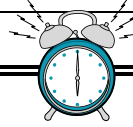




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Fall Conference

The Fall Conference will be held October 28-30, 2021 at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC. Room rates are \$107 plus tax per night. For reservations call 1-800-445-8667, identifying yourself as being with The American Legion **by September 28 for the rate.** <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=RDUNHHF&groupCode=ALFC&arrivaldate=2021-10-27&departuredate=2021-10-31&flexibleDates=true&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>. The code is **ALFC** if you call for reservations. There will be quite a few awards chosen during the various Committee meetings. Be sure your Post and its dedicated Legionnaires are represented and possibly awarded by submitting nominations for all those deserving recognition.

Hotel Reservations

Why should you stay at the North Raleigh Hilton for our conferences and conventions? We have a contract with the North Raleigh Hilton through the Fall Conference in October, 2023. With this contract we estimate the number of rooms that we will need for our attendees. With these rooms we are allowed all of the meeting rooms free of charge and this includes all of the meeting rooms for The American Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary. If we do not meet our minimum guest room usage, then we have to pay for all of the meeting rooms that we use. This would drastically affect your Department budget and consequently affects you as a member. The two conferences and one convention that we have each year is and should be very important to all of our members to carry out the business and programs of The America Legion, SAL and Auxiliary. The bottom line is, you staying at our assigned hotel is very important and necessary for all of us to continue the business of your Department, your Division, your District and your Post. It is very important that all of your post members are informed of this information. Thank all of you for your cooperation in this very important matter.

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Post Commander and Post Adjutant of the Year

Please give the post leaders the recognition they deserve. A nomination should be based on the activities and work of the preceding American Legion fiscal year. This year's nomination should be someone who held office from June 2020 – June 2021. The nomination form is again enclosed with this mailing. Please submit any completed forms to Department Headquarters by October 10, 2021. The Community Service Committee will judge both awards and present the winners at the Fall Conference held October -28-30, 2021.

Law Enforcement Officer, EMS and Fireman of the Year

The Law and Order Committee will be selecting the North Carolina Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, the EMS of the Year and the Firefighter of the Year at the Fall Conference. Please read over the guidelines for this most important award included in this month's mailing. The winner of the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year will be North Carolina's submission to National Headquarters in January. Please follow the guidelines closely as this will help with the format National requires. Let's recognize our Law Officers by nominating them for this award.

Scouting Awards

Each year at the Fall Conference the Boy Scout Committee selects the following awards; Scout Leader, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Explorer Unit Leader of the Year, Cub Pack, Explorer Scout Unit, Varsity Scout Unit and Scout Troop Awards. All applications must be received at Department Headquarters by **October 10, 2021.**

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Colon Furr Selection

The Legion Riders Committee will be selecting recipients for the Colon Furr Scholarship at the Fall Conference. Enclosed with this mailing is the application with a deadline of September 25, 2021. Each post may only submit **ONE** applicant. If you have two worthy applicants, try to get another post in your area involved. Please get these applications distributed ASAP so as many nursing students as possible will be able to compete for this scholarship.

Post Newsletter of the Year

The Public Relations Committee will select the Post Newsletter of the Year Award winner at the Fall Conference. Any Post that wants to submit their newsletter in the competition needs to provide a copy of each newsletter mailed out in the last year. Send your newsletters to Department Headquarters no later than October 10, 2021. Guidelines are included with this mailing.

Oratorical Contest

We are in the process of preparing the Department Information Booklet for the 2022 Oratorical Contest. Some District and Division Commanders have not yet submitted their chairs for this very important program. A reminder to District and Division Commanders, if you do not appoint someone, you will assume the chairmanship. The information needs to be circulated by early September at the latest to assure all students have enough time to prepare for the school date timeframe. National is not printing up the rules for the contest this year. They can be obtained by going to the national website, www.legion.org ,or department website at www.nclegion.org .

Employer Awards Program

Nomination forms for these programs have been distributed to each Employment Security Commission Office in NC. If your Post knows of an employer they would like to see be honored in one of these categories, please contact your local ESC office and work with them in filling out the nomination form. All nominations are to be forwarded to Department Headquarters no later than October 10, 2021 for judging by the Veterans Employment and Veterans Preference Committee at the Fall Conference. The Department winner in each category will be forwarded to National Headquarters to compete for the National Award. If you would like nomination forms, contact Dept. Headquarters.

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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.

MyLegion.org

Now that we have settled in with the new MyLegion format, we at the department need your post changes ASAP. This includes officers, addresses, emails, meeting times, dues amounts and any other changes for your post.

The Department does have broader access to make changes quickly and we are finding they are reflected to the public almost immediately. We know this change is a process and we are moving forward.

You can find all post forms at www.nclegion.org, or call the department at 919-832-7506. We are happy to assist in any way we can.

Post Newsletter Award

As in the past, the Post Newsletter of the Year awards will be selected at the Fall Conference in Raleigh October 28-30, 2021. Each Post submitting its newsletter for judging should provide a copy of every newsletter mailed to the membership in the 2020-21 Legion year, starting with the first newsletter after the installation of officers.

A cover page containing the Post name, number and address, name of editor and the name and address of the person submitting the contest entry must be included. To increase the chance of your entry arriving intact in Raleigh, you might consider using some sort of binder or cover. Lastly, be certain your entry is received at Department Headquarters before October 10, 2021. If you choose, you may hand deliver your entry to the PR Committee at the conference and turned in before 10:00 am on Friday morning.

Baseball Hall of Fame

All nominations for inductees into the Baseball Hall of Fame should be sent to Department Headquarters by **October 10, 2021**. The selection will be made by the Baseball Hall of Fame Committee at the Fall Conference. The form is included with this mailing. Date and location of the Hall of Fame banquet to be announced.

JROTC Cadet of the Year

Applications for the JROTC Cadet of the Year are included with this mailing. Please submit by October 10, 2021.



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