



The Legion Bulletin



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2018 Department Convention Voting

Chairmen of post delegations should check with the Headquarters staff at the Convention Registration Desk at the North Raleigh Hilton upon arrival in Raleigh to be sure that their Post delegates are properly certified. In accordance with Article V Section 9 of the Department Constitution and By-Laws, only those Posts whose delegates are duly certified and whose registration fee has been paid will be permitted to vote in the Department elections. The pre-registration fee is \$5.00 per delegate. Registration at the Convention will be \$7.00 per delegate. Certification for delegates must be received at headquarters no later than **June 19, 2018**.

Post Commander/Adjutant Packets

This year we are again endeavoring to get an early start on our 2018-2019 membership program. In order to do this, it is imperative we get the Commander and Adjutant packets and 2019 membership cards into the proper hands as soon as possible. The packets will be made up and ready for you to pick up during the Department Convention, June 27-30, 2018, in the storage room across from the registration desk at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC. **Please be sure to sign for your packet and give your Post number so that we can determine who has not received a packet.** *If it is impossible for you to attend the Convention, please make arrangements with someone from your Post or one nearby to pick up your packet. Any cards not picked up will be given to your District Commander.*

Cut-off for Hotel Rooms

Cut off for room reservations at the Hilton is May 28, 2018. You can access the online reservation link on our website, www.nclegion.org. The rate per night is \$97.00 plus tax.

Newly Elected Post Officers

Your tenure of office for the current membership year is quickly coming to a close. However, many of you will be re-elected and continue to serve your Post, while others will be replaced by new officers. The staff at Department Headquarters hopes that this monthly bulletin has been of some value to you. If you have not already done so, please forward a list of your newly elected Officers as soon as possible. (Forms, both Post Information and Certification of Post Officers, are included in this mailing). Please notify Headquarters **EVEN IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES** so we can make sure our records are complete for mailing purposes. It is our constant desire to be of assistance to each Post, and it is only through a team effort that we are able to accomplish our goals throughout the year. **It is important to report address changes, i.e. new zip codes. To ensure you will get the information you need, make sure our information about you is correct. If you would like the packet mailed to the post, please use your post address for either the commander or the adjutant. We cannot mail an extra packet but would gladly mail one to the post address instead of your home address.**

SAL Convention

The 46th Annual Sons of the American Legion Convention will be held in conjunction with the Department Convention. IT is scheduled to convene at 10:00 AM, Sat., June 30 at the Hilton North Raleigh, Raleigh, NC.

Candidates for Department Chaplain
James Faison, Endorsed by Post 17 Wilson
Michael Ramsey, Endorsed by Post 116 Fuquay-Varina
See enclosed Endorsements

CONVENTION JUNE 27-30, 2018 HILTON NORTH RALEIGH

Wednesday, June 27, 2018 Registration Opens
Thursday, June 28, 2018 Committee Meetings
Friday, June 29, 2018 DEC Meeting, morning
Convention Opens, 1:00 PM
Saturday, June 30, 2018 Convention continues, AM
Elections, 1:00 PM
Reception, 4:00 PM

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Student Trooper Program

The American Legion Student Trooper Program is shaping up to be a large success. This year the Highway Patrol Training Center has room for 60 students. There are still openings if you have a young man or woman who would like to attend. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to get the word out to the schools and students who will be attending. Reminder: the program dates this year are July 15-20, 2018.

Boys' State Program

Please remind your delegates to Boys' State to take band instruments and athletic equipment (tennis rackets, baseball gloves, etc.) with them to Catawba College. Thanks to all the posts who have sponsored Boys' State Delegates. We expect a class of approximately 275-300 delegates and are gratified by the warm welcome Catawba College is extending to The American Legion. Dates are June 17-23, 2018.

Legion College, Called DEC Meeting

This year's College and the **REQUIRED DEC meeting** will be held at The Village Inn, Clemmons, NC, July 27-28, 2018. The session will include a banquet on Friday evening. Extra registration forms for Legion College may be obtained by calling Department Headquarters or accessing on the website, www.nclegion.org. A registration fee of \$15.00 per Blue Cap Legionnaire will cover the cost of class materials. You will be responsible for your own room reservations made directly with the hotel (phone # 800-554-6416). Be sure to identify yourself as being with the American Legion. A rate of \$74.00 plus tax is being given to Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members, **remember, the cut off for the rate is June 30**. Reservations for the banquet must be made in advance, price this year is \$35.00.

Appeal to All Members for Support

Your support is very necessary and appreciated with our Department Label, Sweepstakes and Calendar Program. These funds are very much needed to maintain our Department budget which affects all of our programs and in every aspect of our Department (building, vehicles, etc). Please encourage all of your members to support these efforts to help maintain our Department for all of its members. These funds help us keep our membership dues as low as they can possibly be. Remember: one of the best ways to help your American Legion Department of North Carolina is to sign up a new member.

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Legionnaire Insurance Trust LIT

Please make sure that your post members are aware of the enhanced **NO COST** benefit of the new Legion Care. **FREE AD&D** insurance. Just fill out the form and mail it in for coverage. Nothing is automatic, so you must mail the form. **\$5,000** in accidental Death coverage for covered accidents that occur if you are traveling on official Legion business. **\$1000.00** for all other covered accidents. 24/7 protection that covers Legionnaires at home, work or while they are traveling away from home. This is available to all **"current"** Legion members. This is one thing that you just do not want to "put off".

Ronald McDonald Houses

This is a reminder to bring in your Aluminum Pull Tabs for the NC Ronald McDonald Houses. Your donations are very important to the families that stay at the Ronald McDonald Houses while their child or children are going through cancer treatments. It takes about 1100 pull tabs to make a pound so everyone counts and so do you!

The American Legion Programs

Knowing is understanding and appreciating. Attend an American Legion Baseball Game; attend a high school Oratorical Contest; attend a graduation of Boys State; attend a graduation of the Student Trooper program; attend the medals presentation during a JROTC event at your local High School; attend a Boy Scout (Eagle Scout) Court of Honor; attend a Junior Shooting Sports (Air Rifle) Competition. The American Legion has so much to offer our youth, but only if they are aware of them. Get involved with these programs, you will be glad you did!

Legion News Submissions

The Legion News is published 4 times a year. Items are due no later than September 10, December 10, April 10 and June 10. If possible, email submissions for the Legion News with articles in a **Word document, and photos submitted as a .jpg**. We transmit all copy for the newspaper by email and it saves hours of work. Email to tcash@nclegion.org or drose@nclegion.org. Thank you to all the posts for your contributions to your Legion News.



REQUIRED DEC MEETING FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS AT LEGION COLLEGE

There is a called meeting of the New DEC scheduled for Saturday, July 28, 2018, 1:00 PM at Legion College. All newly elected District and Division Commanders and Department Officers are required to attend.