



The Legion Bulletin



Merry Christmas

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Conference Awards Reminders

Just a reminder that the following award nominations will be considered at the Mid-Winter Conference:

- ◆ Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Scouter, Unit Leader, Venture Advisor, Sea Scout Skipper, Cub Pack, Scout Unit, Varsity Scout Unit, Venture Crew Unit and Sea Scout Ship of the Year Awards
- ◆ Service Officer of the Year
- ◆ Department News Media Award
- ◆ JROTC Officer and NCO of the Year



All nomination forms should be returned to Dept. Headquarters no later than **Jan. 25, 2018**.

Mid Winter Conference

The Department Mid-Winter Conference will be held **February 15-17, 2018**, at the North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh, NC. 1-800-445-8667 is the toll free # for reservations, or you can call the hotel direct at 1-919-872-2323. You must specify you are with The American Legion. **Cutoff date for reservations at this rate is January 20, 2018.** The room rate will be \$97 per night plus tax.. Please contact this office with any concerns with your reservations.

2018 NC Boys State's 79th Year!

The 79th Session of the 2018 Tar Heel Boys State Program will be held June 17-23, 2018 at Catawba College. This is a onetime experience for these young citizens and we must make it the best it can be. The Boys State Committee thanks the posts for your support and encourage you to continue sending the best young citizens from your communities for a positive experience of a lifetime. The Boys State Committee Chairman and committee members are always available to you for additional information and assistance. This year's delegate fee will be \$400.00.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES AT HEADQUARTERS

Randy Cash – tcash@nclegion.org
Debbie Rose – drose@nclegion.org
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Oratorical Contest

Please do not forget this year's Oratorical Contest. The dates are listed below and will be followed without

By December 22, 2017 – School Contests completed

Jan 8-20, 2018 – County or Post Contests completed

Jan 27-Feb 3, 2018 – District Contests

Feb 17-24, 2018 – Division Contests

March 3, 2018 – Dept Final (Snow date March 10)

District and Division Chairmen, remember to report your Contest Dates to Department as soon as your plans are made. It will also be imperative that you keep your contestants aware of their contest dates in your respective districts as turn around time is very tight for Department to get letters out to the winners at the various levels. **National rules apply to all levels of competition in North Carolina. Please review your American Legion National Official rules as well as your Chairman's guide.**

New Go-Getters Criteria

Post Adjutants; please refer to the enclosed New Go-Getter Certification Form. December 31 is the final date for Legionnaires to **qualify** to be a Go-Getter. The form should be completed by the Post Adjutant and returned to Dept. Headquarters by **January 31, 2018. Please note the new structure for the Go-Getter Club. Each Division will hold it's own Go-Getter function.**

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Membership News

A reminder to all Posts concerning membership renewals: (as found in the North Carolina Constitution and By-laws, article IV, section 5), “A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January 1 shall be classed as delinquent. If dues are paid on or before February 1, reinstatement shall be automatic. If still delinquent after February 1, all privileges shall be suspended. If still under such suspension on June 30 of such year, membership in The American Legion shall be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the Post and payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs. Provided, however, that the Post, Department and the National organization may waive the provisions hereof, upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from the payment of dues by reason of active military service” When submitting a member for a PUFL, after January 1, 2018, the 2018 dues must be paid first. Please, when transmitting, recheck your cards and notes before mailing to avoid delay in processing. If a member is transferring and has already paid dues for the year, only include a signed member data form. **“No money, no renewal card”**. When transferring out of state or 1981Adm. (DMS) members, please put the member’s current address on the member data form. Finally, membership applications are not accepted for transmittal of new post members. Please provide a 2 part card.

Post Check Up



1. Is your post incorporated?
 2. Does your post have an EIN number?
 3. Does your post require 2 signatures on financial transactions?
 4. Is your Finance Officer bonded?
 5. Did you advise Headquarters of your present post officers’ information?
 6. Are you proud of the condition of your post home and property?
 7. Are your post meetings informative/interesting?
 8. Do you invite guests, speakers/local community leaders?
 9. Is your post involved in Legion Programs/Community programs?
 10. Do the local veterans know how to contact your post for assistance?
 11. Is the local military recruiter (all branches) a member of your post?
 12. Does your post have a membership contact team?
 13. Does your post have an annual post audits?
 14. Does your post have adequate insurance on the property and activities?
 15. Does your post employ security guards during post building rentals?
 16. **Does your post file form 990 each year with the IRS?**
 17. Have your post officers attended NC Legion College?
- Recruit + Retain + Reinstate + DMS List = Success

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Baseball Season 2018

The 2018 American Legion Baseball season will be here sooner than we think! Remember, the process for registering your team is all online, and handled by American Legion National Headquarters. If you need information on how to register, please call your area commissioner or Department Headquarters. Registration may start after January 1, 2018.

Military Recruiters

Please be in contact with your local military recruiters. Invite them to your post meeting to speak on today’s Military. Offer to assist them and offer them membership into your post. Get connected to your local JROTC program. Show your support by participating in the metals presentation program and many other ways that you can support their efforts. You’ll find that many of them will have military veteran parents. Military recruiters may need your post for special meetings or for interviews with prospective recruits. Just think about the positive impact your association with your local military recruiters could have on your post. This association will be good for your Post and for The American Legion. **Just try it.**

100th Anniversary Member Directory

Included in this mailing is a flyer announcing The American Legion of North Carolina 100th Anniversary Member Directory Project. The Department has contracted with Publishing Concept (PCI) in Dallas, TX. In the next year our membership will be contacted by PCI and given the opportunity to participate in the project. Members will have the ability to submit up to two photos and answer custom narrative questions about their life and service. Only members who agree to be included will be published. Regardless of whether or not the member purchases the publication, all submissions will be included. Surviving respondents of deceased members may submit information. This is an excellent opportunity to highlight and celebrate the rich history of The American Legion of North Carolina. For more information or questions, please contact the Department Adjutant.

The National Emergency Fund

The American Legion’s National Emergency Fund is set up to quickly and efficiently provide money to affected Legion Family members and posts. A full 100 percent of donations to NEF are turned into grants. Donations are not used to cover administrative and promotional costs. With the devastation from Hurricanes Irma and Maria, there is still a great need to get funds to posts and members in the areas affected by these storms. You can forward your donations to Department Headquarters, or donate directly online at www.legion.org. Thank you.