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2008 Department Convention

The 2008 Department Convention will be held June 12-14, 2008 at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel, Raleigh, NC. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-445-8667. Room rates are \$76 plus tax, single or double. **The cut-off for rooms at this rate is May 26, 2008. Post Delegate and Alternate certifications 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 DEPT HEADQUARTERS NO LATER THAN JUNE 3, 2008. 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 3, 2008.

ALSO, YOU MAY ONLY LIST AS MANY ALTERNATES AS YOU ARE AUTHORIZED DELEGATES.

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 2008-2009

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.

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.

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Student Trooper Program

The fifteenth session of the North Carolina Student Trooper Program will be held at the North Carolina Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh during the week of **June 15-June 20, 2008**. Only forty (40) 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, 2008 or until filled.

Boys' State Program

The Boys' State application deadline is May 1st. 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 11-12, 2008. This year's session will include a golf outing on Thursday, July 10, and a banquet on Friday evening. Registration forms for Legion College is in this mailing. Form for 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 the 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 12.

Membership Reminders!

You should have already received your annual Post Data Report. It needs to be returned to Department Headquarters no later than April 10. Otherwise, any changes you make will not show up on the cards, roster and renewal notices for next membership year. Also, in

this packet you will find the Post Data Form for next year's Commander and Adjutant. Please return it as soon as your elections are decided. And finally, the post Delegate Certification Form is enclosed in this mailing. There are no exceptions made for missing the deadline for the return of the Delegate Certification Form for the upcoming Convention, so please get it back in time, postmarked no later than June 3, 2008. Thanks for your help!

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 4, 2008 for us to include them in the program.

Legislative Day in Raleigh

Please plan on being in Raleigh on **May 14** at the Legislative Building on Jones Street and meet with your Legislator. This event is being sponsored by the North Carolina Veterans' Council for the purpose of bringing the veterans issues to the Legislators and seeking their support. Please plan on making an appointment to see "your" Legislator. The Council will provide a current bill listing of Veteran related issues so you can ask your representative for their support. We expect to be set up inside the legislative Building by 8:00 am and there will be coffee and donuts available to all attendees and guests. Representative are always encouraged when contacted by their constituents. So, let's make contact on the 14th. We will only accomplish what we work for. Remember: Many of our fellow veterans can't make the trip, so for those of us than can, we must speak up for them.

Legacy Scholarship Fund

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund is Commander Neville's project this year and he is asking for your help and consideration. Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to: American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, PO Box 26657, Raleigh NC 27611.

