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2017 Department Convention

The 2017 Department Convention will be held June 7-10, 2017 at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel, Raleigh, NC. Reservations can be made by calling, 1-800-445-8667 or online:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/R/RDUNHHF-ALEG-20170607/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Room rates are \$93 plus tax, single or double. **The cut-off for rooms at this rate is May 19, 2017.**

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, certification to be made on forms furnished or prescribed by the Department. Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention must be certified to the Department Headquarters not less than 10 days prior to the Department Convention regardless of whether their registration fee is paid in advance or not. In order to vote, each and every Post in the Department must comply with this requirement and be sure to certify their Department Convention Delegates and Alternates.

NOTE: as passed at the 2014 convention, this form must be completed and received at department headquarters no later than May 30, 2017. Postmark date will no longer be used.

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 form submitted to department headquarters, and no changes may be made later than May 30, 2017. Also, you may only list as many alternates as you are authorized delegates.

*****STUDENT TROOPER PROGRAM***
DATE HAS CHANGED DUE TO
SCHEDULING CONFLICT WITH
HIGHWAY PATROL
NEW DATE: AUGUST 6-11, 2017.**

Student Trooper Date Change

There has been a date change for the Student Trooper Program, held at the North Carolina Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh. It will be held during the week of **August 6-11, 2017**. 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 is \$200.00 per student this year. Applications may be obtained by calling Department Headquarters. Deadline for this program is June 15, 2017 or until filled.

Post Officers for 2017-2018

Enclosed is a Post Information Form for reporting your newly elected or re-elected Post Officers. It is extremely important to fill this out and return it to Dept. Headquarters. This is how we update our mailing list for monthly mailings as well as our Post Officers Roster. Be sure to include the area code when listing your phone numbers.. Also, be sure to include your e-mail addresses. This is our main source of information from your Post informing us where to send vital information concerning your Posts, Districts, Divisions and the Depart.

Membership Reminders!

Adjutants, you should have already received your annual **Post Data Report Form**. It needs to be returned to Department Headquarters no later than **April 15**. Otherwise, any changes you make will not show up on the cards, roster and renewal notices for next membership year. The Post Delegate Certification Form is enclosed in this mailing. There are no exceptions made for missing the deadline for the return of the **Delegate Certification Form** for the upcoming Convention for voting purposes, so please get it back in time, arriving at Dept. Headquarters by **May 30, 2017**. Thanks for your help!

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As most of you are aware, Frank Stancil has retired. Randy Cash is the new Department Adjutant. He can be reached at the same email address, nclegion@nc.rr.com, and the office phone number.

Boys' State Program

The Boys' State application deadline is **May 1st**. Please be sure that all applications are completed with the correct information and that a completed medical form is attached. A post handbook with suggestions for selection and funding for delegates is now available on the NC Legion website, under Boys State. **The SAMSUNG application must be turned in when the delegate registers at Catawba College. They CANNOT be submitted with the applications.**

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.

Post Consolidated Reports

A Reminder – it is important that your Post complete the Consolidated Post Report. In order for your Post to be considered for any awards presented by Community Service Committee, Children and Youth Commission or Americanism Commission at the Convention, this form must be completed and **returned to Department Headquarters** by the end of May. They were mailed to the Post Adjutants in early March. Call if you need one, or go to www.legion.org to fill it in online.

Legion College

This year's Legion College will be held at The Village Inn, Clemmons, NC from **July 14-15, 2017**. This year's session will include a banquet on Friday evening. Registration form for Legion College is in this mailing.

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 membership 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 1, 2017** for us to include them in the program.

Legislative Day in Raleigh

Please plan on being in Raleigh on Wednesday, **April 26, 2017** at the Legislative Building on Jones Street and meet with your

Legislator. This event is being sponsored by the North Carolina Veterans' Council for the purpose of bringing the veterans issues to the Legislators and seeking their support. Please plan on making an appointment to see your Legislator. The Council will provide a current bill listing of Veteran related issues so you can ask your representative for their support. We expect to be set up inside the Legislative Building by 8:00 am and there will be coffee and donuts available to all attendees and guests. Representatives are always encouraged when contacted by their constituents. We will only accomplish what we work for. Remember, many of our fellow veterans can't make the trip, so for those of us than can, we must speak up for them.

LIT Program

Do not buy Insurance until you learn about the full range of high value plans negotiated for you by the Legionnaire Insurance Trust program. Call today 1-800-235-6943 ext 1617 for information for the following plans: Medicare Supplement, Long term Care, Hospital Income Plan, Cancer Care, Accident Protection, Dental, Travel Accident, Auto and Homeowners. Note: Don't forget to sign up for your Free \$1,000.00 accidental death benefit.

Bits and Pieces

The Department and the National Judge Advocates have ruled that No Drinking is allowed in any official Legion meeting. This includes regular monthly meetings and post executive meetings. If you need clarification on this issue please be in contact with Judge Advocate Gaither Keener.

Your uniform Cap: **Post Cap** is solid blue in color. Nothing allowed on left side except, City name in full, state abbreviated. Example; Raleigh, NC Name tag should be blue in color.

District Cap is a blue cap with a white crown. Nothing on left side except District name in full and your state abbreviated. Example; 11th District, NC. Name tag should be white/blue.

Department Cap is solid white in color. Nothing on the left side except your state in full Example; North Carolina. Name tag should be white in color

National Cap should be solid red in color. Nothing on the left side except your state in full. Example; North Carolina. Name tag should be red in color.

These items can be purchased through Emblem Sales 1-888-453-4466 or emblem.legion.org, except where noted.

District Vice Commander and higher office, caps, must be ordered through Department headquarters. If you need assistance, please be in contact with Sheila, 919-832-7506.

According to our Department Judge Advocate, a post must contact Department Headquarters before the sale of post property. This is to insure that the proper legal guidelines are followed thus preventing possible legalities occurring.