

The Legion Bulletin

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2024 Department Convention

The 2024 Department Convention will be held June 19-22 at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills, Raleigh, NC. Reservations can be made by calling, 1-800-445-8667 or online:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyho cn=RDUNHHF&groupCode=AMLNC&arrivaldate=2024-06-19&departuredat=2024-06-23&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTON LINKDIRECT>

Room rates are \$115 plus tax, single or double. **The cut-off for rooms at this rate is May 19, 2024.**

Convention Delegate Certification

The Department Constitution requires that all Post Officers, Delegates, and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected annually at a Post meeting held not more than 45 days prior to the Department Convention and that all Post Officers, Post Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be certified to the Department Headquarters not more than 30 days nor less than 10 days prior to the Department Convention, certification to be made on forms furnished or prescribed by the Department. Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention must be certified to the Department Headquarters not less than 10 days prior to the Department Convention regardless of whether their registration fee is paid in advance or not. In order to vote, every Post in the Department must comply with this requirement and be sure to certify their Department Convention Delegates and Alternates.

This form must be completed and received at department headquarters no later than June 11, 2024.

The Department Judge Advocate has ruled that in order for a delegate or alternate to vote at the convention, the person's name must be on the original Certification form submitted to department headquarters, and no changes may be made after **June 11, 2024**. Also, you may only list as many alternates as you are authorized delegates.

Convention Banquet

There will be a Convention Banquet on Friday evening, June 21, 2024. Tickets are available \$50.00. Menu to follow in May.

Post Officers for 2024-2025

It is extremely important to take the time to fill out the Post Information Form and return it to Department Headquarters. This is how we update our mailing list for monthly mailings, emails, as well as our Post Officers Roster. Pay close attention to your phone numbers, being sure to include your area code. Please provide your email address in legible handwriting. This form also has a section for notifying the Department where the monthly mailing is to be sent, or new this year, on the back, where we can email the mailing. Also remember, the Monthly Mailing is also posted on our Legion website at www.nclegion.org.

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.

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Boys' State Program

Check to see that all applications are completed with the correct information and that a completed medical form is attached. Only students just completing their Jr year will be permitted to attend the program. The fee for 2024 is \$500. **The SAMSUNG application is completed on the national website. Once submitted, the delegate needs to print out and bring to Catawba College. They will turn it in at registration. Please do not mail with the applications.**

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, 2024.

Legion College

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.

Final District Meetings

Please see enclosed District Meeting Schedule for the date and time of your District's final meeting. It is very important to have a Post representative attend. Election of District Commander and National Convention Delegates will take place at this meeting. All District Commanders and District Vice Commanders must have a copy of their DD-214 on file at Department Headquarters before being installed.

Membership Awards Deadlines

May 17, 2024

New Recruiter of the Year
Department Recruiter of the Year

May 17, 2024

Commander's Coin Award

May 17, 2024

Silver and Gold Brigade
National Recruiter of the Year

All forms and manual available on www.nclegion.org or contact lmiller@nclegion.org, 919-832-7506 ext.104.

Legionnaire Insurance Trust

For information about a full range of Insurance products, call **1-800-235-6943**. These include Medicare supplement, Long Term Care, Hospital Income Plan, Cancer Care, Dental Plan, Accident Protection, Travel Accident, Auto and Homeowners, and much more. Be sure that all of your post members have signed up for the **Free** \$5,000.00 accidental death benefit through LIT. Extra forms are available to you at Department Headquarters. Please don't buy any insurance until you have received a quote from LIT. Thanks!

REMINDER: Don't forget, all of your post members are important. Please don't let them forget that. Consider forming a "**Contact Committee**" or "**Go Getter Committee**" in your post.

Convention Awards

The following awards are some of the awards that will be selected at the convention:

- Legionnaire of the Year
- Community Service Award
- Service to God and Country
- Children and Youth Narrative
- Children and Youth Service Award
- Post Law and Order Award
- Patriotic School Award
- There are other awards based on the Consolidated Post Reports, so be sure to submit your CPR before June 1.

If you would like an application for any of the awards above, please call Department Headquarters and we will get one to you, or access on our website at www.nclegion.org.

National Convention New Orleans

The National Convention will be held in New Orleans this year, August 23-29, 2024. Our hotel will be the Springhill Suites Convention Center. This is an all suites hotel. Room rates will be \$149.00 per night plus tax, (16.20% plus \$1.00) for a total of \$174.13 per night. The registration form is included with this mailing.

Department Convention Banquet

Friday evening, June 21, 2024

Dinner and Entertainment

Tickets - \$50.00