



The Legion Bulletin



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Dec 29 and Jan 1, 2007**

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Oratorical Contest

2007 Oratorical Contest Dates as follows:

- 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 27, 2007, 1st Pentecostal Holiness Ch, Goldsboro
- District 11 Jan 20, 2007, 10:00 AM, Dept. Headquarters
- 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 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

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

Boys’ State Plans Finalized

Brochures for the 2007 American Legion Tar Heel Boys’ State will be available on or around January 1, 2007.



This year’s session will be held **June 17 – 23, 2007 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.

Mid Winter Conference

The Department Mid-Winter Conference will be held **February 23-25, 2007**, 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 \$76 per night plus tax. You must identify yourself as being with the American Legion and all reservations must be made by **February 8, 2007** to get this rate. We cannot guarantee you will get the \$76 rate after this date.

On Friday night, Feb 23, there will be a banquet with entertainment instead of a dance. The cost will be \$22.00 per person, see form included with this mailing. We are fortunate to have the National Commander, National President and SAL National Commander all in attendance as our distinguished guests at this conference!

Remember, the Rehabilitation Committee will be selecting a Service Officer of the Year, Public Relations Committee will select the News Media Award, and the Boy Scout Committee will be selecting Scout Leaders and Units of the Year. Call Department Headquarters if more nomination forms are needed.

Student Trooper Program

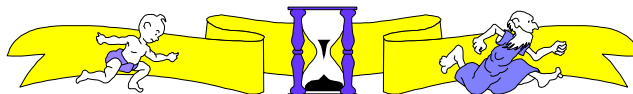
The fourteenth session of the North Carolina Student Trooper Program will be held at the NC Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh during the week of June 24-June 29, 2007. Up to 55 students who have successfully completed their junior or senior year can be accommodated at the training center, so 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 or by using the enclosed order form..

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Correction:

The Pull-Tab list from the Fall Conference was missing the following pull tab collection:



Computer for WS Office

Our Winston-Salem office is in need of a computer to allow for a volunteer to help with the workload. Department Headquarters is **asking each Post that can to donate at least \$25.00 toward this goal.** Verna and Angie greatly appreciate your efforts.

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)

Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet

The annual American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet will be hosted by Rowan Co. American Legion Baseball Committee on **Sat., March 24, 2007, at the Salisbury Civic Center at approximately 6:00 PM.** More information will follow in future mailings. Ticket price will remain the same, \$20.00.

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.

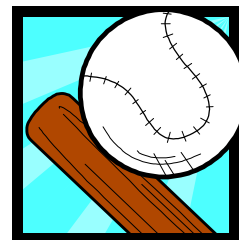
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Reminder for District/Division Candidates

Anyone planning to run for District, Division or Department Office will need to get your endorsement and picture to Department Headquarters by **March 7, 2007** 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, 2007.** **These materials will be used for a "one time only" courtesy announcement..**

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. VANDYKE shall be disqualified. The deadline for Jr Baseball is **March 15, 2007.** The Jr Baseball entry fee is \$65. 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.



Incentive Programs

I cannot stress enough; just how important these programs are financially to your Department of North Carolina. Please encourage your members to support these donation requests as much as they can afford. We do not want any of our members to suffer financially over the requests that they receive. If they can afford to donate; any amount is much appreciated. We know that other veterans' organizations and groups and associations are in your mailbox daily and we appreciate you selecting The American Legion to support. In 2007 we expect the following schedule for these donation requests: Labels around February; Note Pads around May; Holiday Cards around September. There is also an authorized Survey around December. Thank all the members for their dedication and support for The American Legion Department of North Carolina

Happy New Year!