



# The Legion Bulletin



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## 2019 Department Convention

The 2019 Department Convention will be held June 6-8, 2019 at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel, Raleigh, NC. Reservations can be made by calling, 1-800-445-8667 or online:

[https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/R/RD/UNHHF-AMLE-20190605/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/R/RD/UNHHF-AMLE-20190605/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

Room rates are \$101 plus tax, single or double. **The cut-off for rooms at this rate is May 6, 2019**

## 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 Dept Headquarters not more than 30 days and not less than 10 days prior to the Department Convention.

- All certifications must be received at Department Headquarters no later than May 27, 2019.
- Preferably mail registration fee with your certification form @ \$5.00 per delegate/ alternate. If you cannot pay ahead, the absolute latest the payment can be made is by 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 8, 2019, but remember, the registration fee will be \$7.00 per delegate/alternate at the registration desk if not paid in advance.

**NOTE: THE CERTIFICATION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS NO LATER THAN MAY 27.**

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 received at Department Headquarters, and no changes may be made to the list later than close of registration **June 8, 2019**. Also, you may only list as many alternates as you are authorized delegates.

## 2019 Convention

A few items you may want to make note of for your Department Convention June 6-8, 2019.

1. The Commander and New Officer's Reception will be on Saturday afternoon between 4-6 PM after the closing of the convention. Plan on staying at least a little while to meet and greet your new slate of officers. All newly elected officers are requested to attend, to meet and greet your fellow Legionnaires.
2. Be sure to get a copy of the convention schedule at the Legion registration desk upon arrival as there may be last minute updates on meeting room and time changes.

## Post Officers for 2019-2020

It is extremely important to take the time to fill out the Post Information Form and return it to Department Headquarters. This is how we update our mailing list for monthly mailings, emails, as well as our Post Officers Roster. Pay close attention to your phone numbers, being sure to include your area code. Please provide your email address in legible handwriting. This form also has a section for notifying the Department where the monthly mailing is to be sent, or new this year, on the back, where we can email the mailing. Also remember, the Monthly Mailing is also posted on our Legion website at [www.nclegion.org](http://www.nclegion.org), as well as on our new App!

*The American Legion Department of North Carolina  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Banquet*



*Hilton Raleigh North Hills  
Friday, June 7, 2019*



*6:30 PM – Social  
7:30 PM – Dinner*

*\$35.00      Black tie optional*

*For more information and to RSVP,  
please call Headquarters at 919-832-7506 or email  
[tcash@nclegion.org](mailto:tcash@nclegion.org)*

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## Student Trooper Program

The Student Trooper Program, held at the North Carolina Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh, will be held during the week June 16-21, 2019 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 per student this year. Applications may be obtained by calling Department Headquarters. Deadline for this program is June 10, 2019 or until filled.

## 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 FY2019 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 by May 29, 2019 for us to include them in the program. You can submit by mail, email or phone.

## Boys' State Program

Boys' State deadline is May 15, 2019. PLEASE, get your applications to Raleigh for processing. Also, remind your delegates to take band instruments and athletic equipment (tennis rackets, baseball gloves, etc.) with them to Catawba College.

## Legion College

This year's College will be held at The Village Inn, Clemmons, NC, July 12-13, 2019. The session will include a banquet on Friday evening. Extra registration forms for Legion College may be obtained by calling Department Headquarters or accessing on the website, [www.nclegion.org](http://www.nclegion.org). A registration fee of \$15.00 per Blue Cap Legionnaire will cover the cost of class materials. You will be responsible for your own room reservations made directly with the hotel (phone # 800-554-6416). Be sure to identify yourself as being with the American Legion. A rate of \$76.00 plus tax is being given to Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members, **remember, the cut off for the rate is June**. Reservations for the banquet must be made in advance.

## 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. All District Commanders and District Vice Commanders must have a copy of their DD-214 on file at Department Headquarters before being installed.

## Membership Awards Deadlines

Be sure to check your 2019-20 Membership Awards manual to be sure neither your post nor post members miss out on the

vast number of membership awards available to legionnaires. Each year several classifications go unawarded because the forms are not filled out and submitted. The manual is available on our website if you need one.

## Legionnaire Insurance Trust

For information about a full range of Insurance products, call **1-800-235-6943**. These include Medicare supplement, Long Term Care, Hospital Income Plan, Cancer Care, Dental Plan, Accident Protection, Travel Accident, Auto and Homeowners, and much more. Be sure that all of your post members have signed up for the **Free** \$5,000.00 accidental death benefit through LIT. Extra forms are available to you at Department Headquarters. Please don't buy any insurance until you have received a quote from LIT. Thanks!

**REMINDER:** Don't forget, all of your post members are important. Please don't let them forget that. Consider forming a "**Contact Committee**" or "**Go Getter Committee**" in your post.

## Convention Awards

The following awards are some of the awards that will be selected at the convention:

- Legionnaire of the Year
- Community Service Award
- Service to God and Country
- Children and Youth Narrative
- Children and Youth Service Award
- Post Law and Order Award

There are other awards based on the Consolidated Post Reports, so be sure to submit yours before June 1.

If you would like an application for any of the awards above, please call Department Headquarters and we will get one to you, or access on our website at [www.nclegion.org](http://www.nclegion.org).

## The Future of the Monthly Mailing

The Department will be changing the way the monthly mailings will be distributed starting with the new 2020 Fiscal year. Our plan is to email as many of the monthly mailings as possible to eliminate paper waste and to save on postage. We are committed to providing the members with excellent service while also saving funds for the legionnaires of North Carolina. Thank you for participating in the future of The American Legion!

## We Have an NC Legion App!

American Legion Department of North Carolina now has an app! It is Available via the Google Play Store or the Apple APP store. When searching in the stores, search for NCLEGION. The app has event flyers, program and Department information.