



The Legion Bulletin




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Hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Mon – Fri.
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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 an extended date of October 14 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.

-  Post Commander and Adjutant Awards
-  Boy Scout Leader and Troop Awards
-  Jr ROTC Cadet of the Year Award
-  Baseball Hall of Fame & Players of Yr Recipients
-  Post Newsletter Awards
-  Law Enforcement Officer of the Year 
-  Fireman & EMS of the Year
-  Employer Awards (several classes)
-  Colon Furr Scholarship

Award nominees must be submitted by **October 10, 2021 unless otherwise noted on form.** If you need forms for any of the above, please call Department. Headquarters.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Full Time (40+ hr/wk)
FLSA Status: Exempt

Individual has responsibility for planning, growth, and administration of The American Legion Department of North Carolina programs, including development of electronic interface for program functions. Serves as staff liaison to committee chairpersons in the development, implementation of programs, and media and publication output.

Job listing included with this mailing

Oratorical Contest

The time for Oratorical Contests is right around the corner. Enclosed is an order form for Oratorical Contest Information Packets. The packets are ready now. The packet information is also available at the website, www.nclegion.org. Be sure to have your Post Oratorical Chairman get in touch with school officials as early as possible to insure every student who would like to participate has the opportunity. If any Post is interested in hosting the State Oratorical Contest, scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2019, please contact Chairman David Shore to give presentation at the conference.

Commander's Special Guests

Commander Jim Quinlan's special guest at the Conference will be the leading candidate for National Commander, Jim Troiola of New York.

Come to the **American Legion Comedy Hour** on Friday October 29, 2021, 8:00 pm for a laughter filled evening. Entertainment scheduled for the evening is Bobby McLamb.

To All Conference Attendees

It is very important that all attendees register and pay their \$5.00 registration fee. Your attendance and participation will ensure the success of the conference. It's most important for all Committee/Commission members to attend their meetings and be involved in the business required of their Legion program. If you are on a committee/commission and will not be able to attend your assigned meeting, please contact Headquarters prior to the meeting time and date, so that a note of your excused absence can be placed in your chairman's folder. The day before the conferences and convention the staff will be out of the office at the hotel getting set up. Chairmen requiring anything for their meeting other than their folder, please contact the office in advance to give us time to acquire the items that you will need to carry on your meeting.


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Proper Paperwork


Please encourage all of your members to get their military records and information in order, so when the time comes, the proper honors that they have earned and deserve, will be carried out. Be sure to write down their desires and along with their discharge papers, store in a safe place and advise your relatives where they can be found. These need to be turned over to the appropriate funeral director and they will handle everything from the honor guard to the military head stone.

Membership Transmittals

 Double check the amount of your check with the number of renewals you are transmitting. There should be \$27.50 included for each renewal. Do not send the 2 part cards for your online renewals, you can dispose of them. We get the renewal update from national and do not need them. The same rule applies, “no money – no card.”

 It is important to fill out the information on the right side of the transmittal form so if there is a question or issue, we can call the phone number or mail out information to reach the right person. If you are not transmitting dues for the transfer member, **please do not include a membership card.** When submitting transfers, just remember this quote, “no money – no card”. If you aren’t sending money, don’t send a card.

 National maintains control of the members joining thru the DMS program. Please provide mailing addresses for members transferring from another state or from AD 1981.

 Any member account changes, ie. Address, DOB, email, phone number, deceased status or any other personal information can be emailed or included on the returned member card. If emailing, please include the name and member ID number. Email to lmiller@nclegion.org.

Ronald McDonald House

Drop off for Pull Tabs will not be available for the Fall 2022 Conference. Due to Covid Restrictions Volunteers will not be available through RMH for Pull Tab pick up. The Department will continue to receive tabs from individuals and small businesses. Posts, please do not drop off large quantities to the Headquarters. Where to take your pull tabs sheet included with this mailing.

Your efforts assist families when their children are receiving catastrophic medical care as the result of cancer. Please collect the aluminum pull tabs in your community. **Thanks!**

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Veterans Service Fund

The following request is still in place. We are asking each member of the Department of NC to donate \$.50 to the Veterans Service Fund. Each post is requested to send \$.50 for each member assigned to the post membership goal for 2022.

The Legion News

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

Jan-March submit by **December 10**

April-June submit by **March 10**

July-Sept submit by **June 10**

Oct-Dec submit by **Sept 10**

Please email (preferred process) items for the paper if possible, to tcash@nclegion.org and drose@nclegion.org include captions to photos with a description of the event. Give a list of names for the people/person in the photo. **(Do not write on the back of the photo).** If you would like to have mailed photos returned, please include a self-addressed envelope.

Update on Legion Act

In a significant legislative victory for The American Legion, President Trump signed a bill July 30, 2019 that declares the United States has been in a state of war since Dec. 7, 1941.

The American Legion sought the declaration to honor approximately 1,600 U.S. servicemembers who were killed or wounded during previously undeclared periods of war. The Act also opens the door for approximately 6 million veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible.

Now that the legislation has been signed, The American Legion’s eligibility criteria immediately changed from seven war eras to two: April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941 to a time later determined by the federal government. No other restrictions to American Legion membership are changed.

2021-22 ANNUAL SWEEPSTAKES!

GRAND PRIZE, \$10,000!
5 prizes of \$1,000

**The drawing will take place at the
Mid-Winter Conference on
Saturday afternoon,
February 12, 2022.**

**Tickets will be mailed out
In October.**

