



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.

2008 Department Convention

The 2008 Department Convention will be held **June 12-14, 2008** at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel, Raleigh, NC. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-445-8667. Room rates are \$79 plus tax, single or double. **The cut-off for rooms at this rate is May 26, 2008. 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 3, 2008.

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 14, 2008, 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 3. 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 3, 2008. Also, you may only list as many alternates as you are authorized delegates.

2008 Convention

There will be a few changes to the schedule for your Department Convention June 12, 13, 14, 2008.

1. Dance is scheduled for Friday night.
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. Plan on staying at least a little while to meet and greet your new slate of officers. All newly elected officers are requested to attend, to meet and greet your fellow Legionnaires.
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.
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.
6. Both of our US Senators have been invited to attend.
7. A representative from American Legion Benefits Dept has been invited to attend.

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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 FY2008 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. Names must be submitted by June 5, 2008 for us to include them in the program. You can submit by mail, email or phone.

Boys' State Program

Boys' State deadline is May 1, 2008. 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 fifteenth 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 15-June 20, 2008**. Only forty (40) 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, 2008 or until filled.

Legion College

This year's Legion College will be held at The Village Inn, Clemmons, NC from July 11-12, 2008. This year's session will include a golf outing on Thursday, July 10, 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.

Post Officers for 2008-2009

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. Please provide your email address if appropriate. 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.

Membership Awards Deadlines

Be sure to check your 2007-08 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' Day with Legislators

Veterans' Salute to the Legislators will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 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. You are encouraged to meet and talk with your elected representative.

Dept. Bookkeeper Retiring

Carline Dasch is retiring on June 30, 2008, after 12 years as our Department Bookkeeper. If you have the opportunity, please help us in thanking Carline for her many years of service to The American Legion Dept of NC!

American Legion Baseball

Go out and support your nearest Baseball team. This is one of our big programs and the only way that this program will have a future is for us to support it. You could be watching a future major leaguer!

State Play offs:

August 5-9, 2008 Sims Legion Park, Gastonia, NC.

Southeast Regional Tournament:

August 12-20, 2008, Keeter Stadium, Shelby, NC

The American Legion World Series:

August 22-26, 2008, Keeter Stadium, Shelby, NC.

Thought for today: The only way to escape criticism:
do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.