


# Norris Electric *News*

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## Board Director Elections

**W**e are nearing our annual meeting on Feb. 12, 2011. At that meeting we announce the results of the director election. This year there are three director seats up for election. The counties and the incumbents are:

County	Incumbent
Richland	Dean Dietrich
Wabash	Larry Seals
Lawrence	Ron Viehman

All the incumbents plan to run for re-election. They must submit a petition signed by at least 25 members to be placed upon the ballot. Any other members that reside and take ser-

vice in any of the above counties may also submit a petition and be placed on the ballot. Petitions are available now and members may stop in the office to obtain a petition or call the office and one will be mailed to the member. Completed petitions must be in the cooperative office by noon on December 15, 2010.

Petitioners with qualified petitions will be placed on the ballots. The ballots will be mailed to all members in January with instructions for voting. Votes may be cast by return mail or by Internet. The results will be announced at our annual meeting on Feb. 12, 2011.

Norris Electric has historically been very successful in managing costs in the past and currently continues that trend. Norris Electric Cooperative enjoys the lowest electric rate in the state for a typical residential consumer and enjoys about an 87 percent equity position. There tends to be a trend across the nation of voting against an incumbent no matter what kind of job they are doing. We hope that is not the case at Norris Electric and hope that you vote for who you think is the most qualified person for the position whether that is an incumbent or a new candidate. That being said, we welcome all petitions.

## Norris Electric leader earns credentials in electric utility competency

**A**director from Norris Electric Cooperative has earned a development certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Board Director Frank Draper has earned the Board Leadership Certification. He was recognized at the NRECA's Region 5 meeting, second in a series of six regional meetings throughout the country.

Today's electric utility environment imposes new demands on electric cooperative directors, particularly increased

knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, new governance skills and a working knowledge of the cooperative principles. Electric co-ops in Illinois have a commitment to sharpen their employees' body of knowledge for the benefit of consumers. Draper's certification is evidence of that commitment.

Norris Electric Cooperative is a member of Touchstone Energy® — an alliance of more than 703 local, consumer-owned electric utilities around the country. Norris Electric is committed to providing superior service based on



*Frank Draper*

four core principles: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. The co-op serves more than 18,913 members over 4,043 miles of line in parts of Clark, Crawford, Cumberland, Effingham, Jasper, Lawrence, Richland and Wabash counties. For more information visit [www.norriselectric.com](http://www.norriselectric.com).

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## Attention High School Seniors

**F**or the fourth consecutive year, Norris Electric Cooperative will award a \$500 scholarship to the son or daughter of a Norris Electric member who is currently receiving service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted.

### Requirements for application:

1. Must be a high school senior
2. Must begin college within a year of notification
3. Must be a full time (12 hours) student

### Scholarship awarded based on:

1. Grade point average
2. College entrance test scores
3. Work & volunteer experience
4. School & community activities
5. Knowledge of electric cooperatives
6. Biographical essay

Deadline for application submission is Feb. 1, 2011 and the winner will be notified by May 1, 2011. For more information call Norris Electric at 618-783-8765 or contact your high school guidance department.

# 2011 Thomas H. Moore IEC Memorial Scholarship Program

The AIEC Board of Directors in 1994 voted to establish an Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Fund is designed to financially assist deserving students in the "electric cooperative family," while also providing a means for co-ops and individuals to honor deceased members of the co-op family through memorial gifts. The "driving force" behind the fund's creation was Thomas H. Moore, Executive Vice President and General Manager of the AIEC from 1961 to 1994. The AIEC Board voted to rename the scholarship program to honor Mr. Moore following his passing in 2008.

The scholarship program prospered under the leadership of Earl W. Struck, who succeeded Mr. Moore and served as President/CEO of the AIEC from 1994 to 2006. Mr. Struck passed away in August 2007. The AIEC Board of Directors that month voted to honor Mr. Struck's memory by naming the annual scholarship awarded to the son or daughter of an electric cooperative employee or director the "Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship."

The Illinois Community College System Foundation (ICCSF) administers the Thomas H. Moore IEC Memorial Scholarship Fund. Eight scholarships a year are awarded.

Four scholarships a year are awarded to students who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member. An additional scholarship (the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship) is awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director. These five scholarships can be used at any two-year or four-year accredited college or university in the

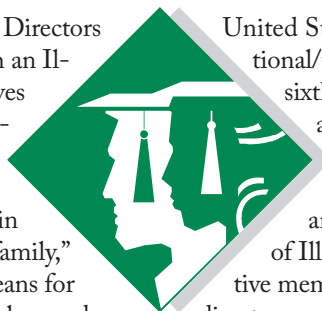
United States, including vocational/technical schools. The sixth and seventh scholarships are awarded for use at an Illinois community college, and sons and daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees and directors are all eligible.

The above seven scholarships are for \$1,250 each and are not renewable. Applicants must be high school seniors and apply through their local electric cooperative. The deadline for submitting completed applications to the local electric cooperative is January 1 of each year.

A new eighth annual scholarship, the "LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship," will be awarded for the first time in 2011. This \$1250 scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker's school conducted by the AIEC in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Ill. LaVern McEntire served as a lineman for McDonough Power Electric Cooperative from 1949 until 1991. He and his wife, Nola, helped to endow and establish the new scholarship to financially assist deserving individuals in becoming trained lineworkers. Relatives of co-op employees or directors are eligible for the lineworker's scholarship, as are individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard.

Contribution checks to the scholarship program can be made payable to the "ICCSF / IEC Memorial Scholarship Fund."

For more information about the scholarships or to request a scholarship application form, call Norris Electric Cooperative or ask your high school guidance department.



**Norris will be closed on Thursday, November 11 for Veterans Day,  
Thursday and Friday, November 25 & 26 for Thanksgiving.**



## SAVING LIVES IN RURAL AMERICA

As you may already know, Norris Electric Cooperative is partnered with Air Evac Lifeteam to offer you an Air Evac Membership at a special discounted rate. Membership is available through an affordable monthly billing plan or at an annual discounted rate. Enrollment forms are available from Norris Electric or by calling Membership Sales Manager, Roger Luer at 217-690-6488.

Air Evac Lifeteam is a member of the AirMedCare Network, the largest United States Air Ambulance Membership Network supported by more than 140 individual Emergency Air Ambulance Aircraft. All AirMedCare Network service providers work cooperatively to provide the highest levels of care and access for you, your family and your community.

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- Over 80 years of combined experience with more than 300,000 safely flown transports
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## Air Evac Lifeteam Membership Registration – Norris Electric Cooperative Billing Plan

By applying for membership, I agree to AEL's terms and conditions. Initials: X Todays Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
month day year

Name as it appears on Electric Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Do you live in City Limits Yes ☐ No ☐  
month day year

Norris Electric Account Number: (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

### Please List Others Living in Household and Date of Birth (other than yourself)

Name: 1 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Name: 3 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
month day year month day year

Name: 2 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Name: 4 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
month day year month day year

### Terms and Conditions

Air Evac EMS, Inc. (d/b/a Air Evac Lifeteam and d/b/a Texas Lifestar) ("AEL") offers memberships that provide prepaid protection against AEL air ambulance costs that are not covered by a member's insurance or medical benefits, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- Transport by an AEL helicopter will be to the closest appropriate medical facility for medical conditions that are deemed by an attending medical professional to be life- or limb-threatening, or that could lead to permanent disability, and which require emergency helicopter transport. A patient's medical condition, not membership status, will dictate whether or not air transportation is appropriate and required. Under all circumstances, AEL retains the sole right and responsibility for determining whether or not a patient is flown.
- AEL services may not be available when requested due to factors beyond AEL's control, such as use of appropriate aircraft by another patient or other circumstances governed by operational requirements or restrictions including, but not limited to, equipment manufacturer limitations, governmental regulations, maintenance requirements, patient size or weather conditions. Federal Aviation Administration restrictions prohibit AEL from flying in inclement weather conditions. The primary determinant of whether to accept a flight is always the safety of the patient and medical flight crews.
- Members who have insurance or other benefits that cover the cost of ambulance services are financially liable for the cost of services up to the limit of any available insurance or benefit coverage. In return for payment of the membership fee, AEL will consider all air ambulance costs not covered by any insurance or benefits available to the member to have been fully prepaid. AEL reserves the right to bill directly the appropriate insurance or benefits provider for services rendered, and members authorize their insurer or benefits provider to pay any covered amounts to AEL directly. Members agree to remit to AEL any payment received from insurance or benefit providers for air medical services provided by AEL, not to exceed regular charges. AEL is not an insurance company. AEL membership is not an insurance policy and cannot be considered as a secondary insurance coverage or a supplement to any insurance coverage. AEL will not be responsible for payment for services provided by another ambulance service.
- Membership starts 15 days after AEL receives a complete application with full payment; however, the waiting period will be waived for unforeseen events occurring during such time. Memberships are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Some state laws prohibit Medicaid beneficiaries from being offered membership or being accepted into membership programs. By applying, members certify to AEL that they are not Medicaid beneficiaries.
- These terms and conditions supersede all previous terms and conditions between a member and AEL, including any other writings, or oral representations, relating to the terms and conditions of membership abuse of the program.

I have read and understand the AEL Membership Terms and Conditions. The information provided on my application is complete and accurate. I authorize my insurer or benefits provider to pay any covered amounts to AEL directly. By signing this authorization I agree to the terms stated above and acknowledge that I authorized to have the additional \$5.00 AEL dues added to my residential electric account. I also understand that I will communicate directly with Air Evac Lifeteam for Membership Member Service.

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## Air Evac Lifeteam Membership Registration – Norris Electric Cooperative Billing Plan

The price for an AEL household membership will be \$5.00 per month

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Norris Electric Account Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

### Authorization to add \$5.00 per month to Norris Electric Cooperative invoice to pay monthly Air Evac Lifeteam fees.

The price for an AEL household membership will be \$5.00 per month

- A member's membership will be effective 15 calendar days after receipt by Norris Electric Cooperative of the member's first monthly Membership fee and will continue thereafter as long as monthly Membership fees are paid, but will terminate automatically without notice if no monthly Membership fee is received by AEL from member for a 60 calendar day period.
- A member may discontinue their AEL membership at any time by signing a discontinuation notice (as provided by AEL).
- Norris Electric Cooperative and AEL are not affiliated. Norris Electric Cooperative is not responsible for any of AEL's acts or omissions, and AEL is not responsible for any of Norris Electric Cooperative's acts or omissions. All AEL membership relationships are directly between AEL and its members.**

By signing this authorization I agree to the terms stated above and acknowledge that I authorized to have the additional \$5.00 AEL fees added to my residential electric account. I also understand that I will communicate directly with Air Evac Lifeteam for Membership Member Service.

X \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Member Signature month day year

## Membership and Payment Options

(select one)

1-Year Membership	\$40	for a 1 member household	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$45	for a 2 member household	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$50	for a 3 or more member household	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-Year Membership (Multi-year membership is not available in Indiana)	\$135	for a 1 member household	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$150	for a 2 member household	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$165	for a 3 or more member household	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-Year Membership (Multi-year membership is not available in Indiana)	\$225	for a single member household	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$250	for a 2 member household	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$275	for a 3 or more member household	<input type="checkbox"/>

- ☐ Check or money order made payable to: Air Evac Lifeteam,  
PO Box 948, West Plains, MO 65775
- ☐ One Time transfer from checking account or credit card
- ☐ Recurring annual credit card payment or automatic transfer from  
checking account. Please make my recurring payment each year on this  
date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
month day year

Total 1st Payment Amount ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Annual Recurring Amount ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐  ☐  ☐  ☐ 

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code on back of card \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

### Bank Information (required for monthly membership option and automatic transfers from checking account)

Name on bank account \_\_\_\_\_ routing number \_\_\_\_\_ account number (please attach a voided check) \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Authorization** I authorize Air Evac Lifeteam to initiate the recurring credit card charge or EFT withdrawal as indicated above. I may change or cancel this recurring payment by notifying Air Evac Lifeteam in writing. All notifications must be received by the first of the month in order to alter the month's transaction. If I have elected to pay by credit card, I agree to abide by all terms and conditions of my credit card agreement. If I have elected to pay via EFT, I authorize my financial institution to transfer the amount indicated on the attached voided check to Air Evac Lifeteam. Adjusting entries to correct errors are also authorized. It is agreed that these debits and adjustments will be made electronically and under the rules of the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA). This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until written notification is given to Air Evac Lifeteam of its termination.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature required for recurring payment option)

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