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85th Annual National American Legion Pilgrimage
to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln
February 11 & 12, 2019

The 85th Annual National American Legion Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln will be held in Springfield, Illinois, on **Tuesday, February 12, 2019**. 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 Brett Reistad, National President Kathy Dungan, SAL National Commander Greg Gibbs, our Illinois Department Commander Micheal Carder our Department President Debra Lewis and our Detachment Commander Eugene Gort, 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 Monday evening, February 11, 2019, with The American Legion Family Leadership Reception, 4:30 – 6 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel. From 5 p.m. – 1 a.m. everyone will journey to an Open House at Springfield Post #32, 1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield. A **FREE shuttle** will run continuously between the Wyndham and Post 32 from 5 p.m. – 12 a.m. A delicious Buffet 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. An “FREE open juke box” will play your favorites from 8 p.m. until 11:00. To place Monday 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. A special 85th Anniversary Lincoln Day Pilgrimage Commemorative PIN will be available for purchase.

The headquarters hotel is the Wyndham City Centre, 700 East Adams Street, in downtown Springfield. Room rates are \$105.00 per night, single or double occupancy, and the rate includes free parking. **Reservations can be made by telephone at 217-789-1530 (press 1 when prompted)** Remember to tell the clerk that you are reserving a room for the American Legion Lincoln Pilgrimage to receive this special rate. **All hotel reservations must be received by January 19, 2019.**

The following program has been planned for February 12, 2019:

- 8:00 a.m. American Legion Family Breakfast with our National Commander Brett Reistad, and our key note speaker for the breakfast event will be the National President of the American Legion Auxiliary Kathy Dungan, 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 Brett Reistad as the keynote speaker. Wyndham Ballroom.**

Breakfast tickets are \$25.00 each, and luncheon tickets are \$35.00 each with tax and tip included. Luncheon tables of eight (8) will be assigned and may be reserved by sending your check for \$280.00 to the below listed address, all other seating is “open seating”. 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: Barb Lush, Ticket Chairman, 1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1853. Phone 217/523-3415. Post 32 e-mail is spfldpost32@outlook.com **SPECIAL NOTICE: All meal checks and/or reservations must be received or canceled by February 4, 2019. 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.**

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 Wyndham - 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, 2019.

Tony Libri
General Chairman