



TENNESSEE AMERICAN LEGION

AUGUST 2022 GENERAL BULLETIN

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ADJUTANTS, PLEASE SHARE THIS BULLETIN WITH THE MEMBERS OF YOUR POST

We mail this bulletin to the last Certified Post Adjutant. Post Commanders and Post Service Officers receive their copies via email. This bulletin is also available on our website: www.tennesseelegion.org.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE – January 14 & 15, 2023 at the Embassy Suites Nashville-SE, Murfreesboro. Rooms are \$145 plus tax. Registration fee is \$10, does not include breakfast with the Commander; registration after December 12, 2022, goes up to \$25 – register early and save. Saturday's Awards Banquet - \$49 and all luncheons are \$35 per person. You can find registration forms on the Department website landing page www.tennesseelegion.org.

RESOLUTIONS – to go before the Department Executive Committee that affect the Department Constitution and Bylaws; Sons of the American Legion Constitution and Bylaws; or the Department of Tennessee American Legion Riders Constitution and Bylaws, need to reach the Department Adjutant by December 6, 2022. Resolutions not affecting Constitutions and Bylaws need to reach the Department Adjutant by December 23, 2022.

BIG MACHINE INDYCAR RACE -AUGUST 4-7, 2022:

We need volunteers for the following days – 4 to 6 people (preferably members of the American Legion Family; they can do shifts too – if that is easier.)

(NOTE: we are still trying to finalize the Outpost Hospitality Hours which might be longer and I will get those to you ASAP)

- Thursday, August 4th (on Broadway) from 4 pm to 8 pm
- Friday, August 5th – 9 am to 4 pm
- Saturday, August 6th – 9 am to 4 pm
- Sunday, August 7th – 8 am – 1 pm

Volunteers will receive passes and parking (limited for volunteers only)

We will also provide volunteers with a shirt and hat to wear! Also, we will have race tickets for Sunday August 7th, 2022. Contact Adjutant Tuttle adjutant@tnlegion.org.

POST ADJUTANTS - If you make an update in myLegion, please do not send a member data form requesting the same action. Finally, please complete "all" portions of the membership card; to include BOS, War Era, Phone #, and email.

MYLEGION ACCESS: Every Post Adjutant and Commander should have access to MyLegion and the ability to process membership transmittals. If you cannot, please ensure you are using the correct email address, as well as reviewing the videos found at the following link <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8339635>. If still unsuccessful, please contact our office; we will have someone from the Personify Team take a closer look at your account

TENNESSEE AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE - provides instruction using lecture and group interactive techniques. October 1 & 2, 2022. Topics may include:

- Leadership and mentoring
- Parliamentary Procedures
- Resolution Composition

Applications available on the Department website, Training and Education tab.

RESOLUTION NO. 37: REAFFIRMATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POLICY CONCERNING AFFILIATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS -

WHEREAS, The American Legion adopted Resolution No. 6, National Executive Committee, October 10-11-12, 1952, concerning the affiliation of The American Legion with other organizations; and

WHEREAS, The adoption of that resolution was a reaffirmation of a long-established policy of The American Legion which has proved its wisdom by prohibiting The American Legion from joining any such organization, committee, association, council, or group in which The American Legion is not permitted a full voice and vote in determining matters of policy of such organization, committee, association, council, or group; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, 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; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the National Adjutant is instructed to circulate this resolution to all departments and national officers of The American Legion on a yearly basis.

HOW DO I GET MY POST'S TAX-EXEMPT STATUS REINSTATED IF IT WAS AUTOMATICALLY REVOKED?

- To be an American Legion Post, each post must be an exempt organization under IRS Code 501(c)(19). Posts must apply to have its tax-exempt status reinstated. The Post must:

- Apply for recognition of tax exemption by filing Form 1023 or Form 1024 PDF, Form 1024-A or a letter
- Pay the appropriate user fee.
- An organization may also request retroactive reinstatement as part of its application.

For more information, see Automatic Revocation – How to have your tax-exempt status reinstated visit https://www.irs.gov/irb/2014-39_IRB.

American Legion must also be listed under general inclusion code 0925; send inclusion letters directly to the National Judge Advocate if your post is listed as anything different.

MEMBER TRANSFERS - Any new or transferred member after April 10th, will more than likely receive a renewal notice asking them to renew with their former post. National sent their renewal notice, and membership card information to their vendor for printing around April 12th. Your membership team will need to stay in touch with transfers to ensure they renew with your post.

MISSING POST DATA REPORTS – First District: Post 201, White Pine. Second District: Post 58, LaFollette.

POST ADJUTANTS: The Department does not need the 2-part card of members that renewed on-line.

POST OFFICER CERTIFICATIONS – The Department has not received officer certifications from the following posts. **First District:** Post 201 White Pine. **Second District:** Post 58, LaFollette; Post 70 Lenoir City; and Post 109, Tazewell. **Third District:** Post 11, Etowah; and Post 79, Decatur. **Fourth District:** Post 18, Celina. **Fifth District:** Post 6, Nashville. **Sixth District:** Post 226 Erin. **Seventh District:** Post 170, Columbia. **Eighth District:** Post 31, Jackson; Post 157, Henderson; Post 165, Bolivar; and Post 198, Middleton. **Ninth District:** Post 151, Trezevant, Post 164, Paris; and Post 200, Trenton. **Tenth District:** Post 30, Dyersburg; Post 67 Covington; and Post 292, Somerville. The Department Constitution and Bylaws calls for each post to have their Commander, Adjutant, and Service Officer certified five days prior to the annual Department Convention. Certification forms are available on the Department website in the Post Forms/Resources tab.

SQUADRON OFFICER CERTIFICATIONS/NOTIFICATIONS – Squadron were to certify their Officers by June 28th or 5 days prior to the Annual Detachment Convention. The following Squadrons have failed to certify their officers: **Second District:** Squadron 13, Maryville and Squadron 120, Loudon. **Fourth District:** Squadron 46, Cookeville **Fifth District:** Squadron 6, Nashville; Squadron 82, Inglewood-Nashville; and Squadron 290, Hendersonville. **Sixth District:** Squadron 34, Waverly. **Seventh District:** Squadron 19, Columbia; Squadron 60, Pulaski, and Squadron 279, Woodbury. **Eighth District:** Squadron 12, Jackson; Squadron 28, Savannah and Squadron 130, Waynesboro. **Ninth District:** Squadron 118, Milan and Squadron 166, Gleason. **Tenth District:** Squadron 1, Memphis, Squadron 249, Bartlett; and Squadron 252, Millington.

100% OF 2023 MEMBERSHIP GOAL BY OCTOBER 20, 2022 - according to Article X, Section 3 of the amended Department's Constitution, Revised June 6, 2021, and Article X, Section 4 of The American Legion National Constitution, Revised August 27 – 29, 2019. "Annual dues shall be payable October 20th of each year, for the succeeding calendar year." We award *\$100.00 to each Post that has reached his/her 2023 membership goal and has transmitted the respective dues to Department no later than October 20, 2022;* we will give a check to the deserving Post at the Department Convention June 17-18, 2023. The respective Post Commander or Post Adjutant must submit their request in writing by November 15, 2022; we will not honor requests after November 15, 2022. The Department will verify the post attained their membership goal.

HAS YOUR POST MISSED AN OPPORTUNITY? – Currently the Department has over 3,600 members in the Department Headquarters Post, aka Post 2000 or Post 2000-AD. Each post needs to encourage these members to become members of their local post. *The responsibility for this rests with every post.*

FIRST IMPRESSION: Is your post home welcoming? Clean and free of debris, with a Legion sign in good repair? You know the old adage; the opportunity only comes once.

AUGUST CALENDAR

- 4: Coast Guard Birthday
- 4: Ninth District Commander's Tour; Post 89, Paris Landing, 4236 E. Antioch Rd Springville 6 pm.
- 4-7: Big Machine IndyCar Event
- 5: Eighth District Commander's Tour; Scotts Hill Senior Center 96 Hwy 114, Scotts Hill; 6 pm.
- 6: Tenth District Commander's Tour; Arlington Senior Center, 6265 Chester St., Arlington; 1 pm.
- 9: Sixth District Commander's Tour; Post 143, Clarksville, 223 9th St., Clarksville; 6 pm.
- 11: Seventh District Commander's Tour; First Presbyterian Church, 110 N. Washington St, Tullahoma, 6 pm.

MyLEGION TRAINING – Please contact your District Commander to schedule a class. Currently we have a session scheduled for September 10, 2022, at 10 am, Post 12, Jackson. Time permitting, we will follow-up with a Post Adjutant's class. To schedule send email to adjutant@tnlegion.org or call 615-391-5088.

JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS - The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program is a gun safety education and marksmanship program that encompasses the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment, and competition. **Important Dates: September 1, 2022:** First Round postal match target sales and registration opens. **December 15, 2022:** First Round postal match competition target set sales and registration closes. **February 1, 2023:** Target to the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). Postmarked on or before February 1, 2023. **February 15, 2023:** CMP mails out Second Round targets. **April 1, 2023:** Second Round Ends. National Competition **Jul 20-23, 2023.** Send queries to Department Headquarters adjutant@tnlegion.org or call 615-391-5088.

2023 ORATORICAL – Applications are due to the Department Headquarters by January 17, 2023. Each district *will hold* their district contests between January 21 to February 4, 2023. Each Division will conduct their Divisional contests between February 11 and February 25, 2023. The We posted the Assigned Topics on the Department website. The three national finalists receive \$25,000, \$22,500, and \$20,000, respectively. In addition, contestants who win their state finals contest and represent their states at the national contest receive no less than \$2,000 from the National program. The Department offers \$3,000 scholarship to the State Winner; the runner-up collects a \$2,000 Scholarship and Third earns a \$1,000 scholarship. Questions? Contact Chair Terry Ward, 615-519-6523 or email TSWardpost281am@gmail.com.

TENNESSEE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS – Each Division has an Assistant Director, for the Eastern Division is Dan Chipman, the Middle Division is Norm Black, and the Western Division is Jared Melton. They will enhance communication across the Department. Please contact them with your questions or concerns. Our goal here, is to unify Riders across the Department. Furthermore, The Department Convention approved the revision the American Legion Department of Tennessee Constitution and Bylaws. Copies available upon request; also available on the Department of Tennessee's website, in the Riders tab.

PRIMARY & GENERAL ELECTIONS: are important to our republic. As citizens of this great nation, it is our duty and responsibility to exercise this right of franchise by casting our ballots on Election Day and to encourage others to do so as well. In addition, Legionnaires, posts, districts, and departments are encouraged to fully involve themselves in the electoral process by serving as poll volunteers, poll workers and by encouraging and assisting others to register and vote.

AUGUST CALENDAR CONTINUED

- 11- 16: American Legion World Series – Shelby NC
- 12: Fifth District Commander's Tour; Old Hickory Country Club, 1904 Old Hickory Blvd, Old Hickory 6 pm.
- 13: Fourth District Commander's Tour; Post 135 Cookeville, Veterans Building, 90 E. Spring St. 6 pm.
- 16: Second District Commander's Tour; Harriman City Hall Event Center, Gate Hall, Second Floor, 408 N. Roane St. Harriman, 6 pm.
- 17: First District Commander's Tour; Post 21, 1924 E. Main St, Rogersville, 6 pm.
- 18: Third District Commander's Tour; Commons-Founders Hall, 4950 Swinyar Dr, Collegedale 6 pm.
- 24 Aug – Sep 1: National Convention, Milwaukee WI