



# URBANA AMERICAN LEGION

## POST 71 NEWS

VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA

MAY 2017



Spring is REALLY here and that means Memorial Day poppy distribution.

Like previous years, we are looking for volunteers to distribute poppies, hand out literature and collect donations to benefit our veterans and their families, Like previous years, we need you to wear your Post 71 gear and represent us with dignity.

Unlike previous years, we are now able to distribute multiple times throughout the year. Look for more opportunities to involve the public in our poppy program.

Memorial Day distribution will be May 25th, 26th and 27th at Urbana businesses. May 25th is distribution at WDWS and May 27th is distribution at Urbana Farmers Market . Sign up sheets will be at the Post in early May.

Poppy plates will available at the Post. Please call me if you have any questions.

Thank you for all your hard work and generosity that makes our poppy program a great success.

Lori Hampton  
ALA Unit 71 Poppy Chairman  
217-607-6105



**50¢ Wings**

**May 28,, 2017  
2-5 P.M.**

### LAST ONE OF THE SEASON

**\$10.00 STEAK DINNER**

**SATURDAY**

**MAY 20, 2017**

**4-7PM**



DINNER INCLUDES STEAK,  
POTATO AND SALAD BAR  
**SALAD BAR AVAILABLE FOR \$6.00**  
TO GOS ARE AVAILABLE

### BREAKFAST

Next breakfast will be held May 7, 2017 from 8 to 11 am. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12 and children under 5 are free.

This is the last breakfast of the season and proceeds will be used to purchase snacks for Special Olympics.



### MAY GUN RAFFLE

RUGER SR22

OR \$300

DONATION OF \$100

TO

Illini Girls State

Drawing held May 28, 2017

### Post Location

**107 North Broadway**

**Urbana, IL**

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**Post Officers:**

Legion Commander:

**Bruce Brown**

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**Dave Overholt**

Auxiliary President:

**Joann Brown**

**217-202-7927**

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

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**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



*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=\$21

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.

**WDWS POPPY DAY**

Help us distribute poppies on Thursday, May 25th from 9:30 to 11:10 A.M. This is the annual Poppy Day at WDWS Radio station on South Neil Street in Champaign.

**MEMORIAL DAY FLAG IRONING DAY**

May 21, 10 A.M.

We have 680 flags that need to be ironed for the veterans at Eastlawn Cemetery. Bring an iron and a towel if you can help.

**MEMORIAL DAY FLAG PLACEMENT**

We will be putting flags on the veterans graves

at Eastlawn Cemetery on North Cunningham Avenue in Urbana. We can use as much help as we can get. Meet at Eastlawn Cemetery at 9:00a.m. on Saturday, May 27th.

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

EASTLAWN

CEMETERY

11:00 a.m.

May 29, 2017

**STATE GOLF OUTING**

Danville Post 210 is hosting the American Legion State Golf outing in August. You can go to their website for the details.

**GOLF OUTING**

Lovington Sons of the American Legion #429 are hosting a golf outing at Timberlake Golf course on June 24th. There will be an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$40.00 per person. Contact Gary Smith at 217-433-8260.

**ARMED FORCES DAY MAY 20TH**

**POST EVERLASTING**

**RON LEWIS  
RALPH LIEB**

**SAL NEWS**

**Greetings:**

We had our second reading for new officers for 2017-2018 at our regular meeting held April 10th at 7:00 P.M.

The raffle for the Cub/Cardinal baseball tickets was held after our meeting and the winner was Levi Davis. Have a great time at the ballpark.

Our Sr. Vice Commander and Captain of the Honor Guard has resigned. We will miss him for all the service he has given to the SAL and the Color/Honor Guard over a lot of years. Post 71 has lost a great guy.

Good Luck Danny!

**Quote of the month:**

"Every good citizen makes his country's honor his own, and cherishes it not only as precious but as sacred. He is willing to risk his life in its defense and is conscious that he gains protection while he gives it"

*Andrew Jackson*

For Pride and Brotherhood  
David Overholt  
Commander  
SAL Squadron 71



**\$2.00 DOMESTIC BEERS ALL DAY THURSDAY**



**AUXILIARY NEWS**

Hello,

Our regular meeting was held April 12, 2017 at 6:30 P.m.

Members of Unit 71 participated in the Naturalization Ceremony at the Federal Courthouse. We handed out congratulatory cards and flag pins to 90 new U.S. citizens.

Larri Gerhart obtained prices for some of the items we purchase for Special Olympics, to compare and see if we can save some money. Snack items will be delivered to the American Legion Hospital-ity tent on Friday, to insure they have enough items available.

Community Service Chairman Gena Atteberry reported we have a new barrel from securethe call and we already have 38 phones collected this time.

Ginger McKee from Cunningham Children's Home will be at the May 10th meeting to share information about their programs.

We are considering a canned food drive. Gena will be checking with the Daily Soup Kitchen to see what their needs may be.

Kelly Hill, from Habitat for Humanity informed Gena that they are looking for qualified veterans to apply for housing. If you know someone who

meets their criteria, and needs a house, please share this information.

April 23-29 is volunteer week.

Education Chairman Maura Michael will be making changes to the unit scholarship application. Changes include: an essay topic, an increase in scholarship amount and a new date. More information will be available soon.

Illini Girls State Chairman Diana Marshall has been quite busy. Thanks to a suggestion from member Holly Clemons, we now have 6 applicants for Illini Girls State, including 2 from University High, 3 from Urbana High and 1 from Villa Grove. We are still waiting to hear from Unity High.

Illini Girls State Orientation will be held June 1, at the Post.

Under Legislative Larri Gerhart had correspondence with Dick Durbin and Maura Michael participated in the telephone town hall meeting with Rodney Davis.

Larri Gerhart participated in the ROTC Awards program at the University of Illinois. She received a certificate of appreciation from the ROTC group.

Larri also suggested we increase the

amount of the awards that are given to the ROTC.

Poppy Chairman Lori Hampton is contacting businesses concerning distribution of poppies. Signup sheets should be at the Post in early May. We will also have a tent at the Urbana Farmers Market on Saturday May 27th from 7:30 A.M. to noon. Please consider volunteering for an hour or 2 to help distribute poppies. 100% of all donations received goes to support veterans.

VA&R Chairman Maura Michael purchased Easter gifts for our veterans.

Maura Michael also prepared a basket for the Past Presidents dinner.

Thank you to everyone that attended our noodle dinner. We made \$850.00 for our projects.

Members of the nominating committee for 2017-2018 officers are : Diana Marshall, Sharon Conatser and Maura Michael.

May 3 is County meeting at the Post. If you would like to hear about the programs, and what other units are doing, please plan to attend. Everyone is welcome.

If you haven't yet paid your dues, please consider paying them soon. We are so close to 100%.

Joann Brown  
Auxiliary Unit 71 President  
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**ARE YOU USING YOUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS?**

**LEGION**-www.legion.org  
Select Members

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Member Benefits

**JUNE GUN RAFFLE**



**TAURUS 85  
38 SPECIAL  
OR \$300  
DONATION OF \$100  
TO  
CAMP NEW HOPE  
Drawing held  
June 25, 2017**

**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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**MAY 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

5/1/2017

LEGION MEETING  
 6:00P.M.

5/20/2017

6:30P.M.  
 STEAK DINNER  
 4-7PM

5/3/2017

AUXILARY COUNTY  
 MEETING 7:00P.M.

5/21/2017

FLAG IRONING  
 10:00A.M.

5/7/2017

BREAKFAST  
 8-11 A.M  
 TO SUPPORT SPECIAL  
 OLYMPICS  
 6:00 PM

5/25-5/27

POPPY DISTRIBUTION  
 FLAG PLACEMENT  
 9:00A.M.

5/27/2017

5/28/2017

WINGS 2-5 PM  
 GUN RAFFLE DRAWING  
 5:00PM

5/8/2017

SAL MEETING 7:00 P.M.

5/29/2017

MEMORIAL DAY  
 CEREMONY 11:00 A.M.  
 EASTLAWN

5/10/2017

AUXILIARY MEETING



**WE NOW CARRY BUTCH'S PIZZA  
 9" AND 12 "**

**In a hurry? Just grab a pizza to go.**