

The Legion Bulletin

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Oratorical Contest



2025 Oratorical Contest Dates as follows:

District 2	Feb 8, 2025, 10:00 AM, Post 38 Roanoke Rapids
District 3	Sat Feb 1, 2025, 11:00 AM, Post 39 Greenville
District 5	Sat, Feb 8, 2025, Post 138 Roxboro, Time TBD
District 6	Sat Feb 8, 2025, 11:00 AM, Post 24 New Bern
District 8	Sat, Jan 18, 2025, 11:00 AM, Post 230 Spring Lake
District 9	Jan 25, 2025, 10:00 AM, St James Community Ctr
District 16	Jan 19, 2025, 2:00 PM, Post 49 Hamlet
District 20	Jan 25, 2025, 11:00 AM, Post 353 Paw Creek
District 21	Sun, Feb 2, 2025 1 st Baptist Ch, Time TBD
Division I	Sat Mar 1, 2025, 11:00 AM Post 38 Roanoke Rapids

Division II
Division III
Division IV
Division V

March 29, 2025 – Dept. Final, Post 6 Chapel Hill, 12:00 PM,
If any contests are not listed above, please call with information.

Baseball 2025

The same as last year, all baseball registration is handled online by National Headquarters. There are no exceptions to this. If you do not register at the National designated website, your team cannot play American Legion Baseball. This is also true for the K&K insurance. Proof of insurance must still be submitted to the Department. Any team who fails to purchase insurance from K&K shall be disqualified. Any new team must submit **a non refundable forfeit fee** to Department Headquarters, \$500 for both Jr. and Sr. teams, before the start of play. You will be able to register online in January.



Mid Winter Conference

The Department Mid-Winter Conference will be held **February 13-15, 2025**, at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh, NC. 1-800-445-8667 is the toll free # for reservations, or the online link is: <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**. The room rate will be \$117 per night plus tax.. **Cutoff date for reservations at this rate is January 15, 2025.** Please contact this office with any concerns with your reservations.

The following awards will be selected:

- Rehabilitation, Service Officer of the Year,
- Public Relations Committee will select the News Media Award and Post Website Award
- Boy Scout Committee will be selecting High Adventure Award.
- JROTC Committee will select the JROTC and NCO, CAP Squadron & Deputy Squadron Cmdr Awards
- Community Service will select Post Honor Guard Award and new Patriotic Business Awards.

Call Department Headquarters if you need forms.

2025 Convention & Conference Dates

Convention **June 18-21, 2025**

Legion College, **July 17-19, 2025**

Fall Conference **October 23-25, 2025**

All will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh. Room rate for 2025, \$117.00 per night.

Leading National Commander Candidate

Dan Wiley
will be attending the
Mid-Winter Conference.
February 13-15, 2025

Rifle Drawing
Saturday, February 15, 2025

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Student Trooper Program

The session of the North Carolina Student Trooper Program will be held at the NC Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh sometime during June or July. At this time, up to 40 students who have successfully completed their junior or senior year can be accommodated at the training center, so be sure to get applications in early. The fee will be \$200.00 per student this year. Applications will be available soon at our website or by contacting Department Headquarters.

Boys' State Plans for 2025

Brochures and all forms for the 2025 American Legion



Tar Heel Boys' State are available online at www.tarheelboysstate.org or by contacting the department at drose@nclegion.org. This year's session will be held **June 15-21, 2025 at Catawba College** and the fee remains at **\$500.00**.

ROTC Medals Available

Requests for ROTC medals for deserving cadets will be coming in from schools across the state. Department Headquarters will provide medals for colleges and universities. It is customary for the Posts to supply the medals for the local high schools. You may order your medals for high schools direct from the Emblem Sales Catalog. (1-888-453-4466)

Membership Messages

Please process all memberships with cards and transmittals reflecting **\$37.50 per member**. New transmittals with the rates are available as well as a new rate sheet. Please contact Loree.

Post New Year's Resolutions

1. Make sure all post members are signed up for the FREE \$1000.00/\$5000.00 AD&D Insurance through LIT.
2. Make sure that your post is Incorporated.
3. Make sure that your post has the proper EIN number
4. Make sure that your post files the 990 with the IRS, yearly.
6. Appoint a Go-Getter Committee to make contact with all of your post members for making contact for their

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well being and for their membership dues. Shows you care!

7. Have a member at the entrance to your post meeting area to greet everyone that enters to make them feel welcome.
8. Share with your members all of the information in the monthly mailing.
9. Make sure that you have a post representative at all of your District and Division Meetings if possible.
10. Invite local dignitaries to be a guest speaker at your meetings. Be sure to invite your local veteran Service Officer to share important veterans' benefits that they may not be aware of. Invite your local Military recruiter to inform your members of the modern day military.
11. How would your Post answer the following questions?
 - Is your post fulfilling a useful function?
 - Whether it is an organization attracting veterans
 - Is your post truly a community asset?

The National Emergency Fund

The American Legion's National Emergency Fund is set up to quickly and efficiently provide money to affected Legion Family members and posts. A full 100 percent of donations to NEF are turned into grants. Donations are not used to cover administrative and promotional costs. With the devastation from the hurricanes that hit both western North Carolina and Florida, there is still a great need to get funds to posts and members in the areas affected by these storms. You can forward your donations to Department Headquarters, or donate directly online at www.legion.org. Thank you.

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**.

