



The Legion Bulletin



Merry Christmas

December 2023

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Holiday Office Hours:
Closed Dec 25-26, 2023
and Dec 29 and Jan 1, 2024

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Mid Winter Conference

The Department Mid-Winter Conference tentatively scheduled for **February, 15-17, 2024** will be held at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills. Room rates are \$115 plus tax per night. For reservations call 1-800-445-8667, identifying yourself as being with The American Legion by **January 15 for the rate.**

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=RDUNHHF&groupCode=ALMWC&arrivaldate=2024-02-15&departuredate=2024-02-17&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT> Be sure to edit stay dates at top of page.

National dues adjustment for 2025 membership year

The American Legion, Nov 14, 2023

The American Legion's last national per-capita dues will increase from \$18.50 to \$23.50 for the 2025 membership year. The \$5 increase will go into effect July 1, 2024.

American Legion posts are encouraged to complete a post data report in MyLegion.org as quickly as possible to increase your post dues rate, if needed. An early submission will ensure enough time for processing.

And posts should check with their respective department about their per capita dues as well.

The due increase comes at a time when the need for American Legion advocacy, expertise, influence, services and programs are needed in every corner of our nation. And because of the current membership standings and economy. This is a time to continue supporting The American Legion's ability to serve veterans, members of the U.S. armed forces and young people. A national \$5 per-capita dues increase can prevent National Headquarters from having to cut programs and services. The American Legion's ability to succeed over the next decade depends on positive cash flow and the ability to invest in the future



Oratorical Contest

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

By December 17, 2023 – School Contests completed

Dec 18-Jan 15, 2024 – County or Post Contests completed

Jan 16-Feb 11, 2024 – District Contests

Feb 12-26, 2024 – Division Contests

March 23, 2024 – Westwood Baptist Church, Cary

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, 2024.**



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.

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Civil Air Patrol Cadet and CAP Commander of the Year Form

Post Website Award Form

American Legion Patriotic Business Award Form



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, 2024, the 2024 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 + Reinstate + DMS List = Success

Baseball and Softball Season 2024

The 2024 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, 2024.

2024 NC Boys State’s 84th Year

The 84th session of the 2024 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. New Boys State promo flyer attached.

**New Headquarters Phone Extensions
Same number for Legion and Auxiliary
919-832-7506**

Legion Adjutant	Extension 5
Legion Exec Secretary	Extension 3
Legion Membership	Extension 2
Legion Program Manager	Extension 4
Auxiliary Secretary	Extension 1

