



# THE URBANA AMERICAN LEGION

## POST 71 NEWS



VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA

FEBRUARY 2020

**FEBRUARY 29, 2020  
LEAP DAY SPECIALS**

**\$2.00 BEER**

**\$3.50 SINGLE SHOT  
MIXED DRINKS**



**BREAKFAST  
FEBRUARY 2,  
2020**

**8 to 11 AM**

We serve fresh fruit, potatoes, biscuits and sausage gravy, bacon, sausage links and patties, baked French toast, eggs, eggs to order, pancakes, homemade coffeecakes and cinnamon rolls along with milk, coffee or juice. All that for \$10.00 adults, children 12 and under \$5.00. Proceeds to support American Legion Baseball.

**Post Location  
107 North Broadway  
Urbana, IL  
217-367-3121**

**Post Officers:**

Legion Commander:  
**Bruce Brown**  
**217-841-3246**

S.A.L. Commander:  
**Scott Varvel**

Auxiliary President:  
**Gena Atteberry**  
**217-418-3925**

**\$10.00 STEAK  
DINNER**



**FEBRUARY 15, 2020**

**4-7 P.M.**

**Salad Bar only \$6.00**

**50¢ WINGS**

**February 23, 2020**

**1-4 P. M.**

**Featuring  
Cheeseburger  
Sliders**

**Chicken Sliders**

**Gun Drawing 4 PM**



**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**

[jlbrown52@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jlbrown52@sbcglobal.net)

FAX 217-337-6685

**IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME**

If you know of someone overseas who would enjoy some cookies, just get us the address.

Addresses can be left at the Post or sent to [jlbrown52@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jlbrown52@sbcglobal.net).

**POST EVERLASTING**

**Jerry Johnson**  
Legion Member

**William Limp**  
Legion Member

**Margaret Nicholas**  
Auxiliary Member

**LouAnn Kerkering**  
Auxiliary Member

**79 %**

Did you know that 79% of today's United States Military is made up of members who have ex-military members in their families?

**URBANA LEGION BASEBALL**

Urbana Post #71 will have 3 baseball teams this year. Our February breakfast is where we get the money to help support our American Legion teams.

This year we have a Junior team-15-16 year olds, a Prep team-13-14 year olds and for the first time in a long time a Senior team-17-18 year olds.

It costs around \$300 per team to register and cover insurance. The cost to suit a player is around \$280. They have 40 plus players this year, so that is \$11,200. They also have other fees such as field rental, umpire fees, etc. The Post usually donates \$1,200-\$1,500 to the team.

Should you wish to help support the teams with a monetary donation, you can make the check out to Urbana Teen Baseball. Tony Mancuso will send you a "Thank you". No donation is too small.

Also, if you are at the Post, just check and see if we are running a raffle to support the baseball team.

**DUES INCREASE**

The Legion dues will increase this next year from \$35 to \$40 a year.

Right now 2020 dues are :  
1 year \$35  
5 year \$140 -1 year free  
2021 dues will be:  
1 year \$40  
5 year \$160- 1 year free

You can still upgrade your membership to a 5 year card this year if you choose to do so.

**SAL NEWS**

Greetings SAL Membership,

At the December meeting we passed a motion to raise dues to twenty dollars a year starting with the 2021 service year. The reason was to cover a dues increase that was voted on and accepted by the national organization last summer. However there

is some good news for those who may be sitting on the fence or behind on their dues, you have the rest of this service year to join if you have not already done so, or catch up your dues if behind. I also want you to know that I strongly encourage paying for a five year membership card if its possible for you to do so

Right now a five year card is sixty dollars which includes one free year, so your paying for four years and getting five. The five year card will go up to eighty dollars starting with the 2021 service year so you can save twenty dollars if you act soon.

At our January meeting the "Commander's Service Award" was bestowed upon Gus Robertson along with a gold plated 4 pillars pin for his ongoing commitment to community service. Gus has been a stalwart of our post for many years now and deserves our recognition for all he's done.

Each year we have a " Early Bird " drawing and give away 3 one hundred dollar prizes to three lucky members who have their dues paid on time ( Dues must be paid on time for eligibility in the drawing ) This years winners were Scott

Barr, Gus Robertson, Gary Mullvain and thanks to everyone whose dues were paid on time.

FOR GOD  
and COUNTRY,  
Scott Varvel  
SAL COMMANDER

**AUXILIARY NEWS**

Hello all!

Our monthly meeting was held on January 15th with 7 members present. Thank you to everyone for attending.

Our unit draped our charter to mourn the loss of our members, Peggy Rhoades, LouAnn Kerkering and Margaret Nicholas. Our condolences to their families for their loss.

The Patriotic Conference will be held in Bloomington on March 20th from 5pm to 8pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sharon Conatser or myself.

Holly Clemons has been working with the VA in Danville to find out what their needs are and how we can help. Details to come later.

Joann Brown is working with University Rehab. We hope to get names of female veterans and give them Valentine's



*Buy your Lottery Tickets at the Post*

**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.

Day gifts.

We are 30 plus members short of achieving 100% membership. Second notices have been mailed out. Let's get to that 100%!

Our noodle dinner will be held on April 11th from 3pm to 7pm. We hope to see everyone attend.

Don't forget our monthly breakfast on February 2nd, to support American Legion Baseball and our \$10.00 Steak dinner on February 15.

Respectfully,  
Gena Atteberry  
President

**HIGH CALIBER TRAINING CENTER**

**AND INDOOR RANGE**

Thinking about practicing your shooting skills or wanting to take a concealed carry class? I highly recommend High Caliber. The guys at High Caliber are currently professionally cleaning our Color Guard rifles and refinishing the stocks. They are giving the Post a great deal.

Please purchase you next gun there, take one of their classes or just go shooting for fun. They do have shooting leagues, too.

We purchase all of our guns for our monthly gun raffle from High Caliber.

**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.

**THE WINNER'S SQUARE**

**DECEMBER VIDEO GAMERS**

**JOHN GEISSEL-\$100 WINNER  
TAMMI LOVETT-\$50 WINNER  
DON RHODES-\$50 WINNER**

**DECEMBER GUN RAFFLE**

**ROB BROSS**

**AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE ASSOCIATION**



**FEBRUARY GUN RAFFLE  
Bushmaster QRC w/Red Dot 5.56 30R  
Or \$400**

**Drawing held February 23, 2020  
\$10.00 EACH**

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

**AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE ASSOCIATION MARCH GUN RAFFLE**

**2 GUNS**



**RUGER  
LCP II.380ACP**



**AND  
SPRINGFIELD ARMORY XD DEFENDER  
OR \$400**

**\$10.00 EACH**

**Need not be present to win**

**ARE YOU USING YOUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS?**

**LEGION**-[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

Select Members

**AUXILIARY**-[www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)

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FEBRUARY 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FEBRUARY 2 BREAKFAST 8 TO 11 AM FOR AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL
- FEBRUARY 3 LEGION MEETING
- FEBRUARY 10 SAL MEETING
- FEBRUARY 12 AUXILIARY MEETING
- FEBRUARY 15 \$10 STEAK DINNER 4-7 P.M.
- FEBRUARY 23 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.

