

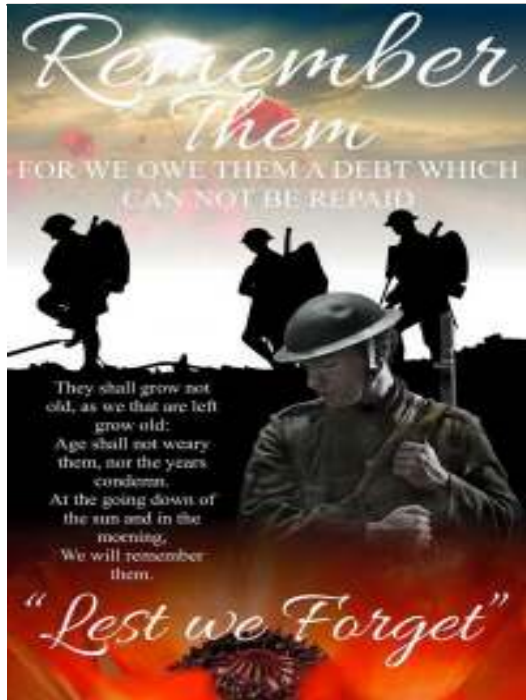


# URBANA AMERICAN LEGION POST 71 NEWS



VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA

MAY 2018



It's that time of year  
Poppy Days are May 24th,  
May 25th and May 26th.

Like previous years,  
we are looking for volunteers  
to distribute poppies, hand out  
literature and collect donations to benefit our veter-  
ans and their families, Like previous years, we need  
you to wear your Post 71 gear and represent us with  
dignity. Signup sheets will be at the Post in early  
May.

May 26th will be Poppy distribution at  
Urbana Farmers Market. We do not have informa-  
tion for WDWS yet.

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

Lori Hampton  
ALA Unit 71 Poppy Chairman



## FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

I watched the flag pass by one day.  
It fluttered in the breeze.  
A young Marine saluted it,  
and then he stood at ease.  
I looked at him in uniform  
So young, so tall, so proud,  
He'd stand out in any crowd.  
I thought how many men like him  
Had fallen through the years.  
How many died on foreign soil?  
How many mothers' tears?  
How many pilots' planes shot down?  
How many died at sea?  
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?  
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of TAPS one night,  
When everything was still  
I listened to the bugler play  
And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times  
That TAPS had meant "Amen,"  
When a flag had draped a coffin  
Of a brother or a friend.  
I thought of all the children,  
Of the mothers and the wives,  
Of fathers, sons and husbands  
With interrupted lives.  
I thought about a graveyard  
At the bottom of the sea  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.  
No, freedom isn't free.

Kelly Strong

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**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:

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217-398-5916

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217-778-3889



**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBER**  
Gary Mulvain-SAL

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**Flag Ironing**  
May 20, 2018  
9:00 a.m.

Bring your iron and a towel

**Eastlawn Flag  
Placement**  
May 26, 2018  
9:00 a.m.

Eastlawn Cemetery  
**Memorial Day  
Ceremony**  
**May 28, 2018**  
11:00 a.m.

Eastlawn Cemetery  
**EARLY BIRD  
TICKETS**

For our members who have received an Early Bird ticket when you paid your dues before Veterans Day: Now you can use your ticket for breakfast or for a steak dinner.

**YOUTH POLICE PROGRAM**

The Youth Police Program is coming up fast.  
June 24-June 29  
Males and females ages 14 through 16. Participants must have reached their 14th birthday but not have reached their 17th birthday.

Applications must be in to the Division Chairman by May 29th. We have applications at the Post.

**BOYS STATE**

We have no applicants for Boys State right now. Hopefully, we can get a couple soon. Any male student who has completed his Junior year and have one or more semester in high school to complete is encouraged to attend Boys State.

**AUXILIARY NEWS**

Our April meeting was held April 11, 2018 with 7 members present.

The Naturalization Ceremony was held at the Federal Court House in Urbana. The total for all 3 sessions was 81 persons from 46 different countries. Attendees from our unit were Maura Michael, Mad-die Twine, Carol Hendricks, Gena Atteberry and Peggy Rhoades. Dwaine Rhoades, from the Legion also attended.

Sharon Conatser notified us that the applicant we sponsored for the Children and Youth Scholarship won. I haven't received the official notification yet.

Membership Chairperson Sharon Conatser indicated we have 155 paid members and are at 90.1%. Thank you to all who have paid. We would love to see that figure at 100%.

Education Chairperson Maura Michael reported she received 2 applications for scholarship their applications were read by Gena, Holly and Maura and was decided to award the scholarship money to one of the candidates and provide a monetary donation to the second application.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Ron Umdenstock. Hospitality Chairperson Diana Marshall sent a card from our Unit to his wife, Diana.

Illini Girls State Chairperson Diana reported she will follow-up with the Uni High, Urbana High and Villa Grove High schools the end of week, April 19<sup>th</sup> checking on application status.

Holly Clemons represented our unit at the NROTC Ceremony, giving monetary awards to our future military men and women. She said it was a very impressive ceremony and that each person who presented the award received a certificate of appreciation. Holly also suggested that we increase the amount of our monetary donation that we give to the midshipmen and cadets

VA&R Chairperson Maura Michael reported that she did purchase Easter gifts for the Champaign County Nursing Home veterans.

Moving the Noodle Dinner to Saturday appears to be the boost we needed. There were 16 volunteers ,the most volunteers we have had for the dinner. We served 132 people and other than

running out of potatoes, everything went well. ( I will make sure there is plenty next year!) Thank you to everyone who attended.

A great big "THANK YOU" to all the volunteers who helped with the prep and the dinner.

Maura Michael reported there will be a Veteran Stand Down, Friday, May 11 in Springfield.

Maura Michael and Marty and Sharon Conatser attended the Chez Foundation luncheon held on campus.

The veterans truly enjoyed talking with Marty and enjoyed the food. We will be providing another luncheon on May 2nd. They also said they would like members of the Legion, SAL and Auxiliary to come and see what they do.

Past President Parley Chairperson Maura Michael made a beautiful basket for he PPP dinner to be held at the American Legion Post 24.

The nominating Committee of Sharon Conatser, Gena Atteberry and Diana Marshall will be reporting at the next meeting.

May 2nd will be County meeting at the Post.

Sure hope the snow is over now and we can move on to Spring.

Joann Brown  
Auxiliary Unit 71 President  
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*Buy your Lottery Tickets at the Post*



**BREAKFAST  
MAY 6, 2018  
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 Special Olympics..



**\$10.00  
STEAK  
DINNER**

**May 19, 2018**

**4-7 P.M.**

**To go's available  
Salad Bar only \$6.00**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
VIDEO POKER MONTHLY WINNER**



**Kara McQueen**



**50¢ TACOS  
4 to 7 p.m.**

**HAPPY HOUR  
FRIDAYS  
May 11  
and  
May 25**

**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

**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.

**MAY GUN RAFFLE  
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5/27/2018  
Need not be present  
to win**

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MEMBERSHIP  
BENEFITS?**

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**VIDEO POKER  
PLAYERS**



DRAWING APRIL 26

**DON'T FORGET TO  
ENTER THIS  
MONTH'S DRAWING  
FOR A CHANCE TO  
WIN A MASTER-  
BUILT SMOKER.**

**IS YOUR FLAG LOOKING WORN?**

We have a selection of U.S made flags. Just stop by or call to check on your size.



**50¢ WINGS  
MAY 27, 2018  
1-4 P.M.**

**Featuring  
Slider of the month  
CHEESEBURGER  
Gun Drawing 4 PM**



**AUXILIARY UNIT  
71 TV RAFFLE**

**LG 43 LED 2160P SMART  
4K ULTRA HD TV  
\$5.00 PER TICKET**

**DRAWING HELD MAY 28, 2018**



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