



The Legion Bulletin

December 2024

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Holiday Office Hours:
Closed Dec 24-25, 2024
and Dec 31 and Jan 1, 2025



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Mid Winter Conference

The Department Mid-Winter Conference scheduled for **February, 13-15, 2025** will be held at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills. Room rates are \$117 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=AMLWC&arrivaldate=2025-02-13&departuredate=2025-02-15&cid=OM> Be sure to edit stay dates at top of page. Code if calling for reservation is **AMLWC.**

Legionnaire support for Those Impacted by Hurricane Helene

We would like to take the time to thank all the posts and members who have contributed to the needs of our fellow veterans, members and their communities suffering from the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Your support through donations, time, monies and volunteer work has been immense.

Thank you for all you have done

Your generosity and good deeds have not gone unnoticed.

Oratorical Contest

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

By December 17, 2024 – School Contests completed

Dec 18-Jan 15, 2025 – County or Post Contests completed

Jan 16-Feb 11, 2025 – District Contests

Feb 12-Mar 2, 2025 – Division Contests

March 29, 2025 – Post 6 Chapel Hill

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, 2025.**



2024-25 RIFLE RAFFLE

**GRAND PRIZE, Special edition Gold plated .22 caliber Henry Repeating Rifle
5 prizes of \$100 each**

**The drawing to be held
Mid-Winter Conference on
Saturday afternoon, February 15, 2025.**

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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, 2025, the 2025 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 you 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 + Reinstatement + DMS List = Success

Baseball and Softball Season 2025

The 202 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, 2025.

2025 NC Boys State's 85th Year

The 85th session of the 2025 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. Tar Heel Boys State processing information included with this mailing.

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
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