



The Legion Bulletin



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Special Convention

There will be a special called convention on Saturday, October 20, 2007 at 1:00 PM, during the Fall Conference at the North Raleigh Hilton. There will be NO delegate fee. Delegates listed shall be elected at your regular post meeting and certified to Department Headquarters not less than 10 days prior to the Special Convention. This certification deadline will be October 10, 2007. All rules and procedures for a Department Convention will apply except for the delegation fee. Encourage your members to attend.

Fall Conference

The Fall Conference will be held October 19-20, 2007 at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC. Room rates for this conference will be \$76 plus tax per night. For reservations call 1-800-445-8667, identifying yourself as being with The American Legion. **Room rate is guaranteed through October 3.** There will be quite a few awards selected during the various Committee meetings.

-  Post Commander and Adjutant Awards
-  Boy Scout High Adventure Awards
-  Baseball Hall of Fame Recipients
-  Post Newsletter Awards
-  Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
-  Employer Awards (several classes)
-  Colon Furr Scholarship



Award nominees must be submitted by **October 15, 2007 unless otherwise noted on form.** If you need nomination forms for any of the above, please call Dept Headquarters.



Oratorical Contest



The time for Oratorical Contests is right around the

corner. Enclosed is an order form for Oratorical Contest Information Packets. The packets are ready now. Be sure to have your Post Oratorical Chairman get in touch with school officials as early as possible to insure every student who would like to participate has the opportunity.

Ronald McDonald House

Please bring in your "pull tabs" for the Ronald McDonald House in Durham. A Representative will be at the Fall Conference on Saturday to load them up. You might want to involve your community, churches, scouts and businesses and other in the collecting of pull tabs. The many families that we help with their stay while their love one in receiving cancer treatment at Duke Hospital, appreciate your efforts and are grateful to all who give on their behalf. Small and Large Ronald McDonald Houses will be available.

October Membership Target

Congratulations to all posts who are on track with or above the membership goals! Our next target date is October 10, 2007, at 55%. We are close, but lets make sure we keep up our pace. Remember, those targets in March and April are the tough ones.

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Legion News



Articles and photos for the Legion News must arrive at Department Headquarters by the 10th of the month preceding publication to make it into the paper. This next issue will be December, so the cut-off date is November 10. The paper is published bi-monthly in February, April, June, August, October and December. Please attach captions to photos with a brief description of the event. Give a list of names for the people/person in the photo. (Do not write on the back of the photo). If you would like to have photos returned, please include a self-addressed envelope.

To All Conference Attendees

It is very important that all attendees register and pay their \$5.00 registration fee. Your attendance and participation will insure the success of the conference. Its most important for all Committee/Commission members to attend their meetings and be involved in the business required of their Legion program. If you are on a department committee/commission and will not be able to attend your assigned meeting, please contact Department Headquarters prior to the meeting time and date, so that a note of your excused absence can be placed in your committee/commission chairman's folder. The day before the conferences and convention your staff personnel will be out of the office, at the hotel, setting things up for you. Committee/Commission chairmen requiring anything for their meeting other than their folder, please contact the office as many days as possible in advance, so we will have time to acquire the items that you will be needing to carry on your meeting.

Veterans' Service Fund






Just a friendly reminder of our pledge of support to the Veterans' Service Fund of 50¢ per member. While to some posts this may seem like a high price to pay, just try to image what it would be like without this fund. These precious dollars and cents go a long way in support of our veterans. While there is not a mandate that requires each post to contribute, each post is encouraged to do what they can to support our veterans. **Remember** – "It's not the price you pay to belong, It's the price you've paid to be eligible to belong."



The Legion Bulletin Membership Transmittals

Here are a few reminders to assure your transmittals are handled as quickly as possible.

-  Double check the amount of your check with the number of renewals you are transmitting. There should be \$22.50 included for each renewal. Member data forms are for transferring members.
-  National has changed their decision and this year, **signatures of both the officer and transferring member are required for all transfers sent in on a Member Data Form.** National is continuing to accept our DMS listing sheet with the post Officer's signature certifying contact has been made. If you do not have a supply of the 4 part forms, please contact Patti to get a supply. There is a new form in the awards manual for requesting DMS information. Give it a try! Department Headquarters can help, just contact us. If you are not transmitting dues for the transfer member, please do not include a membership card. When submitting transfers, just remember this quote, "no money – no card". If you aren't sending money, don't send a card. Be sure to include the white, yellow and pink copies when submitting a data form for transfer.
-  Plain paper or an email can be used for address changes or to inform us of members that have passed away. Please provide ID#, member name and the change. No changes to address or name will be made from the renewal cards themselves.

Paintings of Iraq KIAs

Web Site www.heropaintings.com
A wonderful service to the families of our fallen heroes. This free service to the families, honors the warrior and not the war. These artists presented some of their paintings and letters from the families that had received a free portrait of their hero and the entire presentation was very touching. One artist remarked that she was non political and all that she asked was "Let's keep America on the map".

