

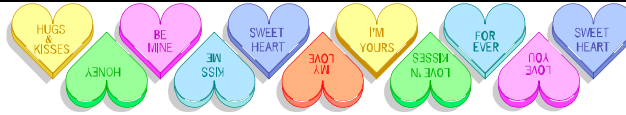


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Oratorical Contest

2011 Oratorical Contest Dates as follows:

- District 4 Jan 28, 2012, 1:00 PM, Wilson Co Ag. Center
- District 7 Jan 14, 2012, 2:00 PM, Post 94 Snow Hill
- District 10 Jan 15, 2012, 3:00 PM, St. Andrews College
- District 11 Jan 28, 2012, 10:00 AM, Post 116 Fuquay-Varina
- District 12 Jan 21, 2012, 1:00 PM, Post 7 Durham
- District 13 Jan 21, 2012, 10:00 AM, Post 59 Dunn
- District 14 Jan 21, 2012, 1:00 PM, Post 53, (tentative)
- District 15 Jan 21, 2012, 11:00 AM, Trinity United Meth Ch
- District 16 Jan 28, 2012, 2:00 PM, Vass Town Hall
- District 17 Jan 21, 2012, 2:00 PM, Marshville United Meth Ch
- District 19 Jan 28, 2012, Post 342 Salisbury
- District 22 Jan 28, 2012, 1:00 PM, Post 48 Hickory
- District 25 Jan 21, 2012, 1:00 PM, Hayesville High School
- Division I Feb 11, 2012, 1:00 PM, Wilson Co Ag Center
- Division II Feb 12, 2012, 10:00 AM, Scotland Youth Center
- Division III Feb 11, 2011, 10:00 AM, Post 447 Prospect Hill
- Division IV Feb 11, 2012, 1:00 PM, St John's Lutheran Ch.
- Division V Feb 11, 2012, 1:00 PM, Post 48 Hickory

March 3, 2012 – Department Final, 1:00 PM, State Capitol, Raleigh, (tentative).

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.

Mid Winter Conference

There is a tentative schedule for the Mid-Winter Conference enclosed with this mailing. The dates are February 17-18, 2012. If you have not made reservations yet, please call the North Raleigh Hilton at 1-800-445-8667, 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 Hilton group link: http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/R/RDUNHHF-AML-20120214/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG. The link is posted on our website, www.nclegion.org. **Cutoff date for reservations at this rate is February 2, 2012.** The room rate will be \$89 per night plus tax.

Student Trooper Program

The nineteenth 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 10-15, 2012. Up to 50 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 2012

The Boys' State Committee urges Posts to get involved with this important program of The American Legion. Please take an active part in selecting the young men who represent your Post as delegates. There is no better way to assure the survival of our great republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of American government. This is an America Legion Program. Please be active. This year's session will be held **June 17 – 23, 2012 at Catawba College.** Please send your requests to PO Box 26657, Raleigh, NC 27611, or email drose-nclegion@nc.rr.com. 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)

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Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet

The annual American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet will be hosted by Post 82 IN Shelby, home of the American Legion World Series, on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the Post Home. There will be 4 Hall of Fame Inductees and 4 Players of the Year honored. A ticket reservation form is included with this mailing. Ticket price, \$20.00. Please reserve early.

Baseball 2012

As with last year, 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. 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, Jr or Sr, must submit a forfeit fee of \$200 to Department Headquarters.** 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. If anyone is interested in starting a new team, please call Department Headquarters for new team form and online registration information, and State Chairman Roy Waters at 828-294-1263 for league information.

Baseball Booster Decals

We no longer stock the American Legion Baseball Decals. They are now available on the Emblem Sales Website and also in the 2012 Coach and Umpire Supplies catalog. To order by phone dial 1-888-453-4466. The item # is 750.9011, \$20.00 per hundred or 30 cents each. Website is www.emblem.legion.org. Please share this information with your athletic officer. All orders must be placed by Feb 15.



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 do not make 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. Be sure to fill in all information including address and phone number on the MDF. This is especially important if it is a 1981 member. If the member has already paid for this year

before the transfer, do not send a renewal card. Remember, no money, no card.

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 Rose 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. Remember, the new application is the only one now accepted.

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, 2012** to be included in the March/April NC Legion News. The next issue after that will be a deadline of **April 10, 2012** for the May/June issue. **These materials will be used for a "one time only" courtesy announcement.**

Eagle Scout Recognition

You can receive a certificate and a letter from the National Commander, that your post can present to the new **Eagle Scout** on the date of his **Court of Honor**. Send your request To Judy Mosley The American Legion PO Box 1055 Indianapolis, In 46206 or jmosley@legion.org. Needed: Full Name of recipient also Troop number also Date of the **Court of Honor** also Name and Address where to be mailed. Requests should be made 30-45 days before the event.

Posts Filing 990's

Please be sure that your post has and is filing the required 990 Tax form. **If not filed, Your Post Tax Exempt status is in jeopardy.** This is not an option, this is a requirement. The longer you wait, the worse the situation becomes. Do not hesitate or put off any longer. Check your post records and be sure you are filing a Form 990 each and every year and it does not matter how big or how small your post is. Please do it today!!!!

On-line Renewals

Due to many factors, the following are the new established guidelines concerning the On Line Renewals
The Department will no longer keep these funds as a credit. Starting March 31, 2012 the Department will send each applicable post a check for all funds due them from on-line renewals on a quarterly basis. All other credits from overpayments or other issues will be handled as usual with credits, and the Department sending to the applicable post a check for unused credits at the end of June, which is our Department fiscal year. Please contact this office with comments or concerns.