



# The Legion Bulletin



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## 2023 Department Convention

The 2023 Department Convention will be held June 7-10 at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel, Raleigh, NC. Reservations can be made by calling, 1-800-445-8667 or online : <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=RDUNHHF&groupCode=ALAC&arrivaldate=2023-06-08&departuredate=2023-06-12&cid=OM> The code is **ALAC**. Room rates are \$111 plus tax, single or double. **The cut-off for rooms at this rate is May 11, 2023.**

## Convention Delegate Certification

The Department Constitution requires that all Post Officers, Delegates, and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected annually at a Post meeting held not more than 45 days prior to the Department Convention and that all Post Officers, Post Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be certified to the Department Headquarters not more than 30 days nor less than 10 days prior to the Department Convention, certification to be made on forms furnished or prescribed by the Department. Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention must be certified to the Department Headquarters not less than 10 days prior to the Department Convention regardless of whether their registration fee is paid in advance or not. In order to vote, every Post in the Department must comply with this requirement and be sure to certify their Department Convention Delegates and Alternates. **This form must be completed and received at department headquarters no later than May 30, 2023.** **The Department Judge Advocate has ruled that in order for a delegate or alternate to vote at the convention, the person's name must be on the original Certification form submitted to department headquarters, and no changes may be made after May 30, 2023. Also, you may only list as many alternates as you are authorized delegates.**

## Student Trooper Program

The Student Trooper Program will be held at the North Carolina Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh the week of **July 23-28, 2023**. Forty (40) students who have just successfully completed their junior or senior year can be accommodated at the facility, so be sure to get applications in early. The fee is \$200.00. Applications may be obtained by calling Department Headquarters. Deadline for this program is July 1, 2023 or until filled.

## Post Officers for 2023-2024

Enclosed is a Post Information Form for reporting your newly elected or re-elected Post Officers. It is extremely important to fill this out and return it to Dept. Headquarters. This is how we update our mailing list for monthly mailings as well as our Post Officers Roster. Be sure to include the area code when listing your phone numbers. Also, be sure to include your e-mail addresses. This is our main source of information from your Post informing us where to send vital information concerning your Posts.

## Membership Reminders!

Adjutants, you will be receiving your annual **Post Data Report Form**. It needs to be returned to Department Headquarters no later than **April 15**. If not returned, any changes will not show up on renewal notices for next membership year. This includes the correct dues as well as the correct address for the dues notice to be mailed. Also complete the American Legion National Headquarters Notification of Post/Squadron Commanders and Adjutants. These forms are forwarded to national. It is where all info posted at national is updated. Our NC website will also be directing any post inquiries to the information national headquarters has listed for each NC post under Find a Post.

## The Sweepstakes Drawing



To take place at the  
June Convention!

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## Final District Meetings

Please see enclosed District Meeting Schedule for the date and time of your District's final meeting. It is very important to have a Post representative attend. Nominations for election of District Commander and National Convention Delegates will take place at this meeting.

## Consolidated Post Reports

A Reminder – it is important that your Post complete the Consolidated Post Report. In order for your Post to be considered for any awards presented by Community Service Committee, Children and Youth Commission or Americanism Commission at the Convention, this form must be completed and **returned to Department Headquarters** by May 31. This form is available for download on our website, or go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) to fill it in online. Contact Loree at [lmiller@nclegion.org](mailto:lmiller@nclegion.org) to have the form emailed or for a hard copy to be mailed.

## Post Everlasting

It is customary to honor the memory of our departed comrades each year at this time by listing the names of all Legionnaires who have passed away during the membership year in the Convention Memorial Service Program. We have the names of all those who have been reported as deceased on membership transmittal cards and member data forms. Please check your rosters and submit those deceased members who have not yet been reported. Names must be submitted by **May 30, 2023** for us to include them in the program.

## Bits and Pieces

The Department and the National Judge Advocates have ruled that No Drinking is allowed in any official Legion meeting.

This includes regular monthly meetings and post executive meetings. If you need clarification on this issue please be in contact with Judge Advocate Gaither Keener.

Your uniform Cap: **Post Cap** is solid blue in color. Nothing is allowed on left side except, City name in full, state abbreviated. Example; Raleigh, NC Name tag should be blue in color.

**District Cap** is a blue cap with a white crown. Nothing on left side except District name in full and your state abbreviated. Example; 11<sup>th</sup> District, NC. Name tag should be white/blue.

**Department Cap** is solid white in color. Nothing on the left side except your state in full Example; North Carolina. Name tag should be white in color

**National Cap** should be solid red in color. Nothing on the left side except your state in full. Example; North Carolina. Name tag should be red in color.

These items can be purchased through Emblem Sales 1-888-453-4466 or [emblem.legion.org](http://emblem.legion.org), except where noted.

District Vice Commander and higher office, caps, must be ordered through Department Headquarters. If you need assistance, please be in contact with Loree, 919-832-7506.

A reminder from Dept. Judge Advocate, a post must contact Department Headquarters before the sale of post property.

This is to ensure that the proper legal guidelines are followed thus preventing possible legality issues.

## Boys' State Program

The Boys' State application deadline is **May 1, 2023**. After this date, please be sure that all applications are completed with the correct information and that a completed medical form is attached. Students just completing their Jr or Sr year will be permitted to attend the program. The fee for this year's program is \$500. **The SAMSUNG application is completed on the national website. Once submitted, the delegate needs to print out and bring to Catawba College. They will turn it in at registration. Please do not mail with the applications.**

## Legion College

This year's Legion College is returning to the Village Inn, Clemmons, NC. The dates are July 21 and 22, 2023. Room rates are \$89.00 per night plus tax. There will be a buffet banquet on Friday evening. Banquet tickets are \$40.00. Registration form is included with this mailing. For reservations, call 336-766-9121. Be sure to mention you are with the American Legion. A schedule of classes will be available at a later date.

## Membership Awards

### Deadlines

**May 17, 2023**

New Recruiter of the Year

Department Recruiter of the Year

**May 17, 2023**

Commander's Coin Award

**May 31<sup>st</sup> 2023**

Silver and Gold Brigade

National Recruiter of the Year

All forms and manual available on [www.nclegion.org](http://www.nclegion.org) or contact [lmiller@nclegion.org](mailto:lmiller@nclegion.org) 919-832-7506 ext.104.

## National Convention in Charlotte

The American Legion National Convention will be held in Charlotte North Carolina August 25-31, 2023. Any delegates and alternates not nominated at the Final District meetings will be selected by lottery at the convention in June.

All hotel reservations must be made through the Department. The form will be included in next month's mailing.

Anyone wanting to volunteer with the convention should contact National Convention Corporation President Jim Mayhew at [jimmayhew@charter.net](mailto:jimmayhew@charter.net).

More information will be available next month.