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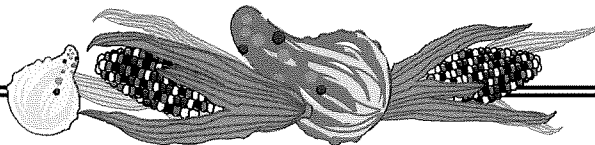
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Veterans Day 2020

The history of Veterans Day began in 1919, with President Woodrow Wilson's proclamation of Armistice Day, to be "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory." In 1954, President Eisenhower signed legislation changing the name of the federal holiday to Veterans Day, acknowledging millions of World War II and Korean War veterans in addition to those of World War I. "On that day," Eisenhower said, "let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom." When Congress changed the date of observance to the 4th Monday in October, starting in 1971, state legislatures, veterans groups and the American people urged a return to the original date, and in 1975, President Ford signed legislation authorizing the change. In 1978, the nation's Veterans Day observance reverted to Nov. 11.

Post Excellence Award



The Post Excellence Award Program honors posts that show excellence in membership participation, youth activities, community service, and support to veterans and US Troops. District Commanders must certify posts as having fulfilled the four specified criteria. Each qualifying post receives a certificate of recognition, mailed to the Department and awarded to the post. Get busy and get involved & good luck.

Mid-Winter Conference

The annual Mid-Winter Conference is tentatively scheduled for **February 11-13, 2021** at the North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh, NC. At this time, we are not sure if we will be having an in-person conference or will again be holding it electronically. We will keep everyone updated as we get closer to January.

M-W Conference Awards

Enclosed with this mailing are nomination forms for awards that will be selected at Mid-Winter Conference, held **February 11-13, 2021**. Please review the forms, make nominations following the instructions, and return to Department Headquarters by **Jan. 25, 2021 unless stated otherwise**. Nomination Forms enclosed are as follows:

- ❖ High Adventure Scouting Award.
- ❖ Service Officer of the Year
- ❖ News Media Award
- ❖ JROTC Awards
- ❖ American Legion Patriotic Business Award



Baseball Hall of Fame

Enclosed is the nomination form for induction to the American Legion Dept of Nc Baseball hall of Fame. Up to 4 candidates, plus 2 posthumous candidates can be selected for this 2020-21 year. The Committee is planning on inducting last year's recipients, plus this year's recipients at aa banquet to be held at the annual June Convention. Posts with teams, this is an opportunity to honor those who have contributed to make your baseball program such a success.

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*The American Legion Staff wishes
To Thank you for your Service.*

Headquarters will be closed

November 11, 2020 in observance of Veterans Day.

November 26-27, 2020 in observance of Thanksgiving





Membership Processing Alerts:

Please remember to put your return address and phone number on the transmittal form you send. Loree needs this information if there is a problem with your transmittal.

To get members to renew, try calling or sending a letter to non renewing members in your Post and ask them to renew. Contact the Department and ask for a list of non-renewing DMS members in your area. Contact those that haven't paid their dues this year and ask them to join your Post and renew their membership at the same time.

On-line renewals: Please do not send cards and/or payments for the online renewals. We will send a check to the post adjutant quarterly. Give member their portion of the renewal card, and please discard the remainder of the card, we do not need it.

Retention requires communication. No better way than personal contact. We lose more members through non renewal each year than for any other reason. Go Getter Teams/Phone Teams are your answer! Try It. You will like the results.

Please, **out of state transfers and new 1981 (pd 2019 or 2020 with 1 year)**, must include a current address on the member data form.

Post Adjutants



Do not hold paid member cards and money. Please transmit often to Department Headquarters. As long as you hold paid membership cards and money, your members aren't renewed. Please consider using MyLegion membership processing system. It is very user friendly. You can call Loree and she will walk you through it over the phone, or will make an appointment for you to come to the office. This will eliminate having to mail any cards or checks. All processing is done online! Please use the address, American Legion Department of NC, PO Box 26657, Raleigh, NC 27611.

SAL Online Membership

National Headquarters has developed online membership processing for SAL Squadrons. This is a very user friendly program. Please contact Loree Miller at Department headquarters, lmiller@nclegion.org, 919-832-7506, or contact Detachment Commander Eugene Bellando, eleventhgreen@atmc.net, 703-881-2515 for more information.

Temporary Financial Assistance

TFA is specifically designed to assist minor children of eligible legionnaires or active duty military through cash grants. In order to maintain a stable home environment for the child or children, grants are awarded to help families meet the costs of shelter, utilities, food, and medical expenses. All TFA applications originate at the local post level. A local investigator personally visits with the family to determine the

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needs of children. A completed application with supporting documents and proof of military service is forwarded to the Department Adjutant. After approval recommendation, this information is forwarded to The Americanism and Children & Youth Division in Indianapolis for review. Upon approval by the National Adjutant, a check is drawn and forwarded to the Dept Adjutant for delivery to the recipient.

Youth Programs

Each chartered post throughout the state of North Carolina should sponsor at least one youth program. Not only do our youth represent the future of America, they are also the children and grandchildren of our fallen comrades. The American Legion operates and sponsors several programs to benefit young people as well as other patriotic programs that benefit Americans of all ages. Get involved and support your programs.

MyLegion.org

This is a great tool for you and your post to use especially with your membership program. It is imperative for your post Adjutant to fill out and send the **Post/Squadron Commander & Adjutant Notification Form** to this Department, with your up to date name and contact information for your Post Commander and Adjutant. If this form is not submitted, National will not give you a password to use Mylegion.org.

This form is very important! If you need a copy of this form, please contact Department Headquarters.

LIT \$1,000/\$5,000 Free Accidental Death Benefit

There are three ways to activate:

1. Send in the enrollment form or card
2. Call the toll free number, 1-800-235-6943
3. Go to www.theLIT.com and enroll online

Once activated, keep with your important papers.



The Legion News

Articles and photos for the Legion News must arrive at Department Headquarters by the dates listed below.

Nov - Feb	submit by October 10
March-June	submit by February 10
July-Sept	submit by June 10
Oct-Dec	submit by Sept 10

Please email (preferred process) items for the paper to tcash@nclegion.org and drose@nclegion.org. Include captions to photos along with a write up with details about the event. Give a list of names for the people/person in the photo.

Commander Moore's Coin will be awarded to each Legion member who recruits 3 new members!



See form included with mailing.

DISTRICT-DIVISION MEETING DATES FOR 2020 - 2021

October 28, 2020

* Final District Meeting in bold, last column

	MEETING 1	MEETING 2	MEETING 3	MEETING 4	MEETING 5
DIVISION I					
DISTRICT 1					
DISTRICT 2					
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					
DISTRICT 6					
DISTRICT 7					
DISTRICT 8					
DISTRICT 9					
DISTRICT 10					
DIVISION III		Sat, Nov 21, 2020 Post 6 Chapel Hill 12:00 PM			
DISTRICT 11	Friday, Sept 25, 2020 Post 71 Clayton 7:00 PM in person meeting				
DISTRICT 12		Sat, Oct 31, 2020 Post 6 Chapel Hill 10:00 AM			

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	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					
DISTRICT 16	Sat, Oct 17, 2020 Virtual Meeting 9:00 AM				
DISTRICT 17					
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					

**DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA
AMERICAN LEGION
BOY SCOUT HIGH ADVENTURE AWARD
NOMINATION APPLICATION**

POSITION PLACEMENT (To Be Completed By The American Legion)			
District No. _____	_____	Place Of _____	Submitted _____
Division No. _____	_____	Place Of _____	Submitted _____
Department of _____	_____	Place Of _____	Submitted _____
National Headquarters _____	_____	Place Of _____	Submitted _____

Nominee's Name: _____ Phone No.: (____) _____

Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Day) (Month) (Year)

Height: _____ Weight: _____

**PHOTO
(Optional)**

**FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST
SPONSORING YOU. (Required) (Only one applicant per post)
Post Commander Must Sign Form**

(Name) (Post No.)

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

(Post Commander's Signature)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

THE NOMINEE MUST:

- _____ Be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout Troop or Varsity Scout Team;
- _____ Applicant must be sponsored by an American Legion Post (One applicant per post)
- _____ Meet Trip Medical Requirements;
- _____ Have received the STAR Scout Award;
- _____ Be an active member of his religious institution;
- _____ Have rendered outstanding service to his religious institution, school and community;
- _____ Have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting and community (i.e. Student Council President or Representative, local Teen Club chairman, leader in community-wide service projects, participation in sports, Senior Patrol Leader, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, etc.)
- _____ Have reached his 14th birthday, but not his 18th, by June 30th.
- _____ Submit at least one letter or recommendation and testimony with Nomination Application.

QUALIFICATIONS

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

A. HIGH SCHOOL RECORD

Grade _____ Name of High School _____

High School Clubs, Teams
and Organizations

Honors, Letters, or Offices Held

B. Community Participation Record

Organization

Offices

Community Service Participation _____

C. Religious Record

Denomination _____

Name of Religious Institution _____

Religious Youth Organizations

Honors and/or Offices Held

Name of Religious Emblem (Award) Received _____

QUALIFICATIONS

D. Scouting Record

	Years	Unit No.	Sponsor
Cub Scout	_____	_____	_____
Boy Scout	_____	_____	_____
Varsity Scout	_____	_____	_____
Highest Rank Received	_____		Palms _____

Leadership Positions Held:

Cub Scout Pack _____

Boy Scout Troop _____

Varsity Scout Team _____

Camp Staff _____

Other _____

Other Activities (Jamborees, Order of the Arrow Conference, etc.)

E. Career Interests

F. Attachments

One Required Letter of Recommendation and Testimony:

_____ Religious	_____ Community
_____ School	_____ Scouting

NOTE: Additional letters of recommendation and testimony may be included with this application.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF BOY SCOUTS
FOR
BOY SCOUT HIGH ADVENTURE AWARD**

1. Be a registered, active Boy Scout in your Post area.
2. Must meet physical requirements of trip medical certificate.
3. Trip must be to a recognized National Boy Scout High Adventure Area or to a National or International Jamboree.
4. Must be a STAR Scout or higher (in rank).
5. Age limitation between 14 and 18 years. Prior High Adventure award winners may not apply for 2nd year.
6. Must have been or now is a leader within his troop.
7. Must be of good moral character, show interest in religion, community, state and nation.
8. A letter or letters of recommendation submitted by adult citizen in the community covering #7 in the above requirements and any other points pertinent to the nominee's activities (church, school, community, etc.)
9. The winning applicant(s) shall report to the Department in person to receive scholarship award. The sponsoring (institution and Post) shall arrange for presentation of Scout.
10. The applicant is responsible for making his own trip arrangements.
11. **Upon returning from a High Adventure Trip, Scout must make his report to the American Legion Department of North Carolina at designated Conference, Fall or Spring.**
12. Should use the Scout application from the Department Office.
13. Applications should be submitted ***no later than February 5***. Award winners will be chosen at Fall Conference. Please do not submit nominations in a binder or notebook of any kind.

Mail To:

Boy Scout Committee Chairman
The American Legion Department of NC
PO Box 26657
Raleigh, NC 27611

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS WILL BE BASED ON UP TO A \$1,500.00 SCHOLARSHIP PER DIVISION, TO BE FORWARDED TO THE SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION POST FOR PRESENTATION TO WINNING APPLICANT.

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.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

NEWS MEDIA AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Name of Organization Being Nominated: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Type of Media:

_____ AM RADIO

_____ FM RADIO

_____ BROADCAST TV STATION

_____ CABLE TV STATION

_____ DAILY NEWSPAPER

_____ WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

Percent of articles/broadcasts written/produced:

By post member _____% By media representative _____%

<u>Name of Post(s)</u>	<u>Post No.</u>	<u>Last year's Final Membership Count</u>	<u>Location</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Person Submitting Nomination and Supporting Materials:

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

(Rules and Guidelines on reverse side)

NEWS MEDIA AWARD RULES AND GUIDELINES

The Department News Media Award is intended to honor one of North Carolina's local news agencies for their support of Legion work. Selection of the winner is made by the Public Relations and Publications Committee. There is no corresponding national contest.

The objective of the awards program is to recognize media outlets for their contributions to the public awareness and understanding of the goals and objectives of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion.

There are four categories of media organizations that are eligible for the awards: Daily Newspapers, Weekly Newspapers, Radio Stations and Television Stations. A nominee may be jointly submitted by two or more posts.

There will be 3 awards presented by the department - First, Second and Third places. There will not be separate awards for the different media types. Entries from the different media categories will compete against each other.

The awards program is based on a calendar year. Entries must be published or broadcast during the period of January 1 to December 31 of the calendar year being judged. As an example, the entries that were judged at the year 2017 Mid-Winter Conference must have been published or broadcast during the 2016 calendar year.

Supporting materials should not be limited to those articles/broadcasts about the nominating post but should include all articles/broadcasts published about The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion during the calendar year to be judged.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IS JANUARY 25. THE SELECTION WILL BE MADE AT THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE IN RALEIGH.

News Media Suggested Form For Presentation of Supporting Materials

Radio 1. Combine all spots on one standard 2 1/2 x 4 inch cassette tape
 2. Listing of spots with date(s) and number of airings

Examples:

County Fair Spot	Sep 1-15	75 airings
Post 999 Fundraising Dance for Hurricane Hugo Victims	Sep 23- Oct 10	46 airings

Television Same as with radio - use VHS tape

Newspaper

1. Newspaper articles or photocopies allowed
2. To be submitted in standard size 3 ring binder
3. Pages to be plain white 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper
4. Nomination form should be first page
5. Articles should be in chronological order with date of publication printed on lower right-and corner of page
6. Only one article per page
7. Scotch tape or paste articles to page
8. If article is larger than page attach upper left corner and as much of left and top edges as possible. Then fold article to fit on page.
9. At the conclusion of the material a summary would be appropriate but not required

Entries that do not follow the above guidelines will be accepted for judging but should still be presented in a neat and organized manner.

(adopted at Mid-Winter Committee meeting, February 4, 2000)

The American Legion
Department of North Carolina
JROTC Officer and NCO Instructor of the Year
Application Form

Date: _____

Candidate Name: _____

Rank: _____

Legion Membership # _____

Branch of Service _____

Home Address: _____ Email _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone _____

Length of Service as Officer: _____ or NCO _____ Instructor (Check one only)

Name & Address of High School: _____

Name and Phone # of High School Principal: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

JROTC Area Manager Name and Phone #: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Area Manager Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Post Submitting Nomination: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone _____

Post Commander: _____

(Signature)

Post Commander: _____

(Printed Name)

Post Adjutant: _____

(Signature)

Post Adjutant: _____

(Printed Name)

RULES FOR SELECTION OF DEPARTMENT JROTC OFFICER AND NCO OF THE YEAR

1. Nominee(s) for North Carolina's American Legion JROTC Officer or NCO instructor of the year must be submitted by a chartered Post of the American Legion Department of North Carolina.
2. Nominee(s) must be submitted by a chartered post and approved at a regular meeting of the sponsoring American Legion post.
3. Name of the nominee(s) with supporting written documentation must reach Department Headquarters *two weeks prior* to the Department Mid-Winter Conference.

Judging will be done by the Department JROTC Special Task Force Committee at the Department Mid-Winter Conference.

4. Presentation of awards will be at the Annual Department Convention following the Mid-Winter conference.
5. A Post may submit only one (1) nominee for Officer, or NCO.
6. Criteria for judging to be used by the Department JROTC Special Task Force Committee will include:
 - a. Nominee(s) may be male or female, must be a citizen of the United States, and are required to be Veterans.
 - b. Nominee(s) must be a living, active, full-time staff member of a city, county, or community high school JROTC program.
 - c. Nominee(s) must have been a resident for a minimum of one year in the City, or County in which the sponsoring American Legion post is located.
 - d. Judging acceptance of the nominee(s) will be based on their activities in Americanism, citizenship, youth activities, and other community involvement above, and beyond assigned duties of the position of employment.
7. Post application packets for the nominee(s) should include, and be submitted in the following order:
 - a. Completed application form.
 - b. A 5"X7" current photograph of each nominee
 - c. A minimum of 2, pages of service documentation. (This is in addition to the application). It must include the nominee(s) service narrative, community service narrative (most important), and include supporting citations, and other documentation, including press articles related to their JROTC unit.
 - d. Nominee(s) will be graded on the following categories, and assigned up to the number of points shown:
 - 1) Community Service-----25 Points
 - 2) Professional Career (as a JROTC instructor)-----25 Points
 - 3) Leadership (within the JROTC organization)-----40 Points
 - 4) Letters of recognition, news, and other documents-----10 Points
8. Information that may be included:

Documentation of Community Service: Outstanding service to the community, State, or Nation in both on-duty, and off-duty activities should be explained for the past academic school year. This will include, for example, awards, and/or supporting letters from City, or County Commissioners, letters from State Officials, letters from the American Legion Department, and/or Posts, or from individuals, and/pr groups attesting to, and commending the nominee(s) for their community service contributions. Remember, that the major aim of the award program is to select well-rounded individuals whom have demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service, above, and beyond assigned duty requirements.



Membership & Post Activity

October 2020

Two Goals, One Team

Team North Carolina

For 2021 we have:

- ◆ 100% Goals
- ◆ 103% National Commander Challenge

For most Posts the extra 3% is one or two or three more people. Bigger Posts equal bigger numbers.

So how are we going to get it done?

We have the same great team from 2020 for 2021 to assist the Post, the District Commanders & Division Commanders.

Past Department Commanders come with a wealth of knowledge & skills.

- Serve on National & Department Committees & Commissions

- Work within their own Posts

Their job is to get into the District they are assigned along with the District Commander, visit each Post & work with the Post First Vice Commander & membership team.

Encourage, teach, share, assist & help the Posts reach their goals with contact of the unexpired & transfers of DMS/1981.

Past & Present Officers can assist the PDC team members.

The 2021 Membership Team is Everyone.

Programs = Membership = Growth

- ***You need programs to attract members & give them value for their membership.***
- ***You need membership to operate the programs.***
- ***Together your giving your Post the best chance for growth & to give back to your community.***
- ***You control your Posts future.***

Get back out on the street.

- Division Commanders have a Membership Tent for use by District Commanders for their Posts.
- Fairs, Festivals, Shows, Store Fronts.
- Host Blood Drives, Food Drives, Flea Markets or other community events.
- Let your District Commander know if your Post has an event & you would like to enhance your event to setup the Membership Tent.

Get out on the digital highway.

- Inform local residents through Social Media
- Advertise on Social Media.
- Share your event photos on Social Media
- Can't say it enough.
- **TOOT YOUR HORN**

Increase your Post Value.

What are you offering for your membership?

What is your **Bang for the Renewal Buck?**

Get back to or start using the 4 Pillars & expand.

◆ **Pillar 1**—Veterans, the GI Bill & the VA.

* Be a VA Facilitator.

⇒ Help veterans get their records.

⇒ Help veterans get to a certified VSO

* Women Veteran Programs

* Homeless Veteran Programs

* Military Honors Funerals

◆ **Pillar 2**—National Security

* Disaster Prep/Hurricane Prep & Assistance

* Blue Star Families

* Blood Drives

* POW/MIA Accounting

◆ **Pillar 3**—Americanism

* Sponsor a team. Don't limit yourself to baseball/softball.

How about Soccer or Volleyball?

* JROTC/ROTC, Youth Events

* Flag Protection/Education. Recognize your local businesses who proudly fly the flag with a special flag certificate of appreciation

◆ **Pillar 4**—Children & Youth

* Children in Need—TFA

* Family Support Network & Child Welfare Foundation

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 a 950 new members

- ⇒ Same procedures as last year.
- ⇒ Download "Find Members in My Area" from MyLegion.
- ⇒ We can get the names by zip code for you.
- ⇒ We do the transfers.
- ⇒ 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.

Basic Training.

- ◆ You went through Basic Training when you joined the military.
- ◆ You also went to school or training to learn a trade.
- ◆ Learn about the American Legion History & Programs through Basic Training online course.
- ◆ **FREE.** You saw that right. **It's FREE to do.**
- ◆ www.legion.org/alei Follow the instructions. **Done.**

Buddy Check.

The Buddy Check is the most important thing you can do for your Post membership.

Do you even know what it is?

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.

It's not new concept & Buddy Checks work. Make a team & be prepared for November & March for the **National Buddy Check** but your Post can & should do Buddy Checks at any time.

MyLegion Membership Processing.

Getting your membership updated is so simple now with MyLegion Membership Processing.

- Sign into MyLegion.
- Process Membership Tab.
- Make sure your banking info is correct.
- Follow on screen instructions.
- New, Renewals & Transfers with money can be processed from the comfort of your Post or home.

MyLegion Training. Did you know you can download Nationals complete MyLegion PowerPoint presentation to go through at your own convenience?
<http://www.members.legion.org/legion/mylegion.zip>
It's also on the Department website at www.nclegion.org under the membership tab.

MyLegion Consolidated Post Report is LIVE

Update as you go throughout the year
Avoid the rush of the end of May to get it completed.

Undeliverable Addresses.

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

Social Media

Facebook Department of North Carolina group & page

Source of updates and shareable ads for your Post

Facebook National Pages

Twitter

Instagram

LinkedIn—greatest growth among Veterans last year.

And don't forget our websites.

www.legion.org & www.nclegion.org

National Notification Form

Each year Posts must update the National website: www.legion.org. Each Post must submit an updated **National Notification Form** to the Dept. This form updates your contact info, Post Commander and Adjutant, your SAL Commander and Adjutant (if you have one) plus access to MyLegion. If you've had trouble accessing MyLegion in the past, update your National Notification form. National uses this info to update Legion.org, and MyLegion access.

MAKE SURE YOUR INFORMATION IS CORRECT & ACCURATE ON NATIONAL'S WEBSITE AS THE DEPARTMENT USES THIS INFO TOO.

DON'T HAVE BAD POST INFO ON NATIONALS WEBSITE.

American Legion Mobile App.

Find A Post, Renew your Membership, Legion News, Images and Emblem Sales. It's all there on your smart phone. Available for download from the Apple Store, Google Play and the Windows Store.

Department of North Carolina Mobile App? Check your app store.

Post Update Form

Did you submit the Post Update Form with your list of officers and contact info to the Department

Even if you have no changes, you must submit a Post Update form for every year

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.

Membership Manual, Forms & Reports

All located on the Department website at www.nclegion.org

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

Oh By the Way.

Join the Guard & Reserve.

They are always on call.

Important Membership Dates

Oct 15, 2020	55% Membership Goal
Nov 11, 2020	Post Commander Excellence Award—100% Post Goal
Nov 12, 2020	65% Membership Goal
Dec 9, 2020	75% Membership Goal
Dec 31, 2020	Dogwood Award—100% Post Goal



**DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA
AMERICAN LEGION PATRIOTIC BUSINESS AWARD**



The intent of this award is the recognition of small, medium and large patriotic businesses that are located in North Carolina. The business must be nominated by a chartered post of the Department of North Carolina American Legion. Awards will be judged at Mid-Winter Conference and presented at the June Convention. It is the nominating post's responsibility and privilege to present the Patriotic Business Award to the winning business. *Please submit nomination form by January 15

Date: _____

Name of Business: _____

Address of Business: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Business Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Is this a Veteran-owned business? _____ Branch of Service: _____

Sponsor Post No: _____ Sponsor Post Name: _____

Post Contact: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Business Size:

How many employees at location? _____

How many employees do they have total in NC? _____

How many employees in NC are National Guard or Reservist? _____

Type of Business: _____

How long has the business been in the community? _____

Tell us briefly about the business:

For items below, in addition to filling out the lists, please include any pictures, news articles or videos as documentation (can list URL if online)

United States Flag – please list all flags located at their place of business, and all flag-related activities, events, projects, and programs the business did for the previous calendar year (January 1 – December 31) at their place of business or in the community:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Patriotic Holidays – please list all the ways the business participated to honor and promote Veteran's Day, Memorial Day and Independence Day at their business or in their community for the previous calendar year (Jan. 1 – Dec.31) :

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Additional Patriotic Activities: please list all additional items for previous calendar year (January 1 – December 31) :

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Approval of Business:

The American Legion has my permission to enter the business I work for or own,
_____, for their annual American Legion Patriotic Business Award.

I am a manager or the owner of the business.

Printed Name

Signature

Submitted by Post: _____ Date: _____

Commander's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Commander's Signature: _____

Email _____



**The American Legion
Department of North Carolina
Civil Air Patrol Cadet of the Year
Application Form**

Date: _____

Candidate name: _____ Rank: _____

Legion Auxiliary/SAL Membership #: _____

Years Active in the Civil Air Patrol: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Civil Air Patrol Supervisor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____ Phone: (____) _____

CAP Unit Commander Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Post Submitting Nomination: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____ Phone: (____) _____

Post Commander Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Post Adjutant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

RULES FOR SELECTION OF DEPARTMENT CIVIL AIR PATROL CADET OF THE YEAR

1. Nomination for North Carolina's American Legion Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Cadet of the Year must be submitted and approved by a chartered Post of the American Legion Department of North Carolina.
2. Name of the nominee with supporting written documentation must reach Department Headquarters four weeks prior to the Departments Mid-Winter Conference.
3. The Department JROTC Committee will do judging and selection at the Department Mid-Winter Conference.
4. Presentation of award to the winning nominee will be at the Department Convention following the Mid-Winter selection.
5. A Post may submit one (1) nominee for Cadet of the Year. Cadet's unit must be in the same Legion District as the Post submitting the nomination. The Post Commander and Post Adjutant must sign all submissions.
6. Criteria for judging to be used by the Department JROTC Committee will include:
 - a. The nominee must be a citizen of the United States. Not required to be a veteran or a member of The American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary, or Sons of the Legion.
 - b. The nominee must be an active member of a CAP Unit.
 - c. The nominee will submit completed and signed CAPF 58 including mandatory attachments to include: High School Transcript; Transcript of College Credits (If Applicable); College Entrance Achievement Test Scores (SAT or Act); Recent Photo, Full Length, in Uniform without Hat; and any Letters of Recommendation.
 - d. Judging of the nominee will be based on information provided on CAPF 58 and any other documentation of activities in Americanism, Citizenship, Youth Activities, and other community involvement over and beyond assigned CAP duties.
 - e. Act of heroism and bravery in the line of duty may be considered but should not be used as the only justification for the nomination.
7. Post application packets for the nominee should include and be submitted in the following order:
 - a. Completed application form.
 - b. Current photo of the nominee,
 - c. CAPF 58 form with mandatory attachments as detailed in para 6c above.
 - d. Any additional documentation of activities in Americanism, Citizenship, Youth Activities, or community service.
 - e. Items 7a, 7b, and 7c are required. Submissions without all three items will not be considered.
8. Nominees will be graded on the following categories and assigned up to the number of points shown:
 - a. Completeness of the application packets 15 Points
 - b. Details of CAP participation, scholastic accomplishments, awards, activities, and narrative contained in the CAPF 58. 50 Points
 - c. Community involvement beyond CAP duties 20 Points
 - d. Letters of recognition, news articles, and other documents 15 Points
9. The nominee with the highest number of points will be selected as the Department of North Carolina's Civil Air Patrol Cadet of the Year.

**The American Legion
Department of North Carolina
Civil Air Patrol Squadron & Deputy Squadron Commander of the Year
Application Form**

Date: _____

Candidate name: _____

Rank: _____

Legion/Legion Auxiliary/SAL Membership #: _____

Active Duty in United States Armed Forces: Branch _____ Years: _____

Years Active in the Civil Air Patrol: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Civil Air Patrol Supervisor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____ Phone: (____) _____

CAP Supervisor Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Legion Post Submitting Nomination: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____ Phone: (____) _____

Legion Post Commander Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Post Adjutant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

RULES FOR SELECTION OF DEPARTMENT CIVIL AIR PATROL SQUADRON AND DEPUTY SQUADRON COMMANDER OF THE YEAR

1. Nominations for North Carolina's American Legion Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Squadron and Deputy Squadron Commander of the Year must be submitted and approved by a chartered Post of the American Legion Department of North Carolina.
2. Names of the nominees with supporting written documentation must reach Department Headquarters four weeks prior to the Departments Mid-Winter Conference.
3. Judging and selection will be done by the Department JROTC Committee at the Department Mid-Winter Conference.
4. Presentation of award to the winning nominee for each award will be at the Department Convention following the Mid-Winter selection.
5. A Post may submit one (1) nominee for Squadron Commander and one (1) nominee for Deputy Squadron Commander each year. The CAP unit must be in the same Legion District as the Post submitting the nomination. All nominations must be signed by the Legion Post Commander and Adjutant.
6. Criteria for judging to be used by the Department JROTC Committee will include:
 - a. Nominee must be a citizen of the United States. Not required to be a veteran or a member of The American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary, or Sons of the Legion.
 - b. Nominee must be an active member of a CAP Unit.
 - c. Nominee submission will be in narrative form outlining the accomplishments of the individual for CAP and service to the community beyond CAP duties and activities.
 - d. Nominee submission must be endorsed by the individuals CAP supervisor/rating official and include a Recent Photo, Full Length, in Uniform without Hat; and any Letters of Recommendation.
 - e. Judging of nominee will be based on information provided in the narrative provided, letters of recommendation and on any other documentation of activities in Americanism, Citizenship, Youth Activities, and other community involvement over and beyond assigned CAP duties.
 - f. Act of heroism and bravery in the line of duty may be considered but should not be used as the only justification for nomination.
7. Post application packets for the nominee should include and be submitted in the following order:
 - a. Completed application form.
 - b. Narrative submission with appropriate endorsement.
 - c. Current photo of nominee.
 - d. Any additional documentation of activities in Americanism, Citizenship, Youth Activities, or community service.
 - e. Items 7a, 7b, and 7c are required. Submissions without all three will not be considered.
8. Nominees will be graded on the following categories and assigned up to the number of points shown:

a. Completeness of the application packets	15 Points
b. Details of CAP participation, awards, activities, and narrative submission.	50 Points
c. Community involvement beyond CAP duties	20 Points
d. Letters of recognition, news articles, and other documents	15 Points
9. Nominee with the highest number of points will be selected as the Department of North Carolina's Civil Air Patrol Commander or Deputy Commander of the Year.



The Department Commander's Coin will be awarded to each American Legion Member who recruits, at least, three (3) **new** members for the Department. Individuals recruited cannot have been a member during the 2020-2021 membership year. Post adjutants will have reviewed all requests for accuracy prior to forwarding to Department Headquarters.

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP #</u>	<u>POST</u>
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1.	_____	_____	_____
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2.	_____	_____	_____
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3.	_____	_____	_____
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I certify that _____ recruited the
NAME OF RECRUITER POST #

three new members listed above and that they are new members who were not members during the 2020-2021 membership year.

Post Adjutant

Post#

Cutoff date for awarding the coin is May 15, 2021. Applications are required to be submitted and at Department Headquarters not later than May 15.

BASEBALL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

(This form must accompany all nominations for consideration)



AREA: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

If this is a posthumous nomination, list next of kin to be notified:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

The above individual is approved by Post # _____, (city) _____

as qualified for nomination for the Department of North Carolina Baseball Hall of Fame.

Date: _____

Name of Athletic Officer: _____

Signature: _____

Name of Post Commander: _____

Signature: _____

Please attach narrative to this form.

All nominations must be received at Department Headquarters no later than ten (10) days prior to the Mid-Winter Conference. Send to:

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

Or email to drose@nclegion.org

Excerpts pertaining to Baseball Hall of Fame Award from

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA
BASEBALL HALL OF FAME**

“By-Laws”

Section 2 **Eligible Candidates:** Candidates to be eligible must be selected from the following:

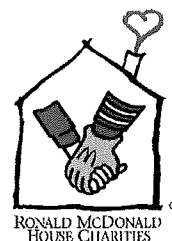
- (a) American Legion Baseball players who have completed Legion Baseball competition at least five years prior to the election.
- (b) Devoted Legionnaires, veterans or non-veterans who have sacrificed so much time and effort to maintain American Legion Baseball on such a high level of excellence.
- (c) Umpires who have umpired in North Carolina American Legion Baseball for **at least ten (10) years prior to the election.**
- (d) No member of the Commission can be elected to the Hall of Fame while he is a member of the Commission.

Nomination of Candidates: The Commission shall consider and vote on any candidate recommended by any Legion Post or Legionnaire from the Department of North Carolina. The recommendation and qualifications of the candidate shall be in writing to our Department Adjutant or Chairman of the special Baseball Hall of Fame Committee.

Post Newsletter Award for 2019-2020 And Post Yearbook Award for 2019-2020

Due to the pandemic and the inability to meet in person for both our June 2020 Convention and Fall 2020 Conference, any Post who has their 2019-20 Post Newsletter nomination to submit or 2019-20 Post Yearbook to submit, will have until **December 15, 2020** to send it to Department headquarters to be judged by Public Relations and Publications Committee at the Mid-Winter Conference.

These awards will be selected whether the conference is in person or virtual.



American Legion Dept of NC

Ronald McDonald House

Pull Tab Donations

With the cancellations of both our State Convention in June and the Fall Conference in October, drop off for Pull Tabs has not been available. The Department will continue to receive tabs from individuals and small businesses. Posts, please do not drop off large quantities to the Headquarters. We do not have enough space to house them until February.

All Posts and Individuals have the following options for Drop off:

1. Drop off pull tabs to the closest Ronald McDonald House. All Houses have asked to call ahead so they can direct you to their area of drop off. The Facilities will give you a pull tab donation form with the number of pounds you dropped off. You may mail or email the form to the Department for verification so the Committee can get a certificate out to your post. (list of house locations and numbers are included here).
2. Keep all tabs in your Post location or personal location until the next Department drop off event.

5 Ronald McDonald House Locations:

Chapel Hill: 101 Old Mason Farm Rd, Chapel Hill NC 27517	919-913-2040
Charlotte: 1613 E Morehead St, Charlotte NC 28207	704-335-1191
Durham: 506 Alexander Ave, Durham, NC 27705	919-286-9305
Greenville: 529 Moye Blvd, Greenville NC 27834	252-847-5435
Winston Salem: 419 W. Hawthorne Rd, Winston Salem NC 27103	336-723-0228