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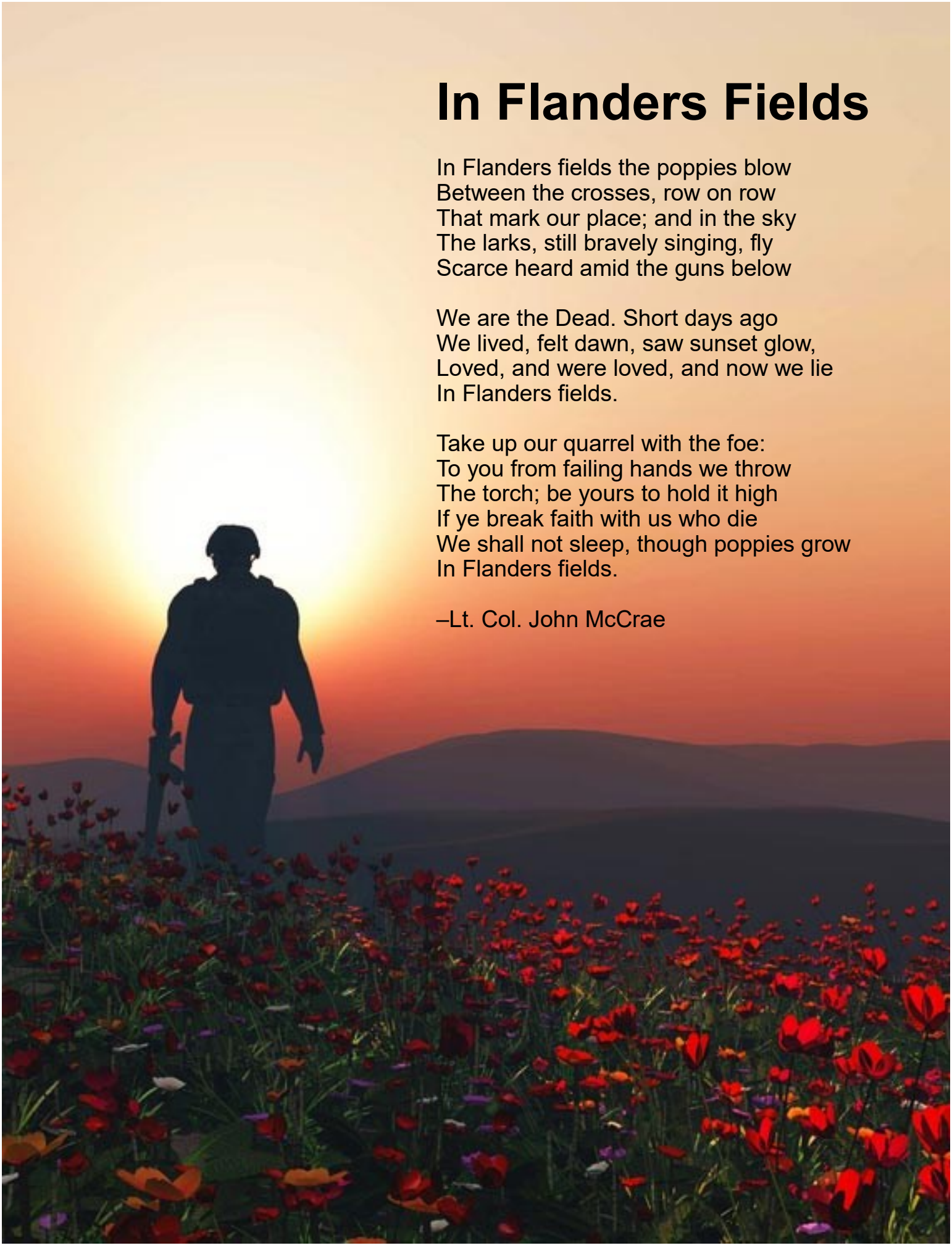

In Flanders Fields

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



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MAY

MAY 1-3 : **SAL NATIONAL SPRING MEETINGS**

MAY 3-7 : **LEGION NATIONAL SPRING MEETINGS**

MAY 9 : **BE THE ONE SUICIDE AWARENESS WALK (LOUISVILLE)**

MAY 10-15 : **ARMED FORCES WEEK**

MAY 15 : **ARMED FORCES DINNER**

MAY 16 : **ARMED FORCES DAY**

MAY 25 : **MEMORIAL DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)**

JUNE

JUNE 12 : **SAL CLOSE OF BOOKS**

JUNE 13-19 : **ILLINOIS PREMIER BOYS STATE (CHARLESTON—EIU)**

JUNE 19 : **TAL CLOSE OF BOOKS**

JUNE 19/20 : **SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER GAMES (NORMAL—ISU)**

JUNE 21-27 : **ILALA GIRLS STATE (CHARLESTON—EIU)**

JUNE 21-27 : **ILLINOIS STATE POLICE YOUTH CADET ACADEMY (SPRINGFIELD)**

JUNE 30 : **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AWARDS CUTOFF**

JULY

JULY 3 : **OFFICE CLOSED FOR 4TH OF JULY**

JULY 7-11 : **TAL & AUX DEPARTMENT CONVENTION (SPRINGFIELD)**

JULY 10-12: **SAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION (SPRINGFIELD)**



Department Commander,

ROY SMITH

It has been non-stop since my last article. I have enjoyed every trip

We have visited 2 of the veterans homes in Illinois, met with members of the 5th Division who had been collecting donations for lift chairs for the Anna Veterans Home. Then we delivered 2 more that were donated during the caravan. You can tell that the members at Anna Veterans Home are going to enjoy them.

The day before Lincoln Pilgrimage we accompanied National Commander Dan Wiley, his aid Doug Hensley, NEC Ron Hoffman, National President Pam Ray, President Jill and Detachment Commander Wayne Madson to Quincy Veterans Home. We were met by Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) Director Terry Prince, and several members of his staff. Quincy Veterans home has come a long way, the new state of the art facility is fabulous, it is the new national standard for long term care and living facilities. We toured both the domiciliary and the long term member care area. The Staff was kind and courteous, they treated each of the members with respect and dignity. I hope to see all of our Illinois Veterans Homes and report our findings. So far, if I need to stay in a home I wouldn't hesitate to ask my care takers to arrange for me go to Anna or Quincy.

Prior to leaving the Quincy Facility I asked IDVA Director Terry Prince what the Legion Family could do for the IDVA homes. His one response was to get veterans on the waiting list now. We need a strong waiting list to get another home in central Illinois.

Next was Lincoln Pilgrimage hosted by Springfield Post 32 and 809. We had approximately 14 other Departments in attendance including all 3 National Officers. It was an exciting event Celebrating our 16th Presidents Birthday. The Pilgrimage remembers our past and rewards our top performers in membership.

As we moved into March we attended the Washington Conference. Our representatives to the conference were brought up to date by members of the American Legion Washington DC Staff on our legislative priorities. That Tuesday a part of our Illinois Delegation was off for the Hill to see Senator Tammy Duckworth, Congresswoman Mary Miller, and Congressman Mike Bost staff as he was not available. We discussed our legislative priorities start with the Major Richard Star Act. This act would allow Military Retirees to receive both their retired pay and their disability benefit from the Veterans Administration, concurrent receipt. Other priorities included preventing

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Department Sr. Vice Commander,

CELESTE LATHAM

Finishing Strong

The membership year is quickly coming to a close, and I truly believe this is the moment when the heart of The American Legion shines brightest. I know each of you is carrying the mission forward with passion, determination, and a deep sense of purpose as we work together to finish strong. Every new member we welcome and every renewal we secure strengthens not only our organization, but our ability to stand up for veterans, their families, and our communities across Illinois. Membership is far more than a number—it represents belonging, service, and the lifelong bonds we share as Legionnaires. This is also a time to lead with compassion. Please continue reaching out to those who have not yet renewed. Make the phone call, knock on the door, shake a hand, and have the conversation. Let them know they are missed, that they matter, and that The American Legion is better because they are part of it. One personal connection can remind someone why they joined in the first place—and why they still belong.

As we enter the final stretch, personal outreach remains key. Please continue reaching out to those who have not yet renewed. Make the phone call, knock on the door, shake a hand, and have the conversation. These simple actions make a real difference and remind our members of the value and purpose of staying connected to The American Legion.

I would also like to extend sincere thanks to the Posts that opened their doors and hosted us during the Membership Caravan. Your hospitality, pride, and support of the mission exemplify what makes our organization strong. To our Posts, Counties, Divisions, and Districts, thank you for your continued revitalization efforts. Your leadership, teamwork, and dedication are driving progress and energizing Posts throughout the state.

As we approach the finish line, let's keep the momentum going, stay engaged, and remain focused on the impact of our collective efforts. Together, united by service and driven by purpose, we can close out this membership year strong and confident in the future of The American Legion family in Illinois.

Celeste Latham

Senior Vice Commander



Department President,

JILL LAYTON

Thank you for all of your kind hospitality this year as I traveled the Department of Illinois. As you know, I was blessed to have two of the most amazing commanders, Department Commander Roy and Detachment Commander Wayne. We have enjoyed working the programs together as well as working the programs while we might have been in separate parts of the State. But when we were in separate parts of the State, we made sure everyone knew we were looking for the others! Thank you for those who joined us at the Auxiliary's Patriotic Conference. I am looking forward to attending the Junior Conference, Police School, Illini Girls State, Boys State – and right around the corner is the Department Convention! I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the Department Convention (Christmas in July for the American Legion Auxiliary!!) as we also celebrate the USA 250!!! As I have said before, if you or other Post members have family members eligible for the American Legion Auxiliary, please ask them to join and sign them up. I hope one (hopefully one of the many) things that Roy, Wayne and I exhibited this year was how our programs are successful when we work together.

The January Membership Caravan was an amazing experience. Thank you to the Posts for opening their doors and making us feel welcome. Lincoln Pilgrimage was a very successful event with The Legion Family from National – Commander Wiley, President Ray, and Commander Clancy together with your Department leaders – Commander Smith, Commander Madson, and myself. We will soon be attending Patriotic Conference in March, the Department Juniors and Young Sons Conference in April, and quickly moving into Special Olympics, Premier Boys State, Police School, and Illini Girls State. The next thing you know, we will all be together at the Department Convention celebrating the 250 birthday of our country.

For those who attended the January Membership Caravan, I hope it was evident that Legion Posts, Auxiliary Units, and SAL Squadrons are more successful when they work together. If you do not have an Auxiliary Unit, please consider chartering a Unit. Please make the family complete with your Post having a Unit and an SAL Squadron.

Do you have some young Sons? Please bring them to the

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Detachment Commander,

WAYNE MADSON

Hello everyone!

Is your Post, Unit, or Squadron ready to celebrate America turning 250 years old? Have you signed up to participate in the Legion 250 program? President Jill once again for her submitted my name to receive the Quilt of Valor. I did go to NYC for SAL National Commander Bill Clancy homecoming and had a great time with other Detachments personnel. After I got back from NYC I met with Roy and Jill and we visited Chicago Veterans Home and Manteno Veterans Home. They are doing excellent work taking care of our veterans. One thing both places did ask for is more volunteers so they can do more for the veterans. If you have time please consider volunteering your time at any veterans home.

I attended my first Junior and Sons Conference in Monticello, what an excellent time. I was impressed by how many Sons that participated at the conference. The kids seemed like they had a great time, and Angie Mulligan did an excellent job organizing the weekend. Spent the last weekend in April Jeeping around Southern Illinois on the 12th Annual Haven Run. We raised over $9,300 for the Haven. It was a great day with the American Legion Family. May and June are not slowing down either. We have Commander Roy Be The One Walk as Commander says it's just a short walk of 8 1\2 miles to help prevent veterans suicide. We have Armed Forces week visiting all the Divisions with the Legion National Commander. We have Memorial Day weekend. Please attend a memorial service in your communities. Take time to remember those men and women that made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms that we enjoy today.

June doesn't slow down. We have Special Olympics in Normal if you're able to assist please do so. We have a Boys and Girls State going on. And my special project is Youth Police School, June 21-26 at Camp Lincoln in Springfield. It's been my pleasure and honor to serve as your Detachment Commander this past year. Also, with serving with Commander Roy and President Jill hopefully we were good examples of the American Legion Family serving together. I know we had fun serving you and just think it all started because we couldn't find Jill.

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veteran suicide, improving care for women veterans, ending veterans homelessness, and improving compensation and Pension exam. The Senator presented an issue she was working on for discussion; the difficulty of using a VA home loan in todays housing market.

The Americanism team conducted the oratorical and I had the privilege of sitting in the audience and listening to the 5 contestants oration. Incredible! I applaud the contestants for the work they put into their research—the hours of practice it took to compete at this level! The Illinois Champion will advance to the National event at Hinsdale College in Hillsdale Michigan. We wish her Good Luck

We have an upcoming visit to Great Lakes Naval Base. Illinois Legion Leadership will be joining our Washington Office, National Security Team will be conducting a Base Assessment and Service member Experience (BASE) Program survey. This survey will concentrate on, Military family housing and barracks/dormatories, health care, child care, access benefits, education, spousal employment, mental health, transitional assistance programs to name a few. Each of these items involved taking care of veteran and looking out for our active duty members, our children and youth and Americanism.

What I have described to you are just a few of the things that the American Legion does in its continued support of our Four Pillars. Trips like this are what I was looking forward to while Seving as your Department Commander. Traveling our State and our Nation, seeing how the Legion Family membership effects the lives of our Veterans, Our Military, Our Families and the Youth of our Nation. It seems that everyday I see how our Programs effect "Just One More" can make a difference in the lives of so many.

By the time you are reading this, we will have hosted our 3rd Annual Be the One Veteran Suicide Prevention walk in Louisville. It has been a very successful event and I'm looking forward to this year's being better than ever. I hope to see many of you there.

May God Bless our Country and Our American Legion!

Just One More

Roy Smith

Illinois Department Commander

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Department Junior and Young Sons Conference in April in Monticello. They will learn so many things about the programs as well as making life-long friends – which we hope will keep them members when they become an adult.

Commander Roy, Commander Wayne and I have wonderful things planned at the Department Convention for the Legion Family to celebrate America's 250th birthday.

Thank you for your hospitality, your kindness, and your smiles.

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

2025—2026 DIVISION & DISTRICT MEETING DATES

DATE	DIST. / DIV.	TIME	DETAILS & LOCATION
05/03/2026	23RD DISTRICT	TBD	DISTRICT MEETING @ NEWTON POST 20
05/15/2026	10TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	DISTRICT CONVENTION & POST EVERLASTING @ LAKES REGION POST 703
05/16-05/17	19TH DISTRICT	TBD	DISTRICT CONVENTION—SAVOY
05/17/2026	15TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	DISTRICT CONVENTION MEETING @ FAIRVIEW POST 644
05/17/2026	16TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	DISTRICT CONVENTION MEETING @ DEER CREEK POST 1276
05/16-05/17/26	19TH DISTRICT	TBD	DISTRICT CONVENTION—SAVOY
05/20/2026	7TH DISTRICT	TBD	DISTRICT MEETING MORTON GROVE POST 134
05/23/2026	8TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	POST EVERLASTING ELECTION @ EVERGREEN PARK POST 854
05/30/2026	4TH DIVISION	1:00 PM	DIVISION MEETING @ MATTOON POST 88—RAILSPLITTERS
05/30/2026	25TH DISTRICT	1:00 PM	DISTRICT MEETING @ STEELEVILLE POST 480
05/31/2026	2ND DIVISION	TBD	DIVISION CONVENTION MEETING @ MT. MORRIS POST 143
05/31/2026	4TH DIVISION	1:00 PM	DIVISION CONVENTION MEETING @ MATTOON POST 88
06/07/2026	3RD DIVISION	10:00 AM	DIVISION CONVENTION MEETING @ DELAVAN POST 382
06/17/2026	7TH DISTRICT	TBD	DISTRICT MEETING @ LINCOLNWOOD POST 1226
06/19/2026	10TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING @ WAUCONDA POST 911
06/26/2026	8TH DISTRICT	7:00 PM	TBD

Sunday, May 10—Fifth Division

Monday, May 11—Fourth Division

Tuesday, May 12—Third Division

Friday, May 15—First & Second Division

Each Division will host an event in celebration of Armed Forces Day, hosting National Commander as the guest of honor. Please try to attend the one in your Division! Event dates for each Division listed above.

Naperville Honors National Vietnam War Veterans Day







On Sunday, March 29 our Naperville Community Honored all Veterans that served during the Vietnam War at our Veterans Park. We had approximately 80 Veterans participate and over 150 total attendees. During the Program we had 6 Vietnam Veterans speak and share their thoughts from their experiences serving in Vietnam. We also had the ***"Chorus of DuPage"*** sing our National Anthem and God Bless America along with several other very Patriotic songs.

Personally, it was a very special day to have again many Vietnam War and Era Veterans and family members in attendance. I am sure it brought back very special memories for many. As we remember over 58,000 names on the Vietnam Wall, we asked Jenny Dahley, whose late husband John, served 2 tours in Vietnam, and is interred in Arlington National Cemetery to read ***"More than a Name on the Wall"***. This was a very popular Statler Brothers song from the 70's. Look it up and you will see what I mean.

From there we moved to our ***"Gold Star Family Memorial"*** to hear comments from our Mayor Scott Wehrli regarding what our Veterans mean here in Naperville, and the laying of a wreath by our Gold Star Families in attendance. In addition, our American Legion Post 43 and our Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 Combined Post Color Guard and Honor Guard presented Final Honors along with the sounding of ***"Echo Taps"***. Following that, Bagpiper Kollen Monahan, played ***"Amazing Grace".*** As part of our Memorial Service, we also recognized the 11 young Men from Naperville that were lost in Vietnam. They paid the ***"Ultimate Sacrifice"***.

Finally, we have some pictures of this very special day included also. I hope more of our Posts will take the time to honor and recognize their local Vietnam Veterans. Welcome home!

Submitted by
Semper Fi-Wayne Fischer-USMC
Vietnam '67- '68

Armed Forces Day Dinner

The Illinois American Legion First Division is Proud to host Armed Forces

Dinner on Friday May 15, 2026, at the Lone Tree Manor 7730 N Milwaukee

Ave, Niles IL

Keynote Speaker National Commander Dan K. Wiley

Social hours start @ 5pm. Dinner at 7pm. Dinner will be family style 45$ per person.

Reservation: Name _____ Phone _____
Post _____ District_____ Division_____

Amount enclosed table of 8 Yes or No. Please provide names on reverse side if a table of 8.

Make checks payable to American Legion 1ST Division.

Mail to Detrall Dearbone 54 N Wolf Road, Hillside IL 60162. Questions, Call or Email Detrall Dearbone @ 7083059575 or Detralldearbone@yahoo.com. RSVP by May 2, 2026.

LEGIONNAIRE BENEFITS

As a Member of the Legion Family, You Know How Important It Is to Help Protect Those in Need ...

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- Hospital HELP Plan
- Cancer Care
- Accidental Death Protection
- On-The-Move Travel Accident
- Emergency Assistance Plus
- ID Resolve
- Medicare Supplement Insurance
- Health Insurance
- Dental Insurance
- Long-Term Care
- Lifeline Medical Alert Service

Hospital HELP Plan — Provides benefits for hospital stays including intensive care, cardiac care, care for cancer, rehabilitative facilities, and V.A. hospitals.*

Cancer Care — Provides important protection and a daily benefit if you are hospitalized due to cancer.*

Accidental Death — Helps provide financial protection for you and your family. Up to $5,000.00 LegionCare AD coverage at no cost to Legionnaires is available: (activation required).* You can also purchase additional Accident coverage up to $100,000.00.

On-The-Move Travel Accident — Provides up to $200,000.00 coverage when fatally injured in a covered accident while traveling, plus $500.00 per day if a covered accident lands you in the hospital.*

ID Resolve — Provides 24-hour identity theft resolution that helps protect your money, your time and your financial reputation.*

Emergency Assistance Plus — Provides you with 24/7 emergency medical and travel assistance services should something happen to you or your family while traveling away from home.

Medicare Supplement Insurance — Supplements your Medicare Coverage at group rates.

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Long-Term Care — Can help provide home health care, supervised adult care, and more.

Lifeline Medical Alert Service — Provides fast access to help in the event of a fall or medical emergency so you can live confidently and independently.

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2026 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AWARD PROGRAM DEADLINES

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.** ***DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR POST TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR EFFORTS.*** 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**
- **Public Relations Award - June 1**

2026 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: (choose black & white or color)	**Black & White**	**Color Ad**
Medal of Honor (full page--7-1/2 x 10 in.)	$230.00 _____	$250.00 _____
Silver Star (half page--7-1/2 x 5 in.)	$120.00 _____	$125.00 _____
Bronze Star (quarter page--3-3/4 x 5 in.)	$90.00 _____	$95.00 _____
Purple Heart (3-3/4 x 3-3/8 in. "Business card")	$75.00 _____	$80.00 _____
Commander Salute (3-3/4 -1-11/16 in.)	$60.00 _____	$65.00 _____
Flag Page (1-3/4 - 1 in.)	$25.00 _____	$25.00 _____

Method of Payment (please check one)

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

Mail checks to: American Legion, Dept. of IL
2720 E. Lincoln St. Bloomington, IL 61704

_____ Credit Card

#_____

EXP Date: ____ ____ / _____ _____

Security Code # : ____ ____ ____

Special Olympics Illinois

Summer Games June 12-13, 2026

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 1ot 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!

LEGION:

- 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, bananas)

SAL:

- 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)
- Holy Nuts Sunflower Seed Kernels (individual packs)

AUX:

- 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 (<240 calories)
- Mount Olive sliced dill pickles
- Veggies (broccoli, cauliflower, bell peppers (variety), cherry tomatoes, radishes, baby carrots, celery)
- Robert Irvine Fitness Crunch bars variety (individual packs)

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!***

CHILDREN &YOUTH

Legion Convention Action Requested It

Now it is your turn...Volunteers are needed!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

ILLINOIS SUMMER GAMES 2026

Illinois State University, Normal, IL

JUNE 12-13, 2026

The Illinois American Legion and Auxiliary will sponsor a Hospitality Center for athletes, coaches, volunteers and families. We plan to provide items such as: See page #16. This will provide athletes, coaches and families a place in the shade to rest, relax and fellowship among themselves and us. ***We must be assured of adequate help for loading and unloading supplies, cleaning tables and money to put this operation together for both days.***

PLACE

Hancock Center
Illinois State University
Normal, IL 61761

HOURS OF OPERATION
Friday, June 12th , 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday June 13th , 8:00 a.m. - 500 p.m.

(Please indicate below the times you will be there to help)

** Must work a full day for lunch to be provided—morning through afternoon **

I will be there: From _____ To _____ on Friday

I will be there: From _____ To _____ on Saturday

Name:_____

Address: _____

Phone #:_____

Post/Unit # _____ District # _____ Division # _____

Here is my donation of $_____to help with supplies for Special Olympics.

RETURN TO:

The American Legion -or-
Dept. of Illinois
PO Box 2910
Bloomington, IL 61702-2910

The American Legion Auxiliary -or-
Dept. of Illinois
PO Box 1426
Bloomington, IL 61702-1426

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American Legion, Department of Illinois
Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation

Department Service Officer Mission

American Legion Department Service Officers (DSOs) are Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) accredited by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). We are specially trained to provide expert assistance to Military Veterans and their families. Our mission is to provide Veterans support in obtaining benefits authorized by Congress that they've earned by service to our country.

A comprehensive skillset in applying VA policies to the individual needs of each Veteran is essential to being an effective DSO. DSOs assist Veterans with navigating the VA Compensation and Benefit system in the complex process of claim management including the compilation of required evidence, preparation and development of all appropriate forms, and the eventual correct submission of a comprehensive claim.

When necessary, the DSO Team will assist in appealing non-compensatory decisions on diagnosed disability conditions attributed to Military Service. DSO assistance in the appeals process can rise to the level of Federal Judicial review.

DSO engagement includes not only claim development and submission for Veterans Compensation and Pension benefits but also aid with, or direction to resources available for Veteran family benefits, Burial & Survivor benefits, and obtaining Military Records.

There is a significant difference between a Department Service Officer (DSO) and a Post / District / Division VSO. Legally and otherwise. Primarily a DSO maintains current VA accreditation while a VSO does not. There is an American Legion brochure "Post Service Officer Guide" that describes the distinction between the two roles.

Of key importance, Veteran and/or family member sessions are personally sensitive and extremely private thereby requiring strict HIPPA training and compliance.

This personal support of our fellow Veterans is one of the four primary tenets of the American Legion, referred to as the "Four Pillars". This professional service is provided to our fellow Veterans and their families at absolutely no cost.

STILL SERVING AMERICA

AMERICAN LEGION Department of ILLINOIS CONVENTION HOUSING FORM

107th Annual Department Convention July 7 –12, 2026

All reservations MUST be made directly with the hotel housing your Division/S.A.L. on or before June 16, 2026. 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

	DIVISION/S.A.L.	RATE
PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN HOTEL SPRINGFIELD *(Doubletree by Hilton)* 701 E. Adams Springfield, IL 62701 217/544-8800	5th, 2nd & 3rd Divisions, Auxiliary & SAL	$127.00 plus tax ($144.78 total)

Reservation- Mail this form to the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield OR make your reservation online.
For LEGION/SAL Reservations: https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/americanlegion2026convention/
For AUXILIARY Reservations: https://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 "LEG" for the Legion and "ALA" for the Auxiliary.*

STATE HOUSE INN Trademark by Wyndham 101 E. Adams Springfield, IL 62701 217/528-5100	1st & 4th Divisions	$127.00 plus tax ($144.78 total)

Reservation- Mail this form to the State House Inn with first night's payment OR make your reservation online.
https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/hotels/02357?checkInDate=07/06/2026&checkOutDate=07/12/2026&groupCode=070626AME

You may also call at 217/528-5100. Please mention that you are with the American Legion.

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 16, 2026. **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



2025-2026
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
ROY SMITH

Thursday July 9, 2026

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)




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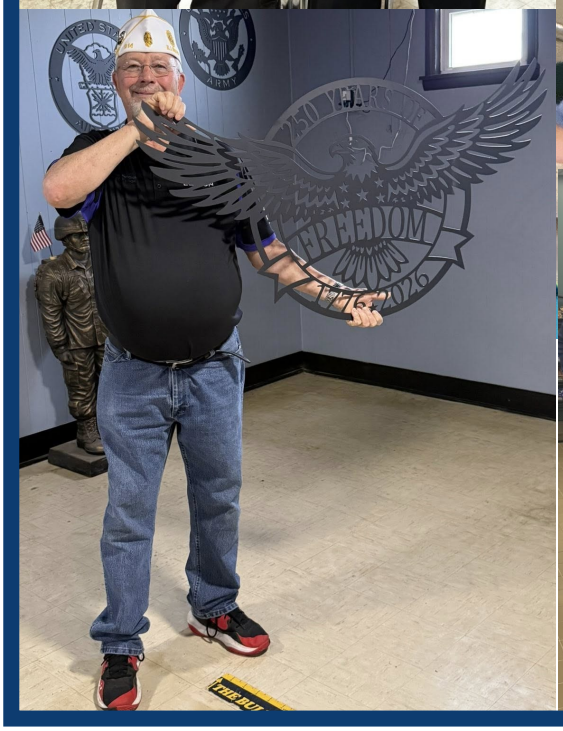
FREEDOM





AMERICAN LEGION

BE THE ONE

107th Illinois American Legion Convention

HOSPITALITY LOCATIONS 2026

1st Division **Governor's Ballroom (1/2)**

Commander Wm F. McNellis **State House Inn**

2nd Division **Ottawa A & Governor Altgeld Room**

Commander Todd Latham **President Abraham Lincoln Hotel**

3rd Division **Governor Bond Room**

Commander Rodney Bennett **President Abraham Lincoln hotel**

4th Division & 19th District

Governor's Ballroom (1/2)

4th Division Commander Annette Tincher

19th District Commander William A. Smith

State House Inn

5th Division **Ottawa B**

Commander Steve Owens **President Abraham Lincoln Hotel**

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Updated April 4, 2026 - PER AUTHORITY OF:

Department Commander Roy E. Smith

Convention Director Michael E. Walton

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

107th DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

DISTRICT CAUCUS SCHEDULE

Thursday, JULY 9th, 2026

All Caucus Rooms are located on the lower level of the Bank of Springfield Convention Center.

3:00 PM

2nd DISTRICT - ROOM B-7 EAST
3rd DISTRICT - ROOM B-7 WEST
4th DISTRICT - ROOM B-9
5th DISTRICT - ROOM B-6 WEST
7th DISTRICT - ROOM B-3
8th DISTRICT - ROOM B-6 EAST
9th DISTRICT - ROOM B-10
10th DISTRICT & 13th DISTRICT - ROOM B-1
11th DISTRICT - ROOM B-4 East
12th DISTRICT - ROOM B-4 WEST

5:00 PM

14th DISTRICT - ROOM B-9
15th DISTRICT - ROOM B-1
16th DISTRICT - ROOM B- 2
17th DISTRICT - ROOM B-6 EAST
18th DISTRICT - ROOM B-6 WEST
19th DISTRICT - ROOM B-7 EAST
20th DISTRICT - ROOM B-8
21st DISTRICT - ROOM B-7 WEST
22nd DISTRICT - ROOM B-4 WEST
23rd DISTRICT - ROOM B-10
24th DISTRICT & 25th DISTRICT - ROOM B-3

American Legion Family
Shuttle and Bus schedule
2026 State Convention

The State House Inn 101 E Adams St, Springfield, IL 62701
BOS Center, 1, Convention Center Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701:

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

10:30am – 2:30pm	Executive Transportation 35 passenger shuttle Start SHI to BOS Center continuous loop
5:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Executive Transportation 35 passenger shuttle Start SHI to BOS Center continuous loop

Thursday, July 9, 2026

7am – 11 am	One motor-coach	Start SHI to BOS Center continuous loop
2 pm – 10 pm	One motor-coach	Start SHI to BOS Center continuous loop

10 am – 12 am Below is **ONLY** the Executive Transportation 35 passenger shuttle schedule:

BOS Center
IL State Military Museum (1 – 4 pm)
Springfield Post 32
Otis B. Duncan Post 809
State House Inn
(then start the loop over)

Friday, July 10, 2026

6:30 am - 9:30 am	One motor-coach	Start SHI to BOS Center continuous loop
2 pm – 6 pm	One motor-coach	Start SHI to BOS Center continuous loop

10 am – 12 am Below is **ONLY** the Executive Transportation 35 passenger shuttle schedule:

BOS Center
IL State Military Museum (1 – 4 pm)
Springfield Post 32
Otis B. Duncan Post 809
State House Inn
(then start the loop over)

Saturday, July 11, 2026

6:30 am - 9:30 am	One motor-coach	Start SHI to BOS Center continuous loop
4 pm - 10:30 pm	One motor-coach	Start SHI to BOS Center continuous loop

LEGION RIDERS MEETING

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

FRIDAY, JULY 10TH, 3:00 PM
in the Main Convention Hall of the
BOS Center, Springfield

★ FOLLOWED BY CONVENTION PARADE KICK-OFF! ★

There will be a parade to kick-off Freedom Fest. All Legion Riders are encouraged to attend.
Line up @ 5:00 PM (location TBD), Step off @ 5:25 PM
Disband at BOSC. Route is currently TBD

14th Annual

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION ALR BIKE SHOW

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH, 10:00AM—12:00 PM
on North side of Adams between 8th and 9th Streets
Bikers sign-up 9:00AM -10:00AM
$10.00 entry fee
Register at the curb on Adams Street side of BOS Center

Judging by Convention Attendees
★
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
★
Classes: Touring, Sport, Custom, Cruiser and Trikes



Entry Fees will go to the Legacy Scholarship Fund.
★
THE AMERICAN LEGION
LEGACY RUN


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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
107th Annual
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
FREEDOM FEST
FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026
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
BBQ by award winning Twyford BBQ of Jacksonville
LIVE MUSIC 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
FEATURING
"Boom Box All 80's Band"
HELP COMMANDER ROY, PRESIDENT JILL & COMMANDER WAYNE
CELEBRATE THEIR CONVENTIONS AND YEARS OF SERVICE!

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY RECEPTION MEET & GREET

SATURDAY JULY 11

Buddinger Room
Lower Level of
BOS Center in
Springfield.

Meet with your newly elected 2026-2027 American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary & Sons of The American Legion leaders during a Legion Family reception. Light refreshments will be provided.

The American Legion Department of Illinois Family

cordially invites you to the annual

COMMANDERS & PRESIDENT *Dinner*

honoring



Department Commander
Roy E. Smith



Department President
Jill Layton



Detachment Commander
Wayne V. Madson

Saturday, July 11, 2026

— $67 per person —

Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Main Ballroom
President Abraham Lincoln Hotel

Name: _____ Division# _____

Address: _____ District# _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone# _____

No. of Person(s) _____ or Table(s) _____ (For tables of eight (8), please send a list of names with this form)

(Grilled Sirloin Steak x _____) - (Chicken Forestiere (mushroom sauce) x _____) - (Salmon x _____)

All dinners are served with roasted garlic whipped potatoes, haricot verts and glazed carrots, tossed salad and dessert.

Check Total $_____ Make checks payable to: The American Legion Department of Illinois

To guarantee your reservation, mail check & reservation form DIRECTLY to Sharon Conatser 2305 Rebecca Dr. Champaign, IL 61821 no later than June 25, 2026.

For questions or special dietary needs: Sharon Conatser (C)217/369-6211; or email: sconatser44@live.com

ATTN: Accessing Copies of Documentation

For anyone needing additional documentation pertaining to certifications, CPR, or Post Administrative Forms you can go to the department website and find them. These are fillable so you can keep a digital copy for yourself, or you can print them and fill them out by hand. Listed below is what you can find under each tab on the department website (www.illegion.org).

Programs and Services

This is all the committee reports and programs offered by the Department of Illinois American Legion

Membership

There is a lot of information under this tab to include member benefits, leadership materials (manuals, guides, and publications), Department and National membership awards, membership reports, CPR form (Due June 1), membership forms (applications, data form, recruiter award, and Code “C” forms), officer certifications for post, county, district, and division (make sure ALL information is filled out on these forms Due by Close of Books), and Post administrative forms (changes to charter information, data reports [when updates are needed]).

News and Events

You can find information for District/Division meeting dates and Department/National convention information. More information will be changing on this tab to provide up to date events and meetings.

Resources

This tab provides all additional information such as Emblem Sales and other department sales, as well as information on the department officers and staff.

The homepage is updated regularly with upcoming events and a new calendar to help you identify long range planning. Our website is a tool with a wealth of knowledge we are working hard to get everything updated please inform someone if you find a broken link or old information so we can correct it.

Thank you,



Joshua Thielen, Department Adjutant

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING RESERVATION FORM

2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION—LOUISVILLE, KY AUGUST 28– SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

Illinois Housing: The Gault House Hotel. 140 North 4th St, Louisville, KY 40202

(Rooms will be assigned on a first come first served basis.) ****HOUSING DEADLINE: JULY 21, 2026 ****

(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 $45 per day ~ Self Parking $40 per day**

Additional Occupant in Room: **N/A**

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING:

King (1-2 person) @ **$142.00**

Doubles (1-2 person) @ **$142.00**

ADA King (1-2 person) @ **$142.00**

_____
Arrival Date

_____
Departure Date

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

ROOM RATE (First night): $ 142.00

FIRST NIGHT ROOM RATE TAX (17.66%): $ 25.08

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 cancelations must be made in writing to the Department Adjutant and be in to ***Department Headquarters by 4:30 pm on July 21, 2026.*** 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***

KENTUCKY DERBY



AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS PARTY

The Illinois party will be held on Sunday, August 30, 2026 at Churchill Downs, Louisville, KY from 5-9pm. The cost will be $65 per person to attend. Buses will be loading and leaving The Galt House Hotel promptly at 5pm.

Southern Chef Plate

Mixed Field greens, Crisp Cabbage Cole Slaw

Three Cheese Mac and Cheese, Vegetable Medley

Pulled Pork

(served with House Bourbon, Arkansas BBQ and Carolina Mustard)

Churchill Fried Chicken

Dessert will be Traditional Pound Cake

(Woodford Reserve Mint Julep macerated strawberries, whipped cream)

Cash Bar

RSVP To guarantee your reservation, mail check and this form no later than August 1, 2026.

Make checks payable to "The American Legion Dept. of Illinois" and mail directly to Dee Dalton.

Name(s): _____ Amount Enclosed: $ _____

Attn: Dee Dalton, Executive Secretary
The American Legion
Department of Illinois
Bloomington, IL 61704

American Legion State Golf Tournament

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!

August 1 & 2, 2026

Time

Saturday: Tee times start at 9 AM
Sunday: Shotgun Start 9 AM

Place

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

Harrison Park Golf Course • 1929

Mike Smith, PGA
332 E. Liberty Lane
Danville, IL 61832
(217) 442-8876

TURTLE RUN

Saturday Meal

Choice of meat: Brisket, Half Rack of Ribs, or Grilled Chicken

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

Additional Meals - $18

Fees:

Individual $150 x ____ = $ _____
**CC Fee $4.50 x ____ = $ _____
Team $600 = $ _____
Addt'l Meals: $18 x ____ = $ _____
_____Bricket _____ Ribs _____ Chicken

Completed Form and Payment due at registration to hold tee time!!

Your Name: _____
Representing Post: _____
Email address: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Meal Choice: ☐ Brisket ☐ Ribs ☐ Chicken

Course & Tee time preference: *(Saturday's Round only)*

☐ **Harrison Park**
☐ **Turtle Run**

NOTE: *1st hour tee times @ HP reserved for Dept of IL - AL teams*

Time Requests: _____

Time requests will be considered on a first come basis but not guaranteed.

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

Please make check payable to:
American Legion State Golf

Name (please print): _____
Credit Card Number: _____
Exp: ____/____ CVV Code: _____ Zip Code: _____
☐ Master Card ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express
**transaction fee $4.50 per golfer

Phone: 1-800-383-4
Email: ALStatGolf@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 with payment)

Support Veteran Charities!

American Legion
State Golf Tournament
Danville, IL

August 1 & 2

Entries limited to 54 teams

Baymont by Wyndham
360 Eastgate Drive
(217) 446-2111
$89 + taxes

Quality Inn & Suites
3383 Lynch Drive
(217) 443-8004
$89 + taxes King Bed

Hotels

Opening Ceremonies

Saturday, August 1st
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.

Entry Fee: $150 per golfer *+ transaction fee if Credit Card payment*
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
Shotgun Sunday 9:00 AM
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



2026 American Legion State Golf Tournament Hole Sponsors

August 1 & 2, 2026

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: _____



12th Annual American Legion State Golf Tournament

August 1 & 2, 2026

Harrison Park GC & Turtle Run GC

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

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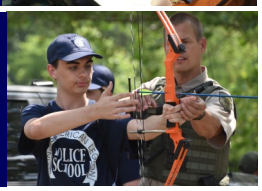
ILLINOIS PREMIER BOYS STATE
June 13-19, 2026



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ILLINI Girls STATE
June 21-27, 2026



Youth Police Academy
June 21-26, 2026



Special Olympics Illinois
2026 Summer Games:
June 19-20, 2026



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

TOP 10 DISTRICT & DIVISION RANKINGS

UPDATED 05/08/2026

Division	Commander
2	LATHAM
4	TINCHER
3	BENNETT
5	OWENS
1	MCNELLIS

District	Commander
13	Howard
3	Hudson
17	Elzy
10	Garris
16	Frank
22	Scheyer
19	Smith
11	Miller
18	McNamara
15	Seward, Jr.

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