Post Email: _____

Name of Adjutant or individual who will receive notifications: _____

Send Notifications Via Email: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Continue to mail Notifications: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please only select Yes to one of the questions above if you select yes for both Email will be the method use for any notifications. Membership cards will continue to be sent through the mail as usual.