



The American Legion

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National Convention



Trump signs appeals modernization act at American Legion convention. The Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017 will go a long way toward fixing the beleaguered VA appeals process.

What is the Oratorical Contest?

Each year The Department of North Carolina joins the 54 other departments and the over 10,000 local posts in The American Legion High School Oratorical Contest. The contest, open to US citizens or lawful resident under the age of 20 and currently enrolled in grade 9-12, is designed to provide the student with the opportunity to increase their knowledge of the US Constitution and with public speaking skills that can help them with advancement in their chosen profession. Complete rules can be obtained by contacting NC Department Headquarters or by visiting the [national headquarters web page](#). North Carolina students begin their advance toward the national finals at their local high school. Each contestant gives an 8 to 10 minute prepared speech on what it means to be a citizen under the US Constitution. Each student must also speak from 3 to 5 minutes on an "assigned topic" drawn at the contest from a list of 4 predefined topics. This topic will be the same for all contestants in the contest once drawn. School winners have the opportunity to compete in and advance past county, district and division contests to reach the department contest. Department winners travel to The American Legion's national headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana where they can advance through 3 rounds of contests (quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals) to become the national champion. In addition to scholarship awards presented by local posts the Department of North Carolina provides scholarships for participants of the division and department contests. The national organization provides scholarships for those who compete in the 3 rounds in Indianapolis with the top 3 contestants receiving \$18,000, \$16,000 and \$14,000.

Upcoming Events

September 9th: Division 2 Post Training at Newton Grove Post 133, 1734 Keener Rd., Clinton, NC 28328 10:00 am – 2:00 pm lunch served. Contact James Moore if attending 252-521-0491.

September 12th: Blood Drive with the American Red Cross sponsored by The America Legion Family Snow Hill Post 94 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

September 16th: District 7 Meeting at Goldsboro Post 11. 12:00 pm Lunch served.

September 25th: Deadline for Colon Furr Scholarship applications.

October 28th: Pancake Supper 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

September Member Birthdays



Jim Mooring: 2nd **Michael Kuehn: 8th**
Harvey Sugg: 13th **Dalvin Nichols: 17th**
Scott Carlson: 18th **Nick Taylor: 21st**
Dennis McGaughy: 28th
Bentley Dillane 22nd (SAL)

Happy Belated Birthday

Jake Heis: August 25th

If your birthday is not listed please contact the Adjutant as we do not have it in our records. We would like to wish you a happy birthday also.

American Legion Riders Officer Induction

New Officers for 2017-2018

Director: Steve Kincannon
Asst. Director: Robert Watson
Secretary: Janet Heis
Treasurer: Linda Watson
Sgt-of-Arms: Kenneth Morris
Historian: Greg Harper
Membership: Robert Watson
Chaplain: Robert Barker
Road Captain: Jake Heis
Safety Officer: Carroll Johnson



Recruiting New Members

Many American Legion Posts have recruited from grocery stores and Wal-Mart. They set up a table, wear their Legion gear and share The American Legion story with veterans and their families in front of these facilities. The non-members all look interested in learning about The American Legion. It always results in membership.

"Getting outside of your post to recruit is key. Get involved in your community, share The American Legion story, and wear your Legion cap and apparel. Show pride in your organization. People like to belong to organizations that are successful, and we are successful" says Randy Goodman, National Membership Chairman.

Notice

Anyone who would like to enter an article or information for the newsletter, please have it submitted to the Adjutant no later than the last Friday of the month. Email to vincentdillane@aol.com or hand deliver.

***** We are extremely sorry for leaving our wonderful Chaplain, John Edwards, off of our last newsletter.**

Important Military Dates

September

2nd V-J Day

4th Labor Day

11th Patriot Day

15th POW/MIA Day

24th Gold Star Mother & Family Day

Contact Info

Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 pm

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Website: <http://www.legionncpost94.org/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/americanlegionpost94/>

Support our Brick Program

We are still taking orders. See an officer for information or go to http://www.legionncpost94.org/brick_program.html