



**Illinois JCI Senate E-Blast  
December 1, 2024**

**E-Blast Reminder**

Please send any e-blast items to [iljcisenate.eblast@gmail.com](mailto:iljcisenate.eblast@gmail.com)  
Deadline is Noon on the 30th/31st & 14th.

All Forum articles due ASAP.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 is the day for volunteers to step into action at your nearest National Cemetery. It is only 13 days away.

In the meantime, December 2 is the cut-off date for wreath donations in our part of the country. Please go to the WAA

website: <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/175453>

This will take you to the National website and will display the code: FL1122, which designates the USJCI Senate. Follow the steps shown on the website and you will be able to designate the National Cemetery of your choice (Arlington is the default location). Be sure to complete your transaction and see that you get a receipt. The website will give you a receipt AND you'll get one via email.

If, by chance, you find yourself struggling with the website or you don't see the options you want, then pick up the phone and call (877) 385-9504. They will be happy to help you, but you may find yourself on hold for a few minutes. They also have a call-you-back option.

Also, on DECEMBER 14, please send (text) me pictures of the event you attend. I will be HAPPY to share them with the rest of the organization.

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IL JCI WAA Chmn.

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General Fund Fundraiser  
Illinois Basketball Squares

We are about 2.5 weeks (17 days or so) before we start this fundraiser. As of now the first game is Dec 22. We still have 60 squares that need to be sold for this fundraiser to start. Once again its \$50 a square for 16 games. Numbers will change after each game. Here are the payouts:

Halftime - \$50

Reverse - \$25

Final - \$100

Reverse - \$25

Please contact me with your square number (if available). You can Venmo, Paypal or Zelle me your money.

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On-To

We hope that you can travel to some of these Region V and National events.

2025

Jan. 9-12 [US JCI Senate Winter Board Meeting in Kenner, LA](#)

Jan. 18 [MI JCI Senate Snowball Soiree in Yipsilanti, MI](#)

Jan. 31 - Feb. 2

IL Winter GA/Senate Meeting in Bloomington, IL  
The Chateau Hotel & Conference Center \$104/night  
Call hotel and say you're with the Jaycees.  
309-662-2020

Mar. 14-16 [Region V Spring Fling in Mt. Pleasant, MI](#)

Jun. 15-20 [US JCI Senate Annual Meeting in Chicago/Northbrook, IL](#)

There are so many opportunities to get out and socialize with our fellow senators in Region V and beyond! I've included the national events in the hopes that you could join us as we promote the national meeting we're hosting next summer. If you're interested in traveling outside of Region V make sure to check out the calendar. [Calendar \(usjcisenate.org\)](#)

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## Convention 2025

In just 7 months the Illinois JCI Senate will be hosting the National JCI Senate Convention in Northbrook, IL. We could really use all hands-on deck! We're starting to put together plans for activities/tours. If you'd be willing to assist in this area let us know.

We NEED a connection in the Northbrook area. Do you know a Jaycee/Senate friend or have another connection that will help us with a beer distributor? Our goal is to find a company to work with up there. Give me a call and let's talk!

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