



# The Legion Bulletin



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## Fall Conference

The Fall Conference will be held October 18-20, 2018 at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC. Room rates are \$93 plus tax per night. For reservations call 1-800-445-8667, identifying yourself as being with The American Legion by **September 28 for the rate**. To book online:

[http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/R/RDU/NHHF-ALEG-20181018/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/R/RDU/NHHF-ALEG-20181018/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

-  Post Commander and Adjutant Awards
-  Boy Scout High Adventure & Adult Scouter Awards
-  Jr ROTC Cadet of the Year Award
-  Baseball Hall of Fame & Players of Yr Recipients
-  Post Newsletter Awards
-  Law Enforcement Officer of the Year 
-  Fireman & EMS of the Year
-  Employer Awards (several classes)
-  Colon Furr Scholarship

Award nominees must be submitted by **October 10, 2018 unless otherwise noted on form**. If you need forms for any of the above, please call Department. Headquarters.

-  Nancy Phillips will be conducting a class on the new MyLegion Membership Processing that will be coming sometime this fall. Class will be conducted on Friday morning, 9:00 – 11:00 AM.

### 2018 ANNUAL SWEEPSTAKES!

**GRAND PRIZE, \$10,000!**

**5 prizes of \$1,000**

**6 prizes of \$500**

**20 prizes of \$100**

**The drawing will take place at the Fall Conference on Saturday afternoon, October 20, 2018.**

**Tickets Available at the Conference**

**NOTE: Please do not use the envelope that came with the sweepstakes tickets for anything other than your sweepstakes entry. If you include membership, etc, it will be delayed by several weeks as these not processed by membership.**

## Oratorical Contest

The time for Oratorical Contests is right around the corner. Enclosed is an order form for Oratorical Contest Information Packets. The packets are ready now. The packet information is also available at the website, [www.nclegion.org](http://www.nclegion.org). Be sure to have your Post Oratorical Chairman get in touch with school officials as early as possible to insure every student who would like to participate has the opportunity. If any Post is interested in hosting the State Oratorical Contest, scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2019, please contact Chairman David Shore to give presentation at the conference.

## Commander's Special Guests

Commander Evan Thompson's special guest at the Conference will be the leading candidate for National Commander, our own Bill Oxford! Come in your Uniform (*or any part thereof*) to the **American Legion Fall Military Dance**, Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm. The 208<sup>th</sup> Army Jazz Band will perform. Come for the fun and the great music! Prizes awarded for many uniform categories!

## Hurricane Relief

Hurricane Florence has caused extreme damage and tragedy to our state. The American Legion's National Emergency Fund (NEF) provides immediate financial grants to American Legion posts and eligible members of The American Legion and SAL affected by natural disasters, such as tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes and wildfires. Individuals can receive NEF grants of up to \$3,000 while posts can receive up to \$10,000. Enclosed are copies of the applications. One application is for use by an individual current member of the Legion or SAL. The other application is for damage to an American Legion Post. Please read and follow the instructions included on the backs of both applications to assure there are no delays in the requested assistance. **All applications must be sent to Department. Headquarters!**

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## To All Conference Attendees

It is very important that all attendees register and pay their \$5.00 registration fee. Your attendance and participation will insure the success of the conference. It's most important for all Committee/Commission members to attend their meetings and be involved in the business required of their Legion program. If you are on a committee/commission and will not be able to attend your assigned meeting, please contact Headquarters prior to the meeting time and date, so that a note of your excused absence can be placed in your committee/commission chairman's folder. The day before the conferences and convention your staff will be out of the office, at the hotel, setting up for you. Chairmen requiring anything for their meeting other than their folder, please contact the office as many days as possible in advance, so we will have time to acquire the items that you will need to carry on your meeting.

## Proper Paperwork



Please encourage all of your members to get their military records and information in order, so when the time comes, the proper honors that they have earned and deserve, will be carried out. Be sure to write down their desires and along with their discharge papers, store in a safe place and advise your relatives where they can be found. These need to be turned over to the appropriate funeral director and they will handle everything from the honor guard to the military head stone.

## Membership Transmittals



Double check the amount of your check with the number of renewals you are transmitting. There should be \$27.50 included for each renewal. Do not send the 2 part cards for your online renewals, you can dispose of them. We get the renewal update from national and do not need them. The same rule applies, "no money – no card."



It is important to fill out the information on the right side of the transmittal form so if there is a question or issue, we can call the phone number or mail out information to reach the right person. If you are not transmitting dues for the transfer member, **please do not include a membership card.** When submitting transfers, just remember this quote, "no money – no card". If you aren't sending money, don't send a card. Be sure to include the white, yellow and pink copies when submitting a data form for transfer.



National maintains control of the members joining thru the DMS program. Please provide mailing addresses for members transferring from another state or from AD 1981.



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Plain paper or an email can be used for address changes or to inform us of members that have passed away. Please provide ID#, member name and the change. No changes to address or name will be made from the renewal cards themselves.

## Ronald McDonald House

Don't forget to bring your PULL TABS to the Conference. The Ronald McDonald Houses of North Carolina much appreciate your active participation is collecting pull tabs. Your efforts assist families when their children are receiving catastrophic medical care as the result of cancer. Please collect the aluminum pull tabs in your community and bring them with you to the conference. **Thanks!**

## Hall of Fame Banquet!

Anyone interested in hosting the 2018 season Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet, please have your proposal ready in time for the upcoming Fall Conference for the Hall of Fame Committee, Friday, October 19.

## Battleship North Carolina & Veterans Service Fund

The following requests are still in place. We are asking each member of the Department of NC to donate \$1.00 that will be distributed in this manner; \$.50 to the Veterans Service Fund and \$.50 to the Battleship NC.

Our Goal each year is to donate \$25,000.00 towards the restoration of the Battleship North Carolina.

## The Legion News

Articles and photos for the Legion News must arrive at Department Headquarters by the dates listed below.

Jan-Mar submit by **December 10**

April-June submit by **March 10**

July-Sept. submit by **June 10**

Oct-Dec submit by **September 10**

Please email items for the paper if possible, to [tcash@nclegion.org](mailto:tcash@nclegion.org) or [drose@nclegion.org](mailto:drose@nclegion.org), include captions to photos with a description of the event. Give a list of names for the people/person in the photo. **(Do not write on the back of the photo).** If you would like to have photos returned, please include a self-addressed envelope.

**Save the Date**  
**Commander Evan Thompson's Homecoming**  
**Saturday, January 26, 2019**  
**Don Gibson Theater, Shelby**  
**6:00 PM**

