

## 105<sup>th</sup> American Legion Convention AGENDA

### Tuesday, July 9, 2024

10:30 a.m. Staff arrives & rental copier delivery

### Wednesday, July 10, 2024

10:30 a.m. Trust Fund - BOS Center - B6-W

1:00 p.m. Internal Affairs - BOS Center - B-10  
Veterans Employment & Education - BOS Center - B7-W  
Finance - BOS Center - B4-E

2:00 p.m. Constitution & By-Laws - BOS Center - B9

4:00 p.m. VA&R - Saputos

4:30 p.m. Americanism - BOS Center - B4-E

6:30 p.m. DEC Photo - BOS Center - B-11B, C, D

7:00 p.m. DEC Meeting - BOS Center - B-11B, C, D

### Thursday, July 11, 2024

7:30 a.m. Breakfast with Leading Candidate for National Commander - Wyndham -  
Capitol Room (Mezzanine level) *Invitation Only*

8:00 a.m. Sergeant @ Arms & Distinguished Guests Convention Committees meet in  
Murphy Room (Distinguished Guests Room)

9:00 a.m. Rules - BOS Center - B-1  
Americanism - BOS Center - B-4E  
Children & Youth - BOS Center - B-4W  
Veterans Employment & Education - BOS Center - B-6W  
National Security - BOS Center - B-8  
Delegates-at-Large - BOS Center - B-9  
Rehabilitation - BOS Center - B-10  
Resolutions - BOS Center - B-3  
Judiciary - BOS Center - B-7E

10:00 a.m. Credentials, Contests & Internal Affairs - BOS Center - B-2

10:00 a.m. Legislation - BOS Center - B7W

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Chaplain's Seminar - BOS Center - B-6E

11:00 – 2:00 American Legion Officer Training – BOS Center – B-11B, C, D (RSVP to Department) Free lunch provided.

11:00 a.m. Redistricting Committee Meeting – B-4W

11:00 – 12:00 “Be the One Suicide Awareness” film viewing and discussion – B-10

3:00 p.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> District Caucus – B-7E	5:00 p.m.	14 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus – B-9
	3 <sup>rd</sup> District Caucus – B-7W		15 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus – B-1
	4 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus – B-9		16 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus – B-2
	5 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus – B-6W		17 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus – B-6E
	7 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus – B-3		18 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus – B-6W
	8 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus – B-6E		19 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus – B-7E
	9 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus – B-10		20 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus – B-8
	10 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus – B-1		21 <sup>st</sup> District Caucus – B-7W
	11 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus – B-4E		22 <sup>nd</sup> District Caucus – B-4W
	12 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus – B-4W		23 <sup>rd</sup> District Caucus – B-10
			24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus – B-3
6:00 p.m.	Commander’s Party – Post #32		

### **Friday, July 12, 2024**

7:30 a.m. Past Department Commander’s Breakfast – Wyndham - Capitol Room  
(Mezzanine level) *Invitation Only*

9:00 a.m. Convention Session opens – BOS Center

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

3:00 p.m. Legion Riders Meeting – Main Floor

5:45 p.m. Legion Riders Parade – leave parking lot at 5:45 p.m.

6:00 – 11:00 Freedom Fest – 700 block of East Adams (roadway between Wyndham & Doubletree) Entertainment: “Folsom Prison Five”

### **Saturday, July 13, 2024**

8:00 a.m. Legion Family Memorial Service – BOS Center

9:00 a.m. Set up for Bike Show

9:30 a.m. Convention Session Reconvenes

9:30 a.m. Joint Poppy Session

10:00 a.m. Bike Show – Curb on Adams Street side of BOS Center. (\$10 entry fee, judging ballots at Legion Riders booth)

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

12:00 p.m. Bike Show judging

3:00 – 5:00 American Legion Family Reception – BOS Center, B-11B, C, D

6:00 p.m. Cocktails – Wyndham Mezzanine

7:00 p.m. Commander's & President's Dinner

**DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS HOURS**

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 11, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, July 12, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 13, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**EMBLEM SALES HOURS**

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 11, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, July 12, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

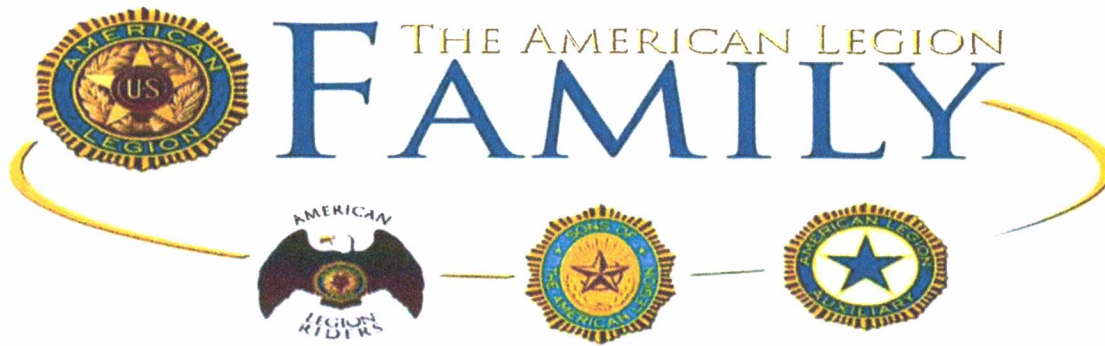
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**EXHIBITOR HOURS**

Thursday, July 11, 2024 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, July 12, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 13, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Greetings Legion Riders, Legion Family Members

Let me introduce myself, I am Mike Lee, Legion Riders Ride Director for Springfield Post 32, 4th Division & 21st District. The 4th Division is Honored to be the sponsor for the Department of Illinois, American Legion Charity Ride 2024. This will be a three-day ride across central Illinois. From July 7 – 9, 2024. During this three day ride we plan on stopping at Legion Posts and Veterans Memorials along the route. We will conduct a small remembrance ceremony at each of the Memorials. Commanders & Presidents, if you do not have a Riders chapter, please share this information with your members especially those that ride motorcycles. Also, our friends in the Jeep community are more than welcome to join us on the Charity Ride.

This three-day ride will start with a kick-off dinner the night of the 6th of July at 6 pm at Springfield Post 32, 1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield. Prior to the kick-off dinner, we will be having a Legion Riders Leadership conference from 2-4 pm, also at Post 32. We hope you can join us for all or part of the Charity Ride. You may join us at any one of our stops. The Charity Ride is also open to autos as well.

Below is the route the ride will be following, if you wish to join us, or just cheer us on, you are more than welcome. Bring your flags to wave, and your big welcome smiles and welcome us to your community. Here is the Route:

**Saturday, July 6, 2024- Start at Springfield Post #32-**

2 - 4 p.m. Legion Riders Leadership training

4 – 6 p.m. Registration

6 p.m. Pre-Ride Meal Kickoff

### **Sunday, July 7, 2024, Day one of the ride**

We depart Springfield Post 32 for Taylorville's Post 79, and then on to Veterans Memorial at the Lake. We then head to Matton, then to Paris, to Marshal, then Lawrenceville for lunch. After Lunch we head to Olney, then to Flora, then on to Salem. After Salem, we head to Hillsboro to place a Wreath at their Veterans Memorial and have a short ceremony. Then on to Litchfield for our first night stop.

### **Monday, July 8, 2024, Day two of the ride**

Leave Litchfield and on to <sup>GRIMFON</sup>Jerseyville, then Hardin, then to Pleasant Hill. After Pleasant Hill we will head to Quincy and the Illinois Veterans Home. We plan on having Lunch in Quincy and hope to spend some time with our brother and sister Veterans at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy. We will depart Quincy on Route 24 to Rushville, and then on to Washington Post 100 for our second night stop.

### **Tuesday, July 9, 2024, Day three of the ride**

We will depart Washington and head to Watseka, then get on Route One, to Westville, for lunch. After Lunch we will head to Chrisman, and then get on Route 36 towards Springfield. On the return to Springfield, we will stop at Tuscola, Cerro Gordo, and Forsyth, and then arrive back at Springfield Post 32 for the Pre-Convention kick-off party that evening. If you so desire, you can remain in Springfield and take part in our 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Illinois Convention, July 9 – 13, 2024. There is a lot to see and do at the Convention each year, with numerous displays, Legion emblem sales plus we have a big Street Party with a band and refreshments (Freedom Fest) downtown Springfield between the hotels Friday evening and our Legion Riders bike show Saturday Morning. Be watching the Illinois American Legion website [www.illegion.org](http://www.illegion.org) for further details and information on the 2024 Convention.

For up-to date ride information go to  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/798984815348968>

Thank you for your time and consideration and please help us spread the word. For further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mike Lee, Ride Director, Springfield Post 32

217/741-3009 [biker1950@comcast.net](mailto:biker1950@comcast.net)

105th  The American Legion Convention  
**HOSPITALITY LOCATIONS 2024**

**Rendezvous Room**  
(Mezzanine Level Wyndham)

**1<sup>st</sup> Division**  
(Commander Joseph R. Hedrick)  
*Note: Room has bar and refrigerator.  
Will get ice from machine in Plaza 3 Room.*

**Conference Center 4  
& Foyer**  
(Mezzanine Level Wyndham)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Division & 12<sup>th</sup> District**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Division Commander John B. Reece;  
12<sup>th</sup> District Commander Todd K. Latham)  
*Note: This room will get ice from ice machine in Plaza 3.  
If available, a Refrigerator will be placed in this room.*

**VISTAS 1 - 3**  
(29<sup>th</sup> Floor Wyndham)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Division** (Commander Chris A. Hinton)

**VISTAS 4 - 5**  
(29<sup>th</sup> Floor Wyndham)

**4<sup>th</sup> Division** (Commander Michael D. Vance)  
*Note: Ice Machine and refrigerator located in  
attached kitchen*

**Embassy Room**  
(Lower Level Wyndham)

**5<sup>th</sup> Division** (Commander Christopher Schoo)  
*Note: Refrigerator is located in Ambassador Room  
kitchen.*

**Plaza 3**  
(Mezzanine Level Wyndham)

**11<sup>th</sup> District** (Commander Michael Westerhausen)

**VISTA 6**  
(29<sup>th</sup> Floor Wyndham)

**19<sup>th</sup> District** (Commander Cheryl L. Walker)



Per authority of:  
Department Commander Delmar Buske  
Convention Director Mike Walton

**Please Note: We will have Plaza 1 on reserve if needed. Wyndham Springfield City Centre will supply refrigerators if available.**

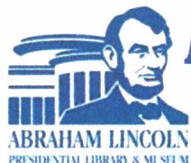
**If they have to “rent” them, the Person/Division/District will be responsible for the rental fee.**

THE AMERICAN LEGION **FAMILY**



**Springfield Welcomes the  
ILLINOIS AMERICAN  
LEGION FAMILY  
CONVENTIONS**

**AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY CONVENTION ACTIVITIES**



# Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

**212 North 6th St. Springfield, Illinois**

**Come visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum**

**Visiting Hours: Daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**\$10.00/per person**

This Special Rate will be given to the American Legion Family from

**July 10—14, 2024**

To receive this rate attendees MUST show their American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion Convention Badge (*i.e.: Delegate or Alternate or Guest*)

This would be a great low cost vacation opportunity for the Legion Families to enjoy the historic sites of Springfield and at the same time enjoy the conventions. (*rate subject to change*)

**Handicap Accessible.** Reservations encouraged.

Call 217-558-8844 or visit <https://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov> prior to your visit, in case of hour changes, etc.

# Illinois State Military Museum

## Illinois State Military Museum at Camp Lincoln

1301 N. MacArthur Blvd. Springfield, IL

**FREE MUSEUM**

Features compelling stories about Illinois soldiers.

This attraction easily accessible through the

American Legion's FREE Shuttle Route.

Donations welcome.

- ♦ Handicap Accessible
- ♦ Open 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Tue-Sat
- ♦ Shuttle Hours: 1:00pm - 4:00pm  
(Thurs. & Fri. only)





**American Legion Family**  
**State Conventions**  
**Shuttle Schedule**  
**2024**

**Shuttle will run every 30 minutes,  
top and bottom of the hour**

**Thursday, July 11th (10 a.m. – 1 a.m.) Top and bottom of the hour**

**Stops at BOS Center, then in front of Wyndham, American Legion Post 32 1120 Sangamon Avenue, and American Legion Post 809 Martin Luther King & Capitol.**

**1pm – 4 p.m. only Illinois State Military Museum, 1301 N. MacArthur as a stop.**

**Friday, July 12th (10 a.m. – 1 a.m.) Top and bottom of the hour**

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**POST OFFICER TRAINING AT  
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

**Thursday, July 11, 2024**

**11:00 AM—2:00 PM**

**BOS Center Springfield**

**RSVP for Lunch Voucher:**

**[jtalaska@illegion.org](mailto:jtalaska@illegion.org)**

**Walk-ins Welcome!**

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

105<sup>th</sup> DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

DISTRICT CAUCUS SCHEDULE

Thursday, JULY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

All Caucus Rooms are located on the lower level of  
the Bank of Springfield Convention Center.

**3:00 PM**

2<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-7 EAST  
3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-7 WEST  
4<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-9  
5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-6 WEST  
7<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-3  
8<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-6 EAST  
9<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-10  
10<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT & 13<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-1  
11<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-4 East  
12<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-4 WEST

**5:00 PM**

14<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-9  
15<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-1  
16<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B- 2  
17<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-6 EAST  
18<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-6 WEST  
19<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-7 EAST  
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22<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-4 WEST  
23<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-10  
24<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT & 25<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT - ROOM B-3

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YOU'RE INVITED TO AN EXCLUSIVE  
SHORT-FILM VIEWING AND  
FOLLOWING DISCUSSION

JULY 11TH, 2024  
1100-1200

BOS CENTER  
SPRINGFIELD, IL  
ROOM B-10

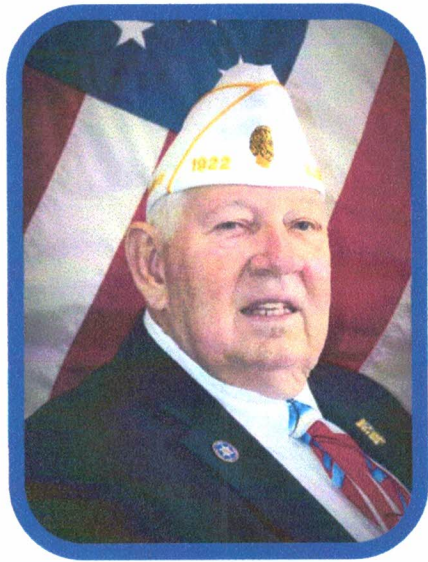
# MERIT X ZOE

BATTLE BUDDIES ON A REMOTE US  
ARMY OUTPOST IN AFGHANISTAN.  
BACK HOME, SOMETHING COMES  
BETWEEN THEM THAT PUTS THEIR  
ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME FRIENDSHIP  
TO THE TEST.

**\*MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY\***

# Party In Honor of

2023-2024



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER  
**DELMAR BUSKE**

Thank Commander for his dedicated year of Service!

**Thursday, July 11, 2024**

**6:00 PM – 1:00 AM**

The Mess Hall Restaurant—Springfield Post 32

1120 Sangamon Avenue

P: 217/523-3415

The Mess Hall Restaurant is now open for lunch M-F from 11:00 am—2:00 pm

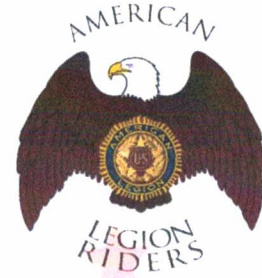
Dinner W-F from 4:00—8:00 pm

Complete Bar Service at Post 32 Everyday Open at 10:30 a.m.

**VIDEO GAMING AVAILABLE**

**FREE CONTINUOUS SHUTTLE**

THURS/FRI from 10:00 AM – 1:00 AM (between the hotels, Post 32 and Post 809)



# 105th Annual Department Convention

July 10 – 14, 2024

# FREEDOM FEST

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Friday, July 12, 2024

**6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

**700 BLOCK EAST ADAMS ON THE  
STREET BETWEEN HOTELS**

NO COVER CHARGE & EVERYONE WELCOME

**BEER, SODA, FOOD**

NO COOLERS OR OUTSIDE BEVERAGES ALLOWED

LIVE MUSIC 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM

**FEATURING THE BAND**

**“Folsom Prison Five”**

HELP COMMANDER DELMAR, PRESIDENT ANGIE & COMMANDER MIKE  
CELEBRATE THEIR CONVENTIONS AND YEARS OF SERVICE!

The American Legion Department of Illinois Family  
cordially invites you to the annual

# COMMANDERS & PRESIDENT *Dinner*

*honoring*



*Department Commander  
Delmar Buske*



*Department President  
Angie Golightly*



*Detachment Commander  
Michael Vozar*

## *Saturday, July 13, 2024*

*Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.*

*Main Ballroom of the Wyndham Springfield*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Division# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ District# \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Person(s) \_\_\_\_\_ or Table(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (For tables of eight (8), please send a list of names with this form)

(New York Strip @ \$69 x \_\_\_\_\_) - (Pan Seared Airline Chicken @ \$55 x \_\_\_\_\_) - (Whiskey Glazed Salmon @ \$52 x \_\_\_\_\_)

All dinners are served with chef's choice of vegetable, Yukon gold mashed potatoes, tossed salad, rolls & butter and dessert.

Check Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to: The American Legion Department of Illinois

To guarantee your reservation, mail check & reservation form **DIRECTLY** to Sharon Conatser 2305 Rebecca Dr.  
Champaign, IL 61821 no later than **June 21, 2024**.

For questions or special dietary needs: Sharon Conatser (C)217/369-6211; or email: [sconatser44@live.com](mailto:sconatser44@live.com)

# American Legion Family Reception



## *Meet & Greet*

**July 13th, Immediately following close of  
Convention**

Buddinger Room

Lower Level of BOS Center in Springfield

Meet with your newly elected 2024—2025 American Legion,  
Auxiliary & Sons of The American Legion Leaders  
during a Legion Family reception.  
Light refreshments shall be served.