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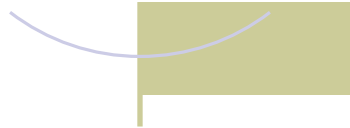


*"It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced."*

President Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg, November 19, 1863



# The POST NEWS



## Fall Raffle Wrapping Up



tact Bo D. Henry(217-841-8724) or Tom Watson (217-351-7684) as soon as possible.

The drawing will be held at the end of our October 14th meeting at the Old Orchard Lanes in Savoy. The first prize is a Remington 770 30-06 rifle with scope (or \$300 cash).

The second prize is a 20 gauge Mossberg 500 Cruiser shotgun (or \$200 cash).

Third prize is \$50.00 cash.

Winners need not be present to win, but to receive either of the guns, they must have a current Illinois FOID card.

Winners may pick up their guns at:

The Gun Shop  
124 S Market St  
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We are very grateful for the advice and assistance provided by The Gun Shop in Paxton. If you're ever in the market for a new gun, be sure to pay them a visit.

Post 1492's raffles provide a significant percentage of the funds that we use to support programs for military veterans. While it is always nice to win a prize drawing, all those who participate in these raffles contribute directly to helping those who, at some point in their lives, took an oath to protect and defend this great nation and its people.



If you have not yet turned in your donations for our fall raffle drawing, please con-

## State Education Grant Available To Veterans

The Illinois Veterans Grant Program pays tuition and fees for either undergraduate or graduate study at all Illinois public colleges and universities. Recipients may use their grant assistance up to a maximum of 120 eligibility units.

### Eligibility

- You were an Illinois

resident six months prior to entering active duty.

- You returned to the state of Illinois within six months of being separated from active duty.
- You served on active duty for a total of 12 or more months.
- You received an honorable discharge.

The IVG covers resident tuition and mandatory fees (this excludes refundable fees, the Library Technology fee, Academic Outreach fees and Extramural fees). The IVG does not cover University housing costs. You may request more eligibility information or an application from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs by calling 217-782-3564.

## Military Humor



An Army master sergeant and his wife walked into the post dental clinic one Friday afternoon.

The sergeant said to the dentist, "Doc, I'm in a really big hurry. My buddies and I have a tee time at the golf

course in twenty minutes and I don't have time for an anesthetic. Just pull the tooth and I'll be on my way."

The dentist replied, "Well, Master Sergeant, I don't think I've ever had a patient who was willing to have a

tooth extracted without anesthetic, but if you're convinced that's what you want, then let's take a look. Which tooth is it?"

The sergeant turned to his wife and said, "Okay honey, open your mouth and show him."

## State of Illinois—Veteran Job Fairs



There are more than 22 million military veterans in American today, and far too many of them are unemployed.

If you are looking for a job, or if you know any other veterans who are, you might be interested in one of the Veteran Job Fairs being held around the state during No-

vember. The job fairs are being sponsored by the Illinois Department of Employment Security and will be held at six locations around the state, with the closest one being held at the Bloomington National Guard Armory, 1616 S. Main Street in Bloomington on November 9, 2010.

There will be employers from Federal, State and Municipal offices, as well as employers from companies throughout the region recruiting for open positions.

For more information about the job fair, contact Alison Williams at 217-558-1262.

## Profile of the Month — Don Wiggins



This month's profile subject is Don Wiggins. He grew up in Galion, Ohio, and enlisted in the Air Force in August 1962 after graduation from high school.

After basic training, he was sent to Personnel school in Mississippi and from there to his first assignment at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. His other assignments took him to Florida, California, Colorado, Taiwan, Texas, Ohio, and finally to Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, where he retired as a senior

master sergeant (E-8) in 1985.

His decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal and three Meritorious Service Medals.

He is a graduate of Park University in Kansas City with a BA degree in management.

After leaving the Air Force, Don was a principal investigator at the U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory in Champaign for twelve years. He

spent much of his time traveling to federal facilities around the world, working mostly on computer programs for environmental compliance applications.

After leaving the lab, he became systems manager at National Wound Care, a medical equipment company in Champaign.

He and his wife Margie are now retired and living in Savoy. They have four children, twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



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Savoy American Legion Post 1492 meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM, unless otherwise posted. Meetings are presently being held at the Old Orchard Lanes, 901 North Dunlap Avenue in Savoy. To get to our meeting room, enter the lounge near the front cash register and proceed to the room to your right. Meetings generally last no more than an hour, leaving plenty of time to meet and greet other military veterans. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

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