



# The Legion Bulletin



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## Oratorical Contest

2007 Oratorical Contest Dates as follows:

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| District 1   | Jan 27, 2007, 11:00 AM, Post 84 Eliz City                        |
| District 4   | Jan 20, 2007, 1:00 PM, Wilson Co Ag. Center                      |
| District 6   | Jan 20, 2007, Time TBA, Carteret Comm. Coll                      |
| District 7   | Jan 23, 2007, 1 <sup>st</sup> Pentecostal Holiness Ch, Goldsboro |
| District 8   | Jan 28, 2007, 3:00 PM, Post 230 Spring Lake                      |
| District 11  | Jan 20, 2007, 10:00 AM, Dept. Headquarters                       |
| District 12  | Jan 27, 2007, 2:00 PM, Post 7 Durham                             |
| District 16  | Jan 27, 2007, 11:00 AM, Richmond Comm Coll                       |
| District 17  | Jan 20, 2007 1:00 PM, Albemarle High School                      |
| District 18  | Jan 20, 2007, 1:00 PM, 1600 Brewer Rd                            |
| District 20  | Jan 19, 2007, 7:00 PM, Post 353 Paw Creek                        |
| District 22  | Jan 23, 2007, 6:00 PM, Post 240 Maiden                           |
| District 25  | Jan 20, 2007, 2:00 PM, Post 47 Waynesville                       |
| Division I   | Feb 10, 2007, 1:00 PM, Wilson Co Ag Center                       |
| Division II  | Feb 10, 2007, 2:00 PM, Post 94 Snow Hill                         |
| Division III | Feb 3, 2007, 10:00 AM, Dept Headquarters                         |
| Division IV  | Feb 3, 2007, 1:00 PM, Albemarle High School                      |
| Division V   | Feb 10, 2007, 12:00 PM, Post 29 Lenoir                           |

**March 10, 2007** – Department Final, Brogden United Methodist Church, Dudley, NC.

Thank you Oratorical Chairpeople for making this year's contest a success. If any contests are not listed above, please call Department Headquarters so information can be given to contestants. Please, don't let the kids down. They work hard for this

## Mid-Winter Conference

There is a copy of the tentative schedule for Mid-Winter Conference enclosed with this mailing. The dates are February 23-25, 2007. If you have not made reservations yet, please call North Raleigh Hilton at 1-800-445-8667. The rate for this Conference is \$76 plus tax, be sure to state you are with The American Legion Conference. **To get the Conference rate, you must make your reservations by FEBRUARY 8, 2007, no exceptions!**

### Mid-Winter Conference

National Department of Veterans Affairs VISN 6 office in Durham will provide clinical screenings and flu shots for members attending. It's still not too late to get your flu shot!



## Student Trooper Program

The 14th session of the North Carolina Student Trooper Program will be held tentatively at the North Carolina Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh during the week of June 24-29, 2007. We hope to accommodate up to 55 students who have completed their Jr. or Sr. year at the training center. Be sure to get applications in early. The fee will be \$200.00 per student this year. Applications may be obtained by calling Dept. Headquarters.

## Boys' State 2007 Catawba College

The Boys' State Committee urges Posts to get involved with this important program of The American Legion. Please take an active part in selecting the young men who represent your Post as delegates. There is no better way to assure the survival of our great republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of American government. This is an American Legion Program. Please be active in the process. This year's session will be June 17-23, 2007 at **Catawba College**. The fee will be \$275 per delegate. A brochure is included with this mailing. If you have an interest in serving as a counselor for Boys' State, please contact Chief City Counselor Terry Pressley at 828-452-4232.



Counselors receive travel expense, food and lodging for the week. Volunteer to work with the fine young delegates who will become tomorrow's leaders. You will be glad you did!

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## Baseball 2007



The deadline for Sr. baseball entry forms and fees to be submitted is **February 15, 2007**. If your Post is going to sponsor a team, you must get your paperwork and fees in by this date. The entry fee is \$185. Any new team must also submit a forfeit fee of \$200 by February 15. Post Athletic

Officers should be receiving their team packets sometime in March. **Reminder**...Proof of insurance must be submitted to the Department. Any team who fails to purchase insurance from S.A. VANDYK shall be disqualified. If you also sponsor a Jr. team, you must have separate S.A. VANDYK insurance for that team. Please call Department Headquarters for a Entry forms.

Sr Baseball organizational meetings will tentatively be as follows:

- Area I Wilson Post 13, March 10, 2007, 12:00 PM
- Area II Whiteville Post 137, March 11, 2007, 1:00 PM
- Area III Lexington Post 8, March 18, 2007, 2:00 PM
- Area IV Post 48 Fairgrounds, March 25, 2007, 2:00 PM

Jr. Baseball entry fee for 2007 is \$65.00, deadline, March 31, 2007. A new team must also submit a forfeit fee of \$100 by March 31. Jr. organizational meetings are as follows:

- Areas 1 & 2 Cary Post 67, April 14, 2007, 11:00 AM
- Areas 3 & 4 Hickory Post 48, April 22, 2007, 2:00 PM

## Membership Notes

**National Dues Increase** – The dues increase from National is now in effect. The amount per member that is required for processing is now **\$22.50**. Any dues sent to the Department using the old rate of \$18.00 per member will not be processed until the additional amount due of \$4.50 per member is rendered.

**PUFL Applications** – Please be sure 2007 dues are already paid before submitting a PUFL Application. All PUFL applications with checks made out to National Treasurer are to be sent to Department Headquarters

**Transfers** – Please submit the proper paperwork when transferring a legionnaire to your post. A post officer must sign the paperwork or National Headquarters will not accept it. Marking the box on a renewal card as a transfer will not work. Also, do not send a renewal card for anyone unless you are submitting payment of dues for that person. If you know someone that does not want to be transferred, please notify Department so they can be marked accordingly. Check your membership manual. Don't forget to send in the forms for state and national awards before their deadlines.

National Headquarters will be getting ready to print the renewal cards for 2008. Please be sure to send information to Dept. Headquarters for all deceased members, address changes as well as any other information that needs correcting or changing on members' cards. The deadline date is March 25, 2007.

## Consolidated Post Reports

One of the most important forms that a post can fill out is the Consolidated Post Report. This report covers many of the activities of a Post for the past twelve months. We cannot stress enough just how important this single form is as the individual post activities are combined with all other reports and the collective information is included in the American Legion's Annual Report to Congress. This information is also helpful when American Legion officials testify on Capitol Hill, or to others, not only for our members but also for all veterans. In addition, some Posts provide expanded "narratives" of their activities and these are shared with *The Legion Magazine/Dispatch* for consideration of possible future editorials. When these forms are received, please take the time to complete and return them as soon as possible as these tell Congress what we are doing as a tax-exempt organization. Toot you horn!

## One-Year Post Pictorial Yearbook

The Department of NC will hold a contest for Post Yearbooks for the 2006-2007 Legion year. The Public Relations Committee, appointed by the Department Commander, will judge the books at the annual Convention in June. Awards will be given for the top three yearbooks. The first place winner will be forwarded to National Headquarters for the National Contest. Please follow the guidelines printed in the Officers Guide and Manual of Ceremonies, starting on page 174-177.

## Fireman-EMS of the Year

Nominations for Fireman of the Year and EMS of the Year are now due for selection at the Mid-Winter Conference. Be sure your post gets a nomination in to honor these civil servants who protect our communities across the state. A form is included with this mailing. Winners will be presented with a plaque at the Annual Convention.

## 88th American Legion Birthday

March 15-17 will mark the 88th Birthday of The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization. Enclosed with this mailing is a "Suggested Proclamation for Local Government" and a "Press Release" for Post use in their community. This momentous occasion gives us a great opportunity to tell our story.