

The Morning Report

Quarterly Newsletter for The American Legion Springfield Post 32 Family

The American Legion Auxiliary

In The Spirit of Service – Not Self
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 Commander
 Post 32



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Jim Peters
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 Squadron 32



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What is the American Legion Auxiliary? **In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.** For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, promote patriotism and support our communities.

The American Legion Auxiliary was founded in November of 1919. The Auxiliary administers hundreds of volunteer programs, gives tens of thousands of hours to its communities and to veterans, and raises millions to support its own programs as well as other worthwhile charities familiar to Americans. While originally organized to assist the American Legion the ALA has achieved its own unique identity while working side by side with the veterans who belong to the American Legion. Like the Legion the Auxiliary's interests have broadened to encompass the entire community.

The American Legion Auxiliary is composed of male and female spouses, grandmothers, mothers, sisters, daughters, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of the American Legion. Coming out of WWII the ALA membership was near a million members, now we are at about 515,000. Last year 3.2 million hours were volunteered in servicing veterans and military. There was nearly \$7 million raised and spent on youth, scholarships, and community projects and over \$1 million in scholarships were awarded.

The programs the ALA supports are

many. American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, welcoming troops home, and Americanism Essay Contests, just to mention a few. We offer scholarships at both the National and Department (state) level.

Poppy: after WW1 the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed the growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble left from the war. From the dirt and mud grew a beautiful red poppy. The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed during battle following the publication of the war time poem "in Flanders Fields". The poem was written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae MD while serving at the front line. On September 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of the American Legion family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924 the distribution of poppies became a national program. Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services, one of our pillars and original programs, supports our veterans in many ways. Christmas Gift Shops in medical centers and veterans' homes, offer veterans in these facilities an opportunity to send gifts to their loved ones at no cost. A cherished tradition since 1928 American Legion Auxiliary volunteers collect donations or purchase items as gifts for veterans. While Christmas Gift Shops may look different at each location, the experience for veterans is very similar. ALA volunteers make sure that veterans confined to their rooms can participate and offer to shop for them. Those who may not see their loved ones over the holidays can ship their gifts at no cost to them.

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SPRINGFIELD, IL



**SPRINGFIELD AMERICAN LEGION POST #32,
Route 66 Cruisers & Vintage Iron Riders present
Cruise In & Open House
Saturday, July 23, 2022, 1 – 4 p.m.
American Legion 1120 Sangamon – Springfield
Trophies, Door Prizes, Food & Drink, Music
\$5 Registration Fee. Questions (217/523-3415)
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Illinois American Legion Family Conventions

State Fair Parking

The Annual Illinois State Conventions of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion will again be held in Springfield, July 12 – 17, at the Bank of Springfield Center. All our American Legion Family are invited to attend and participate. Check out the Illinois American Legion website www.illegion.org for more details. They will have a display area on the main floor of the Convention Center where you may purchase American Legion Family items, plus receive a lot of valuable information. And don't forget the Annual Freedom Fest, Friday, July 15, 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. in the street at 8th & Adams. Live music by Steve Woods and the band OUT OF THE WOODS. FREE admission and we will have beer, soda, and food available. Everyone is welcome to attend. More information on Page 6.

We need your help, as this is one of our biggest fundraisers each year.

Would you be willing to volunteer for one or more 4-hour shift(s) parking cars at Post 32 during the Illinois State Fair? Post 32 will be responsible on the following State Fair Dates: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug 11, 12, 13 & 14 and Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 19, 20 & 21.

If you can volunteer for one or more of these 4-hour shifts, please email us at spfldpost32@outlook.com or phone the Post at 217/523-3415.

If you cannot help park cars, please consider parking with us when you and yours attend the Illinois State Fair, August 11 – 21.

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**THE INTER-VETERANS BURIAL
DETAIL OF SANGAMON COUNTY**

NEEDS YOU

VOLUNTEER AT KAMPER279@COMCAST.NET
ATTEND A FUNERAL AT CAMP BUTLER N.C.



**OUR POP-POP and GRANNY LOVE
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Dylan Walton, Benjamin Walton,
Lincoln Davis & Levi Davis**

Burial In A National Cemetery

Andrea Marshall, Camp Butler Cemetery Representative

I want my remains to be placed at Camp Butler, so what do I need to get that done?

Do you have a copy of your discharge (most often referred to as a DD 214)? If you do, step one is already done for you. This is also the most challenging part in coordinating your final affairs, as many benefits are contingent on your discharge. It behooves you to ensure there are multiple copies set aside, preventing the last copy from accidentally being distributed during the planning process.

VA Form 40-10007 is the Application for Pre-Need determination of eligibility for burial in a VA National Cemetery. This form does not guarantee placement in the VA National Cemetery of your choosing; rather it verifies that you are in fact eligible to be placed at a VA National Cemetery. Once the form is completed, it is verified by offices in St. Louis, MO and can take a few months before receiving correspondence in return. This form is not necessary to be interred at a National Cemetery.

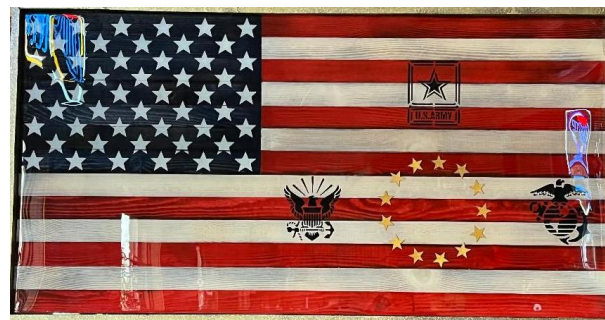
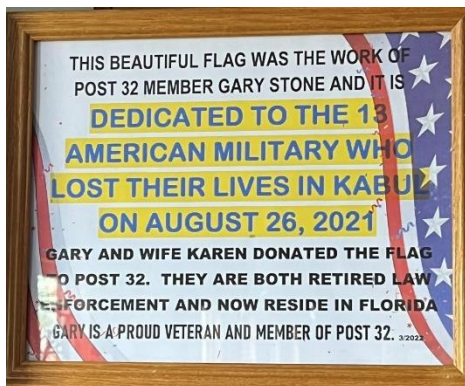
At the time of your passing, the designated person you have coordinating your final affairs will need a copy of your discharge if you have not filed the ap-

plication for Pre-Need Determination. This person, whether a family member or funeral home representative will utilize your discharge when contacting the National Cemetery Scheduling Office. During that phone call, an Administration team member will work with your designated person in coordinating our availability to accommodate your needs as well as the needs of your family.

Once a time and date are established during that phone call to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, the rest of the coordination for military honors (if applicable) and a final committal service can proceed. Establishing a schedule with the Cemetery Administration does not ensure that a minister or an honor team will be present. It is the responsibility of the designated family member or funeral home assistant to arrange for those services to occur at a National Cemetery.

Questions can be directed to Camp Butler National Cemetery Office by calling Monday through Friday from 07:30am to 04:00pm at 217-492-4070 or by emailing andrea.marshall3@va.gov, james.crafton@va.gov, or victor.reed@va.gov.

Visit Post 32: This Flag and Dedication are displayed at Post 32 along with a plaque listing those who died in Afghanistan during the operation to evacuate our Afghani allies.



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The American Legion Springfield Post 32 Family Leadership Officers Are Elected Annually to a 1 – year Term

Post 32 Commander Paul Peavy

The American Legion Springfield Post 32 held its annual election of officers during its May, 2022 membership meeting. I was elected to serve as Commander for a second 1-year term. Senior Vice-Commander Cynthia Robbins and Junior Vice-Commander Bob Wesley both agreed to a second term in those office and membership voted to retain them for another 1-year term. Finance Chair, Mike Walton was elected to serve another term. Thank you for your confidence and support during the upcoming 2022-2023 Command Year. Post 32 and the City of Springfield are looking forward to our Department of Illinois Convention and our upcoming Freedom Fest Celebration. I'd also like to thank everyone for their patronage of our Mess Hall Restaurant. If you have not already renewed your membership, please remember to do so as soon as possible. Also don't forget our monthly Post Meeting are the 4th Tuesday of every month at 18:30. My contact information is below.

For more information, please contact me: paulpeavy@bellsouth.net or 217-622-6840.

Squadron 32 Commander James Peters

Greetings American Legion family. As of the end of April, the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 32 has exceeded 100% for the membership year. We currently sit at 102.5% with 15 NEW MEMBERS so far this year. This is great news! Thank you to all the members of the American Legion family who have recruited new members and spread the word about our great organization. The Sons of the American Legion 21st district is also over 100% at 101.10% with 20 new members. Overall, the Detachment of Illinois is at 95.77%, very close to hitting that 100% goal. Our pre-convention meeting on 4/23 was well attended and planning for the upcoming Illinois convention is going well. We are looking forward to the convention July 13-17 (SAL Detachment elections on the 17th) and we would love to see you there. Don't miss the Freedom Fest on July 15th from 6-11 PM downtown Springfield. You can more information about the convention at the Department of Illinois website. For more information, please contact me: jpeters.il-sal@yahoo.com or 217-416-1533.

Unit 32 President Suzie Q. Weiss

Well, here I am at the end of my year!!! We have cooked all our dinners and made money for our Veterans and families.

We are over 100% in our membership and still working on more people to join our Auxiliary. We have a super great group.

Looking forward to the 22-23 incoming officers' arrival and will be there to help in any way.

Our annual convention will be held in Springfield in July and that is always a good time for learning, meeting new people and just having fun.

Looking and thinking over the past year I believe our Auxiliary has had a successful year.

We will be helping the Legion Riders with several events this summer which is always fun. Ice cream sodas anyone? Watch for that event.

Prayers for our Troops and God Bless America.

For more information, please contact me:

Weissuziq@aol.com, 217-341-3728; or Ethellynn Neville: Ethellynn1@comcast.net, 217-836-9173.

Post 32 Legion Riders Director Mike Lee

Greetings, so far, this summer has been a very busy for the Post 32 Legion Riders. July, August, and September will be just as busy.

We start July with the American Legion Convention on the 14th; we are having a ride, for the Riders with lunch at a Local Legion Post. The 15th we have an evening parade to kick off the Freedom Fest. Our bike show will be the morning of the 16th.

A week after the convention on the 23rd of July from 1 to 4 pm, there will be an open house with a car cruise in and vintage motorcycles bike show.

In September we will go to Perryville Missouri on the 16th to visit that state's Vietnam War Memorial and take part in the POW/MIA Vigil that night. All are invited to this weekend trip. Please join us.

For more information, contact me: 217-741-3003 or Biker1950@comcast.net; or Larry McCarthy Larrym60@hotmail.com or 217-523-8959

Post 32 Quarterly Calendar of Events

July, August, and September 2022

Event

Day, Date and Time

Regular Events

4th Wednesday Drawing (Must be present to win
Color TV or Gift Certificates)

Unit 32 Meetings

Legion Riders Meetings

ALMHC Club Committee Meetings

Morning Report Meetings

Squadron 32 Meetings

Post 32 Meetings

July, August and September

7:00 PM – July 27, August 24, and September 28

5:00 PM – August 2 and, September 6

6:00 PM – July 5, August 2, and September 6

5:00 PM – July 19, August 9, and September 20

6:00 PM – July 19 and September 20

5:30 PM – July 26, August 23, and September 27

6:30 PM – July 26, August 23, and September 27

Special Events

July 4th Celebration

American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and
Sons of The American Legion

Department of Illinois Convention

Thank you, Commander Party at Post 32

Honoring Commander Wayne Fischer

Freedom Fest – downtown, 8th & Adams

Cruise In and Open House – Post 32

Route 66 Cruisers and Vintage Iron Riders

Installation of 2022/2023 Post 32 Officers

State Fair Parking Setup – Need Help

Annual Calendar Meeting

Lincoln Day Pilgrimage Meeting

Final State Fair Parking Setup (Help Needed)

1450 AM Springfield Broadcast Live from Post 32

State Fair Parking at Post 32 – Can you Help?

Call 217-523-3415

State Fair Parking at Post 32 – Park with Us

Mess Hall Restaurant CLOSED during Fair

Post 21 Bar and Video Gaming Open during Fair

State Fair Veterans' Day – Veterans Admitted Free

State Fair Parking Tear Down – Help Needed

Mess Hall Restaurant Reopens

103rd American Legion National Convention

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Labor Day: Bar and Video Gaming Open

Mess Hall Restaurant CLOSED

July, August, and September 2022

Post 32 Closed all day

July 12 – July 17, Bank of Springfield Center
In Springfield

5:00 PM – Midnight, Post 32

6:00 PM – 11:00 PM, July 15

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

1:00 PM – July 31 at Post 32

9:00 AM – August 6 at Post 32

6:00 PM – August 9

7:00 PM – August 9

4:00 PM – August 10

6:00 AM – 9:00 AM – August 11

10:00 AM – August 11

August 11 – August 21

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All Day – August 14

7:00 PM – August 21

11:00 AM – August 22

August 26 – September 1

September 5

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American Legion Post 32

Mess Hall Restaurant

Lunch: Monday – Friday 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Dinner: Monday – Friday 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

www.springfieldamericanlegion.com

spfldpost32@outlook.com

Bar & Gaming open M-F 10:30 AM, Noon on Saturday and Sunday

1120 Sangamon Avenue – 217-523-3415

VIDEO GAMING – ALWAYS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



**The American Legion Family, Department of Illinois
103rd Annual Convention: July 12 – July 17
Bank of Springfield Center, Downtown Springfield
Don't Miss the Tradition and Fellowship**

**SPRINGFIELD POST'S 32 & 809 and all of
SPRINGFIELD WELCOMES YOU!**

**Springfield Post 32 and our
MESS HALL RESTAURANT is on the
FREE SHUTTLE ROUTE
(Post 32 Bar Open with VIDEO GAMING @ 10:30 AM)**

**Mess Hall Restaurant HOURS:
LUNCH: Monday – Friday 11 AM – 2 PM
Dinner: Monday – Friday 4 PM - 8 PM
HOURS WILL BE EXTENDED DURING CONVENTION WEEK**

FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE

The FREE shuttle will operate from 10 AM – 1 AM, Thursday & Friday between Springfield Posts 32 & 809, Hotels/Convention Center. Be sure to visit the Illinois State Military Museum at Camp Lincoln. This is FREE and will be on the Shuttle Route on Thursday and Friday from 1 PM – 4:00 PM . So USE THE SHUTTLE and ENJOY YOURSELVES!

**THANK YOU PARTY @ Post 32 IN HONOR OF
COMMANDER WAYNE FISCHER
Thursday, July 14 at Post 32, 6 PM – Midnight
Great Food and Drink and Lots of Fun
TAKE THE FREE SHUTTLE TO POST 32 & ENJOY!**

**FREEDOM FEST on the street between the hotels
FRIDAY, JULY 15th, 6 – 11:00 p.m.
Ice Cold Beer, Food to purchase. Live music from 7 – 10 p.m. by
"OUT OF THE WOODS"
No Cover and Everyone Welcome
"Note, no beverages or coolers may be brought in to Freedom Fest."**

**COMMANDER'S and PRESIDENT's Banquet, Saturday, July 16th
BE SURE & VISIT THE SAL CONVENTION AT THE WYNDHAM**

EMBLEM SALES AND ALL THE DISPLAYS ARE LOCATED ON THE MAIN FLOOR OF THE CONVENTION CENTER

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Flotsam and Jetsam

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Troop Care Packages and POW-MIA Remembrances continue to be an important part of our organization's caring for our veterans.

This is just a snippet of what we do. In the local area, there are several homeless veterans' facilities and outpatient clinics that need support. If you are interested, please contact us. We need to remember our veterans, and servicemembers are still giving of themselves so we can remain free. Visit these websites for more information: www.ilala.org or www.alaforveterans.org. For more information about Springfield American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 32, see the note from President Suzie Weiss on page 4.

Under the General Heading of: You Won't Believe This. . .

Very soon, sometime in July, The American Legion National Headquarters will mail a dues membership notice for the 2022 – 2023 membership year. This is pretty normal – happens every year around this time. Please send your dues as soon as possible and help the Legion continue the work it does in service to you and all of America's veterans.

What you may have difficulty doing is wrapping your brain around a little glitch this year. Due to a paper shortage, membership cards for 2023 are not available at this time. The cards will be mailed to you when the paper supply is available. Does this remind you of some of the announcements Radar O'Reilly made over the loudspeaker in most episodes of MASH?

Please Help Support the Continued Publication of "The Morning Report" Bob Wesley, Editor of The Morning Report

Taken together, The American Legion Family, Springfield Post 32 has approximately 1,200 members who receive this newsletter. This includes members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of the American Legion.

It costs about \$550.00 to print and mail the newsletter each quarter. Composing it and preparing it for publication is all done by volunteers. No one gets paid to put the newsletter together.

For this first year's publication, we were fortunate to have the sponsors you see throughout each issue of The Morning Report. Each gave \$250.00 to support the first year's issues. We are grateful to these "Friends of the American Legion Family". Some, if not all, will probably continue their support into next year.

But, how about you? Are you willing and able to contribute something to support The Morning Report? We are grateful for any contribution. Obviously, if you can contribute \$250.00, you will be identified as a sponsor in the same fashion as you see our sponsors acknowledged.

Please send a check made to The American Legion for any amount you might be willing to contribute. In the memo section of the check please write "The Morning Report". Mail your check to: The American Legion Springfield Post 32, 1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1853. Or, better yet, visit Post 32 for lunch, dinner, gaming or just to have a beer and deliver your donation personally. Thank you.

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Great Food – Warm and Friendly Service
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Lunch, Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Dinner, Monday – Friday, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Lunch and Dinner specials every day in addition to full menu and children’s menu

Phone 217-523-3415 for the daily special and orders to go

See the full menu at www.springfieldamericanlegion.com

We serve inside, outside and drive thru.

Video Gaming at Post 32

Our Hours: Monday – Friday, 10:30 AM to Closing

Saturday and Sunday – Noon to Closing

We welcome everyone to our Video Gaming Room at your American Legion Post 32. It is considered the nicest private Gaming Room in Springfield. We have six of the most up to date gaming machines, along with our private area with very comfortable chairs.

The Gaming Room offers **free** Soft Drinks, **free** Coffee, **free** Hot Chocolate, and **free** Snacks to Gamers. You should also sign up for the **free** Give Aways offered by Prairie State Gaming. Each time you visit be sure to get your Card punched for a **free** Meal. 10 punches get you a **free** lunch or **free** “All You Can Eat” Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday or **free** Chicken Dinner on Thursday or **free** Walleye Dinner on Friday.

You can sign up once a day, every day that you come in for our **free** 4th Wednesday Drawing where we give away a 32” Color TV; a \$50 Gift Certificate and a \$25 Gift Certificate.