



The Legion Bulletin



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Jan 1, 2010**

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Oratorical Contest

2010 Oratorical Contest Dates as follows:

- District 4 Jan 23, 2010, 1:00 PM, Wilson Co Ag. Center
- District 5 Jan 23, 2010, 1:00 PM, Post 52 Franklinton
- District 7 Jan 23, 2010, 12:00 PM, Post 94 Snow Hill
- District 8 Jan 23, 2010, Time & Place TBA
- District 9 Jan 20, 2010, 7:00 PM, Post 10 Wilmington
- District 11 Jan 30, 2010, 10:00 AM, Dept Headquarters
- District 12 Jan 23, 2010, 1:00 PM, Post 7 Durham
- District 19 Jan 23, 2010, 10:00 AM, St Johns Lutheran Ch
- District 22 Jan 23, 2010, 1:00 PM, Post 48 Hickory
- District 23 Jan 16, 2010, 11:00 AM, Post 155 Kings Mtn
- Division I Feb 13, 2010, 2:00 PM, Wilson Co Ag Center
- Division II Feb 13, 2010, 1:00 PM, Post 103, Mt Olive
- Division III Feb 13, 2010, 10:00 AM, Dept Headquarters
- Division IV Feb 13, 2010, 1:00 PM, St Johns Lutheran Ch
- Division V Feb 13, 2010, 1:00 PM, Post 16 Newton

March 6, 2010 – Department Final, Post 155 Kings Mtn.

Thank you Oratorical Chairpeople for making this year's contest a success. If any contests are not listed above, please call Department Headquarters so information can be given to contestants. Please, don't let the kids down. They work hard for this

“I Met the Job Challenge” Pin

National Commander Clarence Hill will award his, "I met the Job Challenge" pin to any Legionnaire Family member who signs up at least five new members. A new member is defined as any eligible person joining for the 2010 membership year who was not a member during the 2009 year. The certification form may be submitted immediately. Upon receipt, national membership staff will confirm the names and mail the pin directly to the Legionnaire. Hill's "I met The Job Challenge" pin incentive will end June 30, 2010, or when pin supplies are exhausted. Forms are available upon request from Department Headquarters.



Mid Winter Conference

The annual Department Mid-Winter Conference will be held February 19-20, 2010, at the North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh, NC. 1-800-445-8667 is the number for reservations, or you can call the hotel direct at 1-919-872-2323. You must specify you are with The American Legion. Limited smoking rooms available. You can also book online by accessing our group link:

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/RDUNHHF-AML-20100218/index.jhtml> **Cutoff date for**

reservations at this rate is February 4, 2010. The room rate will be \$85 per night plus tax. The holidays will be over and everyone should be ready to get away for a very informative and enjoyable conference. Commander Lou Cook, Commander Harley Gaddy and President Sue Jones will be holding a joint Homecoming at the conference on Friday night, February 19. Keep the date open! Remember:

- Rehabilitation Committee will be selecting a Service Officer of the Year,
- Public Relations Committee will select the News Media Award
- Boy Scout Committee will be selecting Scout Leaders and Units of the Year, and Adult Scouter National Training Scholarship
- Law and Order Committee will select Fireman and EMS of the Year
- JROTC Committee will select the JROTC and NCO Awards.

Call Dept Headquarters if more nomination forms are needed.

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**Pull-Tab Addition
Fall Conference October 2009**

Post 230 Spring Lake 192 lbs.



Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet

The annual American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet will be hosted by Post 43 in Kinston, time and place to be announced at a later date. Ticket price, \$20.00.

Student Trooper Program

The sixteenth session of the North Carolina Student Trooper Program will be held at the NC Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh with tentative dates of June 20-25, 2010. Up to 40 students who have successfully completed their junior or senior year can be accommodated at the training center, so be sure to get applications in early. The fee will be \$200.00 per student this year. Applications may be obtained by calling Dept Headquarters or by using the enclosed order form.

Boys' State Plans Finalized

Brochures for the 2010 American Legion Tar Heel Boys' State will be available on or around January 15, 2010. This year's session will be held **June 20 – 26, 2010 at Catawba College**. Please send your requests to PO Box 26657, Raleigh, NC 27611. Request forms for current programs along with information brochures are included in this mailing.



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)

Membership Messages

During the past several months, Membership Cards have been received at Headquarters with numerous changes such as a name change and change of address written on the Membership Cards instead of on a plain sheet of paper. Please refrain from making these changes on the Membership Cards. You can now send them on a piece of paper, by email or by going to National's website and doing it yourself. Please refer to your Post Adjutants Manual, page 15 for information on your Post Membership Cards and information on the Member Data Form. Also, if someone transfers into your Post, **Please** do not forget to include a Membership Data Form. Transfers cannot be made by simply checking the block on the renewal card. If the member has already paid for this year before the transfer, do not send a renewal card. Remember, no money, no card.

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When you submit a Paid-Up-For-Life application, make the check payable to National Headquarters, American Legion for the amount of the PUFL only. These checks should be kept separate from regular membership payments as we forward PUFL payments directly to National for processing. Remember to sign the officer signature line and have your member sign the applicant line. If you have any questions, please telephone Patti at Department Headquarters. The new PUFL application requires an attached copy of one of the three following items; DD214, military ID or driver's license.

Reminder for District/Division Candidates

Anyone planning to run for District, Division or Department Office will need to get your endorsement and picture to Department Headquarters by **February 10, 2010** to be included in the March/April NC Legion News. The next issue after that will be a deadline of **April 10, 2010** for the May/June issue. **These materials will be used for a "one time only" courtesy announcement.**

Update From LIT Insurance

Healthcare headache relief for our legionnaires and their families. www.healthproponent.com call today for special pricing for Legionnaires 866-939-3435. This will include Personal Health Advocate; Problem Solving; Bill Negotiation; and Online Health Manager. This service for Healthcare help is a phone call away. Our personal experts help solve your healthcare and insurance problems. Plus, online health information and tools to help keep you healthy. For your information and consideration.

Baseball 2010

There is a big change in baseball this year for both the Jr. and Sr. League. All baseball registration will be handled online by National Headquarters.



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 SA Vandyk insurance. Due to this major change, the deadline for registration will be changed to 4/15/2010. Proof of insurance must still be submitted to the Department. Any team who fails to purchase insurance from S.A. VANDYKE shall be disqualified. Any new team must submit a forfeit fee to Department Headquarters, \$100 for Jr, \$200 for Sr. All teams must have insurance purchased from S.A. VANDYKE. Fees for Sr will be \$200 Department fee and \$50 National fee. Jr will be \$100 Department fee and \$25 National fee. A detailed letter with instructions will be sent to all teams next month.