

**Sons of
The
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Greetings to The Detachment of Illinois,

As we close out 2023 I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! May 2024 bring you and your family health, peace, and prosperity! Please continue to keep our active duty military and veterans in your prayers

Thanks for all you have done this year honoring the service of the veteran who made you eligible by working to advance the Four Pillars of The American Legion with your participation and support of our programs and activities.

As of this writing we are above our National goal for membership. Let's keep it going and hit 15,000 members! I would like each member to bring in one new member this year. "One For The Sons". We can do this! Let's grow and strengthen our organization with new energy, fresh ideas, and strong backs to support our veterans, children and youth, maintain a strong sense of Americanism, and national security. Remember the Individual Recruitment Award for 5 new members and Blue Brigade for 35 or more new members! Also check out National Commander Hall's Four Pillar Squadron Award which is a great Squadron recognition

The Illinois American Legion Family Caravan begins on Friday, January 12th and goes to Saturday, January 20th. All members are welcome to attend! Division and District Officers should plan to attend the stops in their area and I ask that they personally reach out to their Squadrons with the information. I hope to see everyone on Caravan!

Caravan is just one way our members can step "Beyond The Four Walls". I would like to challenge and encourage all members to step out and attend District and Division meetings, DEC's, and Convention. What a great way to meet others, exchange information, share ideas, learn, and meet and talk with your Leadership all while sharing great camaraderie!

Save the date for Spring DEC in Effingham on Saturday, March 30th! SAL National Commander Don "JR" Hall will be our special guest. Come meet and greet the Commander to Illinois!

Consider supporting my Special Project to honor veterans, Honor Flight Network, by making a donation to the Detachment of Illinois designated for the Honor Flight group of your choice. Continue recruiting for Boys State and Police School.

BE THE ONE – ASK veterans in you life how they are doing – LISTEN when a veteran needs to talk – REACH OUT when a veteran is struggling