

Rocket Nation

By Diane Ducey



THIS IS ONE of a few great moments as we celebrated America's 250! Left: Veronica Booher, daughter Caroline in middle & husband Brian taking the picture. Board members, Sandy Dowler (stripes) Denny Davis with wife Marsha near the sign. Susan Plackett by the Tolono Historical Society and Veterans Museum door plus Diane Ducey and her husband Mike Anderson, far right. Ringing bells on Independence Day at 1pm, 13 times for the original 13 colonies back in 1776. Submitted photo.



REAGAN SCHLUETER singing National Anthem before 7/4 5k with Champaign County Freedom Celebration. Submitted photo.

Legion

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gion Senior Vice Commander Paul Haines gave the membership report which included the ending totals for the 2025/2026 membership year. The report was approved as given following a motion from Past American Legion National Historian Chuck Zelinsky seconded by Philo American Legion Post 1171 Commander Mike Lueth.

Commander Henderson began his comments by informing those in attendance that they can find information about the American Legion Gifts to the Yanks program on line at the American Legion website and by reporting that that there are different things that one can buy for the Gifts to the Yanks program.

Commander Henderson reported that the Illinois State Fair takes place from August 13 – August 23, that Sunday, August 16 is Veterans Day at the Illinois State Fair, and that Veterans and Gold Star families get in to the State Fair free for the entire day.

Post 433 Commander Bill Hensch added that veterans' events will take place at the Lincoln Stage and that the parade will take place that afternoon.

Commander Henderson announced that the 107th Annual American Legion Family Department of Illinois Convention will take place in Springfield from July 8 – July 11 and provided information about hotel reservations.

Senior Vice Commander Paul Haines added to Commander Henderson's report that the Sons of the American Legion part of the convention will take place on Friday and Saturday only.

Lastly, Commander Hen-

derson reported that the American Legion National Convention will take place August 28 – September 3.

Past National American Legion Historian Chuck Zelinsky added that there will be a Legacy Award table set up in honor of J.R. Stillwell at this year's national convention.

Past American Legion National Historian Chuck Zelinsky reported about a Veterans Resource Center being started at the Salvation Army located at 2212 N. Market Street, Champaign, that he was going to go visit and introduce himself, and find out more about the center.

An American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion Bad Boy lawn mower fund raiser raffle was discussed. Commander Bob Henderson will look into it and report back at the next American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion meeting.

American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State was discussed and it was reported that it had gone well.

Commander Henderson presented a hospitality resolution certificate to Sidney American Legion Post 433 Commander Bill Hensch for the Sidney American Legion Post 433 hosting the county meeting following a motion to approve the resolution seconded by Senior Vice Commander Paul Haines.

The American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion held their election of officers for the 2026/2027 American Legion year.

The elected officers to the American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the Ameri-

can Legion are Commander Paul Haines, Senior Vice Commander Robbie Walker, Junior Vice Commander Darryl Hicks, and Finance Officer Bob Henderson.

Newly elected American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion Commander Paul Haines will appoint the rest of the officers for the 2026/2027 American Legion year.

Congratulations to all of the elected and appointed officers for the 2026/2027 year!

Sidney American Legion Post 433 Adjutant/Service Officer Bill McLane reported about the Sidney American Legion Post 433 Memorial Day program and of Sidney American Legion Post 433's oldest member 104-year-old George Hawthorne attending it under Good of the American Legion.

The 50/50 was \$63.00 with \$32.00 going to the winner and \$31.00 going to the American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion. Philo American Legion Post 1171 Commander Mike Lueth won the raffle.

Past American Legion National Historian Chuck Zelinsky entertained all in attendance with a story about President Ronald Reagan and Commander Henderson brought the meeting to adjournment at 8:17 p.m. following closing ceremonies.

The Sidney American Legion Post 433 decorated the front of their Post Home with a banner in honor of America's 250th birthday and in honor of the Declaration of Independence being signed 250 years ago ahead of the meeting. Your correspondent could not get a photo the evening of the meeting because it was too dark, but returned on Monday, June 29 to snap a photo.

The Sidney Scoop

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The Sidney American Legion Post 433 hosted the American Legion Department of Illinois Champaign County Council of the American Legion Thursday, June 25 meeting at their post home located at 221 South David Street in Downtown Sidney. Look for a report with photos from your correspondent in this week's edition of the Southern Champaign County Today Paper.

The Village of Sidney Board of Trustees regular monthly meet-

ing should have taken place on Monday, July 6. Look for a report from your correspondent in next week's edition of the Southern Champaign County Today Paper.

The Sidney American Legion Post 433 will hold their next monthly meeting at the Post Home located at 221 South David Street in downtown Sidney on Monday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m. Prospective new members are always welcome and encouraged to attend and all monthly meet-

ings, unless otherwise posted, are held at the Post Home.

The Sidney Fun Daze 2026 will take place on Friday, July 24 – Saturday, July 25 with events taking place on Friday from 2:00 – 11:30 p.m. and a full day of activity on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Come on out and enjoy a great time in Sidney!

Have a wonderful week!

If you or your organization have news items you want published drop a line to Ann Rhoton at P.O. Box 491, Sidney, IL 61877 or call (217) 688-2812 between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Don't hesitate to leave a message if there's no answer.

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