



# THE URBANA AMERICAN LEGION POST 71 NEWS

VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA

MARCH 2021



**50¢ WINGS**  
March 28, 2021  
12-4 P. M.

**Featuring**  
Cheeseburger Sliders  
Chicken Sliders  
Gun Drawing 4 PM

**NO  
CARRYOUTS**



Unit 71 nominees for the National Good Deed award. They collected 2 SUV's full of items for food pantries that are located around the Springfield area.

**Post Location**  
107 North Broadway  
Urbana, IL  
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**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**  
March 20, 2021  
4-7 P.M.

This will not be a buffet.  
We will take your orders and  
bring everything to you. To  
go's will be available.

## AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE ASSOCIATION MARCH GUN RAFFLE



**RUGER LCRX 5RD 38 SP+P 1.87"  
OR \$500.00**  
Drawing held MARCH 28, 2021  
\$10.00 EACH  
Need not be present to win  
**VALID FOID CARD REQUIRED  
FOR GUN**

### 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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**LEGION MEETINGS**

We will have a Legion meeting on March 1, 2021. We will be nominating officers for The American Legion 2022 year. As of now, The American Legion is planning a State convention this year.

**COLOR GUARD**

Special Thanks to the men and women of the Urbana Post 71 Color Guard. They are always out there no matter what weather to give our veterans their memorial services. In one week in January, they performed 5 ceremonies. So, hats off to these members of our American Legion Color and Honor Guard.

**PAY YOUR DUES**

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, many Posts are losing membership. I am asking all of our members to please pay your dues as soon as you get a dues notice. The American Legion needs your support in membership.

**90**

We have 90 season gun raffle tickets sold each month. Remember, if you purchase a season gun raffle ticket, you get 12 months of drawings for only \$100.00. That's 2 months free. If you want a ticket, come in and get it from the bartender or me. It's a great way to support our Post.

**VOLUNTEERS**

If you would like to

volunteer for the steak dinner, wings or other projects, please contact Bruce Brown at 217-841-3246.

**COLOR GUARD**

In 2017, President Trump signed into law the National Vietnam War Veterans Day that will be observed every March 29 in perpetuity. The commemoration is supported by American Legion Resolution.

If you served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, you are eligible for recognition.

Post 71 has been able to obtain a Vietnam Veteran lapel pin that can be awarded to active Post 71 Vietnam War Veterans that meet the above requirements.

I will be working with our Color Guard to arrange a ceremony to be held on or about March 29, 2021. If interested, Please contact Gary Massey at 217-417-7962 or at gary-massey7@gmail.com.

**SAL NEWS**

GREETINGS AND WELCOME BACK,

On February 8th

we were able to safely hold an SAL meeting to take care of business that had been long overdue due to the covid19 crisis that was thrust upon us last year,

The good news is that Post 71 is open once again to the public but mask and social distancing will still be required by our local health officials.

Our last meeting before this month was back in October so business meetings have been hard to hold under current conditions due to the ongoing public health crises. I have been told by many that they have recently received the new vaccine and hopefully it will be available soon to anyone that wants it but patience will be required in the short term as now the harsh winter weather is affecting the supply chains around the country.

A nomination committee was appointed at the last meeting ( Gus Robertson, Neil Bollman, Karl Mehnert Jr.) so if you have been trying to become more active this year we welcome you, just let someone know of your desire to be involved.

At our meeting the 50/50 drawing was won by Richard Brand who kindly donated his

winnings back to SAL

Spring will be upon us before we know it and I hope to see you all real soon.

**" THE ULTIMATE MEASURE OF MAN IS NOT WHERE HE STANDS IN THE MOMENTS OF COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE, BUT WHERE HE STANDS AT TIMES OF CHALLENGE AND CONTRIVERSY"--QUOTE--**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING**

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,  
SCOTT VARVEL  
SAL COMMANDER

**AUXILIARY NEWS**

Hello All!

Our monthly meeting was held on February 10th with 10 members present. Thank you to all for attending. Our next meeting will be held on March 10th at 6:30pm.

We received a Thank You card from the Cunningham Children's Home (CCH) for the gifts we donated for Christmas. We were able to put smiles on the faces of 5 children at CCH. We will continue to partner with CCH throughout the year.

June 1st will be the deadline for our Unit scholarship. Holly Clemons and Joann Brown made a few

**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=\$43

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.

modifications this year. The Unit scholarship may be found at the Post or online.

Diana Marshall is putting together packets to take to schools regarding Illini Girls State. She will be delivering packets to area schools soon.

We currently have 146 paid members. This is awesome! Thank you to all who have paid. If you have not already paid, please do so. We would love to achieve our membership goal 2 years in a row. We are only 15 members short of achieving our goal.

Holly received the names of the winners from the U of I ROTC Program. They are:

- Army Cadet Keegan O'Donnell
- Navy MIDN Andrew Collin
- Air Force Cadet Joshua Nelson

Checks to the winners will be forwarded soon.

Sharon Conatser sent out a Nurse's scholarship application and is waiting for a response. More information on the Nurse's scholarship is available online.

Poppy Day at WDWS is scheduled for May 27th from 6am to 6pm. More details on our time slot to come soon. If you are interested in volunteering please contact me.

Pat Massey will be contacting University Rehab to get the number of veterans there for our Easter Gift Program.

Joann Brown has done a wonderful job keeping us all updated on our social media pages! Please check them often for updates.

Holly Clemons made a Valentines Day package for the 1 female veteran at the VA Hospital. She made an appointment and was able to deliver it.

Thank you to everyone for participating in our cinnamon roll fundraiser. It was a huge success!

The steak dinner was held on February 20th. The next steak dinner will be on March 20th from 4pm to 7pm.

Respectfully,  
 Gena Atteberry

**THE WINNER'S SQUARE**  
**JANUARY VIDEO GAMERS**  
**TRACY BIRT S \$100 WINNER**  
**JOHN GEISSAL-\$50 WINNER**  
**PAMELA THOMAS-\$50 WINNER**

**JANUARY GUN RAFFLE**  
**BRUCE BROWN, JR.**


**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**

**AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE ASSOCIATION APRIL GUN RAFFLE**



**CIMARRON P-MODEL 38/40**

**Drawing held APRIL 25, 2021**  
**\$10.00 EACH**  
**Need not be present to win**  
**VALID FOID CARD REQUIRED FOR GUN**

**NEED A NOTARY?**

Bruce Brown is a Notary Public. 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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MARCH 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 1	LEGION MEETING
MARCH 8	SAL MEETING
MARCH 10	AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30
MARCH 20	\$10.00 STEAK DINNER
MARCH 28	50 CENT WINGS 12 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.

