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82nd Annual National American Legion Pilgrimage
to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln
February 11 & 12, 2016

The 82nd Annual National American Legion Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln will be held in Springfield, Illinois, on **Friday, February 12, 2016**. Springfield Post #32, Auxiliary Unit #32 and Sons of The American Legion Squadron #32 extend a most cordial invitation to you to attend and participate.

National Commander Dale Barnett, National President Sharon Conatser, SAL National Commander Kevin Collier, our Illinois Department Commander Paul Gardner, our Department President Kathy Cisna and our Detachment Commander Bill Geary, will be attending and participating in the activities. Additionally, many other Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L., and state and local dignitaries will be in attendance to honor President Abraham Lincoln on this very special day.

The Commemoration begins on Thursday evening, February 11, 2016, from 5 p.m. – 1 a.m. with an Open House at Springfield Post #32, 1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield. A **FREE shuttle** will run continuously between the **Hilton Hotel (Soon to change to the Wyndham Hotel)** and Post 32 from 5 p.m. – 1 a.m. Dinner service will be available at the Mess Hall Restaurant located inside Post 32, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. To place Thursday evening dinner reservations phone 217/523-3415 to reach the Mess Hall Restaurant. We will have plenty of fun, refreshments and a chance to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. The National and Department Officers will be at the Open House to greet everyone.

The headquarters hotel is usually the Hilton Springfield, 700 East Adams Street, in downtown Springfield. However, as of January 1st, 2016, the Hilton will change hotel names to the **WYNDHAM HOTEL** – same hotel just a name change. Room rates are \$98.00 per night, single or double occupancy, and the rate includes free parking. **Because of this hotel name change, reservations cannot be made over the internet and will have to be made over the telephone at 217-789-1530 (press 0 when prompted).** Remember to tell the clerk that you are reserving a room for the American Legion Lincoln Day Pilgrimage to receive this special rate. **All hotel reservations must be received by January 19, 2016.**

The following program has been planned for Friday, February 12, 2016:

- 8:00 a.m. American Legion Auxiliary breakfast honoring our National President, Capitol Room, Wyndham, Springfield.**
- 8:30 a.m. American Legion breakfast honoring our National Commander, Prairie Room Wyndham, Springfield.**
- 10:00 a.m. Pilgrimage departs Wyndham Hotel for journey to Abraham Lincoln's Tomb.**
- 10:30 a.m. Ceremonies and wreath placing from inside Mr. Lincoln's Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois.**
- 12:30 p.m. Lincoln Commemoration Luncheon with Distinguished Guests and National Commander Dale Barnett as the keynote speaker. Wyndham Ballroom.**

Breakfast tickets are \$20.00 each, and luncheon tickets are \$30.00 each with tax and tip included. Please specify when ordering breakfast tickets if they are for the Legion or Auxiliary breakfast. Luncheon tables of eight (8) will be assigned and may be reserved by sending your check for \$240.00 to the below listed address. If you are from Illinois, please indicate your Illinois District number on all luncheon reservations. Checks should be made out to **Springfield Post #32, The American Legion**. Tickets, reservations and further information please write to: American Legion Lincoln Day Pilgrimage, ATTN: Phil Drum, Ticket Chairman, 1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1853. Phone 217/523-3415. Post 32 e-mail is **SEE BELOW**. **SPECIAL NOTICE: All meal checks and/or reservations must be received or canceled by February 4, 2016. No refunds can be made after that date.** Please make your plans and reservations early, as we may not be able to seat you if you do not order your meal tickets early.

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We sincerely hope that you will be able to be with us to honor our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, on his birthday in his "Hometown", and that you make time to visit the beautiful **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library**, which is only three short blocks from the Hilton Springfield. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum will be offering their Group Rate to our attendees by merely showing your membership card on Feb 10, 11, 12, 2016.