

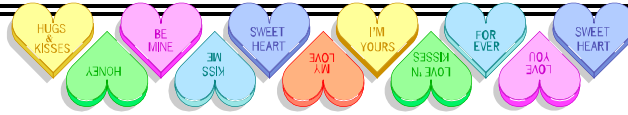


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Oratorical Contest

2018 Oratorical Contest Dates as follows:

- District 4 Jan 27, 2018, 2:00 PM, Wilson Co Ag Center
 - District 5 Jan 20, 2018, 1:00 PM, Post 52 Franklinton
 - District 7 Jan 13, 2018, Post 103 Mt. Olive
 - District 8 Jan 20, 2018, Fayetteville Tech CC
 - District 9 Feb 3, 2018, 1:00 PM, Post 10 Wilmington
 - District 11 Feb 3, 2018, 1:00 PM, Apex Town Hall
 - District 12 Jan 20, 2018, 1:00 PM, Post 7 Durham
 - District 14 Jan 27, 2018, 1:00 PM, Old Guilford Co Courthouse
 - District 15 Jan 20, 2018, 3:00 PM, 1st Baptist Church, Liberty
 - District 16 Jan 20, 2018, 1:00 PM, Sand Hills Comm College
 - District 18 Jan 20, 2018, 3:00 PM, King Masonic Lodge
 - District 19 Jan 27, 2018, 12:00 PM, Post 342 Salisbury
 - District 20 Jan 27, 2018, Post 353 Paw Creek
 - District 21 Feb 3, 2018, 12:00 PM, Post 29 Lenoir
 - District 22 Jan 27, 2018, 1:00 PM, Post 30 Lincolnton
 - District 24 Jan 20, 2018, 12:00 PM, Post 77 Hendersonville
 - District 25 Jan 20, 2018, 1:00 PM, Post 532 Hayesville
 - Division I TBA
 - Division II Feb 10, 2018, 11:00 AM, Post 202 Fayetteville
 - Division III Feb 10, 2018, Caswell Sr Center
 - Division IV Feb 24, 2018, 4:00 PM, Post 51 Concord
 - Division V Feb 24, 2018, 12:00 PM, Ross Grove Baptist Ch
- March 3, 2018** – Department Final, 1:00 PM, Old Guilford Co Courthouse If any contests are not listed above, please call.

Mid Winter Conference

There is a tentative schedule for the Mid-Winter Conference enclosed with this mailing. The dates are **February 15-17, 2018**. If you have not made reservations yet, please call the North Raleigh Hilton at 1-800-445-8667, or you can call the hotel direct at 1-919-872-2323. Specify you are with The American Legion. The room rate will be \$97 per night plus tax.. Please contact this office with any concerns with your reservations. You can also book online by accessing our Hilton group link: http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/R/RDUNHHF-ALMW-20180215/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG **Cutoff date for reservations at this rate is January 20, 2018.**

Student Trooper Program

The twenty fifth session of the North Carolina Student Trooper Program will be held at the NC Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh with dates of **July 8-13, 2018**. Up to 40 students who have successfully completed their junior or senior year can be accommodated at the training center, so 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 or by using the enclosed order form.

79th Tarheel Boys' State 2018

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 country than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of American government. This is an American Legion Program. This year's session will be held **June 17 – 23, 2018 at Catawba College**. Please send your requests to PO Box 26657, Raleigh, NC 27611, or email drose-nclegion@nc.rr.com. Request forms for current programs along with information brochures are included in this mailing.

ROTC Medals Available

Requests for ROTC medals for deserving cadets will be coming in from schools across the state. Department Headquarters will provide medals for colleges and universities. It is customary for the Posts to supply the medals for the local high schools. You may order your medals for high schools direct from the Emblem Sales Catalog. (1-888-453-4466)

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100th Anniversary Coins Are Now Available!
The coins are numbered.
Corresponding Post Numbers - \$50.00 each
Individual Numbers - \$20.00 each
Requested numbers, 1st come 1st served
See flyer enclosed

Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet

The annual American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet will be hosted by Post 432 in Kinston sometime in March 2018. More information will be provided as we receive it.

Baseball 2018

As with last year, all baseball registration will be handled online by National Headquarters. There are no exceptions to this. If you do not register at the National designated website, your team cannot play American Legion Baseball. This is also true for the SA Vandyk insurance. Proof of insurance must still be submitted to the Department. Any team who fails to purchase insurance from S.A. VANDYKE shall be disqualified. **Any new team, Jr or Sr, must submit a forfeit fee of \$200 to Department Headquarters.** All teams must have insurance purchased from S.A. VANDYKE. Fees for Sr will be \$200 Department fee and \$50 National fee. Jr will be \$100 Department fee and \$25 National fee. If anyone is interested in starting a new team, please call Department Headquarters for new team form and online registration information, and State Chairman Terry Boyles at 252-468-2359 for league information. The American Legion National Executive Committee adopted Resolution 16 which mandates a background check screening for coaches, managers and volunteer staff of all Jr. and Sr. American Legion Baseball teams. There are no exceptions!



Baseball Booster Decals

We no longer stock the American Legion Baseball Decals. They are now available on the Emblem Sales Website and also by phone 1-888-453-4466. The item # is 750.9015, and are \$25 per hundred, or 30 cents each. Website is www.emblem.legion.org. Please share this information with your athletic officer. All orders must be placed by Feb 15.



Membership Messages

Attention: Post Adjutants: Please do not make changes on the Membership Cards. You can now send them on a piece of paper, by email or by going to National's website and doing it yourself. Please refer to your Post Adjutants Manual, page 15 for information on your Post Membership Cards and information on the Member Data Form. Also, if someone transfers into your Post, **Please** do not forget to include a Membership Data Form. Transfers cannot be made by simply checking the block on the renewal card. Be sure to fill in all information including address and phone number on the MDF. This is especially important if it is a 1981 member. If the member has already paid for this year before the transfer, do not send a renewal card. **Remember, no money, no card.**

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District/Division/Dept Candidates

Anyone planning to run for District, Division or Department Office will need to get your endorsement information and picture to Department Headquarters by **March 10, 2018** to be included in the April/May/June NC Legion News. This is the last issue of publication before elections at the June Convention. **These materials will be used for a "one time only" courtesy announcement.**

Very Important Reminders

Make sure that you file your post taxes each and every year. If you do not, and you are audited by the IRS, you will be fined and also you could lose your post charter and exempt status. We keep reminding you to file your taxes because we do not want to lose your post and post members. Make sure your post is incorporated to help protect your post members from the liability of a law suit. You will not realize how important this is until your post gets sued. Make sure there are more than one signature required on all post written checks and that your post bank knows that it takes more than one member/officer's signature to borrow money against your post property. Make sure to document all business during your post meetings. This is for a clear record of why and when events happen at your post. Always indicate the number of members that attend your post meetings and document by name who makes a motion and who seconds that motion. You are important and all of your post members are important and your post is important. All the things stated in this article are for you, your post members and for your posts protection. Please listen and take all of this seriously. **As always, please advise if we can assist you in any way to accomplish these requirements.**

Initiation of New Members

When was the last time that your post welcomed your new members with an initiation ceremony? Every new member should receive some form of Initiation. The post Commander or an appointed member, assisted by the post Chaplain, shall conduct the ceremony. Small US Flags, The American Legion emblems, Legion publications, and other appropriate items used in the regular initiation ceremony shall be presented by the officiating officers. Certificates of initiation are available from your Department headquarters.

This ceremony is located in the Officers Guide, provided to each post Commander, each year. This ceremony is important to your new members because it shows them that they belong and are welcomed to your post. There is a good possibility that this ceremony could help with your post membership retention.

