



# The Legion Bulletin



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### JANUARY 2019

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**Closed Dec 24, 2018 – Jan 1, 2019**

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## Oratorical Contest

2019 Oratorical Contest Dates as follows:

- District 4 Jan 19, 2019, 2:00 PM, Wilson Co Ag Center
- District 5 Jan 19, 2019, 1:00 PM, Post 52 Franklinton
- District 7 Jan 12, 2019, 12:00 PM, Post 11 Goldsboro
- District 8 Jan 12, 2019,
- District 9 Jan 26, 2019, 12:00 PM, Post 10 Wilmington
- District 11 Feb 2, 2019, 1:00 PM, Apex Town Hall
- District 13 Jan 26, 2019
- District 14 Jan 26, 2019, 1:00 PM, Old Guilford Co Courthouse
- District 15 Jan 19, 2019, 1:00 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church, Liberty
- District 16 Jan 26, 2019, 11:00 AM, Sand Hills Comm Coll
- District 18 Jan 19, 2019, 3:00 PM, King Masonic Lodge
- District 19 Feb 9, 2019, 10:00 AM, Post 342 Salisbury
- District 20 Jan 26, 2019, 1:00 PM, Post 353 Paw Creek
- District 21 Jan 26, 2019, Jan 26, 2019, 12:00 PM, Post 29 Lenoir
- District 22 Jan 26, 2019, 1:00 PM, Post 544 Hickory
- District 25 Jan 19, 2019, 11:00 AM, Post 108 Franklin
- Division I Feb 9, 2019, 12:00 PM, Wilson Co Ag Center
- Division II Feb 17, 2019, 3:00 PM, 201 S Atkinson St
- Division III Feb 10, 2019, 2:00 PM, Apex Town Hall
- Division IV Feb 23, 2019, 1:00 PM, Post 51 Concord
- Division V Feb 23, 2019, 1:00 PM, Post 48 Hickory

**March 2, 2019** – Department Final, 1:00 PM, Old Guilford Co Courthouse If any contests are not listed above, please call.

## Baseball 2019

The same as last year, all baseball registration is 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 must submit a **forfeit fee** to Department Headquarters, \$200 for both Jr. and Sr. teams. You will be able to register online in January.



### Background Checks Required

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!

## Mid Winter Conference

The Department Mid-Winter Conference will be held **February 14-16, 2019**, 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. You can also reserve on line at [http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/R/RDU/NHHF-ALM-20190214/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/R/RDU/NHHF-ALM-20190214/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

**Cutoff date for reservations at this rate is January 15, 2019.** The room rate will be \$101 per night plus tax. Please contact this office with any concerns with your reservations. The following awards will be selected:

- Rehabilitation, Service Officer of the Year,
- Public Relations Committee will select the News Media Award and Post Website Award
- Boy Scout Committee will be selecting Scout Leaders and Units of the Year and Scouter Scholarship.
- JROTC Committee will select the JROTC and NCO Awards.
- Community Service will select Post Honor Guard Award.

Call Department Headquarters if you need forms.

### Conferences and Conventions 2019

Mid Winter Conference February 14-16, 2019

Convention June 5-8, 2019

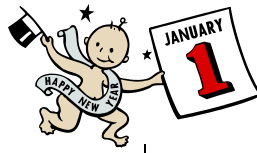
Fall Conference October 17-19, 2019

All will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh. Room rate for 2019, \$101.00 per night.

**National Commander Brett Reistad will be our VIP Guest at the Mid-Winter Conference.**

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## Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet

The annual American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet will be hosted by Post 31, N Wilkesboro, to be held at the Stone Center in N Wilkesboro, on March 2, 2019. Tickets are \$25.00.

## Student Trooper Program



The 26<sup>th</sup> session of the North Carolina Student Trooper Program will be held at the NC Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh. We hope to have tentative dates very soon. 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.

## Boys' State Plans for 2019

Brochures for the 2018 American Legion Tar Heel Boys' State will be available in December. This year's session will be held **June 16-22, 2019** at



**Catawba College.** Please send your requests to PO Box 26657, Raleigh, NC 27611. 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)

## Membership Messages

If your post is processing membership on MyLegion, you now can transfer NC members and add new members. You will only be able to make the transfer online if they are paying dues to your post. When sending a transfer to the Department, **Please** do not forget to include a Member Data Form. Transfers cannot be made by simply checking the block on the renewal card. If the member has already paid before the transfer, **do not send a renewal card.** **Remember, no money, no card.**

To report a change of address or a deceased member, you can email Loree or include a list when you send in a transmittal. A Member Data Form does not have to be used for this purpose.

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### District/Division/Dept. Candidates

Anyone planning to run for District, Division or Department Office will need to get your endorsement and picture to Department Headquarters by **March 10, 2019** to be included in the April-June NC Legion News. **These materials will be used for a "one time only" courtesy announcement.**

### Post New Year's Resolutions

1. Make sure all post members are signed up for the FREE \$1000.00/\$5000.00 AD&D Insurance.
2. **Make sure that your post is Incorporated.**
3. **Make sure that your post has the proper EIN number**
4. **Make sure that your post files the 990 with the IRS, yearly.**
6. Appoint a Go-Getter Committee to make contact with all of your post members for making contact for their well being and for their membership dues. Shows you care!
7. Have a member at the entrance to your post meeting area to greet everyone that enters to make them feel welcome.
8. Share with your members all of the information in the monthly mailing.
9. Make sure that you have a post representative at all of your District and Division Meetings if possible.
10. Invite local dignitaries to be a guest speaker at your meetings. Be sure to invite your local veteran Service Officer to share important veterans' benefits that they may not be aware of. Invite your local Military recruiter to inform your members of the modern day military.
11. How would your Post answer the following questions?
  - Is your post fulfilling a useful function?
  - Whether it is an organization attracting veterans
  - Is your post truly a community asset?

### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Coins are still available for purchase at Mid-Winter Conference. Cost is \$20.00 per coin. (Post numbered coins are \$50.00.)



### Resolutions now Posted on Website

Department Resolutions, from FY1991 thru FY2018, are now posted on the Department website. Look across the top of the homepage under **Resources**, then column on right titled **More**. Also under **News and Events**, it is presently the first item on the page.