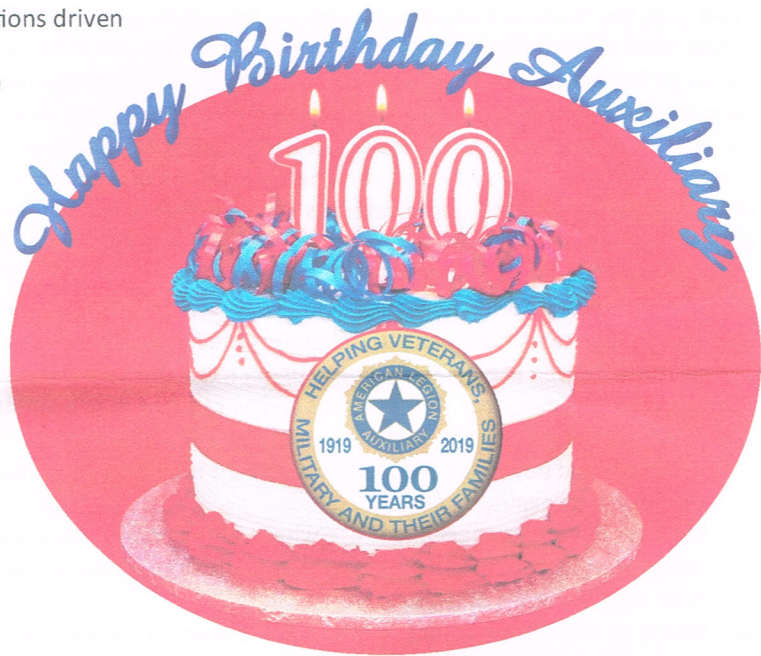


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- ★ **Free Subscription to The American Legion Magazine:** Our nation's leaders speak directly to citizens on the pages of The American Legion Magazine. The American Legion's organizational goals are promoted using the words of talented writers, professional journalists, and world leaders.
- ★ **Benefits Assistance:** The American Legion offers expert advice, support and representation for veterans and families seeking government benefits they are eligible to receive at the federal, state and local levels.
- ★ **Career Assistance:** Hundreds of job fairs and career events every year, all across the map, are coordinated, sponsored, promoted or produced by The American Legion. American Legion business workshops also help veterans and their families pursue their entrepreneurial dreams.
- ★ **Comfort for the Recovering:** Operation Comfort Warriors helps active-duty military personnel and newly discharged veterans recover and adjust to lifestyle changes.
- ★ **Education Assistance:** The American Legion conducts student-veteran roundtables, networks with Student Veterans of America as well as college campuses, and works with agencies to better apply military experience toward professional and vocational licenses and certification credits.
- ★ **Family and Community Support:** Cash grants and volunteer aid are among the ways The American Legion reaches out to families of military servicemembers and veterans during times of financial difficulty, short-handedness at home or natural disaster.
- ★ **Financial Services:** The American Legion and USAA, two organizations driven by the same values for nearly a century, are allied through a "preferred provider" relationship that connects Legionnaires with the best advice and service in banking, insurance and personal finance.
- ★ **Homeless Veteran Outreach:** The American Legion offers hundreds of opportunities for homeless veterans across the country, including temporary housing, mentoring and job training.
- ★ **Honor and Remembrance:** American Legion honor guards provide official services at thousands of veteran funerals around the world each year. The Legion is also a leader at every level in the establishment and maintenance of memorials and monuments that honor military sacrifice.
- ★ **Member Discounts:** The American Legion offers members and their families practical, money-saving discounts that can easily save many times the cost of annual membership dues.
- ★ **Advocacy in Washington:** The American Legion is the nation's most influential, effective and dependable advocate of veteran affairs fighting for better active-duty pay, improved housing for active-duty families and helping to ensure that the VA's medical system can properly care for veterans.
- ★ **Volunteer Opportunities:** The American Legion offers volunteer opportunities that fulfill needs in local communities throughout the country and beyond. The Legion and the Sons of The American Legion provide millions of hours of free community service, assistance at VA medical facilities and help at military installations each year. ###



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supporting CWF, the Youth Police Program and Boys Scouts. Posts can show support by purchasing the 2020 4-Pillars pin. The form is available on pg. 10, online and at Department.

REMINDER: It's not too early to contact schools for the Oratorical program, Boys State, Essay Contest, Youth Police Program and the Poppy Poster contest.

With a Can Do attitude, let's work together and exceed all our membership target dates this year. The 100% cash award cutoff date is November 13th. Have a safe Veterans Day!
"Veterans Can Do!"

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As you know we are nearing the holiday season, think about giving your eligible family members or friends a gift of membership in the Legion, Auxiliary or SAL. Then share with them all of the wonderful benefits we receive from this membership. A gift that keeps on giving.

As you celebrate Thanksgiving, be sure to think about others. The holidays can be stressful for many people. Take a moment to reach out to others who are alone, lonely or struggling. It's a small gesture that can mean so much this time. Keep on hand the VA Crisis Hotline number if ever needed: 1-800-273-8255, they are a very good resource for help.

From all the members of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. Be sure to give thanks for everything you have. Have a wonderful holiday and may God Bless you.