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Fall Conference

The annual Fall Conference will be held October 24-26, 2024 at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC. Room rates are \$115 plus tax and reservations may be made by The calling 1-800-445-8667. **Cut off date for reservations at this rate is September 25, 2024.** Be sure to tell them you are with The American Legion. 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.

Colon Furr Selection

The Legion Riders Committee will be selecting recipients at the Fall Conference. Enclosed with this mailing is the application. The deadline for submission is **September 25, 2024**. Each post may only submit ONE applicant. If you have two worthy applicants, try to get another post in your area involved. Please get these applications distributed ASAP so deserving nursing students will be able to compete for this scholarship.

Boy Scout Awards

Each year at the Fall Conference the Boy Scout Committee selects the following awards; Scout Leader, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Explorer Unit Leader of the Year, Cub Pack, Explorer Scout Unit, Varsity Scout Unit and Scout Troop Awards. All applications must be received at Department Headquarters by **October 10, 2024**.

The Monthly Mailing is only available by email or on our website at www.nclegion.org. If you would prefer to get it by email, please let us know and we will add you to our distribution list.

Post Commander and Post Adjutant of the Year

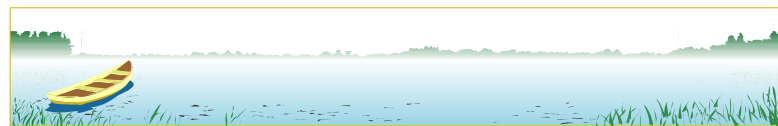
Please be sure to nominate your Post Commander and Adjutant for this important award! The award should be based on the activities and work of the preceding American Legion fiscal year. This year's nomination should be someone who held office from June 2023 – June 2024. The nomination forms are enclosed with this mailing. Please submit any completed forms to Department Headquarters by **October 10, 2024**. The Community Service Committee will judge both awards and present the winners at the Fall Conference.

Post Newsletter of the Year

The Public Relations Committee will select the Post Newsletter of the Year Award winner at the Fall Conference. Any Post that wants to submit their newsletter in the competition needs to provide a copy of each newsletter mailed out in the last year. Send your newsletters to Department Headquarters **no later than October 10, 2024**.

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Employer Awards Program

Each year the American Legion National Economic Commission and The Department Veterans Employment and Veterans Preference Committee honors Employer of The Year in 5 categories. Those are:

1. The Employer of Veterans Award (Small, 50 or fewer employees)
2. The Employer of Veterans award (Med, 51-200 employees)
3. The Employer of Veterans Award (Large=201 or more employees)
4. The Employer of Older Workers Award
5. The Employer of Disabled Award

Nomination forms for these programs have been distributed to each North Carolina Employment Security Commission Office in North Carolina. If your Post knows of any employer who should be honored in one of the categories, please contact your local ESC office and work with them in filling out a nomination form. If you need a copy of any of the forms, please call Department Headquarters. All nominations are to be forwarded to Department Headquarters no later than **October 10, 2024 or turned in on Friday morning October 25 in Raleigh** for judging at the Department Fall Conference. The Department winner in each category will be forwarded to National to compete for the National Award.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Fireman/EMS of the Year

The Law and Order Committee will be selecting the North Carolina Law Enforcement Officer of the Year as well as the Fireman of the Year and EMS of the Year at the **Fall Conference**. Please read over the guidelines for these most important awards included in this month's mailing. The winners will be North Carolina's submission to National Headquarters in January. Please follow the guidelines closely as this will help with the format National requires. Let's recognize our first responder Law Officers by nominating them for this award.

Baseball Hall of Fame

All nominations for inductees into the Baseball Hall of Fame **must be received at Department Headquarters by October 10, 2024**. The selection will be made at the Fall Conference. Please use the nomination form enclosed. Date and location of the Hall of Fame banquet to be announced at a later date.

Membership Reminders

Here a few membership reminders for the coming year!

- **PROCESSING:** If you are not processing online and would like to, please call Loree so she can set you up in the system. (Phone number below.)
- **PUFL MEMBERS:** Please keep addresses, and personal information as well as deceased members as current as possible. National will not pay a PUFL with an undeliverable address
- **TARGET DATES:** Are posted online at www.nclegion.org and are available in the membership manual.
- **MEMBERSHIP** awards manuals are available on the Legion website or upon request.

Please feel free to contact me at any time for assistance at **919-832-7506, press 2, Loree Miller Membership Coordinator.**

High School Oratorical Contest

Now is the time to contact your local High School concerning participants in this year's Oratorical Contest. Don't forget the year round schools and also the home schooled. Private schools can and should be included. Out of the over 400 high schools in North Carolina, we should have contestants from each of our 25 Districts. Please get involved with this wonderful program that provides many opportunities for the youth in our communities. Thanks for all that you are doing. As you know, everything starts at the Post level.

Monthly Mailing

As always, please look through all of the information that we email to your post. There are certain due dates that must adhered to, or things do not happen. Everything affects something so these due dates are important and affect many programs and many awards. There are also forms that affect your post when not filled out in a timely manner, such as the requested post information concerning your post dues and post location and post officers. Please contact Department Headquarters when in doubt or need clarification with any forms. **Also, be sure your post members know they can view the monthly mailing on our website at www.nclegion.org.**

