



# The Legion Bulletin



Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday



American Legion!

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## Post Data Forms

Post Data Forms will be mailed first class to Post Adjutants this month. Please look them over carefully. Make any changes to mailing addresses or dues structure, sign and return to Department Headquarters by April 1, 2019. This is the way National gets any changes for the direct mail renewal notices that will go out in July, including any changes in dues. **If we do not have them back by April 1, the first renewal notices will not reflect any changes to your post dues.**

## 100<sup>th</sup> American Legion Birthday

March 15-17 will mark the **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday** of The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans' organization. This momentous occasion gives us a great opportunity to tell our story.

## 2019 Consolidated Post Report

It is important for every post to complete this new report because it shows individual post activity, but when it is combined with the efforts of all posts reporting, it makes our impact, on behalf of veterans, in the halls of Congress, a voice to be taken serious. The Consolidated Post Report forms will be mailed directly to the Post Adjutants. Please fill them out and return to Department Headquarters as early as possible. Remember, in order for your Post to be considered for any awards presented by Community Service, Children and Youth or Americanism Commission at the Convention, this form must be completed and returned to Department Headquarters by the **May 31.**

## National Commander's Honor Ribbon

This special ribbon is for The American Legion family that achieves 100% membership by May 30, 2019 American Legion Post & Auxiliary or Sons or Legion Riders [www.legion.org/commander/ribbon](http://www.legion.org/commander/ribbon). (A form is included)

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## 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 direct from Emblem Sales for purchase of these medals. Department Headquarters inventory goes directly for colleges and universities. It might be more timesaving to order direct from Emblem Sales at 1-888-453-4466 or online at <http://emblem.legion.org>.

## Obtaining Records

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the nation's memory and record keeper. Part of NARA is the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis MO. They store federal military and civilian personnel records. The Civilian Personnel Records Center is at 9700 Page Avenue. They have a website at <http://www.nara.gov>. Their website will provide information on how to obtain records or one can call (314) 538-4261 and get a recorded message on how to obtain records on how to request copies of personnel files. NPRC does not provide a telephone number, which can be used to request records due to the privacy act, which requires a signature of the veteran, next of kin, or authorized representative and staffing limitations at NPRC.

## Ceremonial Striking of New Mint

The first American Legion commemorative coins came off the press Thursday 31 January 2019 during a ceremonial striking at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. "As we reflect on our legacy of support to our nation's veterans, service members and their families in patriotic communities everywhere, these coins are lasting and timeless expressions of the service and values The American Legion holds dear," National Commander Brett Reistad said. They are set to go on sale March 14, coinciding with The American Legion's 100th birthday.

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## Post Meetings

Have you considered the following: 1. Two year term limit on Post Commanders. 2. Post planning committee consists of Legion, Auxiliary and SAL, working as a team, programs reflect the family mix. 3. Community involvement, most meetings have a short family-oriented opening, usually children's group, church choir, children's dance studio presentation, Scouts skit, JROTC, etc. 4. Concentrated effort to attract, recruit and retain younger members. 5. Adapting Post to interests of younger members without losing older members, re; music rotation or activities changing. 6. Veteran of the month/year recognition. Special table for honoree and family. Reminder: A Post that is doing nothing, will surely fade away. Please get involved with at least one project and there are many that will not cost your post anything but time and effort. Your American Legion and your Community need for you to be involved. You have a lot more to offer that you might think.

## 2019 Student Trooper Program

The program will be held at the NC Highway Patrol Training Academy, June 16-21, 2019. **There will be a lot of physical activity during this week, so please advise your attendees ahead of time in order for them to get prepared.** This will be an active, event filled week under the guidance of The Highway Patrol and The American Legion Counselors. Legionnaires are requested to contact their local Police Departments and Sheriff's Offices, local High School JROTC programs to find candidates that have a law enforcement or military career in their future. The applicants must have just completed their 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade of High School this year (2019). The tuition fee is still \$200.00 per student and each applicant must be sponsored by an American Legion Post. The Highway Patrol has room for up to 40 students this year, so please send in your applications as soon as possible. All applications will be numbered when received and all applications received past number 40 will be on a standby list. We encourage you to take advantage of the special youth program and to provide a once in a lifetime opportunity to some well deserving young men and women. The American Legion and The North Carolina Highway Patrol are eager to provide a challenging and meaningful week for The Student Troopers. The success of this program is up to "YOU".

## Boys' State Selection Process Important!

Americanism/Children & Youth Division in Indianapolis has issued this word of caution: ***Do not let the schools make the delegate selection.*** That is the responsibility of the sponsoring American Legion Post. To involve the schools in the selection process sends a message to the Courts that Boys State is a "school activity." When this occurs, Title IX exemptions for Boys State could be eliminated and our programs thrown open to anyone wishing to attend who are willing to pay the delegate fee. This is an American Legion

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Program. Please be active in the process. This year's session will be June 16-22, 2019. The fee will be \$400 per delegate. If you have an interest in serving as a counselor for Boys' State, please contact Chief Counselor Terry Pressley at 828-452-4232. Counselors receive travel expense, food and lodging for the week. You have a chance to work with and see some of the finest young men in government action.

## Post Yearbook Award

The Department of North Carolina will hold a contest for One-Year Post Scrapbook/Yearbooks for the 2018-2019 Legion year. The scrapbooks will be judged at the Department Convention held in June by the Public Relations Committee appointed by the Department Commander. Awards will be presented for the top three scrapbooks.

National Headquarters will also be conducting a 2018-19 One-Year Post Scrapbook/Yearbook. Since National Headquarters does have specific guidelines which must be followed in preparing your yearbook. **These guidelines are located on Pages 152-156 of The Officer's Guide.** If you cannot locate your Officer's Guide, please contact Department Headquarters, we will email you the guidelines, or you can download the Officer's Guide at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). The winner of the Department Contest will be entered in the National Competition.

## LIT now Legion Care

Your members' current Legion Care Accidental Death Insurance provider has recently made a decision to no longer market or service this product to [Legion Department](#) members.

We are pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2019, Securian Life Insurance Company, an affiliate of Securian Financial Group (Securian) will become the new provider for LegionCare Accidental Death coverage previously provided by Transamerica Life Insurance Company\*. Securian Life Insurance Company is an A+ Superior company as rated by independent rating organization A.M. Best\*\*.

Eligible claims incurred prior to January 1, 2019, will be processed in accordance with the terms and conditions of your Transamerica coverage, while claims incurred on or after January 1, 2019 will be the responsibility of Securian.

We look forward to this new relationship with Securian and to continuing our commitment of service and protection to you.



**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coins Are Available!**  
**The coins are numbered.**  
**Corresponding Post Numbers - \$50.00 each**  
**Individual Numbers - \$20.00 each**  
**Requested numbers, 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served**