



2017 February SAL Newsletter Article

In our quest to continue service to all veterans in the state of Illinois, the Detachment Sons of The American Legion have another opportunity to extend that service.

This membership year we SONS are doing our best to raise funds for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Since September 11, 2001, the United States lost approximately 6,820 citizen soldiers in Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn and other operations in the Global War on Terror. As a result upwards of 12,000 children and spouses must now cope with life without one of their closest friends and providers.

The American Legion continues to lead from the front—having first established the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund almost immediately following 9/11—by extending the benefits of the fund to all children and stepchildren of services members who died while on active duty since 9/11.

For those who paid the ultimate price for our continued freedom, no amount of money will ever repay our indebtedness to them. Still, we honor their legacies by supporting those children they left behind. The American Legion Legacy Scholarship continues to bridge the financial aid gap for those children.

We urge and encourage all members of The American Legion Family to donate to this worthy cause.

The Detachment of Illinois Sons of The American Legion has once again completed participation in the American Legion Family Statewide Membership Caravan and the annual Pilgrimage to the tomb of Abraham Lincoln.

The ALF Caravan was once again a big success as new friendships were formed and old ones reinforced.



On February 11th the 11th Annual SAL tour of St. John's Children's Hospital to hand out Josh Dogs on the Children's Miracle Network floor was also a successful event. The Detachment of Illinois is proud to host this event every year the day before the annual Pilgrimage to the tomb of our 16th President sponsored by Springfield American Legion Post # 32.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Department Auxiliary's annual Patriotic Conference, until then, let's all continue **"Shooting for Membership"**!

Phil Shipley, Commander 2016 - 2017