TENNESSEE AMERICAN LEGION

APRIL GENERAL BULLETIN - 2019

“One Vision – One Force”

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Sons of the American Legion: www legion org/sons

PLEASE SHARE THIS BULLETIN WITH THE MEMBERS OF YOUR POST - We mailed this bulletin to Certified Adjutant. Post Commanders and Post Service Officers will receive their copies via email. Bulletin is also available at www.tennesseelegion.org

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AFFILIATIONS – National Resolution 37, by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-5, 1988, that The American Legion shall not be a member of, or affiliated with, any organization, committee, association, council or group whereby The American Legion might be committed to a policy contrary to that adopted by The American Legion.

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AMERICAN LEGION PREPRINTED 2020 MEMBERSHIP CARD – Please send all membership cards by April 8th, to insure your members receive a renewal notice and a preprinted 2020 membership card with your post annotated. Also, submit transfers, change of addresses, continuous year membership, etc. by this date in order for corrected information to be on the 2020 renewal notice and membership card.

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POST DATA REVIEW FORM FOR 2020 – Please pay close attention to the following items on this form:

Item 1. Post physical address where the post meets. Does not need to be a post home (do not leave blank or unknown).

Item 2. Post Mailing Address.

Item 3. Dues Mailing Address.

Item 4. Annual Dues of $31.00 covers Department and National fees.

Item 9. Date and Time your Post meets; every post needs to have a scheduled meeting day and time! “When called” signifies inactivity.

Please have your forms to Department Headquarters by April 12th, even if your post does not have changes.

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A CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT (CPR) for 2018-2019 - Department Headquarters mailed the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) form to the Post Adjutant or Commander. Please return the CPR to Department Headquarters by May 8, 2019. The Department Trophy and Awards Committee uses the CPR to award Post Trophies and Awards presented at the Department Convention. We’re expecting 100% participation. Call Department Headquarters for a form or go to www.mylegion.org and click on the CPR link.

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POST OFFICER CERTIFICATION – After each annual Post Officer Election, posts must certify their officers. If needed you may find forms at www.tennesseelegion.org in the Post Resources-Forms tab on the left, along with other post administrative documents. Please follow your Post Constitution and Bylaws when conducting your post elections. As a reminder, only currently paid (2019) Post Legionnaires can run for office, as well as vote. Please have certifications to Department Headquarters by May 24th, 2019.

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DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OPENING – Ideal candidate should be Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite programs (primarily Word, Excel, and Outlook); assist with Conventions Committees, and meetings for District, Department and National levels. Familiarity with American Legion Four Pillars and Programs. Other duties as required. Drug and Smoke free environment – Please send resumes to Adjutant@TNLegion.org.

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DEPARTMENT CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS - Department Constitution Article V, Section 6, calls for all resolutions to be considered at a Department Executive Committee meeting, or a Department Convention shall be submitted to the Department Adjutant at least twenty (20) days in advance of the meeting or convention at which they are to be considered; or May 10, 2019.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - met at Mid-Winter Conference – We have posted on our website, the approved and/or denied resolutions that went before the Department Executive Committee.

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AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT CONVENTION – JUNE 1-JUNE 2, 2019 - will be held at the Marriott Suites, Franklin, TN. When making reservation use on-line at $149.00 plus tax or call Marriott Suites 615-261-6100. A first night’s room deposit must be guaranteed with a check or credit/debit card or you may make hotel reservation by using the link on our homepage: www.tennesseelegion.org and then click on Marriott Cool Springs Room Reservation. We now accept credit cards for all events except hotel reservations. Deadline is May 10th, for making hotel reservations. Once again, we will have a total $4,000 Sweepstakes drawing on Sunday, June 2nd.

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TENNESSEE AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE –An interactive-participatory session covering a variety of American Legion subjects. Class scheduled for June 3rd and 4th 2019 at Department Headquarters, completion of ALEI Basic Training is a prerequisite.

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AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION, AUGUST 23 – 29, 2019 –Indianapolis IN. The American Legion National Headquarters has designated the Embassy Suites as The Department of Tennessee’s Convention Hotel. Please make your room reservations through The American Legion, Department of Tennessee by July 19, 2019. Rooms are $136 plus $23.12 tax and totaling $159.12 per night. We accept debit or credit cards for all events to include first night room reservation. Mail the registration form and your check payable to: The American Legion, Department of Tennessee, 318 Donelson Pike, Nashville, TN 37214. See the enclosed registration form.

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FREDERICK BOWLING JROTC CADET OF THE YEAR - please submit your applications to Department Headquarters by May 8th, 2019. For more information and/or applications, contact Department Headquarters, Adjutant@TNLegion.org, or 615-391-5088.

GAMING - Bingo, poker games and/or tournaments, pull tabs, punchboards, video lottery games, instant and online lottery games, keno and games of chance associated with casinos including, but not limited to slot machines, roulette wheels, and the like. Events such as “bingo” or “casino nights” that are purely recreational, and participants are not required to pay to participate with the promise of a prize, jackpot, or “winner-takes-all” are permissible.

LEGIONCARE NO COST TO YOU ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE PROTECTION GUARANTEED TO LEGIONNAIRES - As a member of the Legion Family, you’re eligible for up to $5,000.00 in NO COST coverage. But your Confirmation is REQUIRED for activation. Your beneficiary will receive a check for $5,000.00 if you suffer a fatal covered accident while you are traveling to or from or participating in any covered event conducted for Legion business, or $1,000.00 for all other fatal covered accidents. You pay nothing for this coverage, however you need to enroll by going to https://www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – Attention all SAL Squadrons. SAL District Commander Elections will be elected in conjunction with the American Legion’s District Commanders. Please attend the meetings to nominate and elect the SAL District Commanders.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - SAL of The Year Award, - Blue Brigade New Member Recruiter, Officers Certification, and Consolidated Squadron Report forms were mailed to all certified Squadron Adjutants; due May 8, 2019. If you have not received your forms please contact us. SAL 95% goal is April 11th - Squadrons do not hold your membership cards. This will help your State and Regional standings.

CONGRATULATIONS – The following posts have reached their 2019 membership goal! * Indicates all-time high.

2nd District: Posts 58, 120, 154, and 256.
3rd District: Posts 106 and 190.
4th District: Posts 57, 137 and 207.
5th District: Posts 208, and 288*.
6th District: Posts 22, 45, 206, 248*, 281*, 289* and 290*.
7th District: Posts 254.
8th District: Posts 47, 34, 180, and 243.
9th District: Posts 20, 32 and 287.
10th District: Posts 27*, 250, and 284.

APRIL CALENDAR CONTINUED

19: Ninth District Convention, Post 287 Host, Medina Civic Center, 6:30 p.m. CST
20: Eighth District Convention, Post 72 Host, Stewart County Visitor’s Center, 1 p.m. CST
24: Fourth District Convention, Post 46 Host, Cookeville, 6 p.m. CST
25: Seventh District Convention, Post 146 Host, Loretto, 6 p.m. CST
26: Fifth District Convention, Post 288 Host, Florence Church of Christ, 6 p.m. CST
27: Sixth District Convention, Post 290 Host, Operation Stand Down, Nashville, 1 p.m. CST