

# The Legion Bulletin



#### **JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2021**

Hours - 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Email – tcash@nclegion.org Website – www.nclegion.org



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#### **Oratorical Contest**

2021 Oratorical Contest Dates as follows: District 9, Jan 23, 2021, 10:00 AM, St James Comm Ctr Sunday, March 7, 2021 – Department Final, LeGrand Center, Shelby, NC.

# 82<sup>nd</sup> Tarheel Boys' State 2020

The 82<sup>nd</sup> session of the 2021 Tar Heel Boys State is still in the planning stages. Not knowing if we will be in a safe environment with



COVID-19, it is difficult to move forward at this time. The safety of our youth and volunteers are of the utmost importance. One option may be a virtual program. The 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 soon as we know more moving forward.

#### **Mid Winter Conference**

The Department Mid-Winter Conference tentatively scheduled **February**, **19-26**, **2021**, will be held virtually like our Fall Conference. As soon as we have schedules set up for the committee and commission meetings, we will send them out to all posts to share with any members who would like to attend by Zoom as a guest. The following awards will be selected:

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

### **Student Trooper Program**

The twenty seventh session of the North Carolina Student Trooper Program is still in the planning stages. Not knowing if we will be in a safe environment with COVID-19, it is difficult to move forward at this time. The safety of our youth and volunteers are of the utmost importance Updated information will be sent to Post Officers as soon as we have it.

#### **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)

# **Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet**

The annual American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet will be announced at a later date. Please submit applications for Hall of Fame Inductees by January 25.

# District/Division/Dept Candidates

Anyone planning to run for District, Division or Department Office will need to get your endorsement information and picture to Department Headquarters by March 10, 2021 to be included in the April/May/June NC Legion News. This is the last issue of publication before elections at the June Convention. These materials will be used for a "one time only" courtesy announcement.

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1	Membership Newsletter	
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#### Baseball 2021

As with last year, <u>all baseball registration</u> will be handled <u>online</u> by <u>National Headquarters</u>. 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, Jr or Sr, must submit a forfeit fee of \$200 to Department Headquarters. Fees for Sr will be \$200 Department fee and \$50 National fee. Jr will be \$100 Department fee and \$25 National fee. If anyone is interested in starting a new team, please call Department Headquarters for new team form and online registration information, and State Chairman Mark Cauble at mrkc72@aol.com for league information. The American Legion National Executive Committee adopted Resolution 16 which mandates a background check screening for coaches, managers and volunteer staff of all Jr. and Sr. American Legion Baseball teams. There are no exceptions!

# **Membership Messages**

# What Happens When Membership is Processed thru MyLegion

Once transmittal is submitted: (while in-process through the ACH network):

- 1 Counts are added to the National Target Date membership reports.
- 2 Counts are immediately available for Departments to add to their membership reports.
- 3 Members are immediately suppressed from any renewal notices (Direct Mail and Email)
- 4 Once the Post submits the payment, it prevents members from renewing online (duplicate payments)

# Advantages for the Post by processing Membership on MyLegion

- 1 Average turnaround time for paper transmittals sent to Department (up to National) are 2+ weeks.
- 2 Post saves money by not having to pay shipping cost for a paper transmittal to Department.
- 3- Department does not have to process the Post transmittal (Open package, out sort and count documents, deposit checks etc.)

#### **Very Important Reminders**

Make sure that you file your post taxes each and every year. If you do not, and you are audited by the IRS, you will be fined and also you could lose your post charter and exempt status. We keep reminding you to file your taxes because we do not want to lose your post and post members. Make sure your post is incorporated to help protect your post

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members from the liability of a lawsuit. You will not realize how important this is until your post gets sued. Make sure there are more than one signature required on all post written checks and that your post bank knows that it takes more than one member/officer's signature to borrow money against your post property. Make sure to document all business during your post meetings. This is for a clear record of why and when events happen at your post. Always indicate the number of members that attend your post meetings and document by name who makes a motion and who seconds that motion. You are important and all of your post members are important and your post is important. All the things stated in this article are for you, your post members and for your posts protection. Please listen and take all of this seriously. As always, please advise if we can assist you in any way to accomplish these requirements.

#### **Initiation of New Members**

When was the last time that your post welcomed your new members with an initiation ceremony? Every new member should receive some form of Initiation. The post Commander or an appointed member, assisted by the post Chaplain, shall conduct the ceremony. Small US Flags, The American Legion emblems, Legion publications, and other appropriate items used in the regular initiation ceremony shall be presented by the officiating officers. Certificates of initiation are available from your Department headquarters. This ceremony is located in the Officers Guide, provided to each post Commander, each year. This ceremony is important to your new members because it shows them that they belong and are welcomed to your post. There is a good possibility that this ceremony could help with your post membership retention.

# **Direct Phone Numbers for Staff**

With our new phone systemin the Raleigh office, we all have direct numbers to our desk. They are listed below. The main general number remains 919-832-7506.

Adjutant Randy Cash – 984-201-9785

Secretary Debbie Rose – 984-201-7366

Bookkeeper Sheila Bayles - 984-203-9181

Membership Coordinator Loree Miller – 984-206-3142

Digital Media Nancy Phillips - 984-201-7378

#### SWEEPSTAKES DRAWING RETURN TICKETS BY FEB 22, 2021

The drawing will take place during our virtual Mid-Winter Conference at Department Headquarters February 26, 2021.

> \$10,000 Grand Prize Five \$1,000 Prizes

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	MEETING 1	MEETING 2	MEETING 3	MEETING 4	MEETING 5
DIVISION I					
DISTRICT 1		u.			
DISTRICT 2	74				
DISTRICT 3		Sat, October 17, 2020 Post 39 Greenville 12:00 PM Refreshments			
DISTRICT 4					
DISTRICT 5	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
DIVISION II	Tues, Nov 10, 2020 by Zoom	Tues, Dec 15, 2020 by Zoom		Tues, Jan 12, 2021 by Zoom	Tues,Feb 9, 2021 by Zoom
DISTRICT 6				Sat, Feb 6, 2021 10:00 AM by ZOOM	Sat, May 15, 2021 Post 265 Jacksonville 12:00 PM
DISTRICT 7			Oratorical Contest Sat, Jan 16, 2021 11:00 AM		
DISTRICT 8				Sat, Feb 13, 2021 12:00 PM By ZOOM	Sat, May 8, 2021 12:00 PM ZOOM
DISTRICT 9			Dist Oratorical Contest Sat, Jan 23, 2021 St James Comm Ctr 10:00 AM		
DISTRICT 10			Dist Oratorical Contest Sat, Jan 16, 2021 123 McKay St Laurinburg 10:00 AM		
DIVISION III		Sat, Nov 21, 2020 Post of Couper Hill 12:00 PM		Sat., Feb 27, 2021 Post 6 Chapel Hill 12:00 PM	
DISTRICT 11	Friday, Sept 25, 2020 Post 71 Clayton 7:00 PM in person meeting			Friday, March 12, 2021 Post 124 Apex	Saturday, May 8 , 202 Post 116 Fuquay-Varii
DISTRICT 12		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

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		January		District Meeting in b	
	MEETING 1	MEETING 2	MEETING 3	MEETING 4	MEETING 5
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			
DISTRICT 15		Sunday, Nov 15, 2020 Post 8 Lexington 1:00 PM Meal Served			
DIVISION IV			Oratorical Contest Sat, Feb 10, 2021 11:00 AM Concord Post 51		
DISTRICT 16	Sat, Oct 17, 2020 Virtual Meeting 9:00 AM				
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DISTRICT 18					
DISTRICT 19		Sat, Nov 21, 2020 Virtual Meeting 11:00 AM			
DISTRICT 20					
DIVISION V					
DISTRICT 21					
DISTRICT 22					
DISTRICT 23					
DISTRICT 24					
DISTRICT 25		/			

#### HONOR GUARD

We at Department Headquarters get calls for funeral Honor Guards on a regular basis. Our intent is to get a listing of Honor Guards in the state for our veterans' families. If you would be so kind, please complete the following information and return to:

American Legion Department of NC PO Box 26657 Raleigh, NC 27611

Meeting Log in information will be distributed to those who would like to attend at a later date

#### MIDOWINTER CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 19-26, 2021 TENTATIVE ELECTRONIC CONFERENCE



#### **GUIDELINES FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS**

- Please limit meeting to 1 hour if possible
- Participants remain on mute unless speaking
- Please notify the Department Adjutant if you are unable to participate in your meeting
- Chairs, please follow up with your committee/commission members as to your respective meetings
- SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE (Zoom 1 and Zoom 2 for staff information only)

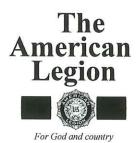
#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

10:00 AM, time tentative	<b>Baseball Hall Of Fame Committee</b>	<b>Bob Beeson</b>	Zoom 1
10:00 AM	<b>Convention Corporation Committee</b>	Jim Mayhew	Zoom 2
	Friday, February 19, 202	<u>21</u>	
9:00 AM	Resolutions	<b>Derric Grimes</b>	Zoom 1
9:00 AM	<b>Boy Scouts of America</b>	Cary McMasters	Zoom 2
10:30 AM	<b>Public Relations Committee</b>	Lee Heavlin	Zoom 1
10:30 AM	Law and Order Committee	Larry Womack	Zoom 2
12:30 PM	Baseball	Mark Cauble	Zoom 1
12:30 PM	<b>Drug and Alcohol Cmte</b>	Tony Sherrill	Zoom 2
2:00 PM	Jr Shooting Committee	Harry Flynn	Zoom 1
2:00 PM	<b>Veterans Employment and Preference</b>	Archie Barrow	Zoom 2
	Saturday – February 20, 2	2021	
9:00 AM	Legion Riders Committee	Jack Ward	Zoom 1
9:00 AM	Rehab/VAVS Medical Center Cmte	Queen Williams	Zoom 2
10:30 AM	Leadership And Development Cmte	Mark Petersen	Zoom 1
10:30 AM	<b>Community Service Committee</b>	David Reel	Zoom 2
12:30 PM	Oratorical Committee	Jeremy Hetrick	Zoom 1
12:30 PM	<b>Boys State Committee</b>	Roy Pressley	Zoom 2
2:00 PM	<b>Membership Committee</b>	Nancy Phillips	Zoom 1
2:00 PM	JROTC	Peter McMurtrie	Zoom 2

#### **COMMISSION MEETINGS**

#### Monday - February 22, 2021

9:00 AM	Resolutions	Derric Grimes	Zoom 1
10:00 AM	Legislative Commission	Charlie Smith	Zoom 2
10:00 AM	<b>Children and Youth Commission</b>	Aleta Krauss	Zoom 1
1:00 PM	Americanism Commission	Michael Donnelly	Zoom 1
	Tuesday – February 23, 2	2021	
10:00 AM	<b>National Security Commission</b>	Donna Ramsey	Zoom 2
10:00 AM	Internal Affairs (Districts/ Divisions)	Patricia Harris	Zoom 1
1:00 PM	Veterans Affairs & Rehab Comm.	Ron Piercy	Zoom 1
1:00 PM	<b>Internal Affairs, Cmte Reports</b>	Patricia Harris	Zoom 2
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	Thursday – February 25.	2021	
	<u>Thursday – February 25,</u>	2021	
10:00 AM	<u>Thursday – February 25,</u> Department Finance Commission	2021 Commander James Moore	Zoom 1
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	Department Finance Commission	Commander James Moore Commander Eugene Bellando	



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OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER

To my fellow Legionnaires in North Carolina,

A lot has happened since last spring. The novel coronavirus went from a regional disease to a global pandemic. In what I call The American Legion's "finest hour," posts, districts and departments have stepped up with events such as drive-through food pantries, blood donations, virtual job fairs, fundraisers and supply drives for first responders and health-care workers. We have enhanced our Buddy Check efforts to ensure that all veterans realize that they have friends in The American Legion Family who care about them.

After a painful year of tragic deaths and economic hardship, there is hope. Vaccines are being distributed and the life that we loved before the pandemic will indeed return. Even during the worse days of the COVID-19, The American Legion continued to effectively advocate for veterans. We have seen an expansion of Agent Orange benefits for our Vietnam veterans and renewed attention to those exposed to environmental hazards. Our military members received a well-deserved pay raise and the United States Space Force has taken shape.

This year will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the deadliest terrorist attack to ever occur on American soil. Since our organization's founding, The American Legion has committed itself to ensure that our country maintains a strong national defense. We will insist that the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress fully fund our military and provide the resources needed to prevent future 9/11-type attacks.

I thank you for your service as military veterans, as Legionnaires and as members of the Legion Family. Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable conference.

Building a Foundation for the Future,

James W. "Bill" Oxford

James W. "Bill" Oxford National Commander



#### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM 2021 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

MATCH DATE:

Saturday, March 13, 2021

10:00 AM (First Record Shot) Competitors Meeting: 9:20 AM First Sighting Shots: 9:50 AM

MATCH LOCATION:

**American Legion Hickory Post 48** 

1 American Legion Avenue

Newton, NC 28658

SPONSORING AFFILIATE: Department of North Carolina American Legion

**SPONSORED BY:** 

**American Legion Hickory Post 48** 

**MATCH DIRECTOR:** 

Kevin Nash, JSSP Committee Advisor 704-677-0326 (cell)

**RANGE OFFICER:** 

Harry Flynn, JSSP Committee Chairman 828-238-2137 (cell)



#### MARCH MATCH MADNESS (Eighth Annual) **Match Program**

In Loving Memory of Jerry L. Hedrick, friend of the American Legion and Marksmanship Sports

MATCH DATE:

Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 1500 PM

Thursday, March 11, 2021, 1500 PM Friday, March 12, 2021, 1500 PM

MATCH LOCATION: American Legion Post 48

1 American Legion Avenue

Newton, NC 28658

SANCTIONED BY: Civilian Marksmanship Program, CMP Cup Match

SPONSORED BY:

NEWTON-CONOVER NJROTC AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 48

CO-MATCH

CDR Kevin Nash, 704-677-0326 (cell)

DIRECTORS:

North Carolina CMP State Director, Harry Flynn, 828-238-2137 (cell)

MATCH OPEN TO: All JROTC, Club, 4H, CMP, Scout and American Legion Junior Air Rifle

Sporter/ Precision Teams & Individuals.

MATCH ENTRIES: 1. Relay reservations on a first registered, first served basis.

2. Teams of Four or Individuals. 28 competitors (seven teams) per relay.

3. Participating teams and individuals should use the "Entry Form," telephone, email, or fax to request the best relay times. Kevin nash@nccs.k12.nc.us Please

forward names and CMP numbers minimum of one week prior to your match.

ENTRY FEES:

The entry fee is \$60 per team or \$15 per individual. Make check payable to:

"American Legion Post 48".

#### For more information contact:

CO-MATCH

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