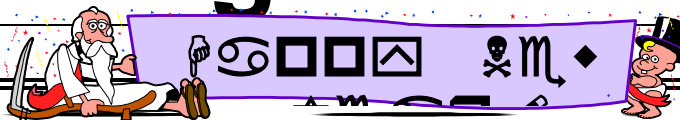




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## Oratorical Contest

2008 Oratorical Contest Dates as follows:

District 1	Jan 19, 2008, 1:00 PM, Post 84 Eliz City
District 4	Jan 19, 2008, 1:00 PM, Wilson Co Ag. Center
District 6	Jan 19, 2008, 10:00 AM, Carteret Comm. College
District 11	Jan 19, 2008, 10:00 AM, Dept. Headquarters
District 12	Jan 24, 2007, 7:00 PM, Post 63 Burlington
District 14	Jan 27, 2007, 2:00 PM, Post 386 Greensboro
District 17	Jan 19, 2008, 1:00 PM, Albemarle High School
District 18	Jan 26, 2008, 1:00 PM, Post 55 Winston-Salem
District 19	Jan 26, 2008, 10:00 AM, Post 342 Salisbury
Division I	Feb 10, 2008, 2:00 PM, Wilson Co Ag Center
Division II	Feb 16, 2008, 2:00 PM, Post 94 Snow Hill
Division III	Feb 9, 2008, 10:00 AM, Dept Headquarters
Division IV	Feb 9, 2008, 1:00 PM, Albemarle High School
Division V	Feb 9, 2008, 12:00 PM, Post 155 Kings Mountain

**March 1, 2008** – Department Final, 2:00 PM, Albemarle High School

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

## Baseball 2008

The deadline for Sr. baseball entry forms and fees to be submitted is **February 15, 2008**. 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, 2008**. 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.



## Mid Winter Conference

The Department Mid-Winter Conference will be held **February 22-23, 2008**, 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 \$79 per night plus tax. You must identify yourself as being with the American Legion and all reservations must be made by **February 7, 2008** to get this rate. We cannot guarantee you will get the \$79 rate after this date.

On Friday night, Feb 22, there will be a banquet with entertainment instead of a dance. The cost will be \$25.00 per person, see form included with this mailing.

Remember,

- Rehabilitation Committee will be selecting a Service Officer of the Year,
- Public Relations Committee will select the News Media Award
- Boy Scout Committee will be selecting Scout Leaders and Units of the Year, and Adult Scouter National Training Scholarship
- Fireman & EMS Committee will select Fireman and EMS of the Year

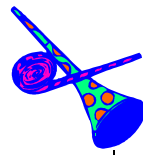
Call Department Headquarters if more nomination forms are needed.

## Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet

The annual American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet will be hosted by Post 46 Morehead City on Sat., March 15, 2008, at the Morehead City Civic Center at 6:00 PM. Ticket price, \$20.00. See insert with this mailing for more info.

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## Student Trooper Program

The fifteenth 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 22-27, 2008. Up to 50 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.

## Boys' State Plans Finalized

Brochures for the 2008 American Legion Tar Heel Boys' State will be available on or around January 15, 2008. This year's session will be held **June 22 – 28, 2008 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.



## 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. And lastly, remember to sign the officer signature line and have

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your member sign the applicant line. If you have any questions, please telephone Patti at Department Headquarters.

## 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 **February 10, 2008** to be included in the March/April NC Legion News. The next issue after that will be a deadline of **April 10, 2008**. **These materials will be used for a "one time only" courtesy announcement.**

## Legion Members Participation In Post Activities

Why would you participate in Post Activities? What's in it for you?

1. Comradeship with other veterans.
2. Volunteering your time for the benefit of other veterans.
3. Fun and enjoyment.
4. Meals, parties, entertainment.
5. Recreation staying alive.
6. Meeting new people.
7. Learning something new.
8. A place where you feel welcome.

What is my post doing for it's members and how can I attract new members?

## NC State Veterans Nursing Homes

1. Located at the WG Hefner Medical Center Campus in Salisbury Building #10. There are 99 Beds private and semi private rooms. Contact: PO Box 599 Salisbury NC 28145 704-638-4200
  2. Located 214 Cochran Ave. Fayetteville NC adjacent to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. There are 150 Beds Private and semi-private rooms. Contact 214 Cochran Ave. Fayetteville, NC 28301 910-482-4131
- State Veterans Cemetery System 1315 Mail Service Center Raleigh NC 27699-1315 919-733-2832. Located

1. Black Mountain
2. Jacksonville
3. Spring Lake

Eligibility: DD214 & two of the following (Voter Registration, NC Property Tax, NC Income Tax Form, or W2 Form showing NC income tax paid.) and NC drivers license, Marriage Certificate: Cost can be obtained by a phone call or [eli.panee@ncmail.net](mailto:eli.panee@ncmail.net), Eli Panee, Cemetery Program Manager.

