

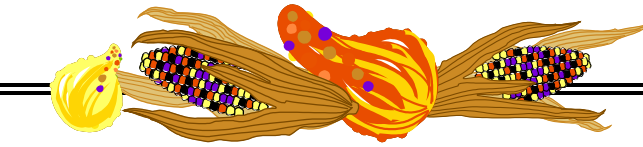


# The Legion Bulletin



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## Veterans Day 2023

The history of Veterans Day began in 1919, with President Woodrow Wilson’s proclamation of Armistice Day, to be “filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory.” In 1954, President Eisenhower signed legislation changing the name of the federal holiday to Veterans Day, acknowledging millions of World War II and Korean War veterans in addition to those of World War I. “On that day,” Eisenhower said, “let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom.” When Congress changed the date of observance to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in October, starting in 1971, state legislatures, veterans groups and the American people urged a return to the original date, and in 1975, President Ford signed legislation authorizing the change. In 1978, the nation’s Veterans Day observance reverted to Nov. 11.

## Oratorical Contest



The time for Oratorical Contests is right around the corner. The contest dates have been scheduled as follows:

- By December 17, 2023** – School Contests completed
- Dec 18-Jan 15, 2024** – Post Contests completed
- Jan 16-Feb 11, 2024** – District Contests
- Feb 12-26, 2024** – Division Contests
- March , 2024** – Department Final, TBA (Snow date following week)

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Post Oratorical Chairmen, please get in touch with school officials as early as possible to insure students who would like to participate have the opportunity.

## Mid Winter Conference

The annual Mid-Winter Conference will be held **February 15-17, 2024**, at the North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh, NC. 1-800-445-8667 is the number for reservations. You must specify you are with The American Legion. **Cutoff date for reservations at this rate is January 15, 2024.** The room rate will be \$115 per night plus tax. If you have trouble securing a room, getting the Legion rate or any other issue, please call Department Headquarters ASAP, so we can help resolve the issue. Your attendance and participation is very important for conducting the business of The American Legion.

## M-W Conference Awards



Enclosed with this mailing are nomination forms for awards that will be selected at Mid-Winter Conference, held **February 15-17, 2024**. Please review the forms, make nominations following the instructions, and return to Department Headquarters by **Jan. 25, 2024 unless stated otherwise**. Nomination Forms enclosed are as follows:

- 🍂 High Adventure Scholarships, and Unit & Leader Awards
- 🍂 Service Officer of the Year
- 🍂 News Media Award
- 🍂 JROTC Officer and NCO Awards
- 🍂 American Legion Patriotic Business Award
- 🍂 CAP Cadet and Commander of the Year
- 🍂 Post Website Award

*Headquarters will be closed  
November 23-24, 2023  
The American Legion Staff wishes  
Everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.*



## Service Officer Assistance

Membership in The American Legion is not a requirement for an American Legion service officer to assist anyone with their veterans' benefits claims, but because of our membership over the years, it allows us to provide this invaluable service to our nation and its many communities. If you have a family member, neighbor or friend that's interested in helping and meets the eligibility requirements, we would be honored to have them as members.

## Meeting Cancellations

District and Division Commanders: If you must cancel or postpone a meeting, please call Department Headquarters, the Department Commander and the Membership Chairman. Travel plans, especially for the Commander and Chairman are booked weeks in advance and we would hate for them to get to a Post only to find the meeting has been cancelled. Commander Ehlers' email [ehlers5150@aol.com](mailto:ehlers5150@aol.com) Membership Chairman Rora Kellis' email [rmkellis@live.com](mailto:rmkellis@live.com)

## Membership Processing Alerts:

Please remember to put your return address and phone number on the transmittal form you send. Loree needs this information if there is a problem with your transmittal.

To get members to renew, try calling or sending a letter to non renewing members in your Post and ask them to renew. Contact the Department and ask for a list of non-renewing DMS members in your area. Contact those that haven't paid their dues this year and ask them to join your Post and renew their membership at the same time.

**On-line renewals:** Please do not send cards and/or payments for the online renewals. We will send a check to the post adjutant quarterly. Give member their portion of the renewal card, and please discard the remainder of the card, we do not need it.

Retention requires communication. No better way than personal contact. We lose more members through non renewal each year than for any other reason. Go Getter Teams/Phone Teams are your answer! Try It. You will like the results.

Please, **out of state transfers and new 1981 (pd 2023 or 2024 with 1 year)**, must include a current address on the member data form.

## Post Adjutants



Do not hold paid member cards and money. Please transmit often to Department Headquarters. As long as you hold paid membership cards and money, your members aren't renewed. Please consider using MyLegion membership processing system. It is very user friendly. You can call Loree and she will walk you through it over the phone, or will make an

appointment for you to come to the office. This will eliminate having to mail any cards or checks. All processing is done online!

## SAL Online Membership

National Headquarters now has online membership processing for SAL Squadrons and SAL members. This is a very user friendly program. Please contact Loree Miller at Department headquarters, [lmiller@nclegion.org](mailto:lmiller@nclegion.org), 919-832-7506, for more information.

## Temporary Financial Assistance

TFA is specifically designed to assist minor children of **eligible legionnaires or active duty military** through cash grants. In order to maintain a stable home environment for the child or children, grants are awarded to help families meet the costs of shelter, utilities, food, and medical expenses. All TFA applications originate at the local post level. A local investigator personally visits with the family to determine the needs of children. A completed application with supporting documents and proof of military service is forwarded to the Department Adjutant. After approval recommendation, this information is forwarded to The Americanism and Children & Youth Division in Indianapolis for review. Upon approval by the National Adjutant, a check is drawn and forwarded to the Dept Adjutant for delivery to the recipient.

## Youth Programs



Each chartered post throughout the state of North Carolina should sponsor at least one youth program. Not only do our youth represent the future of America, they are also the children and grandchildren of our fallen comrades. The American Legion operates and sponsors several programs to benefit young people as well as other patriotic programs that benefit Americans of all ages. Get involved and support your programs.

### Headquarters Phone Extensions Same number for Legion and Auxiliary

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