



THE URBANA AMERICAN LEGION POST 71 NEWS

VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA

AUGUST 2020



50¢ WINGS
August 30, 2020
1-4 P. M.

Featuring
Cheeseburger Sliders
Chicken Sliders
Gun Drawing 4 PM

**NO
CARRYOUTS**



**AMERICAN LEGION
SERVICE
ASSOCIATION
AUGUST GUN RAFFLE**



**SPRINGFIELD HELLCAT OSP
9MM 11+ 1 FLUSH FIT
OR 13 + 1 EXTENDED
OR \$500.00
Drawing held AUGUST 30, 2020
\$10.00 EACH
Need not be present to win**

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Scott Varvel
Auxiliary President:
Gena Atteberry
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**The American Legion Post 71
Cash Raffle**



3- \$250 cash prizes
\$5.00 per ticket
**Drawing held when all tickets
sold**
**All proceeds will support our do-
nations to**
Illiana Healthcare System.
Need not be present to win

BREAKFASTS AND DINNERS

We do not know when Steak
Dinners and Breakfast will return.

We are working on ideas to be
able to host a steak dinner in September,
but it is in the preliminary stages.

Breakfast will not be possible un-
til we have the all clear, due to reduced
capacity and the buffet set up.

We will continue with the 50¢
Wings. We have tables set more than 6
feet apart, and servers do wear masks and
gloves..

We hope to see you soon.

**MEMBERSHIP
QUESTIONS?**

If you have questions about your
membership, or have paid your
dues and haven't received your
card, please contact:

Legion-Bob Henderson

217-398-5916

Auxiliary-Sharon Conatser

217-369-6211

SAL-Rob Bross

217-778-3889

**NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES ARE DUE BY
THE 15TH OF THE
MONTH**

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WHILE WE WERE CLOSED

While our Post was on lockdown, we did some extensive work. All of the floors were waxed. The Legion food room and the back entrance hallway were repainted. The carpet in the front entrance hallway and in the video poker machine area was torn out and vinyl flooring was installed. We also replaced doors inside the building. The biggest project was the gutting and remodeling of the Ladies restroom. All of the color scheme in the Ladies room were approved by my wife, after I picked out the colors. Over all we spent over \$12,000 in the remodeling.

These were things that were going to be done eventually, so we actually saved some money, because we didn't have to shut down the video poker machines while we remodeled.

Come check it out!

SEASON GUN RAFFLE TICKETS

\$100.00 get you in 12 months gun drawings. Our bartenders will gladly sign you up.

We currently have over 50 season gun raffle ticket holders. If you don't want the gun, you can always take the cash.

Due to the shortage of guns, the cash prize on the gun

raffle will go to \$500.00 instead of \$400.00.

GUN RAFFLE WINNERS

- APRIL- Robert Bramfield
- MAY- Steve Heimburger
- JUNE- Jeff Kalk

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership has dropped below 400 members. In total, our Post lost 38 members last year. 30 of those members passed away.

We need all of our current members to pay their dues. In the August meeting, we will be discussing about only charging what it costs to pay our National and state per capita. That is the reason we raised dues to \$40.

The American Legion needs your support, especially the local posts. Don't be hesitant to include a donation to your local Posts, whether it be the American Legion, VFW, DAV or Amvets. Many are struggling and if there is another lockdown, some of your favorite Veterans Clubs could close. Please support them!

SAL NEWS

Welcome back SAL Membership.

On July 13th we resumed our monthly meeting at Post 71 and were able to do so while respecting social distancing guidelines. There was much to discuss after missing several months of lost business due to the Governors stay at home order. While we all wait for the world to return to normal, that seems unlikely to happen in the new Covid 19 world we find ourselves feeling trapped in.

I would like to thank post Commander Bruce Brown and his staff for keeping the lights on along with the many updates and repairs that have taken place since the post was forced to close in March.

I want to remind membership that dues will increase next year so there is no better time to join or make sure that your dues are paid.

At our meeting we also agreed to hold a Meat Raffle that had been postponed from March, We will be giving away a gift certificate for \$250.00 dollars to Old Time Meat and Deli in Champaign. Tickets will be five dollars each and

150 tickets will be sold and you do not need to be present to win. Drawing will be held Labor Day weekend. Get a ticket soon from an SAL member.

" IT IS DURING OUR DARKEST MOMENTS THAT WE MUST FOCUS TO SEE THE LIGHT"--QUOTE--ARISTOTLE

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
Scott Varvel
SAL COMMANDER

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello all!

I have missed you! Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

We were able to hold a few Zoom meetings through this Pandemic and are happy to announce our monthly meetings are back.

Our first in person meeting was held on July 8th with 5 members present. Our August meeting will be held on the 12th at 6:30 PM. We encourage everyone to join us again. We will social distance and masks are strongly encouraged.

Many of our programs have been cancelled or postponed due to the Pandemic.

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ARE YOU USING YOUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS?

LEGION-www.legion.org
Select Members

AUXILIARY-
www.alaforveterans.org
Select Members Only-
Member Benefits

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS

As a veteran, you are normally entitled to full military honors, including a flag-folding ceremony.

DoD policy calls for funeral directors, rather than next of kin, to contact the military. Contact the funeral home to request these services.

There is also a brochure "What to do before a veteran dies" available from the Post

Flags for Sale

Great Quality flags

3x5=\$22

4x6=\$29

5x8=\$42

3x5 House Flag Set=\$27

3x5 POWMIA=\$34

3x5 Military=\$32

Auto Flags =\$12

We save you shipping, but you can order them from American Legion Emblem Sales. We also take old flags and dispose of them.

Joann Brown has done an amazing job keeping us updated on our Facebook page. Thank you Joann for all of your hard work!

Since January our ladies have performed 370 hours for Community Service, 12 hours for National Security and 64 hours for Service to Veterans. Holly Clemons is still awaiting her orientation date for the VA in Danville. We will keep you updated on their needs. Thank you ladies for continuing to serve our Community and Veterans. Please turn in any service hours you perform to myself or Joann Brown.

We are happy to announce we finished the year with 100% membership. Thank you all for being a part of our Auxiliary Family. Now through September 30th dues will be reduced to \$24 instead of \$30. We encourage everyone to pay early and get your early bird ticket. This will reduce your dues to \$14 for the whole year!

We have reached out to the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in hopes of providing them with Sacks of Love. Unfortunately they are not accepting those types of donations at this time. They are accepting food donations and we will discuss this at our next meeting.

Our American Legion Auxiliary Urbana Unit 71 Scholarship was awarded to Naomi Varvel. She will be continuing her education at Parkland College. We also have 1 applicant for Illini Girls State. Since that was cancelled this year, we will send in her application for next year. The ROTC program was cancelled as well. We were able to mail out checks to 3 recipients. Thank you ladies for working hard to get these applications in.

We are still hoping to distribute Poppies for Veteran's Day. Updates will come as they are available.

At our August 12th meeting we

will present the audit. The audit committee consists of myself, Diana Marshall and Joann Brown. Officers will stay in place for the next year.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting!

Respectfully,
Gena Atteberry
President

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER GUN RAFFLE



**KEL-TEC CP33 BLK
.22 LR SEMI AUTO 5.5 33+1
OR \$500.00**

**Drawing held SEPTEMBER 27, 2020
\$10.00 EACH**

**Need not be present to win
VALID FOID CARD REQUIRED FOR GUN**

VIDEO GAMERS!

Don't forget to sign up for our monthly drawing when you come in to play.

3 winners every month

1-\$100 and 2-\$50

NEED A NOTARY?

Jessica Swanson and Bruce Brown are Notary Publics. Sometimes it's hard to find one. Just stop by the Post. Call first 217-367-3121 and we can help you out. Just another benefit of belonging to the Post.



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AUGUST 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| AUGUST 3 | LEGION MEETING |
| AUGUST 10 | SAL MEETING |
| AUGUST 12 | AUXILIARY MEETING |
| AUGUST 30 | 50 CENT WINGS 1 TO 4 P.M. GUN DRAWING AT 4 P.M. |

WE NOW CARRY BUTCH'S and MARIO'S
 LATENITE PIZZA 12"

In a hurry? Just grab a pizza to go.

