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Sweepstakes 2020 Coming Soon

This is to remind you that your Department Enhancement Sweepstakes Program will be starting soon. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Please encourage others in your post and other acquaintances to support this important fundraiser. Additional tickets will be available by contacting your Department Headquarters by phone or email. The sweepstakes, along with the Label, Calendar, and Patriotic Sticker programs enable The American Legion Department of North Carolina to continue its legacy of service to our nation, state, and communities.

Fall Conference

At this time, department leadership is considering several options for the annual Fall Conference scheduled for October 22-24, 2020. This is due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope to have more definitive information later in August. Committees, Commissions and possibly the Department Executive Committee (DEC) may be meeting electronically by Zoom due to Executive Order restrictions on gatherings. Awards will be selected by committees who will have the nominations emailed to them for consideration before their meetings.

Convention Awards

With the cancellation of the 2020 Department Convention in June, awards not selected at that time, will be selected by the various committees and commissions. The time for presentation will be planned at a future event. All convention submissions must be received by **September 25**. A list of Convention and Conference awards is provided with this packet.

Colon Furr Selection

The Legion Riders Committee will select recipients at the modified Fall Conference. Enclosed with this mailing is the application. The deadline for submission is **September 25, 2020**. Each post may only submit ONE applicant. If you have two worthy applicants, try to get another post in your area involved. Please get these applications distributed ASAP so deserving nursing students will be able to compete for this scholarship.

The Monthly Mailing is also available on our website at www.nclegion.org. If you would like to be added to our email list for the monthly bulletin, please send us your name and email address.

Post Commander and Post Adjutant of the Year

Please be sure to nominate your Post Commander and Adjutant for this important award! The award should be based on the activities and work of the preceding American Legion fiscal year. This year's nomination should be someone who held office from June 2019 – June 2020. The nomination forms are enclosed with this mailing. Please submit any completed forms to Department Headquarters by **September 25, 2020**. The Community Service Committee will judge both awards.

Post Newsletter of the Year

The Public Relations Committee will select the Post Newsletter of the Year Award winner at the Fall Conference. Any Post that wants to submit their newsletter in the competition needs to provide a copy of each newsletter mailed out in the last year. Send your newsletters to Department Headquarters **no later than September 25, 2020**.

Boy Scout Awards

The Boy Scout Committee will be selecting the Scout Leaders of the Year, Units of the Year and Scouter Scholarships at the Fall Conference. These awards have been moved from the Mid-Winter to the Fall Conference. The High Adventure Scholarships will now be selected at the Mid-Winter Conference. All applications must be received at Department Headquarters by **September 25, 2020**.

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Employer Awards Program

Each year the American Legion National Economic Commission and The Department Veterans Employment and Veterans Preference Committee honors Employer of The Year in 5 categories. They are:

1. The Employer of Veterans Award (Small, 50 or fewer employees)
2. The Employer of Veterans award (Med, 51-200 employees)
3. The Employer of Veterans Award (Large=201 or more employees)
4. The Employer of Older Workers Award
5. The Employer of Disabled Award

Nomination forms for these programs have been distributed to each North Carolina Employment Security Commission Office in North Carolina. If your Post knows of any employer who should be honored in one of the categories, please contact your local ESC office and work with them in filling out a nomination form. If you need a copy of any of the forms, please call Dept. Headquarters. All nominations are to be forwarded to Dept Headquarters no later than **September 25, 2020**. The Dept winner in each category will be forwarded to National to compete for the National Award.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Fireman/EMS of the Year

The Law and Order Committee will be selecting the North Carolina Law Enforcement Officer of the Year as well as the Fireman of the Year and EMS of the Year at the **Fall Conference**. Please read over the guidelines for these most important awards included in this month's mailing. The winners will be North Carolina's submission to National Headquarters in January. Please follow the guidelines closely as this will help with the format National requires.

Legion News Submissions

The Legion News is published **3 times a year**. Items are due no later than September 10, February 10, and June 10. If possible, email submissions for the Legion News with articles in a Word document, and photos submitted as a .jpg. We transmit all copy for the newspaper by email and it saves hours of work. Email to tcash@nclegion.org, ggidding@nclegion.org and drose@nclegion.org.

**This year's Decal Program
Depicts the Legion Emblem and the fact that
North Carolina is the
Home of National Commander Bill Oxford!
Display it Proudly!**

Membership Reminders

Here a few membership reminders for the coming year!

- **NEW CARDS:** They are hard to get into an envelope **but please** fold them in stacks and **not** individually they process more efficiently this way.
- **PUFL MEMBERS:** Please keep addresses, and personal information as well as deceased members as current as possible. National will not pay a PUFL with an undeliverable address
- **TARGET DATES:** Will be posted online at www.nclegion.org/membership/ and it is available in the membership manual.
- **MEMBERSHIP REPORTS:** Please let me know who in your post should be receiving the report by email.

Please feel free to contact Loree any time for assistance at 919-832-7506 or ext. 808 membership.

High School Oratorical Contest

We will need to think of new ways to contact schools and students about this year's Oratorical Contest. Don't forget the year round schools and also the home schooled. Private schools can and should be included. Out of the over 400 high schools in North Carolina, we should have contestants from each of our 25 Districts. Please get involved with this wonderful program that provides many opportunities for the youth in our communities. Thanks for all that you are doing. As you know, everything starts at the Post level.

Monthly Mailing

Check with your post officers to be sure they are receiving this mailing by email. The packet is filled with many guidelines and information to keep the posts in communication with the Department. There are certain due dates that must adhered to, or things do not happen. The due dates are important and affect many programs and many awards. There are also forms that affect your post when not filled out in a timely manner, such as the requested post information concerning your post dues and post location and post officers. Please contact Department Headquarters when in doubt or you need clarification with any forms. **Also, be sure all your post members know they can view the monthly mailing on our website at www.nclegion.org.**

New Headquarters Location

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