



The Legion Bulletin



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Hours - 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
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**Holiday Office Hours: Closed Dec. 23 and 26, 2011
Dec 30, 2011 and January 2, 2012**

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Oratorical Contest

2012 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 17 Jan 21, 2012, 2:00 PM, Marshville United Meth Ch
- District 22 Jan 28, 2012, 1:00 PM, Post 48 Hickory
- 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, 10:00 AM, 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 students down. They work hard for this

Baseball 2012

The same as 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 must submit a forfeit fee to Department Headquarters, \$200 for both Jr. and Sr. teams. 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 a \$100 Department fee and \$25 National fee. You will be able to register online in January.



Mid Winter Conference



The annual Department Mid-Winter Conference will be held February 17-18, 2012, 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/R/RDUNHHF-AML-20120214/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG **Cutoff date for reservations at this rate is February 2, 2012.** The room rate will be \$89 per night plus tax. The holidays will be over and everyone should be ready to get away for a very informative and enjoyable conference. 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
- JROTC Committee will select the JROTC and NCO Awards.

Call Dept Headquarters if more nomination forms are needed.

Conferences and Convention Dates 2012

Mid Winter Conference February 17-18, 2012

Convention June 20-23, 2012

Fall Conference October 25-27, 2012

All will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd in Raleigh. Please encourage members to attend for

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information and for fellowship.



Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet

The annual American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet will be hosted by Post 82 in Shelby, Sat, March 24, 2012 at 5:00 PM. A reservation form will be included with the next mailing. Ticket price, \$20.00.

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 Plans Finalized

Brochures for the 2012 American Legion Tar Heel Boys' State will be available on or around January 15, 2012. This year's session will be



held **June 17 – 23, 2012 at Catawba College**. Cost, \$325 per delegate. 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

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.**

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

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PUFL application requires an attached copy of one of the three following items; DD214, military ID or driver's license.

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.**

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. Customer Service number 1-800-235-6943, Claims Information number 1-800-882-0220, (West Coast Numbers)

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All on-line features are now available to post officers at NO CHARGE. Get Connected with MYLEGION: Post, Community, Department, National
FILE YOUR 990 SO YOU WILL NOT LOSE YOUR NON PROFIT STATUS.

Volunteer Photographer Needed for Boys State Program



Must own digital camera and be able to readily move about the campus, for the week of June starting June 15 and ending June 23, 2012. Room and board at Catawba College provided. Contact Christopher Byrd at tarheelboysstate@gmail.com for additional information.