

## **ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Article IX, Section 10 of our Constitution of The American Legion Department of North Carolina, adopted June 13, 1998 reads; “Each District shall nominate one delegate and one alternate to the National Convention. Such additional delegates and alternate delegates to the National Convention to which the Department may be entitled shall be elected by the Department Convention irrespective of geographical or other divisions.”

Our past method of electing the additional delegates and alternates was a mad scramble to the microphone. This created a push and shove action whereas someone was going to get hurt. This method also discriminated against the handicapped as there was no way they could get in this line. Suggestions had been made to the Department to change the push and shove method and create a more serene type election.

The method used with success last year is a drawing. This year we will again use this method. As you register at the state Convention, the staff will ask if you would like to put your name into the drawing for National Convention delegate/alternate. When the time comes to nominate delegates/alternates, the names will be drawn from the box in an orderly fashion. **There are two stipulations voted on the Convention floor on June 15, 2002.**

- 1. Each potential delegate or alternate at large is to put their name in the drawing box ONE TIME ONLY. Any names added more than once will be disqualified.**
- 2. Anyone placing their name in the drawing box must be present at the time of the drawing to be elected as a delegate or alternate at large.**