“MERRY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR”

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE EMBASSY SUITES NASHVILLE SE, MURFREESBORO, TN: Saturday February 8th and Sunday February 9, 2020 will be at the Embassy Suites Nashville, SE, Murfreesboro, www.murfreesboro.embassysuites.com or call 1-800-EMBASSY. Ask for American Legion Mid-Winter Conference and give code “ALD”. Rooms may not be available at contracted rate of $135.00 after January 8, 2020 deadline, room rate can’t be guaranteed after January 2nd. See the attached Registration Form.

DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTIONS: According to Department Constitution Article XIV, Section 4 and Bylaws Article VII, Section 2, resolutions amending the Department Constitution and Bylaws shall be in the hands of the Department Adjutant 40 days prior to the Mid-Winter Conference, or December 30, 2019. All other resolutions to be considered by the Department Executive Committee shall be in the hands of the Department Adjutant 20 days prior to the scheduled Department Executive Committee meeting, or January 17, 2020; per Department Constitution, Article V, Section 6. Send resolutions to The American Legion, Department of Tennessee, Attn: Adjutant Tuttle, 318 Donelson Pike, Nashville, TN 37214; or email them to Adjutant@TNLegion.org.

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE: Boys State will be held the week of May 17-May 23, 2020, at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville. The fee will be $350.00 per delegate. Brochures and information will be mailed in early February to the appropriate person. Delegate fees must be received at Department Headquarters by March 30, 2020. Start contacting your schools. We are looking for approximately 600 Boys State delegates. Start contacting schools as soon as possible.

AMERICAN LEGION “LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR” AWARD: Start your research for a member to be “LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR”. Discuss with your post membership who a member would be eligible for Legionnaire of the year? Deadline will be May 1, 2020. Application will be mailed to Post Commanders and Department Committee Members in March.
**DELEGATES:** Department Constitution Article V, Section 2. At the Department Convention, each chartered Post of The American Legion in the state shall be entitled to five delegates and five alternates; provided the Post has in good standing the fifteen members required for Charter. One additional delegate and alternate is authorized for each additional fifteen members or major fraction thereof. Post membership will be calculated by adding the current paid Post members to those Post 2000 transfers completed during the current renewal year. No delegate shall be seated unless the annual dues have been received by the Department Adjutant prior to Post delegate selection. Delegates shall be chosen at Post meetings not less than one week before the Department Convention.

**AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS:** Employment Awards due January 3, 2020. See the enclosed flyer. Employment, Firefighter of the Year, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Emergency Medical Technician applications are due by January 3rd, 2020. Send them to The American Legion, Attn: Adjutant Tuttle, 318 Donelson Pike, Nashville, TN 37214.

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

**RESOLUTIONS:** According to Department Constitution Article XIV, Section 4 and Bylaws Article VII, Section 2; and Department Riders Constitution Article VIII, Section 3, resolutions amending the Department Riders Constitution shall be in the hands of the of Department Adjutant 40 days prior to the Department Mid-Winter Conference, or December 30th, 2019. The proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing and have the signatures of the respective sponsoring American Legion Post Commander, the Post ALR Director and the Department ALR Director, Jackie Laird. Whereas the Department Riders Bylaws shall be in the hands of the Department Adjutant 20 days prior to the Mid-Winter Conference, or January 17, 2020 according to Bylaws Article VIII, Section 2. Send resolutions to The American Legion, Department of Tennessee, Attn: Adjutant Tuttle, 318 Donelson Pike, Nashville, TN 37214; or email them to Adjutant@TNLegion.org.

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS:** It is time to renew your Legion Riders membership. Please send $3.00 per member to Department Headquarters, 318 Donelson Pike, Nashville, TN 37214 to receive your 2020-2021 membership cards.