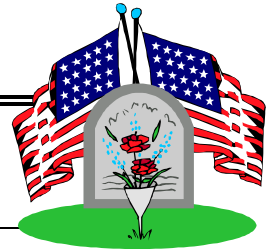




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Final District Meetings

Please see enclosed District Meeting Schedule for the date and time of your District's final meeting. It is very important to have a Post representative attend. Election of District Commander and National Convention Delegates will take place at this meeting. All District Commanders and District Vice Commanders must have a copy of their DD-214 on file at Department Headquarters before being installed.

2006 Department Convention

The 2006 Department Convention will be held June 15-18, 2006 at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel, Raleigh, NC. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-445-8667. Room rates are \$73 plus tax, single or double. **The cut-off for rooms at this rate is May 25, 2006. Post Delegate and Alternate sheets are included with this mailing.**

Convention Delegate Certification

The Department Constitution requires that all Post Officers, Delegates, and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected annually at a Post meeting held not more than 45 days prior to the Department Convention and that all Post Officers, Post Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be certified to the Department Headquarters not more than 30 days and not less than 10 days prior to the Department Convention.

A FEW QUESTIONS ANSWERED!

Q. When is the Certification Deadline?

A. All certifications must be postmarked no later than June 6, 2006.

Q. When is payment due?

A. Preferably mailed with your certification form @ \$5.00 per delegate/alternate. If you cannot pay ahead, the absolute latest the payment can be made is at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 17, 2006, but remember, the registration fee will be \$7.00 per delegate/alternate.

NOTE: THE CERTIFICATION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS NO LATER THAN JUNE 6. The Department Judge Advocate has ruled that in order for a delegate or alternate to vote at the convention, the person's name must be on the original certification submitted to Department Headquarters, and no changes may be made to the list later than June 6, 2006. Also, you may only list as many alternates as you are authorized delegates.

Post Everlasting

It is customary to honor the memory of our departed comrades each year at this time by listing the names of all Legionnaires who have passed away during the FY2005 year in the Convention Memorial Service Program. We have the names of all those who have been reported as deceased on membership transmittal cards and member data forms. Please check your rosters and submit those deceased members who have not yet been reported on a MEMBER DATA FORM. Names must be submitted by June 6, 2006 for us to include them in the program.

Boys' State Program

Boys' State deadline is May 18, 2006. PLEASE, get your applications to Raleigh for processing. Please remind your delegates to take band instruments and athletic equipment (tennis rackets, baseball gloves, etc.) with them to Catawba College.

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Student Trooper Program

The twelfth session of the North Carolina Student Trooper Program will be held at the North Carolina Justice Academy in Salemburg during the week of **June 25-June 30, 2006**. Please remember it is your responsibility to make sure tuition and medical forms are sent to Headquarters ASAP for the Trooper(s) your Post is sponsoring. There are still a few openings, so if you have a student interested in attending please give Debbie a call at (919) 832-7506. Only fifty five (55) students who have just successfully completed their junior or senior year can be accommodated at the facility, so be sure to get applications in early. Each alternate will be notified of their status and if a space opens up.

1 Year Post Yearbook Contest

The Department will, again this year, conduct a Scrapbook Contest. Selection of the winning scrapbook will be made during the Public Relations & Publications Committee meeting at Department Convention. Please either mail your scrapbooks to Department prior to the Convention or hand deliver them to the Legion Registration Desk at Convention not later than 10:00 AM on June 15.

Legion College

This year's Legion College will be held at The Village Inn, Clemmons, NC from July 21-23, 2006. This year's session will include a golf outing on Thursday, July 20, and a banquet on Friday evening. A registration fee of \$15.00 per Legionnaire will cover the cost of class materials. You will be responsible for your own room reservations made directly with the hotel (phone # 800-554-6416). Be sure to identify yourself as being with the American Legion. A rate of \$69.00 plus tax is being given to Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members, **remember, the cut off for the rate is June 20**. Only one night's stay (Friday) will be needed for most of those wanting to attend, so with a roommate, that's just \$34.50 for the night. All meals will be on your own with several eateries located nearby. Remember, there is a banquet on Friday evening. Reservations for the banquet must be made in advance. This year's schedule promises to be very informative so plan on being a part of the Legion College.

Post Officers for 2006-2007

Enclosed is a Post Information Form for reporting your newly elected or reelected Post Officers. It is extremely important to take the time to fill this out and return it to Department Headquarters. This is how we update our mailing list for monthly mailings as well as our Post Officers Roster. Pay close attention to your phone

numbers, being sure to include your area code. Also enclosed is a Certification of Service Records of Post Officers Form. Please fill in all necessary information on this form and return it with the Post Information Form. These forms are our main source of information from your Post letting us know where to send vital information concerning your Posts, Districts, Divisions and the Department. Thank you for your cooperation.

Children & Youth Service Award

Remember...June 6 is the cut-off date for nominations for the Children and Youth Service Award. Nomination forms were sent out in previous mailings. All of the nominated persons, businesses or organizations contributions will be considered. This will include, but is not be limited to hours donated, expenses, time expended, number of programs involved and time (length) of support. If you would like an application to nominate a worthy person, business or organization, please call Department Headquarters and we will get one to you.

Membership Awards Deadlines

Be sure to check your 2005-06 Membership Awards manual to be sure neither your post nor post members miss out on the vast number of membership awards available to legionnaires. Each year several go unawarded because the forms are not filled out and submitted. A membership awards manual was sent to every post adjutant late last summer.

PTA Convention Reminder

Friday and Saturday, May 5-6, 2006 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel 4700 Emperor Blvd RTP at 282 mm off I40. Friday: 1pm until 6pm Saturday: 7:30 am until 3:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to talk with PTA members about our C&Y programs. Anyone willing to work the display table either day, contact Frank at headquarters. Most everyone agrees that it has become more and more difficult to get our programs into the school system the way that we used to do it. This is a new approach and the success depends on us.

Discouragement

Often comes when we lose sight of the "Big" picture. We need to stay connected to the "needs" of our local community and to the "goals" of our Department

PULL TAB REPORT CORRECTION!

Pull-tabs collected at the Mid-Winter Conference should have been listed as follows:

Paw Creek Post 353	203 Lbs.
Albertson Post 379	38 Lbs.

We apologize for the error.