



**David (Coop)  
Cooper  
Commander  
Post 32**

# The Morning Report

*Quarterly Newsletter for The American Legion Springfield Post 32 Family*

## The American Legion: What We're All About

Post 32 Finance Officer Mike Walton



**Suzie Q.  
Weiss  
President  
Unit 32**

We are committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continuing devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans. We advocate for the unique needs of every generation of veterans, service members, and their families. We are committed to destigmatizing mental health support, offering peer-to-peer resources, and empowering everyone to BE THE ONE in the fight to end veteran suicide. The American Legion is made up of volunteer Veterans committed to serving, continuing to assist our brother and sister veterans, those serving, their families and to serve our communities and our great nation. The best way to really know what The American Legion is all about is to read the Preamble to our American Legion constitution, then go online to The American Legion National website [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and read the explanation of our entire Preamble.

American Legion Post 32, not to be confused with the Club Committee or American Legion Memorial Home Corporation, is comprised of the following non-paid (volunteer) elected Officers who serve for one or more years but are elected annually at the Post Annual meeting.

**The Commander:** presides at all meetings of the Post; supervises the business affairs of the Post and is the Chief Executive Officer of the Post. The Commander shall appoint the Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Sgt At Arms, Historian and committees as necessary to carry out the programs and policies of the Post. The Commander shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except for the Nominating Committee and Elections Committee and shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the Post Membership.

**The Senior Vice Commander:** is responsible for Post 32 membership, including renewing

current members and recruiting new members; assumes and discharges the duties of the Commander in his or her absence or disability, or when called upon by the Commander. The Senior Vice Commander shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Commander or the Post.

**The Junior Vice Commander:** coordinates all the activities of the Post; assumes and discharges the duties of the Senior Vice Commander in his absence or disability or when called upon by the Post Commander. The Junior Vice Commander shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Commander or the Post and shall assume and discharge the duties of Commander in the absence or disability of both the Commander and the Senior Vice Commander.

**The Finance Officer/Treasurer:** signs all checks disbursing the monies of the Post along with additional authorized signers as provided in the Post By-Laws; provides, on behalf of the Post, such crime and fidelity insurance in such sum as shall be fixed by the Executive Committee, subject to approval of the Post Membership.

**Post Finances:** The actual Post 32 income varies and is not part of the Bar/Restaurant or The American Legion Memorial Home Corporation income. Most of the income for the Post is from the following: Membership Dues; State Fair Parking; Fundraising efforts such as 50/50's, Dinner's, and various sales and donations. In September of each year the Post membership votes on the Annual Budget, as our budget year is from October 1 of each year to September 30 of the next year. As always, ANY member of Springfield Post 32 may review the financial statements, as everything is open and available to MEMBERS.



**Jim Peters  
Commander  
Squadron 32**



**Mike Lee  
Director  
Post 32  
Riders**

# The 91st Annual National American Legion Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln - Part 1

## A Brief History of the Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage Mike Walton

The American Legion Springfield Post 32 has sponsored the Annual National American Legion Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln since February 11 and 12, 1935. It is the longest running commemoration of Mr. Lincoln's birthday held on his birthday. The 2025 Pilgrimage will be the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual celebration.

In 1935, World War I Veterans and members of The American Legion decided to honor President Lincoln and the many Civil War Veterans who lived in Springfield, Illinois at the time. They created the Annual Pilgrimage to Mr. Lincoln's Tomb, thus establishing a Tradition in Americanism that continues to this day.

Since its inception, the Pilgrimage has had a total of six Chairmen. The first Pilgrimage chairman was Herbert N. Tragethon, a World War I Veteran. Noel C. "Whitey" Moore, a World War II Veteran took over for Mr. Tragethon but we are uncertain about what year Whitey assumed the reins. Michael E. Walton, a Vietnam Veteran took over from Whitey in 1978 and served as Chairman through 2012, a total of 35 years as General Chairman. Retired Colonel Anthony P. "Tony" Libri Jr., a Veteran of Afghanistan, Bosnia, Croatia, Kuwait and Panama took over in 2013 through 2019. Since 2020, Vietnam Marine Corps Veteran Robert M. "Bob" Wesley took over and now holds the honor of being General Chairman. A new Chairman will assume the 2025 duties (**Page 6** for this and other new Pilgrimage information).

The Lincoln Day Pilgrimage each year begins on **February 11<sup>th</sup>** with the National Commander of The American Legion, the National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, the National Commander of The Sons of The American Legion and American Legion dignitaries from Illinois and throughout The United States coming to Springfield to honor Abraham Lincoln, our 16<sup>th</sup> President, on his birthday. The Wreath Ceremony is held on **February 12<sup>th</sup>** at Mr. Lincoln's Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield.

The tradition continues in 2025. The 91st Annual National American Legion to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln will be held on Monday, February 12, 2025. See **Page 3** for details about the events.

## Post 32 Open House – February 11, 2025 In Celebration of The Lincoln Pilgrimage



### 91<sup>st</sup> Annual National American Legion Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln

#### Open House: 4:00 PM to 1:00 AM

Tuesday, February 11, 2025  
Springfield Post 32, The American Legion  
1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, Illinois

#### From 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM, February 11, 2025

Post 32 Mess Hall Restaurant  
presents the following menu:

1 – Gouda Stuffed Chicken Breast  
With Blue Cheese Smashed Potatoes

Or

2 – Roast Pork Loin Dinner  
With Cheesy Potatoes

Both With Vegetable, Roll and Butter

**Choice of 1 for \$13.95 + Tax**

Or

Chicken Strip Salad	<b>\$9.95</b>
Taco Salad	<b>\$9.95</b>
Chef Salad	<b>\$9.95</b>
Dinner Salad with Dinner	<b>\$2.50</b>
Dinner Salad by Itself	<b>\$3.95</b>
Choice of Dressing With All Salads	

#### Dinner Reservations Recommended

Telephone 217-523-3415 or  
email [spfldpost32@outlook.com](mailto:spfldpost32@outlook.com)

#### 4:00 PM – 1:00 AM

Continuous FREE Shuttle Service between the Headquarters Hotel and Post 32

#### 8:00 PM – Midnight – Free Juke Box

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

## The 91<sup>st</sup> Annual National American Legion Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln Tuesday and Wednesday, February 11 and 12, 2025 Event Details

The American Legion Springfield Post 32 and The American Legion Department of Illinois extend an invitation to you to participate in the **91<sup>st</sup> Annual National American Legion Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln** on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 11 – 12, 2025 in Springfield, Illinois. The President Abraham Lincoln Doubletree Hotel will be our **Headquarters Hotel**. The following is a list of scheduled events.

### Tuesday, February 11, 2025

- 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM: American Legion Family Leadership Reception – Headquarters Hotel  
**Joseph Navarrete**, National Commander, Sons of The American Legion (Keynote Speaker)
- 4:00 PM – 1:00 AM: Free shuttle service between Headquarters Hotel and Springfield Post 32
- 4:00 PM – 1:00 AM: Springfield Post 32 Open House – **See Page 2** for details.

### Wednesday, February 12, 2025

- 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM: American Legion Family Breakfast at the Headquarters Hotel  
Honorees Include: **James A. LaCoursiere**, National Commander, The American Legion  
**Trish Ward**, National President, The American Legion Auxiliary (Keynote Speaker)  
**Joseph Navarrete**, National Commander, The Sons of The American Legion
- 10:00 AM: Depart Hotel for Pilgrimage to Mr. Lincoln's Tomb
- 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM: Wreath Placing and Tomb Ceremony inside President Lincoln's Tomb
- 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Lincoln Commemoration Luncheon at the Headquarters Hotel  
**James A. LaCoursiere**, National Commander, The American Legion (Keynote Speaker)

**Reservations for Breakfast (\$30.00 per person) and Dinner Reservations (\$35.00 per person) must be received or canceled by February 1, 2025.**

After that date, we are unable to guarantee seating or refunds.  
Please include a note with your name and the number of reservations you want.

#### **Make checks payable to American Legion Post 32 and mail it to:**

American Legion Lincoln Day Pilgrimage, Attn: Barb Lush, Ticket Chairman  
1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1853  
Telephone: 217-523-3415 email: [spfldpost32@outlook.com](mailto:spfldpost32@outlook.com)

#### **Hotel Reservations may be made at the President Abraham Lincoln Doubletree Hotel (our Headquarters Hotel)**

Special Rate for the Pilgrimage are \$114.00 + taxes per night, single or double rooms, includes parking.

Call 217-544-8800 to reserve rooms (press 0 when prompted). Say you are attending the Pilgrimage.

We prefer that you register online at: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/americanlegionpilgrimage/>

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Legionnaire Jim Peters,  
General Chair of the Pilgrimage Committee: 217-416-1533 or email to [jpeters.ilsal@yahoo.com](mailto:jpeters.ilsal@yahoo.com)

#### **Land of Lincoln Free Legal Aid – Post 32 Legionnaire Ben Arnold**

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid offers free legal services to indigent persons, veterans, and others, in Sangamon County and surrounding areas. There are also other free legal services in Illinois, and a website, <https://www.illinoislegalaid.org/>, where you can obtain free legal information and forms. However, if a veteran affiliated with Post 32 is unable to secure important free legal services, I have permission from my employer to offer pro bono free legal consultations outside of the scope of my employment, for example, on Saturdays, by appointment, if there is no conflict of interest. I am an attorney in Springfield and a member of Post 32. The types of things that I predict that I might be able to assist with most are simple wills, powers of attorney, negotiation with a landlord, consumer or credit matters, contract

drafting or review, review of or assistance with real estate transactions, filing discrimination claims, and other relatively simple civil legal matters, as long as there is no conflict of interest. There is no promise of representation beyond a short consultation, but I am not currently charging for my services to members of Post 32 for consultations or relatively simple civil legal matters. If you would like to schedule an appointment for a pro bono free legal consultation, please email me at:

[benjamin.dively.arnold@gmail.com](mailto:benjamin.dively.arnold@gmail.com), or you can contact my cell phone at (309) 339-8851.

Semper Fi,  
Ben Arnold

## The American Legion Springfield Post 32 Family Leadership

### Post 32 Commander David (Coop) Cooper

#### From David Janssen, Chair of The American Legion Post 32 Scholarship Committee

Announcing that Post 32 will be awarding two scholarships in March of 2025. What is new this year is applications will be online at the Land of Lincoln Community Foundation website ([www.CFLL.org](http://www.CFLL.org)) and the **QR Code** below starting January 2nd, 2025. Eligibility to apply is: 1. Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited College, University, Vocational/Technical school in the coming fall; and 2. Applicants who are direct descendants, child, grandchild, sibling, niece or nephew of persons who have served and been Honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces. Members of Post 32 will receive Extra Points.

Scholarship winners will be selected by the end of March and announced at the May 27, 2025, regular Post 32 meeting.

Call David Jansen with questions: 217-725-7272



Contact Commander Cooper about membership questions and any other Post 32 business. Phone: 217-899-4112 or email: [Cooper6646@gmail.com](mailto:Cooper6646@gmail.com).

### Unit 32 President Suzie Q. Weiss

Last month, the Auxiliary had a Humphries gift card raffle in which they earned \$1760. We thank everyone who participated in selling tickets to earn money to serve our veteran population. This month, we worked with the Riders to provide hats and gloves to grade school children of Springfield. The Auxiliary will participate in several upcoming events: 1) January 12th, the Auxiliary is hosting a Pancake and Sausage breakfast at Post 32; 2) February 1st, the Auxiliary will join the rest of the Post 32 American Legion Family to host the Nelson's Pork Chop Dinner. In February, the Auxiliary is honored to participate in the Lincoln Pilgrimage on the 12th. Additionally, on The Auxiliary hopes you all come out to support these events in the upcoming months.

For more information, please contact me: [Weissuziq@aol.com](mailto:Weissuziq@aol.com), 217-341-3728.

### Squadron 32 Commander James Peters

As I write this, we are only a few weeks away from Christmas and the New Year. I wish all of you a very merry and blessed Christmas season and a very happy and prosperous new year. We are a bit behind in our membership renewals for this time of year so please send your membership renewal ASAP. Currently we are at 30% renewal with 2 new members. We have a couple of special events coming up in January 2025. The Sons of the American Legion and Auxiliary Unit 32 will be serving a pancake and sausage breakfast on January 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. January 18<sup>th</sup> Post 32 will serve our workers lunch from 1PM to 4PM. Invited volunteers will be served a complimentary meal in appreciation of your service at Post 32. And of course, we have the 91<sup>st</sup> National American Legion Pilgrimage to the tomb of Abraham Lincoln coming up February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. This edition of the Morning Report is especially focused on the Pilgrimage. Please note the events surrounding the Pilgrimage such as the Post 32 Open House the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup> and plan to attend. Members of the American Legion family from across the country will be there to enjoy a great meal and fellowship with the members of Post 32. For God and country. Contact me at: [jpeters.ilsal@yahoo.com](mailto:jpeters.ilsal@yahoo.com) or 217-416-1533.

### Post 32 Legion Riders Director Mike Lee

Greetings to all from the Riders. New Years will be another full year for us. On February 1, we will take part in Post 32 Pork Loin Dinner catered by Nelson Catering. On February 11 and 12, we take part in the Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage. On March 17 we take part in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Please join us. The Riders had a busy last quarter. We raised funds to sponsor over 1,000 Wreaths for Veterans graves at Camp Butler National Cemetery. We passed out 1,000 hats and gloves to four of our Local grade schools. We road in the Veterans Day parade and this year's Christmas light Parade.

### Post 32 Riders and Unit 32: Hats and Gloves for Kids





# Post 32 Quarterly Calendar

January, February, and March 2025

## Event

## Time and Date

### Regular Events at Post 32

**New Years Day – Post 32 & Mess Hall Restaurant Open**

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

Unit 32 Meetings

Legion Riders Meetings

LaFemmes

ALMHC Club Committee Meetings

Squadron 32 Meetings

Post 32 Meetings

### January, February, March 2025

January 1 – Regular Hours (**See Page 8**)

7:00 PM – January 22, February 26, March 26

5:00 PM – January 7, February 4, March 4

6:00 PM – January 7, February 4, March 4

5:00 PM – March 11

5:00 PM – January 21, February 18, March 18

5:30 PM – January 28, February 25, March 25

6:30 PM – January 28, February 25, March 25

### Special Events at Post 32

Unit 32 and Squadron 32 Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

LaFemmes Pork Loin Dinner

Lincoln Pilgrimage Committee

Morning Report Meeting

Nelson's Catering Pork Loin Fundraiser

Lincoln Pilgrimage Open House at Post 32

91<sup>st</sup> Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage Events (See Page 3)

Corned Beef and Cabbage Special

Morning Report Articles Due

9:00 AM – NOON – January 12

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM – January 19

6:00 PM – January 21

7:00 PM – January 21

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM – February 1

February 11 (See Pages 2 for details)

February 12 (**Mess Hall Restaurant Closed 2/12**)

March 15 (**Visit Post 32 website for details**)

March 15

**The Veterans Advisory Council held its first meeting at Post 32 to discuss the needs and concerns of local veterans: veterans' benefits, legislation, and what they would like to see from lawmakers.**

**From left to right: Shawn Miller, George Tankersley, Representative Mike Coffey (Illinois 95th District) Bill Settles and Jay Sanders**



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## Some Notable Changes in the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual National American Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln

Three Post 32 positions comprise the public face of The Pilgrimage: the General Chairman, the Host during the Tomb Ceremony, and the Master of Ceremonies during the Breakfast and lunch. Until recently, all three positions were held by Legionnaires. This has changed.

Squadron 32 Commander Jim Peters has become the 6<sup>th</sup> General Chairman, Unit 32 Member Jodi Sanders will celebrate her first year as the Host during the Tomb Ceremony and Legionnaire Mike Walton will continue as the Master of Ceremonies for the Breakfast and Lunch. With pride, we introduce them to you.

**General Chairman Jim Peters:** The preamble to the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) constitution begins with the phrase "Proud processors of a priceless heritage". I stand proud of that priceless heritage. My eligibility as a member of the SAL comes from my late father, James Peters Sr, who was a Vietnam era veteran and my late maternal grandfather, George McKinzie, who was a WWII and Korean war veteran. I'm currently serving as Commander of Squadron 32. I have served as Senior Vice Commander for Squadron 32, Illinois 21<sup>st</sup> District Commander, 4<sup>th</sup> Division Commander and Detachment of Illinois Senior Vice Commander for two years. One of my fondest memories was the year my father (past Post 32 Commander) served as 21<sup>st</sup> District Commander for the American Legion Department of Illinois and I served as 21<sup>st</sup> District Commander for the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Illinois in the same year. I'm honored to have been appointed General Chairman of the National American Legion Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln beginning this year, our 91<sup>st</sup> Pilgrimage.

I am only the 6<sup>th</sup> General Chairman in the 91-year history of the Pilgrimage and the first Chairman who is not a veteran. Over the years I have served on various committees for the Pilgrimage including transportation, usher at the tomb and the host for the wreath presentation ceremony at the tomb.

**Host of the Tomb Ceremony Jodi Sanders:** she is the current Vice President of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 32. Jodi is the wife of Jay Sanders, Senior Vice Commander, of Post 32. Together, they have 4 children who are also members of Post 32. Jodi recently graduated with a master's degree in social work and hopes to someday work in mental health at the VA. For her internship, she spent 8 months working with veterans at the Springfield VA Outpatient Clinic. Currently, Jodi works as the Homeless Youth Program Coordinator for a shelter in Springfield. She is dedicated to serving her community and works to connect both veterans and homeless youth to the services they need.

**Master of Ceremonies Mike Walton:** Mike is a distinguished public servant whose commitment to law enforcement and community service spans over five decades. Born and raised in Springfield, Illinois, Walton graduated from Springfield High School in 1966 and served honorably in the U.S. Air Force from 1967 to 1971, reaching the rank of Sergeant. His service included a deployment to Vietnam and assignments at various Air Force bases across the United States.

Following his military service, Mike embarked on a 27-year career with the Springfield Police Department,

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Mess Hall Restaurant

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

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

Bar & Gaming Open

Monday - Friday – 10:30 AM – 10:00 PM

Saturday - NOON – 10:00 PM Sunday – NOON – 4:00 PM

New Service - \$2 Tuesday - See Page 8 for Details

Mess Hall, Bar and VIDEO GAMING – **ALWAYS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



## “Some Notable Changes . . .” Continued from Page 6

rising from Patrol Officer to Chief of Police (1987-1990). As Chief, he managed 220 officers and 80 civilian staff, overseeing a budget exceeding \$10 million and guiding the department through significant reforms, including a shift to an Aldermanic form of government. Under his leadership, the city saw a reduction in crime and enhanced public trust. Mike continued serving his community as Director of Support Services at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office until his retirement in 2018.

Mike's dedication extends beyond his professional achievements to his lifelong involvement with The American Legion. With over 57 consecutive years as a member of Springfield Post #32, he has held numerous leadership positions, including Post Commander, Judge Advocate, and Director of the Illinois American Legion Annual State Convention. He has also chaired the National American Legion Pilgrimage to Abraham Lincoln's Tomb for over 30 years, demonstrating a deep

commitment to honoring veterans and history. Walton's commitment to service extends on a National level with The American Legion as the Convention Commission Chairman since 1998.

Family is at the heart of Mike's life. He has been married to Christina Lazar since 1973, celebrating their 51st anniversary in 2024. Together, they have two children, Nicholas (44) and Ashley (36), and four cherished grandsons: Dylan (17), Benjamin (14), Lincoln (9), and Levi (5).

Mike's contributions have earned him accolades such as "Best City Cop" (1979), the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation (1998), and Legionnaire of the Year for Springfield Post #32 (1992). His lifelong dedication to service reflects unwavering leadership, integrity, and a profound connection to his community and fellow veterans.

Mike currently serves as Post 32 Finance Officer

### Greetings From William “Bill Mowder – Post 32 Veterans Service Officer

My name is Bill Mowder. I moved to Pleasant Plains in May 2016 as I wanted to be closer to my family here. I have been asked to introduce myself. I was born and raised in Illinois and graduated from Delavan High School in 1966.

As Viet Nam was going on, I was sent to Chicago to take the military entrance exam. A few weeks later I was in U. S. Air Force boot camp in Texas. After boot camp I went to Weapons Tech School in Denver, Colorado. I also went to McDill AFB in Florida. After gun school I went on leave. I was sent to Viet Nam. After 7 months at Danang, I was transferred to the 555 Fighter Squadron in Udorn, Thailand.

I returned to the United States in June 1969 to Ft. Walton Beach where I was selected to join the Joint Service Task Force to go into Son Tay, North Viet Nam to liberate the POWs held there.

I got out of the Air Force in 1974 as the war in Viet Nam was winding down. I joined the Air National Guard in Peoria in 1982. I was sent Holloman AFB, then on to

and Germany. At the end of my tour in Germany, I went to Moody AFB in Georgia to serve with the 70<sup>th</sup> TFS (The White Knights Squadron). I went with them to The Gulf War as Acting First Sergeant. Upon my return, I stayed 60 days later for enforcement of the No-Fly Zone. I retired in 1994. I have been in Veteran's Assistance since 1998 as a Veteran's Resource Navigator, Veteran's Service Officer and I currently serve as Post Service Officer at Post 32. Please feel free to contact me: cell – 217-607-7158 or email – [bill.mowder@yahoo.com](mailto:bill.mowder@yahoo.com). If I am unavailable, please contact Keith Milliman: cell – 217-626-1378 or email - [klmill@casscomm.com](mailto:klmill@casscomm.com).

**Go to Page 8 to See New Hours at Post 32  
Bar and Video Gaming  
And  
The New \$2 Tuesday  
At The Mess Hall Restaurant  
Join The Fun and Support Post 32**

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## The Mess Hall Restaurant at Post 32

Best Fried Chicken, Walleye, and whole Catfish on the North End

### Changes in Bar-Video Gaming Hours - Effective January 1, 2024

#### BAR AND VIDEO GAMING

Monday – Friday	10:30 AM – 10:00 PM*
Saturday	12:00 PM – 10:00 PM*
Sunday	12:00 PM – 4:00 PM*

#### MESS HALL RESTAURANT

**New "\$2 Tuesday": Food and Drink 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM**  
 \$2 Domestic Bottles; \$2 Sliders or 3 for \$5; \$2 ¼ lb. Beef Hot Dog; \$2 Springfield Tavern Chilli

#### LUNCH

Wednesday – Friday	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
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#### DINNER

Wednesday – Friday	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
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\*We will stay open later for crowds and special events.

Welcome everyone to our Video Gaming Room at 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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Drawing where we give away a 32" Color TV; a \$50 Gift Certificate and a \$25 Gift Certificate.**