



# URBANA AMERICAN LEGION

## POST 71 NEWS

VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA

JANUARY 2020

**NO BREAKFAST IN JANUARY**  
**BREAKFAST RETURNS FEBRUARY 2, 2020**



**\$10.00 STEAK**  
**DINNER**  
**January 18, 2019**  
**4-7 P.M.**  
**Salad Bar only \$6.00**

**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**



**SUPER BOWL TV RAFFLE**  
 SAMSUNG CURVED 65-INCH 4K UHD  
 7 SERIES ULTRA HD SMART TV  
 WITH HDR AND ALEXA COMPATIBILITY  
 SECOND PRIZE \$100.00 CASH  
 \$5.00 PER CHANCE  
 TICKETS AVAILABLE DECEMBER 21, 2019  
 DRAWING HELD  
 SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2020

**HAPPY★NEW★YEAR**

**NEW YEARS DAY**  
**\$2.00 BEER**  
**\$3.50 SINGLE SHOT MIXED**  
**DRINKS**

**NEWSLETTER**  
**ARTICLES ARE DUE BY**  
**THE 15TH OF THE**  
**MONTH**  
 jlbrown52@sbcglobal.net  
 FAX 217-337-6685



**AMERICAN LEGION**  
**SERVICE ASSOCIATION**  
**JANUARY GUN RAFFLE**

**Mossberg 590 A1 12 GA. 9RD**  
**Or \$400**  
**On sale December 29, 2019**  
**\$10.00 EACH**

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



**50¢ WINGS**  
**January 26,**  
**2019**

**1-4 P.M.**  
**Featuring**  
 Cheeseburger Sliders  
 Chicken Sliders  
 Loaded Fries  
**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

**URBANA NATIONAL GUARD CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

On December 8, 2019 members of Urbana Post 71 prepared and served a Christmas lunch for the members and families of the Urbana National Guard. Thanks to Joann Brown, Darla Dees, Zayne Bonner, Gage Brown and Tiffany and Cameron Sloan for their help making this lunch possible.

We received a call just earlier in the week that the VFW 630 didn't have the volunteers available to prepare and serve the lunch so Joann and Darla stepped up and put over 35 hours between them to prepare enough food for 150 people.

The state allots the Urbana National Guard unit enough food for their members, but not enough food for their families or officers. Personally, what the state gave the unit wasn't enough for the Guard unit. I doubt that Governor Pritzker nor Donald Trump had ham and turkey sandwiches, sweet potatoes, green beans, cornbread, shrimp, salad, pineapple and pie shells.

What did we serve them: Roast turkey, Ham, Roast Pork, real mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potato casserole, corn, green beans, cornbread stuffing, salad bar, rolls and pumpkin, cherry, pecan and apple pies and chocolate cake.

**PACKAGES FOR THE TROOPS**

Our Post shipped over \$1400.00 worth of goodies, not including shipping, to 7 service members overseas.

Each package contained over \$200 worth of candy, energy bars, cookies, nuts and assorted goodies. We have already heard back from 2 of our service members with Thank you's

We will again be sending Girl Scout cookies when they become available. If you know of someone serving outside the United States, please get us their address and we will include them in future mailings.

**64 SEASON GUN RAFFLE TICKETS**

Right now I have 64 season gun raffle ticket holders in our monthly gun drawings. You can purchase one anytime for \$100. You get 12 months of drawings, saving you \$20. We draw the gun winner the last Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m. If you are present you have 3 more chances of winning some prizes.

Elks Lodge 2497 has a season gun raffle ticket available, too. I can get them for you if you are interested.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The SAL and Auxiliary will be awarding scholarships this year. The information for the Sal scholarship will be on our website as soon as it is available. We will also have the information available at the Post on eligibility requirements.

**GIFTS TO YANKS**

Members of the American Legion delivered gifts from the Gifts to Yanks program to 9 veterans at the University Rehab Center (formerly Champaign

County Nursing Home) this week.

**\$1000 DONATION**

The National Association of Letter Carriers Local Union again donated \$1000 to the Department of Illinois Gifts to the Yanks Program.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The gun control debate is nothing new. In the 1920's, Germany's Weimar Republic opted for gun registration. Law abiding citizens complied with the law, but those committing political violence did not. By 1931, the government authorized the registration of all firearms and the confiscation if required for public safety. The officials warned that the records should not be allowed to fall into the hands of extremist groups.

In 1933, Adolph Hitler confiscated and used the records to identify and disarm political opponents and Jews.

**SAL NEWS**

Greetings SAL Membership,

Welcome to a new year that is full of opportunity just waiting for the right volunteers to shine. Lets face it we all feel better at the start of each new year and have high hopes for making needed changes that will improve our lives and give us a better attitude to deal with the constantly changing world that surrounds us.

With that thought in mind I would like to encourage you all to reach out and expand your environment by becoming a volunteer at Post 71. The truth is that time spent helping out others improves your self

esteem and sense of values turning your effort into a win-win for both yourself and our organization. America's veterans are a group that have our respect and have paid a price for the freedom that every American benefits from so all you have to do is volunteer and step up.

QUOTE-- "YOU MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT YOU GET. YOU MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT YOU GIVE."--WINSTON CHURCHILL

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,  
Scott Varvel

**AUXILIARY NEWS**

Hello all!

Our monthly meeting was held on December 11th with 8 members present. We hosted a dinner for Sandra Kirby, our District President. Thank you very much everyone for attending and putting together the dinner! Special Thanks to Richie for making Sandra a beautiful poppy quilt!

We have a new scratch off available at the Post. It is a \$2 ticket called White Ice. 100% of ticket sales goes back to veterans. Just another simple way we can help our Veterans.

We did not have a steak dinner this month. The next steak dinner is January 18th. Hope to see you all there!

Our last Naturalization Ceremony of the year was held in November and went very well. Thank you to everyone for volunteering all year long. I look forward to attending these Ceremonies again next year.

We lost a member/volunteer recently. Peggy Rhoades went to be with the



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

AUXILIARY NEWS

Lord on December 14th. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dwaine, her family and everyone who knew her. She was always smiling and happy to help out. We miss her dearly.

Here is a letter we received from sending Packages to Troops:

"American Legion Post #71,

First and foremost I want to thank you and all members of American Legion Post #71 for your service and sacrifice. Because of your dedication to service and country it allows my co-workers and I the ability to continue to protect our freedoms and our great country now and into the future. For that we are eternally grateful.

While we continue on through this holiday season it is a pleasant reminder to have the little reminders of home and families that are waiting for our return home.

My co-workers and I want to thank you for all the snacks and treats to remind us of home.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season!

Thank you, -Justin Strom"

Happy Holidays! Gena Atteberry

VIDEO GAMING PLAYERS

DON'T FORGET TO ENTER OUR MONTHLY DRAWING

- 1st place-\$100.00
2nd place -\$50.00
3rd place-\$50.00

Drawing held the last day of the month at 5:00 p.m.

November Winners

Brian Hendricks-\$100

John Grissel \$50

Jim Kelly II-\$50

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE ASSOCIATION FEBRUARY GUN RAFFLE



Bushmaster QRC w/Red Dot 5.56 30R Or \$400

On sale January 26, 2020

\$10.00 EACH

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Flags for Sale Great Quality flags

- 3x5 nylon=\$16
3x5 polyester=\$20
4x6 nylon=\$22
4x6 polyester=\$29
5x8 polyester=\$41
3x5 POWMIA=\$29
3x5 Military=\$35
Auto Flags =\$11
3x5 Legion=\$25

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

NEVER MISS A GUN RAFFLE DRAWING

BUY A SEASON TICKET \$100.00

Get in 12 months drawings

GET 2 MONTHS FREE

SEE BARTENDER OR CALL

BRUCE BROWN

AT 217-841-3246

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.

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.



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[www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)

Dept

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SAL

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[www.sal.legion.org/](http://www.sal.legion.org/)

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JANUARY 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR  
 DRINK SPECIALS  
 DJ FOOD

JANUARY 6 LEGION MEETING  
 6:00PM

JANUARY 13 SAL MEETING  
 7:00PM

JANUARY 15 AUXILIARY MEETING  
 6:30PM

JANUARY 18 STEAK DINNER  
 4-7 P.M.

JANUARY 26 WINGS 1-4 PM  
 GUN RAFFLE DRAWING  
 4:00PM



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

In a hurry? Just grab a pizza to go.