



The Legion Bulletin



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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.

2007 Department Convention

The 2007 Department Convention will be held June 14-17, 2007 at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel, Raleigh, NC. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-445-8667. Room rates are \$76 plus tax, single or double. **The cut-off for rooms at this rate is May 30, 2007. 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 5, 2007.

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 16, 2007, 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 5, 2007. Also, you may only list as many alternates as you are authorized delegates.

2007 Convention Changes

There will be a few changes to the schedule for your Department Convention June 14, 15, 16, 2007.

1. Dance/USO event on Friday night. The \$5.00 entrance fee is for the Auxiliary President's Project.
2. There will not be a dance on Saturday night. Instead, there will be a Commander and new officer's reception on Saturday afternoon between 4-6 pm after the closing of the convention. So plan on staying at least a little while to meet and greet your new slate of officers.
3. Be sure to get a copy of the convention schedule at the Legion registration desk upon your arrival because of several changes in the time frames of reporting times and caucus times, etc.
4. The Memorial Service will be on Friday Morning. Our Chaplain is expecting a large attendance, including you.
5. Your cooperation and patience with the changes in your convention schedule is most appreciated. Please plan on attending to meet, greet learn and enjoy.

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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 FY2007 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 5, 2007 for us to include them in the program.

Boys' State Program

Boys' State deadline is May 15, 2007. 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.

Student Trooper Program

The thirteenth session of the North Carolina Student Trooper Program will be held at the North Carolina Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh during the week of **June 24-June 29, 2007**. Only forty six (46) 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. The fee will be \$200.00 per student this year. Applications may be obtained by calling Department Headquarters. Deadline for this program is May 30, 2007 or until filled.

Legion College

This year's Legion College will be held at The Village Inn, Clemmons, NC from July 13-14, 2007. This year's session will include a golf outing on Thursday, July 12, and a banquet on Friday evening. Registration forms for Legion College as well as the golf tournament can be obtained by calling Department Headquarters. 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 18**. 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.

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 14.

Post Officers for 2007-2008

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 5 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 2006-07 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.

Veterans' Salute to Legislators

Veterans' Salute to the Legislators will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon at the Legislative Building in Raleigh This event is sponsored by the North Carolina Veterans Council. Each Veterans Organization will participate.