



The Legion Bulletin



HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY 2023

Hours - 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
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Holiday Office Hours:
Closed Dec 23, 26 and Dec 29, 30, 2022

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Oratorical Contest

2023 Oratorical Contest Dates as follows:

District 7	Jan 21, 2023, 11:00 AM, Post 43 Kinston
District 9	Jan 14, 2023, 9:00 AM, St James Community Ctr
District 11	Jan 28, 2023, 10:00 AM, Westwood Baptist Church
District 12	Feb 14, 2023, TBD
District 14	Jan 28, 2023, Time TBD, Eden City Hall
District 16	Jan 28, 2023, TBD
District 17	Feb 4, 2023, 1:00 PM, Post 535 Unionville
District 18	Feb 4, 2023, 1:00 PM, Post 290 King
District 19	Jan 29, 2023, 10:00 AM, Post 342 Salisbury
District 20	Jan 21, 2023, 11:00 AM, Post 321 Huntersville
District 21	Sat, Feb 11, 2023 10:00 AM, Post 29 Lenoir
Division I	Sat Feb 4, 2023, 10:00 AM Post 38 Roanoke Rapids
Division II	Sat, Feb 25, 2023, 9:00 AM Post 543 St James
Division III	Feb 11, 2023, 12:00 PM, Post 6 Chapel Hill
Division IV	Feb 23, 2023, 1:00 PM, Catawba College
Division V	TBD

March 4, 2023 – Department Final

If any contests are not listed above, please call.

Baseball 2023

The same as last year, all baseball registration is handled online by National Headquarters. There are no exceptions to this. If you do not register at the National designated website, your team cannot play American Legion Baseball. This is also true for the K&K insurance. Proof of insurance must still be submitted to the Department. Any team who fails to purchase insurance from K&K shall be disqualified. Any new team must submit a **non refundable forfeit fee** to Department Headquarters, \$500 for both Jr. and Sr. teams, before the start of play. Returning teams in good standing must submit a \$300 fee. You will be able to register online in January.



Mid Winter Conference

The Department Mid-Winter Conference will be held **February 17-19, 2023**, at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh, NC. 1-800-445-8667 is the toll free # for reservations, or the online link is: <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=RDUNHHF&groupCode=ALMWC&arrivaldate=2023-02-16&departuredate=2023-02-19&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK.EN.DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT> You must specify you are with The American Legion. The room rate will be \$111 per night plus tax.. **Cutoff date for reservations at this rate is January 17, 2023.** Please contact this office with any concerns with your reservations.

The following awards will be selected:

- Rehabilitation, Service Officer of the Year,
- Public Relations Committee will select the News Media Award and Post Website Award
- Boy Scout Committee will be selecting High Adventure Award.
- JROTC Committee will select the JROTC and NCO, CAP Squadron & Deputy Squadron Cmdr Awards
- Community Service will select Post Honor Guard Award and new Patriotic Business Awards.

Call Department Headquarters if you need forms.

2023 Convention & Conference Dates

Convention **June 7-10, 2023**

Fall Conference **October 26-28, 2023**

All will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh. Room rate for 2022, \$111.00 per night.

**National Commander James Troiola
will be attending the
Mid-Winter Conference.
February 17-19, 2023**

**Also in attendance will be National Vice
Commander Patricia Harris and
National Leading Candidate
Pastor Daniel J. Seehafer**

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Student Trooper Program

The 29th session of the North Carolina Student Trooper Program will be held at the NC Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh sometime during June. At this time, up to 40 students who have successfully completed their junior or senior year can be accommodated at the training center, so be sure to get applications in early. The fee will be \$200.00 per student this year. Applications will be available soon at our website or by contacting Department Headquarters.

Boys' State Plans for 2023

Brochures and all forms for the 2023 American Legion Tar Heel Boys' State are available online at



at www.nclegion.org or by contacting the department at drose@nclegion.org. This year's session will be held **June 18-24, 2023 at Catawba College** and the fee remains at **\$500.00**.

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 your medals for high schools direct from the Emblem Sales Catalog. (1-888-453-4466)

Membership Messages

New dues rates have gone into effect **January 1, 2023**. Please process all memberships with cards and transmittals reflecting **\$32.50 per member**. New transmittals with the new rates are available as well as a new rate sheet. Please contact Loree.

Post New Year's Resolutions

1. Make sure all post members are signed up for the FREE \$1000.00/\$5000.00 AD&D Insurance through LIT.
2. Make sure that your post is Incorporated.
3. Make sure that your post has the proper EIN number

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4. Make sure that your post files the 990 with the IRS, yearly.
6. Appoint a Go-Getter Committee to make contact with all of your post members for making contact for their well being and for their membership dues. Shows you care!
7. Have a member at the entrance to your post meeting area to greet everyone that enters to make them feel welcome.
8. Share with your members all of the information in the monthly mailing.
9. Make sure that you have a post representative at all of your District and Division Meetings if possible.
10. Invite local dignitaries to be a guest speaker at your meetings. Be sure to invite your local veteran Service Officer to share important veterans' benefits that they may not be aware of. Invite your local Military recruiter to inform your members of the modern day military.
11. How would your Post answer the following questions?
 - Is your post fulfilling a useful function?
 - Whether it is an organization attracting veterans
 - Is your post truly a community asset?

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 the tornadoes that tore through Kentucky and 5 other states in the Mid-West, 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. Thank you.

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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Free \$1,000/\$5,000 AD&D Insurance With Membership Be sure your members are enrolled	