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**78<sup>th</sup> Annual National American Legion Pilgrimage**  
**to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln**  
**February 11 & 12, 2012**

The 78<sup>th</sup> Annual National American Legion Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln will be held in Springfield, Illinois, on **Sunday, February 12, 2012**. 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 Fang A. Wong of New York, National President Kris Nelson, SAL National Commander Jim Roberts, our Illinois Department Commander David Hicks, our Department President Diana Umdenstock, and our Detachment Commander Harl "Butch" Ray**, 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 Saturday evening, February 11, 2012, 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 and Post 32 from 5 p.m. – 1 a.m. Dinner service will be available at the Prairie Star Restaurant located inside Post 32, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. To place Saturday evening dinner reservations phone 217/523-3415 to reach the Prairie Star Restaurant. We will have entertainment, dancing, 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 the Hilton Springfield, 700 East Adams Street, in downtown Springfield. Room rates are \$89.00 per night, single or double occupancy, and the rate includes parking. You may call your reservation in to 1-800-HILTONS (1/800-445-8667), but please ensure you mention Group Code "LEGION LDP" for the American Legion Lincoln Day Pilgrimage to receive this special rate. You may also reserve your room over the inter-net at [www.springfieldil.hilton.com](http://www.springfieldil.hilton.com). Use the group code of "AML". **All hotel reservations must be received by January 19, 2012**

**The following program has been planned for Sunday, February 12, 2012:**

- 8:00 a.m. American Legion Auxiliary breakfast honoring National President Kris Nelson, Hilton Springfield Capitol Room.**
- 8:30 a.m. American Legion breakfast honoring National Commander Fang A. Wong, Hilton Springfield, Prairie Room.**
- 10:00 a.m. Pilgrimage departs Hilton Springfield 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 Fang A. Wong of New York as the keynote speaker. Hilton 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: Thomas C. McDonough, Ticket Chairman, 1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1853. Phone 217/523-3415. Post 32 e-mail is [spfldpost32@sbcglobal.net](mailto:spfldpost32@sbcglobal.net) **SPECIAL NOTICE: All meal checks and/or reservations must be received or canceled by Saturday, February 4, 2012. 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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, 2012.