

The Legion Bulletin



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Fall Conference

The annual Fall Conference will be held October 26-28, 2023 at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC. Room rates are \$111 plus tax and reservations may be made by clicking the link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyho cn=RDUNHHF&groupCode=ALFC&arrivaldate=2023-10-26&departuredate=2023-10-29&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTON LINKDIRECT>

Or by calling 1-800-445-8667. **Cut off date for reservations at this rate is September 28, 2023.** Be sure to tell them you are with The American Legion, **group code is ALFC.** There will be quite a few awards chosen during the Committee meetings. Be sure your Post and its dedicated Legionnaires are represented and possibly awarded by submitting nominations for the many awards available. See an outline of the awards in the following articles. If you have trouble getting a room reservation, please contact this office before going to another hotel.

-  Post Commander and Adjutant Awards
-  Boy Scout Leader and Troop Awards
-  Jr ROTC Cadet of the Year Award
-  Baseball Hall of Fame
-  Post Newsletter Awards
-  Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
-  Fireman & EMS of the Year
-  Employer Awards (several classes)
-  Colon Furr Scholarship
-  JROTC Cadet of the Year Award Form



Award nominees must be submitted by **October 10, 2023 unless otherwise noted on form.** If you need forms for any of the above, please call Department Headquarters or email drose@nclegion.org.

Please note:
As approved with the FY2024 budget,
Conference and Convention
Registration is \$10.00 per member

Oratorical Contest

The time for Oratorical Contests is right around the corner. Oratorical information, including videos, is available at the website, [Oratorical Contest Resources | The American Legion](#). The department information will be ready as soon as the District and Division Commanders get their chairs to the Department. Be sure to have your Post Oratorical Chairman get in touch with school officials as early as possible to ensure every student who would like to participate has the opportunity. The State Oratorical Contest, scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2022, please contact Chairman David Shore to give presentation at the conference.

To All Conference Attendees

It is very important that all attendees register and pay their **\$10.00** registration fee. Your attendance and participation will ensure the success of the conference. It's most important for all Committee/Commission members to attend their meetings and be involved in the business required of their Legion program. If you are on a committee/commission and will not be able to attend your assigned meeting, please contact Headquarters prior to the meeting time and date, so that a note of your excused absence can be placed in your chairman's folder. The day before the conferences and convention the staff will be out of the office at the hotel getting set up. Chairmen requiring anything for their meeting other than their folder, please contact the office in advance to give us time to acquire the items that you will need to carry on your meeting.


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Proper Paperwork


Please encourage all of your members to get their military records and information in order, so when the time comes, the proper honors that they have earned and deserve, will be carried out. Be sure to write down their desires and along with their discharge papers, store in a safe place and advise your relatives where they can be found. These need to be turned over to the appropriate funeral director and they will handle everything from the honor guard to the military head stone.

Membership Transmittals

 Double check the amount of your check with the number of renewals you are transmitting. There should be \$32.50 included for each renewal. Do not send the 2 part cards for your online renewals, you can dispose of them. We get the renewal update from national and do not need them. The same rule applies, “no money – no card.”

 It is important to fill out the information on the right side of the transmittal form so if there is a question or issue, we can call the phone number or mail out information to reach the right person. If you are not transmitting dues for the transfer member, **please do not include a membership card.** When submitting transfers, just remember this quote, “no money – no card”. If you aren’t sending money, don’t send a card.

 National maintains control of the members joining thru the DMS program. Please provide mailing addresses for members transferring from another state or from AD 1981.

 Any member account changes, ie. Address, DOB, email, phone number, deceased status or any other personal information can be emailed or included on the returned member card. If emailing, please include the name and member ID number. Email to lmiller@nclegion.org.

Veterans Service Fund

The following request is still in place. We are asking each member of the Department of NC to donate \$.50 to the Veterans Service Fund. Each post is requested to send \$.50 for each member assigned to the post membership goal for 2024.



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The Legion Act

Remember The Legion Act when asking veterans to join. In a significant legislative victory for The American Legion, President Trump signed a bill July 30, 2019 that declares the United States has been in a state of war since Dec. 7, 1941.

The American Legion sought the declaration to honor approximately 1,600 U.S. servicemembers who were killed or wounded during previously undeclared periods of war. The Act also opens the door for approximately 6 million veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible.

Now that the legislation has been signed, The American Legion’s eligibility criteria immediately changed from seven war eras to two: April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941 to a time later determined by the federal government. No other restrictions to American Legion membership are changed.

Ronald McDonald House

Drop off for Pull Tabs will no longer be available. The Department will continue to receive tabs from individuals and small businesses. Posts, please do not drop off large quantities to the Headquarters. Where to take your pull tabs sheet included with this mailing.

Your efforts assist families when their children are receiving catastrophic medical care as the result of cancer. Please collect the aluminum pull tabs in your community. **Thanks!**

2023-24 ANNUAL SWEEPSTAKES!

GRAND PRIZE, \$1,500
5 prizes of \$500 each

**The drawing will take place at the
Mid-Winter Conference on
Saturday afternoon,
February 17, 2024.**

**Tickets will be mailed out
In November.**

