



# The Legion Bulletin



*Merry Christmas*

**December 2022**

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**and Dec 30-31, 2021**

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## Conference Awards Reminders

Just a reminder that the following award nominations will be considered at the Mid-Winter Conference:

- ◆ Scouting High Adventure Awards
- ◆ Service Officer of the Year
- ◆ Department News Media Award
- ◆ Post Website Award
- ◆ JROTC Officer and NCO of the Year
- ◆ CAP Cadet and Commander of the Year
- ◆ American Legion Patriotic Business Award

All nomination forms should be returned to Dept. Headquarters no later than **Jan. 25, 2023**.



## Mid Winter Conference

The Department Mid-Winter Conference tentatively scheduled for **February, 16-18, 2023**, will be held at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills. Room rates are \$111 plus tax per night. For reservations call 1-800-445-8667, identifying yourself as being with The American Legion by **January 20 for the rate**.

## 2023 NC Boys State's 83<sup>rd</sup> Year

The 83<sup>rd</sup> session of the 2023 Tar Heel Boys State is in the planning stages. The Boys State Committee thanks the posts for your support and encourage you to continue sending the best young citizens from your communities for a positive experience of a lifetime. The Committee Chairman and committee members are always available to you for additional information and assistance. Updated information will be sent to post officers as it occurs. Check the NC Legion website for forms and brochures.

### 2022-23 ANNUAL SWEEPSTAKES!

**GRAND PRIZE, \$3,000**  
**10 prizes of \$500 each**

**The drawing will take place at the  
Mid-Winter Conference on  
Saturday afternoon,  
February 18, 2023.**

## Oratorical Contest

Please do not forget this year's Oratorical Contest. The dates are listed below and will be followed without

**By December 18, 2022** – School Contests completed

**Jan 3-15, 2023** – County or Post Contests completed

**Jan 16-Feb 12, 2023** – District Contests

**Feb 13-27, 2023** – Division Contests

**March 4, 2023** – American Legion Post 6 Chapel Hill, Inclement weather date March 11, 2023.

District and Division Chairmen, remember to report your Contest Dates to Department as soon as your plans are made. It will also be imperative that you keep your contestants aware of their contest dates in your respective districts as turn around time is very tight for Department to get information out to the winners at the various levels. Contests leading up to the State Final may be held virtually if appropriate by state guidelines. The State Final must be held in person if NC is to send a finalist to the National Competition. **National rules apply to all levels of competition in North Carolina. Please review your American Legion National Official rules as well as your Chairman's guide.**

## Go-Getters Criteria

Post Adjutants; please refer to the enclosed New Go-Getter Certification Form. December 31 is the final date for Legionnaires to **qualify** to be a Go-Getter. The form should be completed by the Post Adjutant and returned to Dept. Headquarters by **January 31, 2023**.

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## Membership News

A reminder to all Posts concerning membership renewals: (as found in the North Carolina Constitution and By-laws, article IV, section 5), "A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January 1 shall be classed as delinquent. If dues are paid on or before February 1, reinstatement shall be automatic. If still delinquent after February 1, all privileges shall be suspended. If still under such suspension on June 30 of such year, membership in The American Legion shall be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the Post and payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs. Provided, however, that the Post, Department and the National organization may waive the provisions hereof, upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from the payment of dues by reason of active military service" When submitting a member for a PUFL, after January 1, 2023, the 2023 dues must be paid first. Please, when transmitting, recheck your cards and notes before mailing to avoid delay in processing. If a member is transferring and has already paid dues for the year, only include a signed member data form. **"No money, no renewal card"**. When transferring out of state or 1981Adm. (DMS) members, please put the member's current address on the member data form. Finally, membership applications are not accepted for transmittal of new post members. Please provide a 2 part card.

## Post Check Up



1. Is your post incorporated?
2. Does your post have an EIN number?
3. Does your post require 2 signatures on financial transactions?
4. Is your Finance Officer bonded?
5. Did you advise Headquarters of your present post officers' information?
6. Are you proud of the condition of your post home and property?
7. Are your post meetings informative/interesting?
8. Do you invite guests, speakers/local community leaders?
9. Is your post involved in Legion Programs/Community programs?

**Be sure your Post has been filing its  
IRS 990 tax return every year.  
Posts with gross receipts under \$50,000 are only  
required to file the 990N e-postcard.  
This will ensure your post does not lose its  
tax exempt status.**

**CLICK ON LINK BELOW  
TO CHECK YOUR POST**

[Tax Exempt Organization Search \(irs.gov\)](https://www.irs.gov/efile)

10. Do the local veterans know how to contact your post for assistance?
11. Is the local military recruiter (all branches) a member of your post?
12. Does your post have a membership contact team?
13. Does your post have an annual post audit?
14. Does your post have adequate insurance on the property and activities?
15. Does your post employ security guards during post building rentals?
16. **Does your post file form 990 each year with the IRS?**
17. Have your post officers attended NC Legion College?

Recruit + Retain + Reinstatement + DMS List = Success

## Baseball and Softball Season 2023

The 2023 American Legion Baseball season will hopefully be a go this year. Remember, the process for registering your team is all online, and handled by American Legion National Headquarters. If you need information on how to register, please call your area commissioner or Department Headquarters. Registration may start after January 1, 2023.

## The National Emergency Fund

The American Legion's National Emergency Fund is set up to quickly and efficiently provide money to affected Legion Family members and posts. A full 100 percent of donations to NEF are turned into grants. Donations are not used to cover administrative and promotional costs. With the devastation from Hurricanes Irma and Maria, there is still a great need to get funds to posts and members in the areas affected by these storms. You can forward your donations to Department Headquarters, or donate directly online at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). Thank you.

## Legion Charities Donation Opportunities

We are happy to announce to all Amazon shoppers that the **American Legion Department of North Carolina Charities, Inc.** is registered with AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of your eligible Charity List purchases to the NC Legion Charities **at no extra cost to you**. Log in to your Amazon account for more details, and thank you.

