



# The Legion Bulletin



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## Oratorical Contest

2008 Oratorical Contest Dates as follows:

District 1	Jan 19, 2008, 1:00 PM, Post 84 Eliz City
District 4	Jan 19, 2008, 1:00 PM, Wilson Co Ag. Center
District 6	Jan 19, 2008, 10:00 AM, St. James Methodist Ch
District 11	Jan 26, 2008, 10:00 AM, Dept. Headquarters
District 12	Jan 24, 2007, 7:00 PM, Post 63 Burlington
District 14	Jan 27, 2007, 2:00 PM, Post 386 Greensboro
District 17	Jan 19, 2008, 1:00 PM, Albemarle High School
District 18	Jan 26, 2008, 1:00 PM, Post 55 Winston-Salem
District 19	Jan 26, 2008, 10:00 AM, Post 342 Salisbury
District 20	Jan 26, 2008, 1:00 PM, Post 353 Paw Creek
District 22	Jan 26, 2008, 2:00 PM, Post 155 Kings Mtn.
District 24	Jan 20, 2008, 2:00 PM, Post 2 Asheville
Division I	Feb 10, 2008, 2:00 PM, Wilson Co Ag Center
Division II	Feb 16, 2008, 2:00 PM, Post 94 Snow Hill
Division III	Feb 16, 2008, 10:00 AM, Dept Headquarters
Division IV	Feb 9, 2008, 1:00 PM, Albemarle High School
Division V	Feb 9, 2008, 12:00 PM, Post 155 Kings Mtn.

**March 1, 2008** – Department Final, 2:00 PM, Albemarle High School, 311 Park Ridge Rd, Albemarle, NC.

Thank you Oratorical Chairpeople for making this year's contest a success. If any contests are not listed above, please call Department Headquarters so information can be given to contestants. Please, don't let the kids down. They work hard for this

## Mid-Winter Conference

There is a copy of the tentative schedule for Mid-Winter Conference enclosed with this mailing. The dates are February 22-23, 2008. If you have not made reservations yet, please call North Raleigh Hilton at 1-800-445-8667. The rate for this Conference is \$79 plus tax, be sure to state you are with The American Legion Conference. **To get the Conference rate, you must make your reservations by FEBRUARY 7, 2008, no exceptions! Don't forget to get your reservations in for the Conference Banquet scheduled for Friday, February 22, 2008 at 7:00 PM.**

### Pull-Tab Additions for Fall Conference

RICH SQUARE POST 111	21 lbs.
COINJOCK POST 288	103 lbs.



## Student Trooper Program

The 15th session of the North Carolina Student Trooper Program will be held tentatively at the North Carolina Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh during the week of June 15-20, 2008. We hope to accommodate up to 40 students who have completed their Jr. or Sr. year at the training center. Be sure to get applications in early. The fee will be \$200.00 per student this year. Applications may be obtained by calling Dept. Headquarters.

## Boys' State 2008 Catawba College

The Boys' State Committee urges Posts to get involved with this important program of The American Legion. Please take an active part in selecting the young men who represent your Post as delegates. There is no better way to assure the survival of our great republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of American government. This is an American Legion Program. Please be active in the process. This year's session will be June 22-28, 2008 at **Catawba College**. The fee will be \$275 per delegate. A brochure is included with this mailing. If you have an interest in serving as a counselor for Boys' State, please contact Chief City Counselor Terry Pressley at 828-452-4232.



Counselors

receive travel expense, food and lodging for the week. Volunteer to work with the fine young delegates who will become tomorrow's leaders. You will be glad you did!

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## Baseball 2008



The deadline for Sr. baseball entry forms and fees to be submitted is **February 15, 2008**. If your Post is going to sponsor a team, you must get your paperwork and fees in by this date. The entry fee is \$195. Any new team must also submit a forfeit fee of \$200 by February 15. Post Athletic

Officers should be receiving their team packets sometime in March. **Reminder**...Proof of insurance must be submitted to the Department. Any team who fails to purchase insurance from S.A. VANDYK shall be disqualified. If you also sponsor a Jr. team, you must have separate S.A. VANDYK insurance for that team. Please call Department Headquarters for a Entry forms.

Sr Baseball organizational meetings will tentatively be as follows:

- Area I Wilson Post 13, March 15, 2008, 12:00 PM
- Area II Whiteville Post 137, March 16, 2008, 1:00 PM
- Area III Lexington Post 8, April 6, 2008, 1:00 PM
- Area IV Post 48 Fairgrounds, April 5, 2008, 2:00 PM

Jr. Baseball entry fee for 2008 is \$75.00, deadline, March 31, 2008. A new team must also submit a forfeit fee of \$100 by March 31. Jr. organizational meetings are as follows:

- Areas 1 & 2 J'ville Post 265, April 12, 08, 1:00 PM
- Areas 3 & 4 Hickory Post 48, April 20, 2008, 2:00 PM

## Membership Notes

**PUFL Applications** – Please be sure 2008 dues are already paid before submitting a PUFL Application. All PUFL applications with checks made out to National Treasurer are to be sent to Department Headquarters

**Transfers** – Please submit the proper paperwork when transferring a legionnaire to your post. A post officer must sign the paperwork or National Headquarters will not accept it. Marking the box on a renewal card as a transfer will not work. Also, do not send a renewal card for anyone unless you are submitting payment of dues for that person. If you know someone that does not want to be transferred, please notify Department so they can be marked accordingly. Check your membership manual. Don't forget to send in the forms for state and national awards before their deadlines.

National Headquarters will be getting ready to print the renewal cards for 2009. Please be sure to send information to Dept. Headquarters for all deceased members, address changes as well as any other information that needs correcting or changing on members' cards. The deadline date is March 21, 2008.

## Consolidated Post Reports

One of the most important forms that a post can fill out is the Consolidated Post Report. This report covers many of the activities of a Post for the past twelve months. We cannot stress enough just how important this single form is as the individual post activities are combined with all other reports and the collective information is included in the American Legion's Annual Report to Congress. This information is also helpful when American Legion officials testify on Capitol Hill, or to others, not only for our members but also for all veterans. In addition, some Posts provide expanded "narratives" of their activities and these are shared with *The Legion Magazine/Dispatch* for consideration of possible future editorials. When these forms are received, please take the time to complete and return them as soon as possible as these tell Congress what we are doing as a tax-exempt organization. Toot you horn!

## One-Year Post Pictorial Yearbook

The Department of NC will hold a contest for Post Yearbooks for the 2007-2008 Legion year. The Public Relations Committee, appointed by the Department Commander, will judge the books at the annual Convention in June. Awards will be given for the top three yearbooks. The first place winner will be forwarded to National Headquarters for the National Contest. Please follow the guidelines printed in the Officers Guide and Manual of Ceremonies, starting on page 174-177.

## Fireman-EMS of the Year

Nominations for Fireman of the Year and EMS of the Year are now due for selection at the Mid-Winter Conference. Be sure your post gets a nomination in to honor these civil servants who protect our communities across the state. A form is included with this mailing. Winners will be presented with a plaque at the Annual Convention.

## 89th American Legion Birthday

March 15-17 will mark the 89th Birthday of The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization. Enclosed with this mailing is a "Suggested Proclamation for Local Government" and a "Press Release" for Post use in their community. This momentous occasion gives us a great opportunity to tell our story.

## Membership Roundup Jan31-Feb2

Jan-31: Post 40 Edenton at 9:00 am; Post 43 Kinston at Noon and Post 10 Wilmington at 4:00 pm.

Feb 1: Post 32 Fayetteville at 9:00 am; Post 7 Durham at Noon, Post 342 Salisbury at 3:00 pm, Post 380 Charlotte at 5:00 pm

Feb 2: Post 48 Hickory at 8:00 am; Post 322 Morganton at 10:00 am and Post 77 Hendersonville at 1:00 pm.

Please Participate.

