**2020 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION** – May 30 and 31, 2020 at the Marriott Cool Springs, Franklin. Rooms are available for $151 plus tax per night from May 29th to June 1st, 2020. Go to [www.tennesseelegion.org](http://www.tennesseelegion.org) and click on “Book Your Own Rate,” or call (888) 236-2427 or (615) 261-6100.

**2021 POST DATA REVIEW FORM** - Department Headquarters will mail to the “last certified” Post Adjutant on file the Annual Post Data Review Form by March 1st. It’s imperative that each post return their respective Post Data Review Form responding to the 10 specific items as it relates to their post. Importantly, we need the first four items:
1. Post physical address (where the post meets, does not need to be post home).
2. Post Mailing Address.
3. Dues Mailing Address.
4. Annual Post Dues.

The remaining items are important as well, please follow the instruction on the form’s reverse side and return to The American Legion, 318 Donelson Pike, Nashville TN 37214 by April 10, 2020. These forms are individualized by post and not available online.

**CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT REPORTING**

National will no longer accept Consolidated Post Reports with zero activity and/or zero membership. Each post must report some valid activity. **Commanders** at all levels; you need to answer the following seven questions:
1. If a CPR is submitted with no members, why does the post exist?
2. What is the department's minimum number to retain a charter?
3. Does the district commander need to visit that post to see if they need assistance?
4. If a CPR is submitted with no activity, why does the post exist?
5. What program or programs do they support?
6. What are they doing in the community?
7. Does that post need a revitalization visit to ensure it is still relevant in the community?

A year ago, 95 posts used the on-line process; with the remainder submitted paper copies. Everyone should be entering their data via myLegion.

**BUDDY CHECK** - The American Legion was built on the power of personal contact. A century ago, when our organization was established, there was no other good way to grow and fulfill our purposes. In honor of our forefathers; we are asking our Posts to do what our founders did; make personal contact with their current and former post members during the American Legion’s birthday, March 15-17, 2020.

**2020-21 POST OFFICER CERTIFICATION** – Post Officer **elections** are right around the corner. According to the Department Constitution, Article IX, Section 10; each post will certify their officers no later than five day prior to the Department Convention; or May 22, 2020. Post Adjutants need to verify their officer’s eligibility by checking their DD-214 or NGB-22. Certification forms are available on our website in the “Post Forms/Resources” tab.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Please submit your membership transmittals and Member Data Forms by April 10th, 2020. This is the last day to record new members, changes, and renewals to ensure your post receives accurate preprinted 2021 membership cards.

**AMERICAN LEGION ROTC SCHOLASTIC AND MILITARY EXCELLENCE MEDALS** - Posts are responsible for ordering and presenting ROTC Medals for presentation to local Junior and Senior ROTC students. Recommend ordering medals and certificates today; to ensure they arrive in time for “your school’s” Awards Day. Your post should award each Junior ROTC **unit** two Bronze Medals (one Military and one Scholastic). Furthermore, your post may award the Senior ROTC six medals; two Bronze, two Silver and two Gold, (one each for Military Excellence and one each for Scholastic Excellence) in each category. You can find prices and descriptions at [https://emblem.legion.org/searchprods.asp](https://emblem.legion.org/searchprods.asp) or by using the 2020 Catalog, page 130. Emblem Sales phone number is 888-453-4466.

**AMERICAN LEGION “LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR”** - Department Headquarters mailed the “Legionnaire of the Year” application to each Post Adjutant with last month’s bulletin. The form is also available by going to [www.tennesseelegion.org](http://www.tennesseelegion.org) and opening “Post Forms/ Resources” tab on the left side of the website landing page. Each Post should recognize that “special” legionnaire in their Post! Deadline: May 6th, 2020.

**AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE** – starts Sunday May 17th with inauguration on **Friday May 22nd, 2020**, at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville. The tuition for 2020 remains $350.00 per delegate. We will mail brochures and information later this month to High Schools and Posts throughout the Department. Please send delegate fees to The American Legion, Department of Tennessee, 318 Donelson Pike, Nashville TN 37214 by April 15, 2020. Please have your Delegates register by **March 31, 2020**. They need to go to [www.tnboysstate.org](http://www.tnboysstate.org) after receiving the registration access password from their school counselor.
THE AMERICAN LEGION BASIC TRAINING - American Legion Education Institute has been rebranded as “Basic Training”: The course has been updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. To register and take the course, visit www.legion.org/alei. The program should take less than two hours to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each one, followed by a final exam. The online course is free for members of The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion. If you would like to hold a class, contact Adjutant Tuttle.

POST OFFICER ELECTIONS - Post Nomination Committees should start the nomination process now.

AMERICAN LEGION EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR 2020 - We mailed forms to eligible Eagle Scouts. Please have nominations to Department Headquarters by March 1, 2020.

TENNESSEE LEGIONNAIRE - For those who prefer using their tablet or mobile device; they can access the Tennessee Legionnaire by going to our webpage, www.tennesseel legion.org and clicking on the “Tennessee Legionnaire” tab.

TENNESSEE VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL – Make sure the Veteran's voice is heard in Nashville by attending Veterans Day on the Hill, 5 Feb at Cordell Hull Building, Nashville.

DID YOU KNOW – Within the Department of Tennessee, we have 2200 Transition Post (Post 2000) members that have paid their 2020 dues; just waiting for their local post to invite them to join their local community post.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS – 2020 Officer Notification form is available on the Department website www.tennesseel legion.org under the Legion Riders tab; reminder, elections are to be held in conjunction with Post Officer elections per Department of Tennessee Riders Bylaws Article II, Section 3.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – 2020-2021 Squadron Officer Certification available on our website under the Post Forms/Resources tab.

MARCH CALENDAR

1: Eagle Scout applications due to State Headquarters
7: Department Oratorical Contest, State Headquarters
8: Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring Forward)
11-13: Dept Service Officer School, Washington DC
11: 90% Target Date
15-17: American Legion Birthday
15-17: Semi-annual Buddy Check
17: St. Patrick’s Day
21: Second District Convention, Oliver Springs Post 112
22-25: NVC King visits TN (pending)
25: Congressional Medal of Honor Day