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2006 Department Convention

The 2006 Department Convention will be held June 15-17, 2006 at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel, Raleigh, NC. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-445-8667. Room rates are \$73 plus tax, single or double. **The cut-off for rooms at this rate is May 16, 2006. Post Delegate and Alternate sheets are included with this mailing.**

Convention Delegate Certification

The Department Constitution requires that all Post Officers, Delegates, and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected annually at a Post meeting held not more than 45 days prior to the Department Convention and that all Post Officers, Post Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be certified to the Department Headquarters not more than 30 days and not less than 10 days prior to the Department Convention, certification to be made on forms furnished or prescribed by the Department. Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention must be certified to the Department Headquarters not less than 10 days prior to the Department Convention regardless of whether their registration fee is paid in advance or not. We are asking that each and every Post in the Department comply with this requirement and be sure to certify their Department Convention Delegates and Alternates.

NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2005.. THE DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE HAS RULED THAT IN ORDER FOR A DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE TO VOTE AT THE CONVENTION, THE PERSON'S NAME MUST BE ON THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATION SUBMITTED TO DEPT HEADQUARTERS, AND NO CHANGES MAY

BE MADE LATER THAN JUNE 6, 2006. ALSO, YOU MAY ONLY LIST AS MANY ALTERNATES AS YOU ARE AUTHORIZED DELEGATES.



Post Everlasting

It is customary to honor the memory of our departed comrades each year at this time by listing the names of all Legionnaires who have passed away during the membership year in the Convention Memorial Service Program. We have the names of all those who have been reported as deceased on membership transmittal cards and member data forms. Please check your rosters and submit those deceased members who have not yet been reported on a MEMBER DATA FORM. Names must be submitted by June 6, 2006 for us to include them in the program.

Final District Meetings

Please see enclosed District Meeting Schedule for the date and time of your District's final meeting. It is very important to have a Post representative attend. Election of District Commander and National Convention Delegates will take place at this meeting.

Post Officers for 2006-2007

Enclosed is a Post Information Form for reporting your newly elected or reelected Post Officers. It is extremely important to take the time to fill this out and return it to Department Headquarters. This is how we update our mailing list for monthly mailings as well as our Post Officers Roster. Pay close attention to your phone numbers, being sure to include the area code. There are added spaces for FAX numbers and e-mail addresses. This is our main source of information from your Post informing us where to send vital information concerning your Posts, Districts, Divisions and the Department.

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Student Trooper Program

The twelfth session of the North Carolina Student Trooper Program will be held at the North Carolina Justice Academy in Salemburg during the week of **June 25-June 30, 2006**. Only fifty five (55) students who have just successfully completed their junior or senior year can be accommodated at the facility, so be sure to get applications in early. The fee will be \$200.00 per student this year. Applications may be obtained by calling Department Headquarters. Deadline for this program is May 30, 2006 or until filled.

Boys' State Program

The Boys' State application deadline is May 18th. Please be sure that all applications are completed with the correct information and that a completed medical form is attached. Please remind all applicants a short essay must be written on the back of the application. **The SAMSUNG application must be turned in when the delegate registers at Catawba College. They CANNOT be submitted with the applications. Please note that this year PSAT scores may be used on SAMSUNG apps.**

Legion College

This year's Legion College will be held at The Village Inn, Clemmons, NC from July 21-23, 2006. This year's session will include a golf outing on Thursday, July 20, and a banquet on Friday evening. Registration forms for Legion College as well as the golf tournament can be obtained by calling Department Headquarters..

1-Year Post Yearbook Contest

The Department will, again this year, conduct a Yearbook Contest. Selection of the winning scrapbook will be made during the Public Relations & Publications Committee meeting at Department Convention. Please either mail your yearbooks to Department prior to the Convention or hand deliver them to the Legion Registration Desk at Convention not later than 10:00 AM on June 15.

Post Consolidated Reports

A Reminder – it is important that your Post complete the Consolidated Post Report Form that National mailed out. In order for your Post to be considered for any awards presented by Community Service Committee, Children and Youth Commission or Americanism Commission at the Convention, this form must be completed and **returned to Department Headquarters** by the end of May. If your Post Adjutant did not receive this form, please call and request one.



Membership Reminders!

When sending in a new member for processing, it is not necessary to include the membership application. That should be your record at the local level. Please fill out the two sections of a blank membership card with all information, post number, name, address and war era; and be sure to check the appropriate box for new member on the right section of the card. Forward this with any other membership for transmittal to Department Headquarters. It will be processed and sent to National where a permanent ID number will be assigned. Thanks for your help!

N.C. State Veterans Nursing Homes

1. 214 Cochran Ave. Fayetteville, New phone # 910-822-7200
2. Building #10 VA Medical Ctr. in Salisbury phone # 704-638-4200.

Both homes need volunteers to visit and interact with the residents. You will find that they have special needs/request that you and or your post may be able to provide. Please consider getting involved with either of these wonderful facilities. Thanks!

U.S.O. Centers

Your nearest USO needs you! Please consider volunteering or making a donation to your nearest USO. The USO has touched many military personnel lives and their families. If you have forgotten what a USO looked like, just stop by one at your convenience. There are 6 ways to help. 1. Spread the word. 2. Identify those who may need the USO. 3. Donate blood. 4. Send a holiday greeting. 5. Reach out by email. 6. Thank a GI in person.

Legislative Day In Raleigh

The North Carolina Veteran's Council has chosen Wednesday, June 14, 2006 as Veterans Legislative Day in Raleigh. This day is still in the planning stages but moving right along. The itinerary is as follows:

Early in the day color guards from each DSO on the council will be at several state building in Raleigh at the same time.

The Veterans Council opening ceremony is at 10:00 AM. This will occur in a 200 capacity air-conditioned tent at the Legislative building.

Eat at Noon. We will most likely have a catered meal, Bar B Q with all the trimmings at a cost \$3-\$4,000.

The American Legion's assignment for this day is to provide bus transportation back and forth from the State Fairgrounds to the Legislative Building, downtown Raleigh. The bus should run from 8am until 3pm.