



89th Annual

(1935 - 2023)

National

American Legion Pilgrimage

to the

Tomb of Abraham Lincoln

-OPEN HOUSE-

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Springfield Post #32, The American Legion

1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, Illinois - Phone 217/523-3415

Home of and originator of the National American Legion Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln

Our Mess Hall Restaurant presents, from 4 – 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb 11th:

3 piece Fried Chicken Dinner w/Mashed Potatoes & Gravy; Vegetable; & Roll, **or**
Roast Pork Loin Dinner w/Mashed Potatoes & Gravy; Vegetable; Roll and Butter.

Either above selection \$11.50 + tax or the following salads will also be available:

CHICKEN STRIP Salad w/choice of dressing	\$9.95
TACO SALAD	\$9.95
CHEF SALAD w/choice of dressing	\$9.95
SEAFOOD SALAD w/choice of dressing	\$10.25
DINNER SALAD w/choice of dressing	w/Dinner \$2.50 by itself \$3.95

Reservations suggested 217/523-3415 or email us: spfldpost32@outlook.com

Visit our website www.springfieldamericanlegion.com

-FREE JUKE BOX 8 – Midnight

Video Gaming & Complete Bar Service til 1 a.m.



**The American Legion
Springfield Post 32
Home of & Originator of the
National American Legion
Pilgrimage to the
Tomb of Abraham Lincoln**

Saturday, February 11, 2023

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM:
American Legion Family Leadership
Reception at The Headquarters Hotel.
Keynote Speaker: The Sons of The
American Legion National Commander
Christopher Carlton

4:30 PM – 1:00 AM:
FREE shuttle service to Post 32.

4:00 PM – 9:00 PM:
Dinner at Post 32

5:00 PM – 1:00 AM:
Open House at Post 32

**See Reverse Side for More Information about the
Post 32 Open House**

**89th Annual Pilgrimage
Headquarters**

Located at 7th and Adams Streets in
Springfield, Illinois, The **President
Abraham Lincoln Doubletree Hotel** is the
89th Annual Pilgrimage Headquarters Hotel.

**See Reverse Side for Details About
Registering for Rooms at the
Headquarters Hotel**

**Pilgrimage Program
Sunday, February 12, 2023**

8:00 AM: American Legion Family
Breakfast featuring Keynote
Address by The American Legion
Auxiliary National President,
Vickie Koutz
Pilgrimage Headquarters Hotel

10:00 AM: Pilgrimage to the Tomb

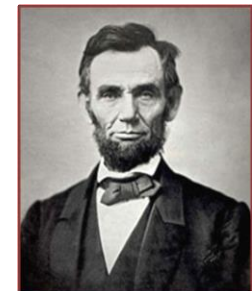
10:30 AM: Placing of Wreaths and Tomb
Ceremony, Mr. Lincoln's Tomb,
Oak Ridge Cemetery

12:30 PM: Lincoln Commemoration
Luncheon featuring Keynote
Address by The American Legion
National Commander,
Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola
Pilgrimage Headquarters Hotel

**See Reverse Side for More Information about
reserving breakfast and luncheon tickets**

February 11 & 12, 2023

**89th Annual
National American Legion
Pilgrimage to the Tomb of
President Abraham Lincoln**



**February 11 – 12, 2023
President Abraham Lincoln
Doubletree Hotel**

**701 East Adams Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
217-544-8800**

POST 32 OPEN HOUSE
5:00 PM – 1:00 AM
Saturday, February 11, 2023

4:30 PM – 1:00 AM
Continuous FREE shuttle service
 between the President Abraham
 Lincoln Doubletree Hotel and
 American Legion Post 32

4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Our Mess Hall Restaurant presents
Dinner Service Featuring
the Following Menu

3-piece Fried Chicken Dinner with
 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green
 Beans & Roll \$11.50

Roast Pork Loin Dinner with
 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green
 Beans & Roll \$11.50

Chicken Strip Salad \$ 9.95
 Taco Salad \$ 9.95
 Chef Salad \$ 9.95
 Seafood Salad \$10.25
 Dinner Salad with Dinner \$ 2.50
 Dinner Salad by Itself \$ 3.95

Choice of Dressing with all salads

8:00 PM – Midnight - Free Juke Box

Breakfast and Luncheon
Reservation

Reservations for the Breakfast and the Luncheon must be received or canceled by **Wednesday, February 1, 2023**, or we are unable to guarantee seating or refunds. No tickets will be mailed. Please specify how many tickets you require for both the breakfast and luncheon.

American Legion Family Breakfast
Keynote Speaker

The American Legion Auxiliary
 National President **Vickie Koutz**

_____ # of Tickets at \$30 each = \$ _____

Lincoln Commemoration Luncheon
Keynote Speaker

The American Legion National
 Commander **Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola**

_____ # of Tickets at \$35 each = \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Department: _____

Make check payable to American Legion Post 32
Mail this form and your check to:
American Legion Springfield Post 32
Attn: Ticket Chair, Barb Lush
1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, ILL, 62702

Registering Rooms at the
Headquarters Hotel

Room rates are \$110.00 + tax per night, single or double rooms including parking. Call 217-544-8800 to reserve rooms (press 0 when prompted) or register online (preferred):

www.my-event.hilton.com/americanlegionpilgrimage/

This is a conference rate negotiated with the Headquarters Hotel by Post 32. To get this rate, you must do two things:

1. If you register by telephone, you must say that you are part of The American Legion Lincoln Pilgrimage; and,
2. You must register your room by **Friday, January 20, 2023**. After that, we can no longer guarantee that a room will be available.

If you register online at the link above, your room will automatically be linked with The Pilgrimage.

A Final Note:

If you have any questions about the Post 32 Open House, or The American Legion Family Breakfast, or The Lincoln Commemoration Luncheon, please contact Pilgrimage General Chair, Bob Wesley at

Phone: 217-899-6826 or
 Email: bobwesley37@yahoo.com



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A SHORT HISTORY ON THE Springfield Post No. 32 The American Legion Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln Every year on his birthday, February 12th, since 1935

Springfield Post #32, The American Legion has sponsored the Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln since February 11 & 12, 1935. It is the longest running commemoration of Mr. Lincoln's birthday that has been held on his birthday, February 12th, since 1935.

Back in 1935 the World War I Veterans and members of The American Legion wanted to honor Springfield's #1 Son, President Abraham Lincoln and also the many Civil War Veterans who lived in Springfield. So they worked together and decided to do the Annual Pilgrimage on Mr. Lincoln's Birthday to honor him and at the time the living Civil War Veterans.

Since its inception in 1935 the Pilgrimage has had a total of five (5) 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 not sure what year Whitey assumed the reins. Michael E. Walton, a Vietnam Veteran took over from Whitey in 1978 and served as Chairman through 2012, serving 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 and was Chairman through 2019. After the 2019 Pilgrimage and for 2020 forward, Vietnam Marine Corps Veteran Robert "Bob" Wesley took over and now holds the honor of being General Chairman.

The Lincoln Day Pilgrimage each year begins on **February 11th** with The American Legion National Commander; American Legion Auxiliary National President; Sons of The American Legion National Commander and American Legion dignitaries from Illinois and throughout the United States coming to Springfield to honor our 16th President on his Birthday. An American Legion Family Leadership Reception is held at the headquarters hotel from 4:30 – 6 p.m. and then everyone attends the Open House at Springfield Post #32, 1120 Sangamon Avenue. **On Lincoln's Birthday, February 12th**, an American Legion Family Breakfast is held at the headquarters hotel with The American Legion Auxiliary National President as the keynote speaker. At 10 a.m. all assemble in front of the headquarters hotel and with a Springfield Police escort they Pilgrimage/Journey to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln, located in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. At 10:30 a.m. and inside Lincoln's Tomb, wreaths are placed honoring President Lincoln and remarks are made by our visiting American Legion Family dignitaries and many political figures. Upon completion of the ceremonies inside of Mr. Lincoln's Tomb the attendees return to the headquarters hotel, where at 12:30 p.m. the **Lincoln Commemoration Luncheon** is held. We are honored each year to have The American Legion National Commander as the keynote speaker of the Lincoln Commemoration Luncheon. This luncheon is attended by members of The American Legion Family, political figures, media and interested citizens.

The members of Springfield Post #32, The American Legion are proud to continue this honored tradition of honoring Springfield's #1 Son, our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln.