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National Commander Bill Oxford, Bo Durham and Jim Zajc at 2019 National Legion College in Indianapolis

Your mission is not over. We still need you. Continue your service. Join us.
Residents in Stanly County were hit hard by storms on February 6th. Many American Legion members were affected by the storms. Post 76 set up a Post Emergency Relief Fund to aid in the recovery. Post Commander Cal Massingale expressed his gratitude, “As for myself, there is no way that I can fully express my appreciation to all of you that came to my aid after the tornado destroyed my home. I’m privileged to call you my comrades and friends.”
REFERRALS

Legion Veterans don’t leave Veterans out of the Legion.

A FOUNDATION OF HOPE

FOR DISABLED VETERANS

I was about to give up…
I wouldn’t have known where to go.

Korean War Army veteran Wilbur Alvin Conner, who received a non-renewal and erroneously denied VA disability benefits after his case was reopened and won by American Legion Department Service Officer K. Robert Lewis

FOR MILITARY AND VETERAN FAMILIES IN NEED

These were important things.
It let them pay their childcare.
It helped them get behind
in their rent. It helped them
put food in the refrigerator.

Coast Guard Vice Commander Yvonne Allen, who received American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance
helped more than 3,200 children whose active-duty families
were affected by the federal government shutdown.

Your gift provides hope for disabled veterans and children in need.

The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation, formerly the American Legion Endowment Fund, delivers vital financial support for service officers worldwide who are working on VA disability claims for more than 250,000 U.S. military veterans at any one time, all the time.

The fund also supplies American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance cash grants for military and veteran families with minor children at home, who have encountered hardships beyond their control and need short-term help covering the costs of shelter, food, utilities, clothing or other necessities.

The American Legion
Veterans & Children Foundation
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Post 39 Greenville Eagle Scout Project

Charlie Blizzard from BSA Troop 30 chose American Legion Post 39 for his Eagle Scout project. Charlie decided to spruce up the landscaping for the Post. He planted new boxwood bushes and added new mulch to the landscape.
4th Annual
AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA
JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM
2020 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

MATCH DATE: Saturday, March 14, 2020 – 10:00 AM (First Record Shot)
Competitors Meeting: 9:30 AM
First Shooting Shots: 9:50 AM

MATCH LOCATION: American Legion Hickory Post #48
1 American Legion Avenue
Newton, NC 28658

SPONSORING AFFILIATE: Department of North Carolina American Legion

SPONSORED BY: American Legion Hickory Post #48

MATCH DIRECTOR: Kevin Nash, JSSP Committee Advisor 704-677-0526 (cell)
RANGE OFFICER: Harry Flynn, JSSP Committee Chairman 828-238-2137 (cell)

They fight for us there
We fight for them here

Will you fight with us?
State of North Carolina Spouse and Family Expo, Soldier Support Center Fort Bragg, NC

Members of Post 32 Fayetteville, came out on 30 January to support the State of North Carolina Spouse and Family Expo. Lots of families stopped by the table and received information about American Legion programs and local Post activities. Thank you Post 32 for your support!
Above: Austin Grainger from Lowes presents a $5000 dollar grant to Post 64 Pollocksville to help in the rebuilding effort of their post. Below: Commander Moore presents Secretary Larry Hall with a framed American Legion emblem for his dedication in supporting Veterans across the State of North Carolina. Commander Moore and the Secretary presented a $5000 dollar check to Division II Commander Tom Cerniglia from the National Emergency Fund for Post 154 Trenton to help in their rebuilding efforts.
MARCH 11-18, 2020

BUDDY CHECK

During Buddy Check week, take time to call on any member or former member who may have lost touch with the post. We need them, and they may need us. Honor the vision of our founders by making PERSONAL CONTACT with fellow veterans.
GRAND OPENING
AMERICAN LEGION POST 6
3700 NC Highway 54 West, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
APRIL 18, 2020 • 10 AM – 4 PM
Food • Activities • Tours • Vendors

Join Orange County Veterans and civic leaders as we celebrate the new American Legion site in Orange County.

Guest Speaker: Larry Hall
Larry Dwight Hall is a longtime member of the North Carolina House of Representatives who was appointed in 2017 to the position of Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs by Governor Roy Cooper.

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Calendar

- 07 March – Department Oratorical Contest in Pinehurst
- 08 March – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 8-10 March – Washington Conference
- 15 March – American Legion Birthday
- 11 March – Membership Target Date 90%
- 14 March – Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet Post 10 Wilmington
- 14 March - Junior Shooting Sports State Championship Post 48 Hickory