TENNESSEE AMERICAN LEGION MAY 2019 GENERAL BULLETIN

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NATIONAL WEBSITE: www.legion.org
STATE WEBSITE: www.tennesseelegion.org

SHARE THIS BULLETIN WITH THE MEMBERS OF YOUR POST – We mail bulletins to the last certified Post Adjutant. It is their responsibility to pass this information to members in the respective Post.

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT CONVENTION – JUNE 1 & 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. Hotel Reservation Deadline: May 10th.

Sweepstakes - We are excited to announce your opportunity to win up to $2,500 in our 2019 Department Convention Drawing! Don’t miss your chance…you need to return the enclosed tickets with your name to be included in the exciting drawing! On Sunday, June 2nd, 2019, five (5) winners will be chosen for the following Department Convention Sweepstakes prizes: Grand Prize: $2,500 Second Prize: $750 - Third Prize: $500

POST OFFICER CERTIFICATION - After each annual Post Officer Election, posts must certify their officers. If you have held your election but have not sent your 2019-20 Post Officer Certification form, please do so. You can find blank copies of the 2019-20 Post Officer Certification form at www.tennesseelegion.org in the Post Forms/Resources tab on the left, along with other post administrative resources. Posts must certify their officers at least 5 days prior to the Department Convention, so their delegates can vote.

POST ELECTIONS - 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…we have an occasional complaint that this practice is not always the case, thus an illegal election, and the election process starts over again

NATIONAL CONVENTION - Come join us for the 101th National Convention in Indianapolis. Our Convention hotel is the Embassy Suites Downtown. “All Rooms” MUST be reserved through the American Legion Department of Tennessee. Make your checks payable to: “The American Legion Department of Tennessee. We now have the capability to accept Credit or Debit Cards for First Night Hotel reservation and all events.

EMBLEM SALES - Please remember to register your Post to receive Flag Reward Points; details found at www.legion.org/flag_rewards.asp. Order your Memorial Day flags and start earning your credits today.

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OPENING – Ideal candidate should be Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite programs (primarily Word, Excel, and Outlook); assist with Conventions, Conferences, 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.

TENNESSEE AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE - Starting at 8 a.m. June 3 & 4, 2019 at Department Headquarters, 318 Donelson Pike, Nashville, $25 tuition fee (collected at the door) and attendees are responsible for making their own lodging. Basic Training or equivalent completion a prerequisite. Get your application in to the Department today.

NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE - If you know of someone interested in Legion College; please let them know they need to complete The American Legion Basic Training; www.legion.org/alei, prior to enrollment.

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT (CPR) (2018-2019) - Complete and mail your Consolidated Post Report by the May 8, 2019 Deadline date to Department Headquarters. The Trophy and Awards Committee uses the Consolidated Post Report for judging of the Department-level Awards (i.e. Children & Youth, National Defense, Americanism, and Veteran Rehabilitation awards). More importantly, National Headquarters uses the report to compile information to present to Congress to show what The American Legion does on State and local levels for our veterans and their communities. You can complete your CPR on-line at www.myLegion.org or use the paper option.

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE - Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville will host Tennessee’s American Legion Boys State, May 19 - May 25, 2019, in Cookeville. Witness a parade from New the dorms across from the University Center stepping off at 9 am while making their way down Dixie Ave and turning onto 12th Street and the turning into Tucker Stadium for pass and review. Inauguration Ceremony will be in the Hooper Eblen Center starting at 10 am. Show your pride by wearing your Legion Cap!

POST ADJUTANTS – We have included your Post Delete-Alternate Certificate with this mailing. Please ensure your Post Delegate hand carries this signed document to the Department Convention. Furthermore, see your annual 2018-2019 Membership and Awards Manual for membership and post awards criteria. Mail the forms and/or applications to the Department by May 8, 2019.

American Legion Department of Tennessee. Make your checks payable to: "The American Legion Department of Tennessee. We now have the capability to accept Credit or Debit Cards for First Night Hotel reservation and all events.

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LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR - If you have a Legionnaire in your Post that has done outstanding job supporting the Four Pillars of the American Legion, they could be our next Legionnaire of the Year. The application is available on www.tennesseeligion.org. Submit application by May 8, 2019.

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AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL - Team Coaches/Managers must apply for S. A. Van Dyk Insurance and complete Background Checks as well as complete their Baseball Player Rosters by May 15th. See www.tennesseeligion.org/baseball for application. Players must have certified birth certificates to participate in State Tournaments; birth certificates must have a raised seal.

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - Submit applications for SAL OF THE YEAR and SAL BLUE BRIGADE to Department Headquarters by May 8th. Applications available at Department Headquarters. Send your Squadron Officer Certification by May 24th to preserve your Squadron’s ability vote at the Detachment Convention.

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TENNESSEE LEGIONNAIRE - Please send your articles to Adjudant@TNLegion.org by June 30th. Please send in photos in a digital format (jpeg preferred); and use Word for written articles.

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LEGIONCARE NO COST TO YOU ACCIDENTAL DEATH COVERATE OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGION FAMILY - 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.tltil.com/no-cost-legioncare.

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OTHER PRODUCTS OFFERED BY LEGIONNAIRE INSURANCE TRUST/AGIA - Hospital Income – Cancer Care – Travel Accident - $25,000 Accidental Death – Elite Discount Program – Disability Coverage – Medicare Supplemental Coverage – Long Term Care – Dental and Major Medical. To learn more visit www.tltil.com.

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YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM (YRRP) - Is a DOD-wide effort to promote the well-being of National Guard and Reserve members, their families and communities, by connecting them with resources throughout the deployment cycle, to include American Legion Reconnect! Current Event Schedule:

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1: Memorial Day (offices closed)

JUNE CALENDAR CONTINUED

– Department Headquarters at 1 pm

4: Independence Day (offices closed)

10: Fourth District Commanders-Membership Tour

11: Seventh District Commander’s-Membership Tour

12: Fifth District Commander’s-Membership Tour

13: Sixth District Commander’s-Membership Tour

18: Eighth District Commander’s-Membership Tour

19: National Convention Registration Due

20: Tenth District Commanders-Membership Tour

27: Second District Commanders-Membership Tour

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THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND (NEF) - Was created in response to Hurricane Hugo in 1989, has provided more than $8 million in direct financial assistance to American Legion Family members and posts. By providing this emergency funding, NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to recover from tragedy. The fund provides up to $3,000 for qualified Legion Family members and up to $10,000 for posts. The eligibility requirements are: Applicant must have been displaced from their primary residence due to damage sustained during a declared natural disaster. Applicant must provide copies of receipts of items required to meet immediate needs (such as temporary housing, food, water, clothing, diapers, etc.) during the period immediately following the disaster. Membership must be active at time of disaster and the time of application.

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TEMPORARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Who is eligible for a grant? The minor child must not be older than 17, or 20 if still enrolled in high school or is physically handicapped. The minor child must be the biological child, stepchild, or in the legal custody of, a qualifying veteran. A qualifying veteran is defined as a member of the United States Armed Forces serving on federal orders current under Title 10 of the United States Code, inclusive of all components, OR any veteran possessing an up-to-date membership in The American Legion. For more information contact Children and Youth Chairman Baur, 615-926-6522.

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JUNE CALENDAR CONTINUED

– Department Headquarters at 1 pm

14: Flag Day

15: West Tennessee Department Officer Orientation - location to be determined at 1 pm

16: Father’s Day

16-19: System Worth Saving – Mountain Home VA Healthcare System, Town Hall June 16

22: East Tennessee Department Officer Orientation – Courtyard, Knoxville, 1 pm

JULY CALENDAR

4: Independence Day (offices closed)

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MAY CALENDAR

3-5: National Spring Meetings, Indianapolis (SAL)

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8: Legionnaire of the Year Award submissions due

10: Memorial Day (offices closed)

12: Mother’s Day

18: Armed Forces Day observed

29-31: American Legion Boys State at Tennessee Tech

24: Post Officer Certifications due to be eligible to vote for Vice Commander, Commander, National and Alternate Executive Committee

27: Memorial Day (offices closed)

JUNE CALENDAR

1-2: Department Convention, Cool Springs Marriott

3-4: Department Legion College, Department HQ, 8 am

6: D-Day Observed

8: Middle Tennessee Department Officer Orientation

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