



The Legion Bulletin



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Oratorical Contest

Please do not forget this year's Oratorical Contest. The dates are listed below and will be followed without exception:

By December 16, 2005 – School Contests completed

Jan 7-15, 2006 – County or Post Contests

Jan 21-29, 2006 – District Contests

Feb 11-19, 2006 – Division Contests

March 11, 2006 – Dept. Final, Governor Charles B. Aycok Birthplace

District and Division Chairmen, remember to report your contest dates to Department as soon as your plans are made. It is also imperative that you keep your contestants aware of their contest dates in your respective districts as there will not be enough turn around time for Department to get letters out to the winners at the various levels. If you have questions or need information, please do not hesitate to call Department Headquarters or Chairman Arne Haufmann at 910-270-9620.

Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet

The annual American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet will be hosted by American Legion Post 23 on **Sat., January 21, 2006** and held at Post 265 in Jacksonville. Social hour begins at 6:00 PM, with dinner following at 7:00 PM. The ceremonies and induction will commence immediately following dinner. The Players of the Year as well as Hall of Fame inductees will be honored at this year's banquet. Ticket price will remain the same, \$20.00. Reserve your tickets early. This should be a very special evening.



Mid Winter Conference

The annual Department Mid-Winter Conference will be held **February 24-26, 2006**, at the **North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC**. The telephone number for reservations is 1-800-445-8667, or a local number of 919-872-2323. The room rate will be \$73 per night plus tax. You must identify yourself as being with the American Legion to get the rate. To get this rate and to assure the Legion makes it room block, all reservations must be made by **February 9, 2006**. We cannot guarantee you will get the \$73 rate after this date. It is wise to make your reservation early and cancel later if you will not be able to attend.

Be sure to look over the nomination forms being considered at the Conference. The Rehabilitation Committee will be selecting a Service Officer of the Year, Public Relations and Publications Committee will select the News Media Award, the Boy Scout Committee will be selecting Scout Leaders and Units of the Year. Call Department Headquarters if more nomination forms are needed.

Boys' State Plans Finalized

Brochures for the 2006 American Legion Tar Heel Boys' State will be available on or around January 31,



2006. This year's session will be held **June 18 – 24, 2006 at Catawba College**. Please send your requests to PO Box 26657, Raleigh, NC 27611. Request forms for current programs along with information brochures are included in this mailing.

Happy New Year!

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Student Trooper Program

The twelfth session of the North Carolina Student Trooper Program is tentatively scheduled for the week of June 25-30, 2006. The Committee is presently in discussion with the Highway Patrol for the exact location of this coming year's program. As soon as we have all the information compiled, we will begin sending out the applications and brochures. These possible changes may open up the program to more students. Applications may be obtained by calling Department Headquarters or using the order form also enclosed with the mailing.

ROTC Medals Available

Requests for ROTC medals for deserving cadets will be coming in from schools across the state. Department Headquarters will provide medals for colleges and universities. It is customary for the Posts to supply the medals for the local high schools. You may order your medals for high schools direct from the Emblem Sales Catalog. (1-888-453-4466)

Membership Messages

During the past several months, Membership Cards have been received at Headquarters with numerous changes such as a name change and change of address written on the Membership Cards instead of on a plain sheet of paper.

Please refrain from making these changes on the Membership Cards. You can now send them on a piece of paper, by email or by going to National's website and doing it yourself. Please refer to your Post Adjutants Manual, page 15 for information on your Post Membership Cards and information on the Member Data Form. Also, if someone transfers into your Post, **Please** do not forget to include a Membership Data Form. Transfers cannot be made by simply checking the block on the renewal card. If the member has already paid for this year before the transfer, do not send a renewal card. Remember, no money, no card.

When you submit a Paid-Up-For-Life application, make the check payable to National Headquarters, American Legion for the amount of the PUFL only. These checks should be kept separate from regular membership payments as we forward PUFL payments directly to National for processing.

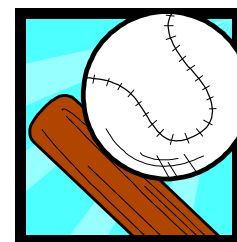
If you have any questions, please telephone Patti at Department Headquarters.

The Legion Bulletin Reminder for District/Division Candidates

Anyone planning to run for District, Division or Department Office will need to get your endorsement and picture to Department Headquarters by **March 7, 2006** to be included in the April NC Legion News. If you would like it in the February edition, your endorsement must be in by **January 10, 2006**. **These materials will be used for a "one time only" courtesy announcement.**

Baseball 2006

The deadline for Sr. baseball entry forms and fees to be submitted is **February 15, 2006**. 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. VANDYKE shall be disqualified. The deadline for Jr Baseball is **March 15, 2006**. The Jr Baseball entry fee is \$60. The forfeit fee for Jr teams is \$100. Any new team must also submit the forfeit fee along with their entry fee. Jr. teams must have separate insurance for that team also purchased from S.A. VANDYKE.

Adjutant Stencil Update

Department Adjutant Frank Stencil has been undergoing treatment for tonsil cancer. Frank is close to completing his treatments of radiation and chemotherapy. He has had both good and bad days, which of course is to be expected. Knowing Frank and his can do attitude, he has continued to come into the office whenever possible and always manages to have a smile on his face! Talking is very difficult for him, so he appreciates your understanding if he cannot speak with you by phone. Both Frank and Judy are overwhelmed with appreciation for the outpouring of love and concern that has been expressed to them through your notes and cards of encouragement. We at Department Headquarters along with the whole Legion Family are praying for Frank's speedy and full recovery. Positive thinking and prayer can produce amazing results! If you would like to send a card or note to Frank, you can send it to Department Headquarters and we will be sure he receives it.