



# The Legion Bulletin



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## 2024 Department Convention Voting

Chairmen of post delegations should check with the Headquarters staff at the Convention Registration Desk at the North Raleigh Hilton upon arrival in Raleigh to be sure that their Post delegates are properly certified. In accordance with Article V Section 9 of the Department Constitution and By-Laws, only those Posts whose delegates are duly certified and whose registration fee has been paid will be permitted to vote in the Department elections. The pre-registration fee is \$10.00 per delegate. Registration at the Convention will be \$12.00 per delegate. Certification for delegates must be received at headquarters no later than **June 11, 2024**.

Be sure to get a copy of the convention schedule at the Legion registration desk upon arrival as there may be last minute updates on meeting room and time changes.

## Post Commander/Adjutant Packets

This year we are again endeavoring to get an early start on our 2024-2025 membership program. In order to do this, it is imperative we get the Commander and Adjutant packets and 2025 membership cards into the proper hands as soon as possible. The packets will be ready for you to pick up during the Department Convention, June 19-22, in the Judicial room, the same as our registration at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC. **Please be sure to sign for your packet and give your Post number so that we can determine who has not received a packet. *If it is impossible for you to attend the Convention, please make arrangements with someone from your Post or one nearby to pick up your packet. If a nearby post is picking them up, please let us know prior to convention. Any cards not picked up will be mailed and billed to the post.***



## Newly Elected Post Officers

Your tenure of office for the current membership year is quickly coming to a close. However, many of you will be re-elected and continue to serve your Post, while others will be replaced by new officers. The staff at Department Headquarters hopes that this monthly bulletin has been of some value to you. If you have not already done so, please forward a list of your newly elected Officers as soon as possible. **(Forms, both Post Information and Certification of Post Officers, are included in this mailing)** Please notify Headquarters **EVEN IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES** so we can make sure our records are complete for mailing and emailing purposes. It is our constant desire to be of assistance to each Post, and it is only through a team effort that we are able to accomplish our goals throughout the year. **It is important to report address changes, i.e. new zip codes, and email addresses. To ensure you will get the information you need, make sure our information about you is correct. We are encouraging as many post officers who would like the mailing to start receiving it by email. Please be sure to complete the back of the post information form.**

## SAL Convention

The Annual Sons of the American Legion Convention will be held in conjunction with the Department Convention. It is scheduled to convene at 9:00 AM, Sat., June 22, in the Dogwood room at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills, Raleigh, NC. A training session will be held on Friday at 2:00 PM in Dogwood.

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### CONVENTION JUNE 19-22, 2024 HILTON RALEIGH NORTH HILLS

Wednesday, June 19, 2024	Registration Opens
Thursday, June 20, 2024	Committee Meetings
Friday, June 21 2024	DEC Meeting, morning Convention Opens, 1:00 PM Buffet Banquet, 6:30 PM
	Entertainment National Guard Banquet Form included with mailing
Saturday, June 22, 2024	Convention continues, 8:30AM Elections, 1:00 PM



## Student Trooper Program

The Student Trooper Program will be held at the North Carolina Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh the week of **July 14-19, 2024**. Forty (40) students who have just successfully completed their junior or senior year can be accommodated at the facility, so be sure to get applications in early. The fee is \$200.00. Applications may be obtained by calling Department Headquarters. Deadline for this program is July 1, 2024 or until filled.

## Boys' State Program

Please remind your delegates to Boys' State to take band instruments and athletic equipment (tennis rackets, baseball gloves, etc.) with them to Catawba College. Thanks to all the posts who have sponsored Boys' State Delegates. We expect a class of approximately 125-150 delegates and are gratified by the warm welcome Catawba College is extending to The American Legion. Dates are June 16-22, 2024. There will not be a Boys State Committee meeting at the convention.

## Legion College, Called DEC Meeting

This year's Legion College will be held at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills. The dates are August 1-3, 2024. Room rates are \$115.00 per night plus tax. There will be a food and entertainment event on Friday evening. Ticket price to be \$20. There will be a 50/50 drawing at the Friday night event to benefit Legion Programs. Registration form is enclosed in this mailing. A schedule of classes will be available at a later date. For reservations, call 919-872-2323. Be sure to mention you are with the American Legion.

## Appeal to All Members for Support

Your support is very necessary and appreciated with our Department Enhancement Programs. These funds are very much needed to maintain our Department budget which affects all of our programs and in every aspect of our Department. Please encourage all of your members to support these efforts to help maintain our Department for all of its members. Remember: one of the best ways to help your American Legion Department of North Carolina is to sign up a new member.

### **BOY STATE AND STUDENT TROOPER PROGRAM 2024**

Please note there is still room in both the Boys State Program and the Student Trooper Program. We will continue to accept your applications during May for Boys State and through June for Student Trooper.

**Please remember to let your students know they are accepted for their program as you, the Post, are the ones who accept the students.**

## The Legion Bulletin Legionnaire Insurance Trust LIT

Please make sure that your post members are aware of the enhanced **NO COST** benefit of the new Legion Care. **FREE AD&D** insurance. Just fill out the form and mail it in for coverage. Nothing is automatic, so you must mail the form. **\$5,000** in accidental Death coverage for covered accidents that occur if you are traveling on official Legion business. **\$1000.00** for all other covered accidents. 24/7 protection that covers Legionnaires at home, work or while they are traveling away from home. This is available to all "**current**" Legion members. This is one thing that you just do not want to "put off".

## Ronald McDonald Pull Tabs

This is a reminder that the Ronald McDonald House is still not able to pick up your Aluminum Pull Tabs for the NC Ronald McDonald Houses. Your donations are very important to the families that stay at the Ronald McDonald Houses while their child or children are going through cancer treatments. Please continue to donate at your local Ronald McDonald House or recycle the tabs at your nearest scrap metal business and send the funds to headquarters. We will forward to RMH.

## The American Legion Programs

Knowing is understanding and appreciating. Attend an American Legion Baseball Game; attend a high school Oratorical Contest; attend a graduation of Boys State; attend a graduation of the Student Trooper program; attend the medals presentation during a JROTC event at your local High School; attend a Boy Scout (Eagle Scout) Court of Honor; attend a Junior Shooting Sports (Air Rifle) Competition. The American Legion has so much to offer our youth, but only if they are aware of them. Get involved with these programs, you will be glad you did!

## Post Everlasting

It is customary to honor the memory of our departed comrades each year at this time by listing the names of all Legionnaires who have passed away during the FY2024 year in the Convention Memorial Service Program. We will hopefully be able to access a listing from MyLegion. In the meantime, please check to be sure you have marked as deceased post members who have passed away since July 1, 2023.

### **CONVENTION BANQUET SOUTHERN BUFFET**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024**

**CASH BAR – 6:30 PM  
DINNER – 7:00 PM**

