

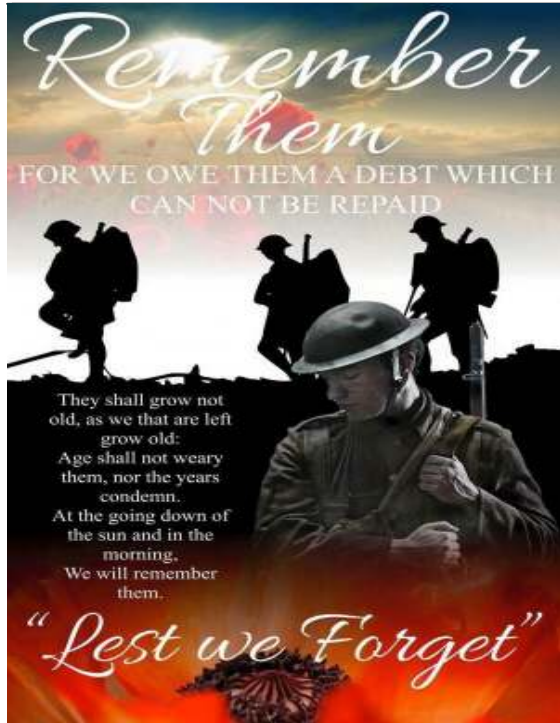


THE URBANA AMERICAN LEGION POST 71 NEWS



VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA

MAY 2021



It's that time of year!
Poppy Days are May 27th, May 28th and May 29th.

We are unsure what distribution will look like this year, but if we are allowed at businesses, we will be looking for volunteers to distribute poppies, hand out literature and collect donations to benefit our veterans and their families. We need you to wear your Post 71 gear and represent us with dignity. Signup sheets will be at the Post in early May.

Distribution at WDWS will be May 27th. We have not received our time yet.

Our Poppy funds are seriously depleted, so we can use any help or donations. Thank you for all your hard work and generosity that makes our poppy program a great success.

Gena Atteberry Poppy Co-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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Gena Atteberry

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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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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH

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**POST
EVERLASTING**

**RON SEXTON
50 YEAR MEMBER**

**DEPARTMENT
CONVENTION**

102nd Annual
Department Convention
July 13-18, 2021
Springfield, Illinois

If you have plans to attend the convention, I have housing forms at the Post

GIFTS TO THE YANKS

This year, the Department of Illinois Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave program will only donate items to our veterans at veteran facilities. They will not donate to veterans in the nursing homes. Most nursing homes won't allow us to hand deliver gifts to our veterans.

I have talked to Rich Rutherford, President of the Sundowners Car Club in Champaign about this and since they donated over \$2500 to our Post last year, we both agreed that we will use the donation for other veterans programs with the Department of Illinois.

We will be donating \$500 to the Haven, a veterans retreat in Carbondale, Illinois.

VA DONATIONS

This past month, Urbana Post 71 has donated \$633 in shoes, shirts, pants and un-

dergarments. The Post also donated \$960 in bottled water to Illiana Healthcare system.

**STATE GOLF OUTING
AUGUST 7TH AND
8TH**

DUES INCREASE

There will be a vote to increase the American Legion dues per capita by \$4.00 at the 2021-2022 State Convention. The expenses are more than the income, so it has become necessary for the increase. Post 71 already raised our dues last year to \$40.00, so there will be no further increase this year at 71.

**MEMORIAL DAY
FLAG IRONING**

We will iron our Memorial Day grave marker flags on Sunday, May 23rd at 9:00 a.m. at the Post. Bring and iron and a towel to iron on and come help us iron over 680 flags for our veterans at Eastlawn Cemetery. No experience required.

**MEMORIAL DAY
FLAG PLACEMENT**

May 29th
9:00 a.m.
Eastlawn Cemetery
Volunteers needed
Please come out and help place flags on our veterans graves.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello all-

Our monthly meeting was held on April 14th at 6:30 pm with 7 members present. We welcomed Kim Johnson as our newest member. Our next meeting will be on May 12th at 6:30 pm. Hope to see many of you there.

Community service hours and donations reported were:

--Hannah Short volunteered 8 hours for Election Day.

--Pat Massey donated \$50 to Salt & Light.

--Kim Johnson donated \$200 to Salt & Light.

If you have any community service hours or donations to report, please contact me so we can get them documented. Thank you to everyone for your time and donations.

We received 1 application from Mikayla Evans for our Nurse's scholarship. Decisions on the Nurse's scholarship will be made in June.

I will be contacting WDWS and local businesses about distributing poppies for Memorial Day weekend. Tentatively we will be at WDWS on May 27th, time TBD. If you are interested in volunteering to distribute poppies, please contact me. Updates will be at the Post on the bulletin board. We will also have poppies available at the steak dinner on May 15th from 4 to 7 pm.

Our Unit and Committee reports were completed and sent to Department. We also appointed a new nominating committee. The committee consists of Joann Brown, Diana Marshall, Sharon Conatser and Kim Johnson. We will have a report from them at our May meeting.

Respectfully,
Gena Atteberry
Auxiliary President

SAL NEWS

Greetings SAL Membership,

Our next monthly meeting will be held on May 10th at 7pm and thank you to all who attended the April meeting it was a great turnout.

Whenever I think of May the first thought I always have is flowers blooming and Poppy Days. So once again it's time to distribute American Legion Poppies. and we have been invited to participate in one of our major fundraising events for the year at WDWS Radio station that will take place on May 27th rain or shine. This event had to be cancelled last year due to COVID-19 concerns so we're hoping for a great turnout this year and will need volunteers to help pass out poppies and collect donations. This has always been a fun event due to so many people's fond memories of the Poppy and the role they have played in America .

The Poppy became

ARE YOU USING YOUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS?

LEGION-www.legion.org
Select Members
AUXILIARY-
www.alaforveterans.org
Select Members Only-
Member Benefits

SAL cont'd

the official flower to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died, It has been a national program of the American Legion Auxiliary since 1924. If you want to volunteer this is a good time to get involved since it is such a popular event and WDWS will be promoting the event along with WHMS and WKIO . I hope to see you there.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
SCOTT VARVEL
SAL COMMANDER

THE WINNER'S SQUARE

MARCH VIDEO GAMERS
ZACHARY M \$100 WINNER
CRICKET V-\$50 WINNER
JAN I-\$50 WINNER

MARCH GUN RAFFLE
KEN M

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



\$10.00 STEAK DINNER

Last dinner of the Season
May 15, 2021
4-7 P.M.
To go's available

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 POST 71 SERVICE ASSOCIATION MAY GUN RAFFLE



STOEGER M3000 12 GA
28" REALTREE MAX 5 CAMO
3" CHAMBER OR \$500
\$10.00 PER TICKET-120 SOLD
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN
VALID FOID CARD REQUIRED
DRAWING ON MAY 30, 2021

Flags for Sale

Great Quality flags

- 3x5-4x6-5x8
- 3x5 House Flag Set
- 3x5 POWMIA
- 3x5 Military
- Auto Flags

Most available Polyester or Nylon

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



50¢ WINGS
May 30, 2021

1-4 P. M.
Featuring
Cheeseburger Sliders
Chicken Sliders
Gun Drawing 4 PM

AMERICAN LEGION POST 71 SERVICE ASSOCIATION JUNE GUN RAFFLE



Glock 43 9MM Black OR \$500
\$10.00 per ticket-120 sold
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN
VALID FOID CARD REQUIRED
DRAWING ON JUNE 27, 2021
NO WINGS IN JUNE



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MAY CALENDAR

MAY 3	LEGION MEETING 6:00 P.M.
MAY 10	SAL MEETING 7 PM
MAY 12	AUXILIARY MEETING 6:30PM
MAY 15	\$10 STEAK DINNER 4-7 P.M.
MAY 23	FLAG IRONING 10:00 A.M.
MAY 27	WDWS POPPY DISTRIBUTION 6 TO 8 A.M.
MAY 27-29	POPPY DAYS
MAY 29	FLAG PLACEMENT AT EASTLAWN 9:00 A.M.
MAY 30	50 CENT WINGS 1 TO 4 P.M. GUN DRAWING AT 4 P.M.
MAY 31	MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY 11:00 A.M. AT EASTLAWN



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



In a hurry? Just grab a
 pizza to go.