



# The Legion Bulletin

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## 2021 Department Convention

The 2021 Department Convention will be held June 9-13 at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel, Raleigh, NC. Reservations can be made by calling, 1-800-445-8667 or online: : <https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/R/RDUNHHF-ALNC-20210610/index.jhtml>  
Room rates are \$107 plus tax, single or double. **The cut-off for rooms at this rate is May 11, 2021.**

## 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 1, 2021.**

**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 1, 2021. Also, you may only list as many alternates as you are authorized delegates.**

## Sweepstakes Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$10,000  
Robert H. Fortkiewicz, High Point  
2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> Prize \$1,000 each  
Billy Moss, Shelby  
David Marshall, Statesville  
Robert C Lloyd, Jacksonville  
Steven L. Laws, Durham  
Richard J Mathias, Durham

## Student Trooper Program

Due to the pandemic, the NC Highway Patrol will not be able to host the Student Trooper Program for 2021. They will be training their own cadets through the summer and into the fall. We hope to have the program back on track for next summer 2022.

## Post Officers for 2021-2022

Enclosed is a Post Information Form for reporting your newly elected or re-elected Post Officers. It is extremely important to fill this out and return it to Dept. Headquarters. This is how we update our mailing list for monthly mailings as well as our Post Officers Roster. Be sure to include the area code when listing your phone numbers. Also, be sure to include your e-mail addresses. This is our main source of information from your Post informing us where to send vital information concerning your Posts.

## Membership Reminders!

Adjutants, you will be receiving your annual **Post Data Report Form**. It needs to be returned to Department Headquarters no later than **April 15**. If not returned, any changes will not show up on renewal notices for next membership year. This includes the correct dues as well as the correct address for the dues notice to be mailed. Also complete the American Legion National Headquarters Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders and Adjutants. These forms are forwarded to national. It is where all info posted at national is updated. Our NC website will also be directing any post inquiries to the information national headquarters has listed for each NC post under Find a Post.

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## 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. Nominations for election of District Commander and National Convention Delegates will take place at this meeting.

## Consolidated Post Reports

A Reminder – it is important that your Post complete the Consolidated Post Report. In order for your Post to be considered for any awards presented by Community Service Committee, Children and Youth Commission or Americanism Commission at the Convention, this form must be completed and **returned to Department Headquarters** by May 31. This form is available for download on our website, or go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) to fill it in online. Contact Loree at [lmiller@nclegion.org](mailto:lmiller@nclegion.org) to have the form emailed or for a hard copy to be mailed.

## 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 membership year in the Convention Memorial Service Program. We have the names of all those who have been reported as deceased on membership transmittal cards and member data forms. Please check your rosters and submit those deceased members who have not yet been reported. Names must be submitted by **May 31, 2021** for us to include them in the program.

## LegionCare Program

As a member of the Legion Family, you're eligible for up to \$5,000.00 in NO COST To You coverage. But your Confirmation is REQUIRED for activation.

**\$5,000.00 ACCIDENTAL DEATH PROTECTION MEMBER-ONLY BENEFIT:**

Your beneficiary will receive a check for \$5,000.00 if you suffer a fatal covered accident while you are traveling to or from or participating in any covered event conducted for Legion business, or \$1,000.00 for all other fatal covered accidents. You pay nothing for this coverage.

The Department endorses this coverage to stand by your family with up to \$1,000.00 cash benefits paid straight to your beneficiary, if you suffer a fatal covered accident at home, on the job, in your car, on vacation, while traveling, wherever you are. Once you are enrolled in LegionCare, you are covered as long as you maintain your membership. To contact, go to [www.TheLIT.com](http://www.TheLIT.com) or call 1-800-235-6943.

## Bits and Pieces

The Department and the National Judge Advocates have ruled that No Drinking is allowed in any official Legion meeting. This includes regular monthly meetings and post executive meetings. If you need clarification on this issue please be in contact with Judge Advocate Gaither Keener.

## The Legion Bulletin

Your uniform Cap: **Post Cap** is solid blue in color. Nothing allowed on left side except, City name in full, state abbreviated. Example; Raleigh, NC Name tag should be blue in color.

**District Cap** is a blue cap with a white crown. Nothing on left side except District name in full and your state abbreviated. Example; 11<sup>th</sup> District, NC. Name tag should be white/blue.

**Department Cap** is solid white in color. Nothing on the left side except your state in full Example; North Carolina. Name tag should be white in color

**National Cap** should be solid red in color. Nothing on the left side except your state in full. Example; North Carolina. Name tag should be red in color.

These items can be purchased through Emblem Sales 1-888-453-4466 or [emblem.legion.org](http://emblem.legion.org), except where noted.

District Vice Commander and higher office, caps, must be ordered through Department headquarters. If you need assistance, please be in contact with Sheila, 919-832-7506.

A reminder from Dept. Judge Advocate, a post must contact Department Headquarters before the sale of post property.

This is to ensure that the proper legal guidelines are followed thus preventing possible legality issues.

## Legislative Day in Raleigh

Legislative Day has been cancelled for 2021.

## Boys' State Program

The Boys' State application deadline is **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. After this date, please be sure that all applications are completed with the correct information and that a completed medical form is attached. This year's program is limited to 170 delegates. Students just completing their Jr or Sr year will be permitted to attend the program. Using Covid guidelines for safety, delegates will be assigned single sleeping rooms. Due to increased safety measures including an increase in insurance costs, it is necessary to raise the fee for 2021 to \$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.**

## Legion College

This year's Legion College is in the planning stages. We are working with the Hilton in Raleigh for an in person Legion College 2021. The tentative dates are July 9 and 10. Room rates at the Hilton will be \$107.00 per night. More information will be sent as soon as it is available.





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DATE: April 1, 2021

MEMO TO: All Legionnaires and Boys State Participants

FROM: Randy Cash, Department Adjutant

SUBJECT: 2021 Tarheel Boys State

The 2021 Boy State program is scheduled to take place at Catawba College June 20-26, 2021. The following information is provided to update and aid in securing delegates for this year's session.

Various factors have necessitated a change in some of the program details and protocols.

- The Board Executive Committee (BEC) at the recommendation of the Department Finance Commission (DFC) voted to raise the tuition for each delegate fee from \$400 to \$500 at this time. This increase was necessitated by rising insurance costs and Covid-19 protocols.
- The total number of delegates will be limited to 170. Each delegate will occupy a single sleeping room to comply with safety practices. All classrooms are required to social distance and larger groups will meet outdoors. The safety of the delegates is a first and foremost priority.

The American Legion Department of North Carolina desires to give the delegates to the 2021 session of the Tarheel Boys State program the best and safest session possible. Thank you for your support.





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Legionnaires of North Carolina,

I am happy to announce that on Wednesday 31 March 2021, the Board Executive Committee (BEC) of The American Legion Department of North Carolina voted unanimously to hold a live Department Convention at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills 10 - 12 June 2021. This decision is a major step forward in returning to a pre-covid schedule of events and programs for the department.

There will be certain modifications due to COVID-19 restrictions. Our staff in Raleigh is working closely with the Hilton to ensure protocols are in place to safeguard the health and safety of all participants. The hotel provided the following information regarding their CleanStay & EventReady programs:

*As it has always been, the safety and security of our guests and team members remains our highest priority. We are doing everything we can to ensure your travel safety and provide maximum flexibility during this time.*

*We take great pride in maintaining the highest standards of cleanliness and hygiene. Given the effects of COVID-19, we have taken additional measures in our hotel today, developed in consultation with global and local public health authorities (including the WHO and CDC), to make our cleaning and hygiene protocols even more rigorous. Here are some things that we are doing:*

- *Increased focused disinfection of top 10 high touch areas in guest rooms like light switches and door handles*
- *Increased cleaning and disinfection frequency of public areas*
- *Guest-accessible disinfecting wipes at entrances and high traffic areas*
- *Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of fitness center*
- *Enhanced cleaning & operational changes to restaurants, bars, in-room dining and meeting spaces*
- *Social distancing furniture adjustments in public areas, bar, and restaurant*
- *Meeting space alternative set ups to accommodate social distancing guidelines*
- *Utilization of Hilton Digital CheckIn and Digital Key for a contactless check in processes*
- *Enhanced Team Member safety and well-being with personal protective equipment and enhanced training and protocols*

In the coming days headquarters will be sending out information regarding registration, delegate certification, and schedule. Please contact the department staff if you have questions.

It is not trite to say that this past year has been a challenge. In my letter to you in April 2020, announcing the cancellation of the Department Convention, I said that we would overcome this pandemic and move forward as an organization. Legionnaires showed and continue to show through their resilience and commitment to our founding principles that The American Legion is prepared to continue its legacy of service to God and Country.

I look forward to seeing you in Raleigh in June.

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James D. Moore Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JAMES D. MOORE, JR.  
Department Commander

# *The American Legion*

Department of



North Carolina

## AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NC W. DUDLEY ROBBINS LAW & ORDER POST AWARD

The American Legion Department of North Carolina, W. Dudley Robbins Law and Order Award shall be presented on an annual basis to the Post in North Carolina judged by the Department Law and Order Committee to have the most outstanding Law and Order Program for the year preceding the award.

The award will consist of suitable permanent trophy that will reside in Department headquarters with the winning Post names and numbers inscribed on it. Also, a suitable plaque will be awarded to the winning Post for placement in the Post Home for permanent possession.

Criteria for judging the award was established by the Law and Order Committee and approved by the Department Executive Committee. The Post should submit in resume form, a summary of their Law and Order activities during the previous year. The following will be considered as a part of the criteria for judging, but shall not be limited to or inclusive of only these actions:

1. Post has an active Law and Order Committee and an on-going Law and Order Program.
2. Programs of Law and Order Committee must include actions of public community awareness, community involvement and enhancement, respect and appreciation of law enforcement agencies and their representatives, i.e. at law enforcement person recognition affair, and the selection of a Law Enforcement Officer of the Year within the local Post community for competition within the Department.

Selection shall be made at the Department Convention and the award to the winning Post shall be presented annually at the Fall Conference.

You are urged to attach photos, newspaper clippings, etc. to your resume and submit same to Department Headquarters not later than May 30.





## Membership & Post Activity

April 2021

Last Big Push!

### April Key Points.

- Home Stretch for the 2020-21 Membership Year.
- Every Post, District & Division can achieve 100% membership..
- Lots of Posts, Districts have attained or surpassed their goals this year
- **All the May awards in the Membership Awards Manual cutoff is May 13th, 2021**
- DO NOT SIT ON MEMBERSHIP! You must transmit membership within 30 days of receipt of membership money.
- NO YOU CANNOT SIT ON MEMBERSHIP UNTIL JULY!

### MyLegion.

It's new, it's different & National is still uploading all the segments.

- Access is through a personal MyLegion account with approved group access.
- Commanders & Adjutants should be automatic. First Vice, Finance, Assistant Adjutants or others need to be approved by the Commander or Adjutant and assigned group access.
- Training is located on MyLegion under Resources.
- Training modules are also located on our website under Membership.
- How to move within your accounts.
- How to move within your groups.
- Reports are being added by National
- Labels are being added by National
- 1981 Transfers will resume shortly.

### Why did you join the American Legion?

To Make a Difference?  
To help other Veterans?  
To help with youth programs?

So how is your Post doing?

Is your Post making a Difference?  
Is your Post helping other Veterans?  
Is your Post participating in youth programs?  
Does your Post encourage & engage new members?

**Does your Post dismiss new ideas because you've never done it that way?**

***Maybe it's time to take a deep look at your Post and your Activities.***

### Post Actions

- ♦ Pull out those military service or American Legion t-shirts and baseball caps. Advertise everywhere you go as part of your day to day activities.
- ♦ Make sure you have an application for each of the American Legion family groups in your wallet. Legion, Auxiliary, & Sons of the American Legion.
- ♦ Warmer weather brings out the motorcycles & the classic cars. How about creating a local American Legion Riders or American Legion Cruisers unit?
- ♦ Plan/Host a Post Open House. If you missed the opportunity for the American Legion birthday, how about planning an event later this year to show off your Post, your Programs & your People.
- ♦ Military Honors Team. Work with your funeral homes to list your Post as the Military Honors Team in local obituaries.
- ♦ Color Guard. Advertise when & where your Color Guard will be in action.

### Perception is Reality

- Is your Post "Cheers" where everyone knows your name and family friendly or does it look like a relic of the Cold War hiding behind fences, walls & secrecy?
- Is your Post the scene of veteran activity or is no one home?
- Does your Post host fantastic meals or does the FDA need to investigate?
- Does the local police know your Post because you're a popular 911 call?
- Is your Post a good neighbor with a clean, neat building & yard or do you "look" like survivors of a Zombie Apocalypse?
- When veterans or families call for help with veteran issues or Legion programs, do you know who to call or do you ignore them because well there just isn't time & it isn't your job?

**How you look, act & participate in your community not only reflects on you but every other Post/Auxiliary/SAL under the American Legion banner.**

### Updates & Common Questions.

- ♦ **District Meeting Attendance.** How do you keep your Post up-to-date with the latest news, programs and changes. It's essential for each Post to attend District meetings. Make an effort to have the Commander, VCommander or a Post Officer attend them all.



♦**District Meeting Decisions.** When the District meets and there are decisions to be made, votes can be required. If your Post is not at the meeting, you are not represented, you lose your voice & may not like the results.

♦**Leadership Training.** How do you run a proper Post if you don't learn how to be an officer? When is the last time you actually read the Officers Manual? Learn the rules, guidance and skills at Legion College, Division Post Leadership Training or by taking the free Basic Training Class online.

♦**10% Rule of Membership.** Each year your post will loose on average 10% of your members to death and other reasons. Here's what you can do.

⇒ First make contact. Find out why they have not renewed. Is it fixable? Is it a hardship? If a hardship, does the Post want to cover the Department and National cost of \$27.50 for this year?

⇒ Second. You need to recruit at least an equal number of members in order to maintain membership. You will need to exceed that number to grow.

♦**10% Rule of Participation.** Only 10% on average of your members will participate in Post activities. So for every 10 members you recruit, 1 will participate. Don't let your Post take the attitude that only participants need apply. Participation can end abruptly due to illness or family obligations but can also begin for the same reasons.

♦**Why should I charge a prospective new member full price with only a couple months left?** Remember our membership is good Jan-Dec. July is the start of the Early Bird recruiting for the next year. The 2021 membership is good through December.

♦**How about offering the first year of membership free.** Post pays the \$27.50 for Department & National.

♦**How about paying for Active Duty members or getting them a sponsor to pay it for them while on active duty?**

♦**Don't forget the family members.** Have you really asked everyone eligible?

♦**We don't have a computer, how can we use MyLegion.** Members, Family, Library. Everyone must have a individual single sign on. See our website for sign on instructions.

***If its Not Documented It Didn't Happen.  
If its Not Documented You Didn't Do It!***

Every Post must fill out the Consolidated Post Report about your Post activities.

Use MyLegion or fill out the paper copy and send it in.

### **American Legion Post Insurance Requirements**

Resolution No 35: Insurance Requirements, NEC October 14-15, 2020.

The American Legion National Headquarters owns, controls, protects and defends The American Legion's trademarks.

The American Legion National Headquarters requires Posts to protect itself from liability via Insurance Policies.

Any Organization or group using an American Legion trademark and utilizing an insurance policy shall specifically name The American Legion National Headquarters as an additional insured. The respective department will be added to the policy as well.

### **Department Weekly Spotlight & Event Email.**

Highlight Post activities and upcoming Events.

Send pictures and description to  
nphillips@nclegion.org

### **American Legion Department of North**

**Carolina** website is loaded with forms, applications, brochures, & reports. [www.nclegion.org](http://www.nclegion.org)

**Need Membership or Post Activity Help?** Let your District Commander know if you need assistance with membership, revitalization, use of MyLegion, officer training, or information about American Legion Programs. This will contribute to successful membership programs. **Don't forget we have Membership Committee members out in each Division ready to assist.**

### **Membership Forms & Reports**

All located on the Department website at  
[www.nclegion.org](http://www.nclegion.org)

**Contact.** Membership Chair Nancy Phillips can be reached at [nphillips@nclegion.org](mailto:nphillips@nclegion.org) or [doubleugly2@skybest.com](mailto:doubleugly2@skybest.com) or 828-406-7976

**Consolidated Post Report.  
Department Due Date is May 31st**

### **Important Dates**

Apr 14, 2021	Department 95% Membership Goal
May 12, 2021	Department 100% Membership Goal
Jun 9-12, 2021	Department Convention, North Raleigh Hilton
July 9-10, 2021	Legion College, Virtual or In Person



# DISTRICT-DIVISION MEETING DATES FOR 2020 - 2021

April 08, 2021

\* Final District Meeting in bold, last column

	MEETING 1	MEETING 2	MEETING 3	MEETING 4	MEETING 5
<b>DIVISION I</b>					
<b>DISTRICT 1</b>					Sat, May 8, 2021 Post 40 Edenton 1:00 PM
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>					
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>		Sat, October 17, 2020 Post 39 Greenville 12:00 PM Refreshments			
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>					
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>	Sat, Aug 8, 2021 Post 52 Franklinton 10:00 AM	Sat, Nov 7, 2020 Post 105 Louisburg 10:00 AM		Sat, Feb 6, 2021 Post 90 Oxford 10:00 AM	Sat, May 15, 2021 Post 60 Henderson 10:00 AM
<b>DIVISION II</b>	Tues, Nov 10, 2020 by Zoom	Tues, Dec 15, 2020 by Zoom		Tues, Jan 12, 2021 by Zoom	Tues, Feb 9, 2021 by Zoom
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>				Sat, Feb 6, 2021 10:00 AM by ZOOM	Sat, May 15, 2021 Post 265 Jacksonville Meal - 12:00 PM Meeting: 1:00 PM
<b>DISTRICT 7</b>			Oratorical Contest Sat, Jan 16, 2021 11:00 AM		Sat, May 22, 2021 Post 219 Kinston 12:00 PM Meal Served
<b>DISTRICT 8</b>				Sat, Feb 13, 2021 12:00 PM By ZOOM	Sat, May 8, 2021 12:00 PM ZOOM
<b>DISTRICT 9</b>			Dist Oratorical Contest Sat, Jan 23, 2021 St James Comm Ctr 10:00 AM		
<b>DISTRICT 10</b>			Dist Oratorical Contest Sat, Jan 16, 2021 123 McKay St Laurinburg 10:00 AM		Sat., April 24, 2021 11:00 AM By ZOOM
<b>DIVISION III</b>		Sat, Nov 21, 2020 Post 6 Chapel Hill 12:00 PM <i>Cancelled</i>		Sat., Feb 27, 2021 Post 6 Chapel Hill 12:00 PM	Sat, May 1, 2021 Post 116 Fuquay Varina 12:00 PM
<b>DISTRICT 11</b>	Friday, Sept 25, 2020 Post 71 Clayton 7:00 PM in person meeting			Friday, March 12, 2021 Post 124 Apex	Sat, May 8, 2021 Post 116 Fuquay- Varina 12:00 PM
<b>DISTRICT 12</b>		Sat, Oct 31, 2020 Post 6 Chapel Hill 10:00 AM	January 23, 2021 place and time TBD	April 24, 2021 place and time TBD	Sat, May 15, 2021 Post 6 Chapel Hill 11:00 AM In person and Zoom

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DISTRICT 13		Sat, Oct 24, 2020 Post 382 Sanford 12:00 PM			
DISTRICT 14		Sat, Nov 7, 2020 Virtual Mtg by Zoom 12:00 PM			Sat, May 15, 2021 Post 53 Greensboro 12:00 PM Meal Served
DISTRICT 15		Sunday, Nov 15, 2020 Post 8 Lexington 1:00 PM Meal Served			Sunday, May 16, 2021 Post 81 Liberty Meal - 1:00 PM Meeting to follow
DIVISION IV			Oratorical Contest Sat, Feb 20, 2021 11:00 AM Concord Post 51		
DISTRICT 16	Sat, Oct 17, 2020 Virtual Meeting 9:00 AM				
DISTRICT 17					Sat, May 8, 2021 Post 433 Midland 1:00 PM
DISTRICT 18					Sat, May 22, 2021 Post 290 King 11:00 AM - Meeting Meal to follow
DISTRICT 19		Sat, Nov 21, 2020 Virtual Meeting 11:00 AM			Sat, April 24, 2021 Post 342 12:00 PM Meal served
DISTRICT 20					Sat, May 15, 2021 Via ZOOM 11:00 AM
DIVISION V					Sat, May 15, 2021 Via ZOOM 10:00 AM
DISTRICT 21					Sat, May 8, 2021 Post 29 Lenoir 11:00 AM
DISTRICT 22				Sat, March 13, 2021 Post 30 Lincolnton 11:00 AM Chili Cookoff	Sat, May 22, 2021 Post 100 Cherryville 12:00 PM
DISTRICT 23					Sat, May 8, 2021 Post 82 Shelby Meal - 12:00 PM Meeting - 1:00 PM
DISTRICT 24					Sat, May 8, 2021 Post 70 Asheville Meal - 12:00 PM Meeting - 1:00 PM
DISTRICT 25					Sat, May 1, 2021 Post 108 Franklin Meal - 11:30 AM Meeting - 12:00 PM