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2018 Department Convention

The 2018 Department Convention will be held June 27-30, 2018 at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel, Raleigh, NC. Reservations can be made by calling, 1-800-445-8667 or online:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/R/RDUNHHF-ALEG-20170607/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Room rates are \$97 plus tax, single or double. **The cut-off for rooms at this rate is June 10, 2018.**

Convention Delegate Certification

The Department Constitution requires that all Post Officers, Delegates, and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected annually at a Post meeting held not more than 45 days prior to the Department Convention and that all Post Officers, Post Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be certified to the Department Headquarters not more than 30 days and not less than 10 days prior to the Department Convention, certification to be made on forms furnished or prescribed by the Department. Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention must be certified to the Department Headquarters not less than 10 days prior to the Department Convention regardless of whether their registration fee is paid in advance or not. In order to vote, each and every Post in the Department must comply with this requirement and be sure to certify their Department Convention Delegates and Alternates.

NOTE: as passed at the 2014 convention, this form must be completed and received at department headquarters no later than June 19, 2018. Postmark date will no longer be used.

The Department Judge Advocate has ruled that in order for a delegate or alternate to vote at the convention, the person's name must be on the original

Certification form submitted to department headquarters, and no changes may be made later than June 19, 2018. Also, you may only list as many alternates as you are authorized delegates.

POST ADJUTANTS:

The Department will be mailing you the following:

- Consolidated Post Reports
- Post Data Report Form
- National Notification of Post/Squadron Officers

Please be sure to complete and return to Department Headquarters.

Student Trooper Date Change

There has been a date change for the Student Trooper Program, held at the North Carolina Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh. It will be held during the week of **July 15-20, 2018**. Forty (40) students who have just successfully completed their junior or senior year can be accommodated at the facility, so be sure to get applications in early. The fee is \$200.00. Applications may be obtained by calling Department Headquarters. Deadline for this program is June 22, 2018 or until filled.

Post Officers for 2018-2019

Enclosed is a Post Information Form for reporting your newly elected or re-elected Post Officers. It is extremely important to fill this out and return it to Dept. Headquarters. This is how we update our mailing list for monthly mailings as well as our Post Officers Roster. Be sure to include the area code when listing your phone numbers. Also, be sure to include your e-mail addresses. This is our main source of information from your Post informing us where to send vital information concerning your Posts.

Membership Reminders!

Adjutants, you will be receiving your annual **Post Data Report Form**. It needs to be returned to Department Headquarters no later than **April 15**. If not returned, any changes will not show up on renewal notices for next membership year. This includes the correct dues as well as the correct address for the dues notice to be mailed. Also complete the American Legion National Headquarters Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders and Adjutants. These forms are forwarded to national. It is where all info posted at national is updated. Our new NC website will also be directing any post inquiries to the information national headquarters has listed for each NC post under [Find a Post](#).

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Final District Meetings

Please see enclosed District Meeting Schedule for the date and time of your District's final meeting. It is very important to have a Post representative attend. Election of District Commander and National Convention Delegates will take place at this meeting.

Post Consolidated Reports

A Reminder – it is important that your Post complete the Consolidated Post Report. In order for your Post to be considered for any awards presented by Community Service Committee, Children and Youth Commission or Americanism Commission at the Convention, this form must be completed and **returned to Department Headquarters** by the end of June 15. They were mailed to the Post Adjutants in March. Call if you need one, or go to www.legion.org to fill it in online.

Legion College

This year's Legion College will be held at The Village Inn, Clemmons, NC from **July 27-28, 2018**. This year's session will include a banquet on Friday evening. Registration form for Legion College is in this mailing.

Post Everlasting

It is customary to honor the memory of our departed comrades each year at this time by listing the names of all Legionnaires who have passed away during the membership year in the Convention Memorial Service Program. We have the names of all those who have been reported as deceased on membership transmittal cards and member data forms. Please check your rosters and submit those deceased members who have not yet been reported. Names must be submitted by **June 15, 2018** for us to include them in the program.

LIT Program

Do not buy Insurance until you learn about the full range of high value plans negotiated for you by the Legionnaire Insurance Trust program. Call today 1-800-235-6943 ext 1617 for information for the following plans: Medicare Supplement, Long term Care, Hospital Income Plan, Cancer Care, Accident Protection, Dental, Travel Accident, Auto and Homeowners. Note: Don't forget to sign up for your Free \$1,000.00 accidental death benefit.

Bits and Pieces

The Department and the National Judge Advocates have ruled that No Drinking is allowed in any official Legion meeting. This includes regular monthly meetings and post executive meetings. If you need clarification on this issue please be in contact with Judge Advocate Gaither Keener.

Your uniform Cap: **Post Cap** is solid blue in color. Nothing allowed on left side except, City name in full, state abbreviated. Example; Raleigh, NC Name tag should be blue in color.

District Cap is a blue cap with a white crown. Nothing on left side except District name in full and your state abbreviated. Example; 11th District, NC. Name tag should be white/blue.

Department Cap is solid white in color. Nothing on the left side except your state in full Example; North Carolina. Name tag should be white in color

National Cap should be solid red in color. Nothing on the left side except your state in full. Example; North Carolina. Name tag should be red in color.

These items can be purchased through Emblem Sales 1-888-453-4466 or emblem.legion.org, except where noted.

District Vice Commander and higher office, caps, must be ordered through Department headquarters. If you need assistance, please be in contact with Sheila, 919-832-7506.

A reminder from Dept. Judge Advocate, a post must contact Department Headquarters before the sale of post property. This is to insure that the proper legal guidelines are followed thus preventing possible legality issues.

Legislative Day in Raleigh

Legislative Day dates for Raleigh have not yet been set. It will be held sometime in late May or early June. We hope to have this information from the Veterans Council to post in the next mailing that goes out in April.

Boys' State Program

The Boys' State application deadline is **May 15th**. Please be sure that all applications are completed with the correct information and that a completed medical form is attached. A post handbook with suggestions for selection and funding for delegates is now available on the NC Legion website, under Boys State. **The SAMSUNG application must be turned in when the delegate registers at Catawba College. They CANNOT be submitted with the applications.**

Volunteer Photographer Needed for Boys State Program



Must own digital camera and be able to readily move about the campus, for the week of June starting June 17 and ending June 23, 2018. Room and board at Catawba College provided. Contact Christopher Byrd at tarheelboysstate@gmail.com for additional information.