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Fall Conference

The annual Fall Conference will be held October 19-21, 2007 at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC. Room rates are \$76 plus tax and reservations may be made by calling 1-800-445-8667. **Cut off date for reservations at this rate is October 3, 2007.** Be sure to tell them you are with The American Legion. There will be quite a few awards chosen during the Committee meetings. Be sure your Post and its dedicated Legionnaires are represented and possibly awarded by submitting nominations for the many awards available. See an outline of the awards in the following articles.

Post Commander and Post Adjutant of the Year

Please be sure to nominate your Post Commander and Adjutant for this important award! The award, approved at the 1997 Fall Conference, should be based on the activities and work of the preceding American Legion fiscal year. This year's nomination should be someone who held office from June 2006 – June 2007. The nomination forms are enclosed with this mailing. Please submit any completed forms to Department Headquarters by **October 15, 2007.** The Community Service Committee will judge both awards and present the winners at the Fall Conference.

Post Newsletter of the Year

The Public Relations Committee will select the Post Newsletter of the Year Award winner at the Fall Conference. Any Post that wants to submit their newsletter in the competition needs to provide a copy of each newsletter mailed out in the last year. Send your newsletters to Department Headquarters **no later than October 15, 2007.**

Visit the North Carolina Legion Website at
www.nclegion.org

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

The Law and Order Committee will be selecting the North Carolina Law Enforcement Officer of the Year at the **Fall Conference.** Please read over the guidelines for this most important award included in this month's mailing. The winner will be North Carolina's submission to National Headquarters in January. Please follow the guidelines closely as this will help with the format National requires. Let's recognize our Law Officers by nominating them for this award.

Boy Scout High Adventure Awards

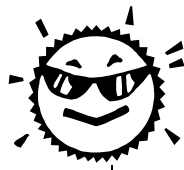
Each year at the Fall Conference the Boy Scout Committee selects one scout from each Division to award up to an \$800 scholarship to attend a recognized National Boy Scout High Adventure trek or a National or international Jamboree. Included in this mailing is a sheet enumerating the eligibility requirements of scouts and a nomination form. All applications must be received at Department Headquarters by **October 15, 2007.**

Baseball Hall of Fame

All nominations for inductees into the Baseball Hall of Fame should be sent to Department Headquarters by **October 15, 2007.** The Baseball Hall of Fame Committee will make the selection at the Fall Conference. Please use nomination form enclosed.

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Colon Furr Selection

The Colon Furr Scholarship Committee will be selecting recipients at the Fall Conference. Enclosed with this mailing is the application complete with the changes and the deadline of **September 25, 2007**. Each post may only submit ONE applicant. If you have two worthy applicants, try to get another post in your area involved. Please get these applications distributed ASAP so as many nursing students as possible will be able to compete for this scholarship.

Employer Awards Program

Each year the American Legion National Economic Commission and The Department Veterans Employment and Veterans Preference Committee honor Employer of The Year in 5 categories. Those are:

1. The Employer of Veterans Award (Small= 50 or fewer employees)
2. The Employer of Veterans award (Medium=51-200 employees)
3. The Employer of Veterans Award (Large=201 or more employees)
4. The Employer of Older Workers Award
5. The Employer of Disabled Award

Nomination forms for these programs have been distributed to each North Carolina Employment Security Commission Office in North Carolina. If your Post knows of any employer who should be honored in one of the categories, please contact your local ESC office and work with them in filling out a nomination form. If you need a copy of any of the forms, please call Department Headquarters. All nominations are to be forwarded to Department Headquarters no later than **October 15, 2007 or turned in on Friday morning October 19 in Raleigh** for judging at the Department Fall Conference. The Department winner in each category will be forwarded to National to compete for the National Award.

Undeliverable PUFL Addresses

Have the members just moved or are they no longer alive? If they are deceased, The American Legion should not be counting them as members, nor should monies be paid out of the trust. Until the PUFL members are contacted, the following procedure is being implemented by National Headquarters. No member credit will be affected, and no payment will

be made from the PUFL Trust Fund to the post and Departments. Within the next two weeks, National will

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provide a list of those Paid-Up-For-Life undeliverable records within our Department.

They will also provide a list and a letter of explanation for each post affected. A current phone number is also needed for these members. Bottom Line: "Update Your Records!"

American Legion Baseball Playoffs

The game of summer is heating up in the month of August. The best of the best will continue on to National. Many of these young men will go on to play college and possibly on to the majors. Show your support by attending games in your community. Go-Watch-Enjoy

Updated Post Info Important

It is most important that the Department receive your updated post information. This information is useful in assisting local veterans, Department officer visits, and for many other reasons. Please be sure to notify Headquarters of your updated post information including location, telephone #, and meeting time & place. We need your updated information on your Post Commander and Post Adjutant. Communications & Knowledge is key to success. Call Department Headquarters if you need the Post Information Form.

Please share with your post members, the information in this packet.

Sweepstakes

Just a reminder of your Department Enhancement Sweepstakes program that is going on at this time. Additional Tickets are available by contacting your Department Headquarters by phone or email or fax. Please encourage your members to be involved with this important fund raiser. This program and our Label Program, will help keep our dues as low as possible and be a big part in running our youth programs and also help your Department to keep involved in many projects that benefit our Community, State and Nation. Thanks for your help! "This Program runs from July 1st until October 1st"

High School Oratorical Contest

Now is the time to contact your local High School concerning participants in this years Oratorical Contest. Don't forget the year round schools and also the home schooled. Private schools can and should be included. Out of the over 400 high schools in North Carolina, we should have contestants from each of our 25 Districts. Please get involved with this wonderful program that provides many opportunities for the youth in our communities. Thanks for all that you are doing. As you know, everything starts at the Post level.