



THE URBANA AMERICAN LEGION POST 71 NEWS



VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA

MARCH 2020



BREAKFAST March 1, 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.

\$10.00 STEAK DINNER

March 21, 2020
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



50¢ WINGS March 29, 2020 1-4 P. M.

Featuring
Cheeseburger Sliders
Chicken Sliders
Gun Drawing 4 PM



URBANA UNIT 71 NOODLE DINNER APRIL 11, 2020 3 to 7:00 P.M.

MENU

Chicken & Noodles

Or

Beef and Noodles

Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans-Corn

Cole Slaw

Rolls & Butter

Homemade Pies & Cakes

Please join us
for our annual
fundraiser

\$8.00 adults

\$4.00 children

12 and under

To go orders
available

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

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.

**GIRL SCOUT
COOKIES**

We presently have 5 names of soldiers who are serving overseas. We will be mailing Girl Scout cookies to them soon.

Right now if we send each soldier 20 boxes of cookies, it will cost the Post \$100 at \$5 per box for each soldier. We will always take donations of cookies or monetary donations. The cost to mail each package is around \$35. So it costs \$675 to purchase and mail 100 boxes of cookies. We would like to be able to send them more with your donations.

**VIDEO GAMING
REVENUE
\$517,263.00
“NOT”**

Jim Dey of the News-Gazette reported in the paper that Urbana Post 71 made \$517,623.23 on our Video Poker machines in 2019. While that figure is the TOTAL amount made, it does not paint an accurate picture. You begin with \$517,623.23 then State Share-\$137,108.27 Urbana Share-\$25,881.19 Gaming Company share-\$177,316.88. After those deductions, we are sent payments totaling \$177,316.88.

I don't know but \$177,316.88 is a long way from \$517,623.23. Then we pay taxes on that figure, after allowed deductions, even though we are non profit because it is considered non re-

lated income. It sure would be nice if someone wants to use our Post as an example to get the whole story.

Video Poker machines were first started for the Veterans Clubs and bars. The cities have allowed numerous casino cafes, whose soul purpose is gambling. These cafes are hurting the local veterans clubs and bars. When you play at a casino café you are just putting your money in the pockets of corporate America.

**CHAMPAIGN
SUNDOWNERS
CAR CLUB**

The Sundowners Car Club has voted Urbana American Legion Post #71 as their charity for the year. They will be hosting a car show in October and will donate all proceeds to Urbana Post #71. I will keep you updated on this great project.

**DUES INCREASE
JULY 1, 2020**

From \$35 to \$40— 1 Year card
From \$140 to \$160 —5 year card.

You can still update your yearly membership from a 1 year card to a 5 year card before the increase

SAL NEWS

Greetings SAL Membership,

With the new year ahead of us, I feel the need to remind membership that once again its an election year. Some things never change like the rhetoric we will be bombarded with all through the campaign season with the purpose of raising our awareness to the ever present great political divide going on in Washington D.C. that often leaves us feeling hopeless about the current state of affairs.

But here's the good news, democracy is alive and well and regardless of which side of the aisle you may come down on there is more than enough shame for both parties. Each side will continue to inform us about how dire the situation is but they will be offering a new panacea of change that will set the world straight again.

Politics certainly isn't for the faint of heart but let me assure you that both parties are going to ask you for your support primarily financially. After all money is the great impetus of change in politics, and probably why so many

feel that we have the best government that money can buy.

I encourage you to inform yourself of how the process works and continue to be a responsible citizen, then in November exercise your constitutional right to vote, its the responsible thing to do.

FOR GOD AND
COUNTRY
Scott Varvel
SAL COMMANDER

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello all!

Our monthly meeting was held on February 19th at 6:30 pm. We moved the meeting date last month due to weather. Our March meeting will be held on March 11th at 6:30 pm.

We are 30 plus members short of having 100% membership. Second notices have been mailed out. Please send your dues to Sharon Conatser.

We have 3 In-patient Women Veterans at the VA Hospital in Danville. Holly Clemons took them Valentine's Day gift bags which included a card, EOS hand creams, nail polish, comfy socks and Lindor truffles. Thank you Holly for putting those together and taking them to the VA



Buy your Lottery Tickets at the Post

Hospital!



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

The ROTC awards ceremony will be held on April 11th at 10 am in Foellinger Auditorium on the U of I Campus. Holly Clemons will be presenting 3 awards this year. Recipients are:

- Army---Cadet Keegan O'Donnell
- Air Force---Cadet Alexander Abordo
- Navy--- MIDN Angelo Minetti

Our first Naturalization ceremonies this year will be on March 13th at 10 am and 1:30 pm at the Federal Courthouse in Urbana. If you are interested in attending a ceremony, please let me know.

Our Annual Noodle Dinner will be on April 11th from 3 pm to 7 pm. Hope to see you all there!

Respectfully,
Gena Atteberry
President

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.

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

JANUARY VIDEO GAMERS

- RANDY FREEMAN-\$100 WINNER
- SHERRILL MOHR-\$50 WINNER
- CRICKET VALENTINE-\$50 WINNER

JANUARY GUN RAFFLE

STEVE GIBBS

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
Drawing held March 29, 2020

\$10.00 EACH, 120 SOLD



AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE ASSOCIATION

APRIL GUN RAFFLE

HENRY H004SV-

SILVER BOY

.17 HMR LEVER 20"

12 + 1A

Drawing held APRIL 26, 2020

\$10.00 EACH

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

ARE YOU USING YOUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS?

LEGION-www.legion.org

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AUXILIARY-www.alaforveterans.org

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MARCH 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 1	BREAKFAST 8 TO 11 AM
MARCH 2	LEGION MEETING
MARCH 9	SAL MEETING
MARCH 11	AUXILIARY MEETING
MARCH 13	NATURALIZATION CEREMONY
MARCH 21	\$10 STEAK DINNER 4-7 P.M.
MARCH 29	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.

