



The Legion Bulletin



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2011 Department Convention Voting

Chairmen of post delegations should check with the Headquarters staff at the Convention Registration Desk at the North Raleigh Hilton upon arrival in Raleigh to be sure that their Post delegates are properly certified. In accordance with Article V Section 9 of the Department Constitution and By-Laws, only those Posts whose delegates are duly certified and whose registration fee has been paid will be permitted to vote in the Department elections. The pre-registration fee is \$5.00 per delegate. Registration at the Convention will be \$7.00 per delegate. Certification for delegates must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2011.

Post Commander/Adjutant Packets

This year we are again endeavoring to get an early start on our 2011-2012 membership program. In order to do this, it is imperative we get the Commander and Adjutant packets and 2012 membership cards into the proper hands as soon as possible. The packets will be made up and ready for you to pick up during the Department Convention, June 9-11, 2011, in the storage room across from the registration desk at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC. **Please be sure to sign for your packet and give your Post number so that we can determine who has not received a packet.** *If it is impossible for you to attend the Convention, please make arrangements with someone from your Post or one nearby to pick up your packet. Any cards not picked up will be given to your District Commander.*

SAL Convention

The 34th Annual Sons of the American Legion Convention will be held in conjunction with the Department Convention. It is scheduled to convene at 10:00 AM, Saturday, June 11 in Boxwood at the N Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC.

Newly Elected Post Officers

Your tenure of office for the current membership year is quickly coming to a close. However, many of you will be re-elected and continue to serve your Post, while others will be replaced by new officers. The staff at Department Headquarters hopes that this monthly bulletin has been of some value to you. If you have not already done so, please forward a list of your newly elected Officers as soon as possible. (Forms, both Post Information and Certification of Post Officers, are included in this mailing) Please notify Headquarters **EVEN IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES** so we can make sure our records are complete for mailing purposes. It is our constant desire to be of assistance to each Post, and it is only through a team effort that we are able to accomplish our goals throughout the year. **It is important to report address changes, i.e. new zip codes. To ensure you will get the information you need, make sure our information about you is correct. If you would like the packet mailed to the post, please use your post address for either the commander or the adjutant. We cannot mail an extra packet, but would gladly mail one to the post address instead of your home address.**

June Convention Guests

US Senator Kay Hagan will be our guest speaker during the DEC meeting around 10:00 am on Friday, June 10th. Governor Beverly Perdue has been invited to be our Guest speaker after the opening of the Convention, Around 1:30 pm on Friday, June 10th. Each speaker is asked to address veterans' Issues, so Please plan on being in attendance and showing support of our elected officials with good American Legion hospitality.



Dept. of NC Announces 5th Annual Sweepstakes!

The Sweepstakes will run from July 1 - October 15, 2011.
Each member will be mailed three (3) tickets to participate, \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00.
You do not have to be present to win.
Drawing during the Fall Conference, October 15, 2011.

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Student Trooper Program

The American Legion Student Trooper Program is also shaping up to be a large success. This year the Highway Patrol Training Center has room for 38 students. There are still openings if you have a young man or woman who would like to attend. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to get the word out to the schools and students who will be attending.

Boys' State Program

Please remind your delegates to Boys' State to take band instruments and athletic equipment (tennis rackets, baseball gloves, etc.) with them to Catawba College. Thanks to all the posts who have sponsored Boys' State Delegates. We expect a class of approximately 300 delegates and are gratified by the warm welcome Catawba College is extending to The American Legion.

Legion College

This year's Legion College will be held at The Village Inn, Clemmons, NC from July 8-9, 2011. This year's program will include a golf outing on Thursday, July 7, and a banquet on Friday evening. A registration fee of \$15.00 per Legionnaire will cover the cost of class materials. There is an additional cost of \$6.00 if you plan on taking the Legion Extension Institute course. You will be responsible for your own room reservations made directly with the hotel (phone # 800-554-6416). Be sure to identify yourself as being with the American Legion. A rate of \$69.00 plus tax is being given to Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members, **remember, the cut off for the rate is June 14 or until the rooms are gone.** Only one night's stay (Friday) will be needed for most of those wanting to attend. All meals will be on your own with several eateries located nearby. Reservations for the banquet must be made in advance. Banquet charge is \$25 per person.

National Legion College

Proposed Attendees: Departments will nominate three eligible candidates of Grenada/Lebanon /Panama/Gulf War era. Proposed attendees must be in the Legion for at least two years and held office at post or higher level, must have completed The American Legion Extension Institute prior to submitting the application, and must be recommended by District and Department Commanders. The National Legion College Committee with select NC finalists at the Convention. The National Panel will select the final 50 attendees (at least one from each Department). All nominations must reach Department Headquarters by June 7, 2011.



Go Getter Breakfast

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The Go Getter breakfast will be available to all Go Getters from 7:30 am until 9:00 am, on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the North Raleigh Hilton in Salons A-C. The cost of this meal will be \$5.00 and your Go Getter Card. You will need to sign up at the Legion Registration Desk and pay your \$5.00 and receive a ticket. The morning of the breakfast, present your ticket to the Sgt of Arms at the door. The cut off time for signing up for the buffet breakfast will be 11:30 AM Friday morning. This breakfast is for Go Getters Only!

Legionnaire Insurance Trust LIT

Please be sure that all of your members are aware of this benefit of \$1000.00 **FREE** AD & D Insurance. Just fill out the form and mail it in for this \$1000.00 **no cost** benefit. As of today, only 15,864 members out of 43,000 members have signed up. Members that sign up now will not have to sign up again until August 31, 2016. If you do not designate a beneficiary, the insurance benefit will go to your estate. You can request an insurance beneficiary form by calling the toll free number 1-800-235-6943 (west coast time).

Post Information

Your current post information is most important to your Department staff. We use the information you provide for potential new members; out of state members; and all visitors (Department officers and etc) There is a file at Department Headquarters on every post in North Carolina. Most of the posts files have very limited information and a few have a lot of important information. It is most helpful when your post files have a copy of your post constitution and by-laws; your post incorporation papers; listing of any military equipment including honor guard rifles copy of your post/property deed; copy of your post charter; current listing of post officers. It would also be helpful if we had the information in your file concerning the availability of a bar or bingo. We receive many calls throughout the year concerning information on local post location, meeting times and activities. This is why it is so important that we have updated information on your local post. Your Post Consolidated Reports are not only important to your Department, but also to our National Headquarters. "Thanks for your cooperation."

Update on Eagle Scout Recognition

You can receive a certificate and a letter from the National Commander, which your post can present to The new **Eagle Scout** on the date of his **Court of Honor**. Please send the full name of the recipient, Troop number, Date of the **Court of Honor**, and name and address where to be mailed. Please send your request to **Colin Short** cshort@legion.org. Please allow 30-45 days prior to the event. Please call 317-630-1249 for further information.