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84TH ANNUAL NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION PILGRIMAGE
TO THE TOMB OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN
FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2018

The 84th Annual National American Legion Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln will be held in Springfield, Illinois, on Monday, February 12, 2018. Springfield Post #32, Auxiliary Unit #32 and Sons of The American Legion Squadron #32 extend a most cordial invitation to you to attend and participate.

National Commander Denise Rohan, National President Diane Duscheck, SAL National Commander Danny Smith, our Illinois Department Commander Robert Henderson, our Department President Marsha Haag and our Detachment Commander Paul Hayse, will be attending and participating in the activities. Additionally, many other Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L., and state and local dignitaries will be in attendance to honor President Abraham Lincoln on this very special day.

The Commemoration begins on **Sunday afternoon February 11, 2018, from 4:30 – 6 p.m. with our **NEW American Legion Family Leadership Reception** at the Wyndham Springfield Ballroom located on the mezzanine. All of the National and Department Officers will be participating and it is a free event open to all of our American Legion Family members which will give everyone a chance to meet and speak with our American Legion Family National and Department Officers. Immediately after (and during) the Reception a FREE shuttle will run continuously between Springfield Post 32 and the Wyndham Springfield until 1 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend an Open House with a DJ for entertainment at Springfield Post #32, 1120 Sangamon Avenue where our American Legion Family dignitaries will be again greeting everyone and enjoying dinner at Post 32. The buffet dinner service will be available at our Mess Hall Restaurant inside Post 32, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. To place Sunday evening dinner reservations phone 217/523-3415 or via email at spfldpost32@outlook.com to reach the Mess Hall Restaurant. We will have plenty of fun, a DJ, refreshments and a chance to renew old acquaintances and make new ones and again our National and Department Officers will be at the Open House to greet everyone. (More information? Visit our website www.springfieldamericanlegion.com)**

The headquarters hotel is the Wyndham Springfield City Centre, 700 East Adams Street, in downtown Springfield. Room rates are \$104.00 per night, single or double occupancy, and the rate includes FREE parking. You may call your reservation in to 217/789-1530 (press 1 when prompted) but please ensure you tell the clerk that you are reserving a room for the American Legion Pilgrimage to receive this special rate. **You may also reserve your room over the inter-net at <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/american-legion-pilgrimage-2018>** All hotel reservations must be received by January 19, 2018.

The following program has been planned for Monday, February 12, 2018:

- 8:00 a.m. **NEW FOR 2018 – Joint American Legion Family Breakfast with National Commander Denise Rohan, S.A.L. National Commander Danny Smith and honoring National American Legion Auxiliary President Diane Duscheck as the keynote speaker, ballroom, Wyndham Springfield. Open to our American Legion Family****
- 10:00 a.m. Pilgrimage departs Wyndham Springfield for journey to Abraham Lincoln's Tomb.**
- 10:30 a.m. Ceremonies and wreath placing from inside Mr. Lincoln's Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois.**
- 12:30 p.m. Lincoln Commemoration Luncheon with Distinguished Guests and National Commander Denise Rohan as the keynote speaker. Wyndham ballroom. Open to our American Legion Family.**

Breakfast tickets are \$20.00 each, and luncheon tickets are \$30.00 each with tax and tip included. If you are from Illinois, please indicate your Illinois District number on all luncheon reservations. Checks should be made out to Springfield Post #32, The American Legion. Tickets, reservations and further information please write or e-mail spfldpost32@outlook.com : American Legion Lincoln Day Pilgrimage, ATTN: Phil Drum, Ticket Chairman, 1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1853. Phone 217/523-3415. SPECIAL NOTICE: All meal checks and/or reservations must be received or canceled by February 4, 2018. No refunds can be made after that date. Please make your plans and reservations early, as we may not be able to seat you if you do not order your meal tickets early.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to be with us to honor our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, on his birthday in his "Hometown", and that you make time to visit the beautiful Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library, which is only three short blocks from the Hilton Springfield. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum will be offering their Group Rate to our attendees by merely showing your membership card on Feb 10, 11, 12, 2018. Tony Libri, General Chairman