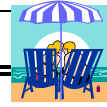




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Sweepstakes 2018!

Just a reminder of your Department Enhancement Sweepstakes program that is going on at this time. Additional Tickets are available by contacting your Department Headquarters by phone, email or fax. Please encourage your members to be involved with this important fundraiser. This program, our Label Program and Calendar Program will help keep our dues as low as possible and be a big part in running our youth programs and also help your Department to keep involved in many projects that benefit our Community, State and Nation. Thanks for your help! "This Program runs from August 10 until October 20"

Fall Conference



The annual Fall Conference will be held October 18-20, 2018 at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC. Room rates are \$97 plus tax and reservations may be made by calling 1-800-445-8667. **Cut off date for reservations at this rate is September 18 2018.** Be sure to tell them you are with The American Legion. There will be quite a few awards chosen during the Committee meetings. Be sure your Post and its dedicated Legionnaires are represented and possibly awarded by submitting nominations for the many awards available. See an outline of the awards in the following articles. If you have trouble getting a room reservation, please contact this office before going to another hotel.

Colon Furr Selection

The Legion Riders Committee will be selecting recipients at the Fall Conference. Enclosed with this mailing is the application. The deadline for submission is **September 25, 2018.** Each post may only submit ONE applicant. If you have two worthy applicants, try to get another post in your area involved. Please get these applications distributed ASAP so deserving nursing students will be able to compete for this scholarship.

Post Commander and Post Adjutant of the Year

Please be sure to nominate your Post Commander and Adjutant for this important award! The award should be based on the activities and work of the preceding American Legion fiscal year. This year's nomination should be someone who held office from June 2017 – June 2018. The nomination forms are enclosed with this mailing. Please submit any completed forms to Department Headquarters by **October 1, 2018.** The Community Service Committee will judge both awards and present the winners at the Fall Conference.

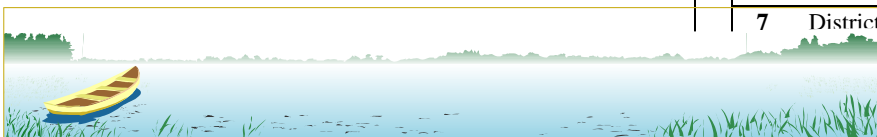
Post Newsletter of the Year

The Public Relations Committee will select the Post Newsletter of the Year Award winner at the Fall Conference. Any Post that wants to submit their newsletter in the competition needs to provide a copy of each newsletter mailed out in the last year. Send your newsletters to Department Headquarters **no later than October 10, 2018.**

Boy Scout High Adventure Awards

Each year at the Fall Conference the Boy Scout Committee selects one scout from each Division to award up to an \$1,000 scholarship to attend a recognized National Boy Scout High Adventure trek or a National or international Jamboree. Included in this mailing is a sheet enumerating the eligibility requirements of scouts and a nomination form. All applications must be received at Department Headquarters by **October 10, 2018.**

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Employer Awards Program

Each year the American Legion National Economic Commission and The Department Veterans Employment and Veterans Preference Committee honor Employer of The Year in 5 categories. Those are:

1. The Employer of Veterans Award (Small, 50 or fewer employees)
2. The Employer of Veterans award (Med, 51-200 employees)
3. The Employer of Veterans Award (Large=201 or more employees)
4. The Employer of Older Workers Award
5. The Employer of Disabled Award



Nomination forms for these programs have been distributed to each North Carolina Employment Security Commission Office in North Carolina. If your Post knows of any employer who should be honored in one of the categories, please contact your local ESC office and work with them in filling out a nomination form. If you need a copy of any of the forms, please call Department Headquarters. All nominations are to be forwarded to Department Headquarters no later than **October 10, 2018 or turned in on Friday morning October 19 in Raleigh** for judging at the Department Fall Conference. The Department winner in each category will be forwarded to National to compete for the National Award.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Fireman/EMT of the Year

The Law and Order Committee will be selecting the North Carolina Law Enforcement Officer of the Year as well as the Fireman of the Year and EMS of the Year at the **Fall Conference**. Please read over the guidelines for these most important awards included in this month's mailing. The winners will be North Carolina's submission to National Headquarters in January. Please follow the guidelines closely as this will help with the format National requires. Let's recognize our first responder Law Officers by nominating them for this award.

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.

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Membership Reminders

Here a few membership reminders for the coming year!

- **NEW CARDS:** They are hard to get into an envelope **but please** fold them in stacks and **not** individually they process more efficiently this way.
- **PUFL MEMBERS:** Please keep addresses, and personal information as well as deceased members as current as possible. National will not pay a PUFL with an undeliverable address
- **TARGET DATES:** Will be posted online as soon as possible and it is available in the membership manual.
- **MEMBERSHIP REPORTS:** Please let me know who in your post should be receiving the report by email.

Please feel free to contact me at any time for assistance at **919-832-7506** **Loree Miller Membership Coordinator.**

High School Oratorical Contest

Now is the time to contact your local High School concerning participants in this year's Oratorical Contest. Don't forget the year round schools and also the home schooled. Private schools can and should be included. Out of the over 400 high schools in North Carolina, we should have contestants from each of our 25 Districts. Please get involved with this wonderful program that provides many opportunities for the youth in our communities. Thanks for all that you are doing. As you know, everything starts at the Post level.

Monthly Mailing

As always, please look through all of the information that we mail to your post each month. There are certain due dates that must be adhered to, or things do not happen. Everything affects everything, so these due dates are important and affect many programs and many awards. There are also forms that affect your post when not filled out in a timely manner, such as the requested post information concerning your post dues and post location and post officers. Please contact Department Headquarters when in doubt or need clarification with any forms. Also, be sure your post members know they can view the monthly mailing on our website at www.nclegion.org.

Baseball Hall of Fame

All nominations for inductees into the Baseball Hall of Fame should be sent to Department Headquarters by **October 10, 2018**. The selection will be made at the Fall Conference. Please use the nomination form enclosed. Date and location of the Hall of Fame banquet to be announced.

