

The Legion Bulletin

Merry Christmas

December 2021

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Holiday Office Hours:
Closed Dec 24-27, 2021
and Dec 30-31, 2021

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Conference Awards Reminders

Just a reminder that the following award nominations will be considered at the Mid-Winter Conference:

- ♦ Scouting High Adventure Awards
- ♦ Service Officer of the Year
- ♦ Department News Media Award
- ♦ Post Website Award
- ♦ JROTC Officer and NCO of the Year
- ♦ CAP Cadet and Commander of the Year
- ♦ American Legion Patriotic Business Award

All nomination forms should be returned to Dept. Headquarters no later than **Jan. 25, 2022**.

Mid Winter Conference



The Department Mid-Winter Conference tentatively scheduled for **February, 17-19, 2022**, will be held at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills. Room rates are \$109 plus tax per night. For reservations call 1-800-445-8667, identifying yourself as being with The American Legion by **January 20 for the rate**.

2022 NC Boys State's 82nd Year

The 82nd session of the 2022 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. Check the NC Legion website for forms and brochures.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

**Please welcome back
Adjutant Greg Gidding**

Greg can be reached at
adjutant@nclegion.org
919-832-7506, option 6

Oratorical Contest

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

By December 18, 2021 – School Contests completed

Jan 3-15, 2022 – County or Post Contests completed

Jan 16-Feb 12, 2022 – District Contests

Feb 13-27, 2022 – Division Contests

March 5, 2022 – NC A&T, Greensboro, Merrick Hall Rm 125
Inclement weather date, March 12, 2022.

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, 2022**.

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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, 2020, the 2020 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 your 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?

SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS HAVE BEEN MAILED OUT

The drawing will take place during the Mid-Winter
Conference at the DEC Meeting, Sat., Feb 19, 2022.
\$10,000 Grand Prize
Five \$1,000 Prizes

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 2022

The 2022 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, 2022.

Mission Blue Extended

The Mission Blue Post Assistance program has been updated allowing for posts to apply for a second \$1,000. Updated guidelines and the application are included with this mailing.

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 Hurricanes Irma and Maria, 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.

Legion Charities Donation Opportunities

We are happy to announce to all Amazon shoppers that the **American Legion Department of North Carolina Charities, Inc.** is registered with AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of your eligible Charity List purchases to the NC Legion Charities **at no extra cost to you**. Log in to your Amazon account for more details, and thank you.



DISTRICT-DIVISION MEETING DATES FOR 2021 - 2022

November 29, 2021 * Final District Meeting in bold, last column

	MEETING 1	MEETING 2	MEETING 3	MEETING 4	MEETING 5
DIVISION I	Sat, Sept 18, 2021 Post 288 C. J. Kirk 12:00 PM Cancelled Meeting - 1:00 PM	Sat, Dec 4, 2021 Post 289 Ayden 12:00 PM	<i>Div Oratorical Contest</i> <i>Sat, Feb 12, 2022</i> <i>Post 38 Roanoke Rapids</i> <i>10:00 AM</i>	Sat, April 2, 2022 Post 19 Tarboro 10:00 AM	
DISTRICT 1	Sat, Nov 13, 2021 Post 126 Hertford 12:00 PM Meal Served			Sat, Feb 5, 2022 12:00 PM TBD	Sat May 7, 2022 Post 223 Elizabeth City 12:00 PM Meal Served
DISTRICT 2					
DISTRICT 3		Sat, Nov 6, 2021 Post 263 Washington 12:00 PM			
DISTRICT 4	Sat, Sept 18, 2021 Post 13 Wilson 10:00 AM Meal Served				
DISTRICT 5	Sat, Aug 7, 2021 Post 161 Creedmoor 10:00 AM	Sat, Nov 6, 2021 Post 90 Oxford 10:00 AM	<i>Dist Oratorical Contest</i> <i>Sat, Jan 8, 2022</i> <i>Post 52 Franklinton</i> <i>10:00 AM</i>	Sat, Mar 5, 2022 Post 138 Roxboro 10:00 AM	Sat, May 7, 2022 Post 60 Henderson 10:00 AM
DIVISION II					
DISTRICT 6					
DISTRICT 7	Sat, Aug 28, 2021 Post 332 Walstonburg 12:00 PM - Meeting 1:00 PM - Meeting	Sat, Nov 20, 2021 Post 43 Kinston 12:00 PM - Meeting 1:00 PM - Meeting	<i>Dist Oratorical Contest</i> <i>Sat, Jan 22, 2022</i> <i>Post 103 Mt Olive</i> <i>11:00 AM</i>	Sat, Feb 12, 2022 Post 94 Snow Hill 12:00 PM - Meeting 1:00 PM - Meeting	Sat, May 21, 2022 Post 379 Albertson 12:00 PM - Meeting 1:00 PM - Meeting
DISTRICT 8	Sat, Sept 18, 2021 10:00 AM Meeting by Zoom				
DISTRICT 9	Sat, Oct 2, 2021 Post 167 Hampstead 12:00 PM - Lunch Meeting: 12:30 PM	Sat, Dec 4, 2021	<i>Dist Oratorical Contest</i> <i>Sat, Jan 29, 2022</i> <i>St James Comm Center</i> <i>10:00 AM</i>	Sat, Feb 26, 2022	Sat, May 7, 2022
DISTRICT 10	Thurs, Sept 30, 2021 By Zoom 2:00 PM	Sat, Dec 8, 2021 By Zoom 2:00 PM		Sat, Feb 9, 2022 By Zoom 2:00 PM	Sat, May 6, 2021 By Zoom 2:00 PM
DIVISION III			<i>Div Oratorical Contest</i> <i>Sat, Feb 19, 2022</i> <i>Post 6 Chapel Hill</i> <i>10:00 AM</i>		
DISTRICT 11	Sat, Aug 21, 2021 Post 116 Fuquay-Varina 11:00 AM	Sat, Nov 20, 2021 Post 346 Four Oaks 11:00 AM	<i>Dist Oratorical Contest</i> <i>Sat, Jan 29, 2022</i> <i>Post 116 Fuquay-Var</i> <i>3:00 PM</i>	Sat, Feb 19, 2022 TBD	Sat, May 14, 2022 TBD
DISTRICT 12	Sat, Aug 14, 2021 Post 7 Durham 11:00 AM	Sat, Nov 6, 2021 11:00 AM	<i>Dist Oratorical Contest</i> <i>Sat, Feb 5, 2021</i> <i>Post</i> <i>6 Chapel Hill</i> <i>10:00</i> <i>AM</i>	Sat, Feb 12, 2022 11:00 AM	Sat, May 7, 2022 11:00 AM

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DISTRICT 13					
DISTRICT 14	Sat, July 24, 2021 Post 87 High Point 1:00 PM	Sat, Nov 13, 2021 Post 534 Mayodan 12:00 PM - Meal 1:00 PM - Meeting	<i>Dist Oratorical Contest</i> <i>Sat, Jan 22, 2022</i> <i>Eden City Hall</i> <i>12:00 PM</i>		Sat, May 21, 2022 Post 53 Greensboro 9:00 AM
DISTRICT 15	Sunday, Sept 19, 2021 Post 8 Lexington 1:00 PM Meal Served	Sat, Nov 21, 2021 Post 45 Asheboro 1:00 PM			Sunday, May 15, 2022 Post 255 Lexington 1:00 PM Meal Served
DIVISION IV	Sat, Oct 2, 2021 Post 65 Statesville 11:00 AM		<i>Div Oratorical Contest</i> <i>Sat, Feb 12, 2022</i> <i>Post 51 Concord</i> <i>11:00 AM</i>		
DISTRICT 16	Sat, Oct 9, 2021 Post 177 Sthrn Pines 10:00 AM Refreshments	Sat, Dec 11, 2021 Post 159 Troy 10:00 AM Refreshments	<i>Dist Oratorical Contest</i> <i>Sat, Jan 29, 2022</i> <i>Montgomery Comm Coll</i> <i>11:00 AM</i>	Sat, Feb 12, 2022 Post 72 Aberdeen 10:00 AM Refreshments	Sat, May 14, 2022 Post 296 Vass 10:00 AM Refreshments
DISTRICT 17	Sat, Oct 2, 2021 Post 208 Waxhaw 1:00 PM	Sat, Jan 8, 2022 Post 76 Albemarle 1:00 PM	<i>Dist Oratorical Contest</i> <i>Sat, Feb 5, 2022</i> <i>Post 535 Unionville</i> <i>11:00 AM</i>		Sat, May 7, 2022 Post 121 Marshville 1:00 PM
DISTRICT 18	Sat, Sept 25, 2021 Post 55 Winston-Salem 10:00 AM		<i>Dist Oratorical Contest</i> <i>Sat, Jan 15, 2022</i> <i>King Mason Lodge</i> <i>1:00 PM</i>	Sat, March 5, 2021 Post 505 Yadkinville 10:00 AM	Sat, May 21, 2022 Post 336 East Bend 10:00 AM
DISTRICT 19	Sat Aug 7, 2021 Post 401 Troutman 1:00 PM	Sat, Nov 13, 2021 Post 106 Salisbury 1:00 PM	<i>Dist Oratorical Contest</i> <i>Sat, Jan 29, 2022</i> <i>Post 342 Salisbury</i> <i>10:00 AM</i>	Sat, Feb 5, 2022 Post 342 Salisbury 1:00 PM	Sat May 14, 2022 Post 65 Statesville 1:00 PM
DISTRICT 20	Sat, Oct 16, 2021 District 20 Training Post 400 Charlotte 11:00 AM	Sat, Nov 20, 2021 Post 86 Cornelius 12:00 PM	<i>Dist Oratorical Contest</i> <i>Sat, Jan 22, 2022</i> <i>Post 400 Charlotte</i> <i>11:00 AM</i>	Sat, Feb 5, 2022 Post 353 Paw Creek 12:00 PM	Sat, May 7, 2022 Post 235 Matthews 12:00 PM
DIVISION V					
DISTRICT 21	Sat, Sept 25, 2021	Sat, Nov 6, 2021		Sat, May 5, 2022	Sat, May 21, 2022
DISTRICT 22		Sat, Dec 18, 2021 Post 30 12:00 PM			
DISTRICT 23	Sat, July 24, 2021	Sat, Oct 9, 2021		Sat, Feb 12, 2022	Sat, May 14, 2022
DISTRICT 24					
DISTRICT 25					



Membership & Post Activity

December 2021

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Why?

Why did you join the American Legion?

Why are you a member?

- ◆ Wanting to serve?
- ◆ Give back to the veteran community?
- ◆ A sense of belonging that you cannot get in the civilian world?
- ◆ Sharing life experiences?
- ◆ Talk the same talk?
- ◆ Fellowship?

What are the core values of the American Legion?

- ◆ National Security
- ◆ Veterans Affairs
- ◆ Americanism
- ◆ Children & Youth

What are the core values of your Post?

What makes your Post Special?

What makes your Community Special?

Ask yourself these questions and build your sales pitch. The Elevator Speech. It doesn't need to be long or long winded.

You're selling your Post and being a part of it.

Renewals

Renewing our existing members is essential to the livelihood of our Posts.

Post Retention needs to be 90% or better and Post Retention comes from renewing members.

- Members want to feel like they are appreciated.
- Members want to know that their Post is making a difference in the community
- Members want bang for their buck. Why would they renew if you don't do anything.
- Members want to know you care and don't only contact them with your hand out for Membership.

New Members.

- **JUST ASK!**
- Ask your members to help out by asking the family, friends, coworkers, those they know.
- Create a membership drive
- Set up a tent/table at local events that are happening
- Keep asking & reaching out to the National Guard & Reserve. How many times have they been activated through the years?

Transfers

DMS/1981AD.

You want and need New Members.

You want and need Younger Members.

You want future leaders.

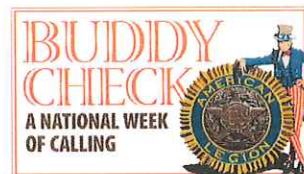
They are right in front of you.

DMS has new members added every day

- ◆ Download "Find Members in My Area" from MyLegion.
- ◆ We do the transfers on a Member Data Form.
- ◆ Do the New Member Welcome and check Discharge Documents.

Welcome.

- Do you welcome members to your Post?
- Not just when you think about it but every time. It shouldn't matter if you just saw them yesterday or you've never met them. Welcome them every time.
- Create a welcome ambassador. Select a member or officer whose job it is to welcome everyone coming in the door for your events. Sgt-at-Arms do this for meetings but rotate the role for events. Maybe a costume, funny hat or big name pin. Something with fun written all over it.



Buddy Check is a National Commander initiative for you to contact every member of your Post. Not to demand membership but to check on them. Connect. Here's the 5 questions that I like to use

1. How are you? No Really, How are you?
2. Lets check your email/phone# (based on method of contact) and address. Any changes?
3. Are you receiving our weekly event notices and monthly newsletters? If not check your spam folder and let me check on your contact info.
4. Membership renewals kicked off July 1st for 2022. Can we count on you?

5. What suggestions, ideas and improvements would you like to see us do?

Buddy Checks work. Make a team & be prepared for November & March for the **National Buddy Check** but your Post can & should Buddy Check at any time.



MyLegion Membership Processing.

Getting your membership updated is the fastest with MyLegion Membership Processing.

- Sign into MyLegion.
- Sign into your Post Group
- Process Membership Tab.
- Add/Modify Transmittal
- Select members to Renew. **SAVE after each name.**
- New, Renewals & Transfers with money can be processed from the comfort of your Post or home.

• **MyLegion Training.** Check out the Resources tab in MyLegion for all on screen assistance

Our Department website at www.nclegion.org under the membership tab also has National's training Powerpoint and Videos.

Can't Get Into MyLegion? Contact Loree Miller, Membership Manager at the Department.

Undeliverable Addresses.

Make an effort to follow up with those members with "Y" next to their names with updated addresses. PUFL's too



Legiontown is great resource for Legion stories from around the country submitted by the Posts & Departments. Check them out for ideas and suggestions for future Post activities.

- Go to www.legion.org
- Select media
- Select **Legiontown**.

Social Media

Facebook Department of North Carolina group & page

Facebook National Pages

Twitter

Instagram

LinkedIn

Our websites. legion.org & nclegion.org

Social Media 101

1. Remember you represent our organization.
2. No politics, no candidates, no campaigns.
3. You can cover issues but if in doubt DON'T.
4. Advertise your Post events, your Post activities.
5. **Who, What, Where, When & Why**
6. Communicate with digital members in real time.
7. Be positive, informative, encouraging.
8. You represent our organization, our logo, our members. If in doubt, if it's not our organization or poor taste, DON'T.

TRAINING

Training Tuesdays. National has a great training program for the last Tuesday of each month called Training Tuesdays. The scope of this training is for Post Commanders and Adjutants.

Missed a class. No Problem. You can view the classes at legion.org/training then click on Training Tuesdays.

National Notification Form & Post Information Form

DON'T ALLOW BAD POST INFO ON NATIONALS WEBSITE. MAKE SURE YOUR INFORMATION IS CORRECT & ACCURATE ON NATIONAL'S WEBSITE AS THE DEPARTMENT USES THIS INFO TOO. Anytime you change your Post Commander, Post Adjutant or contact info, Post's need to do an updated Post Information Form. Access to MyLegion is updated at the same time from this form.

Even if your Post has no changes, you must submit a Post Information form for 2021-2022

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.

Membership Manual, Forms & Reports

All located on the Department website at nclegion.org

Contact. Membership Committee Chair Nancy Phillips at doubleugly2@skybest.com or at 828-406-7976.

Don't forget our NC Guard & Reserve.

Important Membership Dates

Dec 8, 2021	75% Membership Goal
Dec 31, 2021	Dogwood Award — 100% Post Goal
Dec 31, 2021	GoGetters Award

2021 Fall Conference Awards

Below are the awards selected at the Fall Conference, held October 29-30, 2021 in Raleigh NC

Colon Furr Nursing Scholarship

Selected by Legion Riders Committee

Breanna Miller, Salisbury, NC, nominated by Post 342 Salisbury

Christy Zbylut, Hendersonville, NC, nominated by Post 77 Hendersonville

Amber Butner Castle Hayne, NC, nominated by Post 545 Wilmington

Andrea Smith, Winterville, NC, nominated by Post 19 Tarboro

Sierra Onofri, Cullowhee NC, nominated by Post 104 Sylva



Boy Scout Awards

Selected by Boy Scouts of America Committee

Scout Troop of the Year, Troop 75, Post 116 Fuquay-Varina

Cub Scout Pack of the Year, Pack 75, Post 116 Fuquay-Varina

Scoutmaster of the Year, Mark Hollahan, Troop 215, Post 265 Jacksonville

Adult Scouter National Training Scholarship, Nickolas Camara, Post 265 Jacksonville



Employment Awards

Selected by Veterans Employment and Veterans Preference Committee

Employer of Veterans:

Medium, HSG, LLC dba High Speed Gear, Swansboro, NC, nominated by Post 265 Jacksonville

Large, Marine Federal Credit Union, Inc. Jacksonville, NC, nominated by Post 265 Jacksonville

Employment Service Award winners in the categories of:

Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER) – Marcus Cutrell, Elizabeth City, NC.

Disabled Veteran Outreach Program (DVOP) – Elizabeth Saucedo, Raleigh, NC, nominated by Post 540 Cary

Employment Service Local Office. NCWORKS Career Center of Forsyth Co., Winston-Salem, NC, nominated by Post 55 Winston-Salem

Michael Guty Homeless Veterans Outreach Award, Veterans Services of the Carolinas, Asheville, NC

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

Brandon Medina, Rocky Mount, NC, nominated by Post 110 Nashville

EMT of the Year

James Moss, Spring Hope, NC, nominated by Post 110 Nashville

Post Newsletter Award

1st Place – American Legion Post 71 Clayton

2nd Place – American Legion Post 416 Lowes Grove

3rd Place – American Legion Post 543 Saint James



JROTC Cadet of the Year

No quorum, will select at a later date.

Baseball Hall of Fame Inductees

David Ellis, Post 102 Ahoskie

Jerald Rollins, Post 39 Greenville

Mike Robinson, Post 100 Cherryville

Sam Homesley, Post 100 Cherryville

Baseball Players of the Year

Sr Player Zachary T Wilson

Post 100 Cherryville

Jr. Player Johnny Blackburn

Post 100 Cherryville

Post Commander of the Year

Mark Tofano, Matthews, NC nominated by Post 235 Matthews

Post Adjutant of the Year

Larry Agle, Bryson City NC, nominated by Post 104 Sylva

The American Legion

Department of



North Carolina

RULES FOR SELECTION OF SERVICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

1. Nominee for North Carolina's American Legion Service Officer Of The Year must be endorsed by a chartered Post of the American Legion, Department of North Carolina, signed by the Post Commander.
2. **Name (and address) of the nominee with supporting written materials must be in Department Headquarters by January 25. Please do not submit nomination in a binder or notebook of any kind.**
3. Judging for Service Officer Of The Year will be done by the Department Rehabilitation Committee at the Department Mid-Winter Conference.
4. Presentation of award of the winning nominee for Department Service Officer Of The Year will be at the Department Convention in June.
5. Criteria for judging to be used by the Department Rehabilitation Committee will include:
 - A. Nominee must be a member in good standing of a chartered Post of The American Legion, Department of North Carolina.
 - B. Nominee shall be actively engaged in filing, developing and presenting claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs.
 - C. Nominee must have held that position for at least 2 years to be eligible.
 - D. Nominee will not be considered if he or she is a paid employee of The American Legion, Department of North Carolina.
 - E. Members of the North Carolina American Legion Department Rehabilitation Committee are ineligible.
 - F. Members of the North Carolina American Legion Department Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission are ineligible.
 - G. Recommendations shall be limited to one (1) typed written page.

New Mission Blue Post eligibility rules set

The American Legion
OCT 07, 2021

It's been a year since The American Legion's Mission Blue Post Assistance Program went into effect following the adoption of Resolution No. 36 by the National Executive Committee during the 2020 Fall Meetings. The program provides eligible American Legion posts financially affected by COVID-19 government restrictions with \$1,000 grants. These funds are to pay current or past due rent, mortgage, utilities and insurance premiums.

However, of the more than 12,400 American Legion posts, only 465 have applied for, and received, this grant.

In looking at the eligibility requirements for the Mission Blue Post Assistance grant, it was identified that a possible deterrent for posts to apply is the insurance requirement. Therefore, to ensure posts in need apply for and receive this grant, the following eligibility requirements for the grant application are now in effect.

1. Any post that does not have insurance that names the national organization as an additional insured and/or has not filed a 2021 Consolidated Post Report but meets the other grant qualifications identified in Resolution No. 36, may receive up to \$1,000.
2. Any post that has met the insurance requirement and has a 2021 Consolidated Post Report on file and meets the other grant qualifications identified in Resolution No. 36, may receive up to \$2,000. Posts that previously applied for and received a \$1,000 grant, can reapply to receive another \$1,000.

Download the Mission Blue Post Assistance Program application. Eligible posts have until July 1, 2022, to apply.

[Mission Blue PAP Application 1.pdf \(legion.org\)](#)

Resolution No. 36 eligibility criteria for posts

1. A Consolidated Post Report on file at National Headquarters.
2. Filed an IRS 990 within the prescribed due date.
3. Filed all other required forms and reports as prescribed by the department.
4. Actively participated in one or more American Legion programs within the last 18 months.
5. A financial need.
6. A certificate of insurance for all liability coverage naming The American Legion doing business as (dba) The American Legion National Headquarters and the post's department as an additional insured. (Submit declaration page showing coverage.)
7. Documentation indicating that the post is properly incorporated.

Q: Where should applications be submitted?

A: All applications will first need to go through the respective department prior to being submitted to National Headquarters. Department commanders and/or adjutants must certify the applicant meets the criteria.

Q: What is required by recipient posts in terms of the grant report?

A: All recipient posts are required to submit a grant report within six months of the grant/check issue date. There is a standardized grant report that is sent out with every inclusion letter to the department for the recipient posts. A fillable PDF version is also available via email request to ja@legion.org. When completing the Mission Blue grant report, a recipient post needs to only report how the grant, which is capped at \$1,000, was utilized. For example, \$250 used for insurance and \$750 used for utilities. Reported figures should not exceed the amount that was awarded.