

NOVEMBER

NEWSLETTER

American Legion
Post 77 Hubert M. Smith



VETERANS DAY 11 NOVEMBER 2025

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American Legion Post 77

Hubert M. Smith

November Email Briefing

Meetings

November 6- Auxiliary

November 11- Executive Board

November 13- General Membership

November 15- Sons of the American Legion

November 17- Marine Corps League

Canteen and Post Events

November 5, 12, 19- Bingo (NO BINGO on 26)

November 7, 14, 21, 28- Karaoke

November 11- Veteran's Day Service @ Forest Lawn 11am

November 15- House Fund and Pistol Raffle Drawing

November 20- Free Veteran's Breakfast Buffet

-Jay Dee 6-9pm Downstairs

November 22- Local Gossip 7-10pm Upstairs Hall

November 23- Barnyard Bingo 4-6pm

November 27- Thanksgiving Pot Luck Open 12-5pm

November 29- War Museum Upstairs 1-5pm

Canteen Hours

Monday-Thursday & Saturday: 9am-10pm

Friday: 9am-1am

Sunday: 12pm-8pm

AMERICAN
LEGION
POST 77 BINGO

\$2500
IN GIVEAWAYS

HENDERSONVILLE
\$
WEDNESDAYS
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DOORS OPEN 5PM

\$30 to Play

Veterans Day Events:

11thDay of 11thMonth at the 11thHour

Veterans Day Ceremony: Forest Lawn Memorial Park

538 Tracey Grove Rd
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Classic Antique Vehicles and military Vehicles Caravan

From: American Legion Post 77

Departure Time: 9:30am

Arrival: Forest Lawn

Refreshments provided



Post 77 is fortunate to have the Best American Legion Canteen! We are super excited about the great opportunities the Canteen provides our Legion Family. From Local members to Legion members passing through, it's a honor and privilege to provide the best experience each and every visit.



VETERAN'S DAY

By Grok3

11th Hour 11th Day 11th Month

As the crisp November air settles over Hendersonville, North Carolina, American Legion Post 77 proudly joins the nation in celebrating Veterans Day, a time to honor the brave men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. This year, we invite our community to come together for a special Veterans Day event at Forest Lawn Funeral Home and Memorial Park, where we will pay tribute to the sacrifices and dedication of our veterans. Below, we explore the history of Veterans Day, highlight our upcoming event, and share meaningful ways to celebrate this important day.

The History of Veterans Day

Veterans Day, observed annually on November 11, traces its origins to the end of World War I. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the armistice ending the “Great War” took effect, marking a moment of global relief and remembrance. Initially celebrated as Armistice Day in the United States, Great Britain, and France, the holiday was dedicated to honoring the veterans of World War I. In 1926, Congress passed a resolution encouraging its observance, and by 1938, Armistice Day became a national holiday. Following World War II, the scope of the holiday expanded to honor veterans of all wars. In 1954, at the urging of veterans’ organizations, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation renaming the holiday Veterans Day, reflecting its broader purpose of recognizing all who have served in the U.S. military. Unlike Memorial Day, which honors those who died in service, Veterans Day celebrates both living and deceased veterans, acknowledging their courage, sacrifice, and commitment to defending freedom.

Veterans Day Event at Forest Lawn Funeral Home and Memorial Park

American Legion Post 77 is proud to support the annual Veterans Day ceremony at Forest Lawn Funeral Home and Memorial Park, located at 538 Tracy Grove Road, Hendersonville, NC. This heartfelt event, scheduled for November 11 at 11:00 a.m., brings together veterans, families, and community members to honor the 1,280 veterans laid to rest at Forest Lawn and all who have served.

The ceremony, supported by the Disabled American Veterans Hendersonville Chapter 14, features a moving program that includes the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and remarks from distinguished speakers. Representatives from groups such as Gold Star Families, Sons of the American Revolution, and American Legion Riders will present wreaths at the memorial wall, followed by a rifle salute and the singing of "God Bless America." A barbecue lunch will be served afterward, fostering fellowship among attendees.

The day begins earlier for veterans participating in the caravan organized by the Transylvania Cruisers Car Club. At 9:00 a.m., classic cars, trucks, jeeps, and military vehicles will gather at American Legion Post 77 (216 4th Ave West, Hendersonville) to escort veterans to Forest Lawn, with a Henderson County Sheriff's Office escort departing at 9:30 a.m. Veterans are invited to ride in these antique vehicles, and owners of classic or military vehicles are encouraged to join the procession. For more information, contact Bruce Hatfield at 828-329-4971 or email noirs@aol.com.

This event, which resumed in 2023 after a weather-related cancellation in 2022, is a cornerstone of our community's commitment to honoring veterans. It offers a space for reflection, gratitude, and connection, reminding us of the profound impact of military service.



Ways to Celebrate Veterans Day

Veterans Day is an opportunity to express gratitude and engage with our community in meaningful ways. Here are some suggestions for celebrating this year:

- **Attend a Local Ceremony:** Join us at Forest Lawn's Veterans Day event or other local observances, such as the Transylvania County Veterans Day Ceremony at the courthouse gazebo in Brevard at 11:00 a.m. These gatherings provide a chance to honor veterans collectively.
- **Volunteer or Donate:** Support veteran-focused organizations like the Veterans Healing Farm, which hosts the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall (November 8-12 at 38 Yale Road, Horse Shoe). Contribute time or resources to initiatives like Quilts of Valor or Bullets and Band-aids, which uplift veterans through art and recognition.
- **Engage with Veterans:** Take time to listen to a veteran's story. Whether at the Forest Lawn event, where WTZQ Radio's Mark Warwick will interview veterans live before the ceremony, or in your own circles, these conversations preserve history and build connections.
- **Display Patriotism:** Fly the American flag, create thank-you cards (like those distributed by American Heritage Girls at last year's event), or wear patriotic attire to show support. Encourage children to participate in acts of gratitude to foster lifelong respect for veterans.
- **Educate Others:** Share the history of Veterans Day with friends, family, or students. Understanding the holiday's origins deepens its significance and inspires appreciation for veterans' sacrifices.
- **Support Veteran-Owned Businesses:** Seek out local businesses owned by veterans and show your support through patronage or promotion.

By participating in these activities, we strengthen our community's bond with veterans and ensure their contributions are never forgotten.

"I do solemnly Swear....

So help me God."

A Call to Action

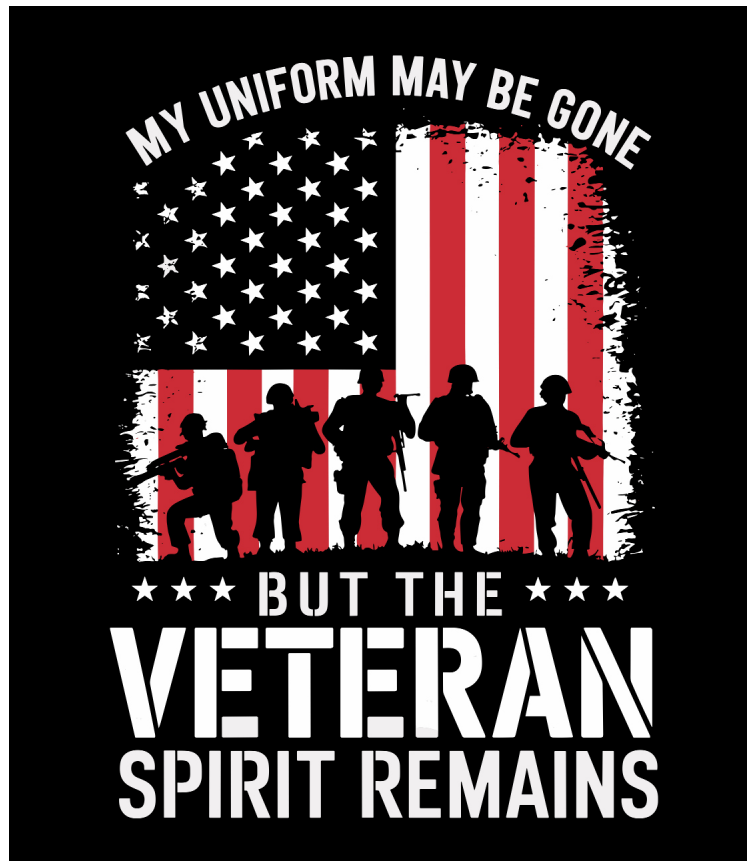
Veterans Day is more than a holiday; it's a reminder of the enduring values of service, sacrifice, and unity that define our nation. American Legion Post 77 encourages all members and residents of Hendersonville to join us at Forest Lawn Funeral Home and Memorial Park on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. to honor our veterans. Let us stand together to celebrate their legacy and recommit to supporting those who have served.

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USMC Birthday

by Grok



On November 10, 2025, the United States Marine Corps (USMC) will celebrate its 250th birthday, marking a legacy of courage, discipline, and service that began in 1775. This annual commemoration is more than a historical milestone; it's a vibrant tradition that unites Marines past and present, honoring their sacrifices and reinforcing the Corps' enduring values. From formal balls to unit ceremonies, the Marine Corps Birthday is a testament to the pride and camaraderie that define the "Semper Fidelis" spirit.

The Origins of the Marine Corps

The Marine Corps traces its roots to November 10, 1775, when the Continental Congress passed a resolution to establish two battalions of Marines to serve as naval infantry during the American Revolutionary War. Convened at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, this act formalized the creation of the Continental Marines, a force designed to fight on land and sea. The resolution, introduced by John Adams, called for "good seamen, or persons acquainted with maritime affairs," laying the foundation for the Marines' amphibious expertise (Millet, 1991).

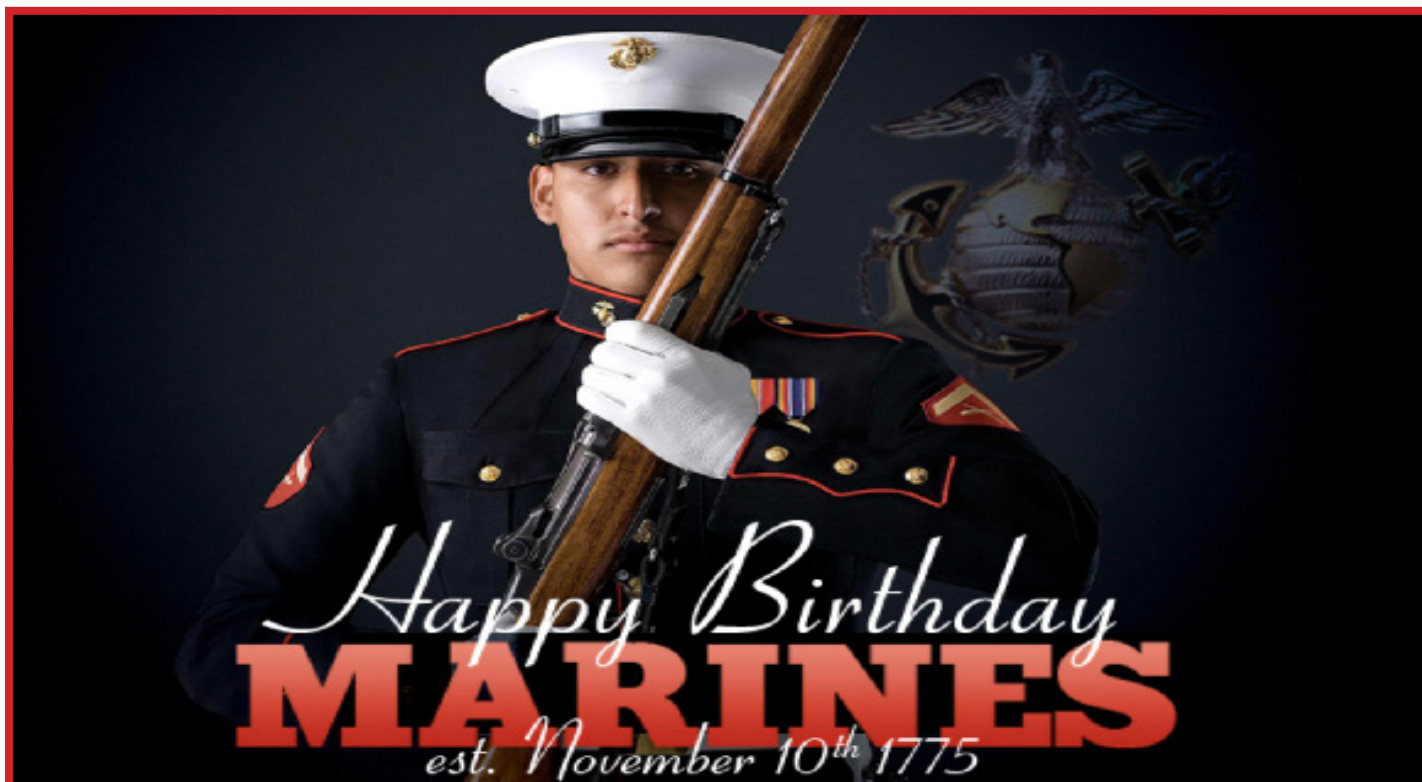
The Marine Corps evolved over centuries, transitioning from a small naval force to a versatile, expeditionary branch of the U.S. military. Its official birthday was formalized in 1921 by Major General John A. Lejeune, the 13th Commandant, who issued Marine Corps Order No. 47. This order mandated that November 10 be celebrated annually to honor the Corps' history and instill pride in its members (Lejeune, 1921). Since then, the birthday has been a cornerstone of Marine Corps culture.

Traditions of the Marine Corps Birthday

The Marine Corps Birthday is celebrated with a blend of solemnity and festivity, reflecting the Corps' dual identity as a disciplined fighting force and a tight-knit brotherhood. The centerpiece of the celebration is the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, a formal event held worldwide at Marine installations, embassies, and civilian venues. Marines don their dress blue uniforms, and the evening features a cake-cutting ceremony, speeches, and dancing.

The cake-cutting ceremony is steeped in tradition. The oldest and youngest Marines present share the first slice of cake, symbolizing the passing of wisdom and experience to the next generation. The Commandant's annual birthday message, often read aloud, recounts the Corps' history and reaffirms its core values: honor, courage, and commitment. For example, in 2024, General Eric M. Smith's message emphasized the Marines' role in modern warfare, highlighting their adaptability in conflicts like those in Ukraine and the Pacific (Smith, 2024).

Unit-level celebrations vary but often include physical fitness challenges, historical briefings, and communal meals. Marines deployed overseas may hold improvised ceremonies, reinforcing bonds even in austere conditions. Veterans and retirees also participate, attending balls or local events to reconnect with the Corps' legacy.



Significance in Marine Culture

The birthday is more than a celebration; it's a reaffirmation of the Marine Corps' ethos. The event fosters esprit de corps, reminding Marines of their shared history and purpose. It also serves as a public tribute, showcasing the Corps' contributions to national security. From the Halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli, Marines have fought in every major U.S. conflict, earning a reputation as "America's 911 force" (Krulak, 1997).

The **250th anniversary** in 2025 will hold special significance, coinciding with the nation's semiquincentennial. Planned events include a commemorative ball in Washington, D.C., historical reenactments at Tun Tavern, and a nationwide campaign to honor Marine veterans. The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is spearheading efforts to preserve artifacts and educate the public about the Corps' legacy (Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, 2025).

Challenges and Modern Context

As the Marine Corps celebrates its milestone, it faces modern challenges. Recruitment struggles, with only 25% of applicants meeting eligibility standards in 2024, underscore the need for outreach (Snow, 2024). The Corps is also adapting to technological warfare, integrating drones and cyber capabilities while maintaining its expeditionary roots. The birthday serves as a rallying point, reinforcing resilience amid change.

Public perception of the military has shifted, with fewer Americans having direct ties to service. The birthday offers a chance to bridge this gap, showcasing Marines' sacrifices through community events and media. Social media posts on X in 2024 highlighted widespread pride, with users praising Marines as "the tip of the spear" (@MarineVeteran22, 2024).

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American Legion Post 77 Hendersonville North Carolina

October 17 at 5:06 PM · 🌐



Look who is in the house! Y'all come down and visit with Panhead Cooter and Little Diddle. Kelly, Brittany and Kayla are here and ready to serve up some great food and drinks! 🇺🇸



Thanksgiving in America

American Thanksgiving: A Celebration of Gratitude, Resilience, and the Unbreakable Spirit

As the fourth Thursday in November approaches, Americans across the nation prepare to gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, a holiday steeped in history, gratitude, and the enduring strength of the American spirit. In 2025, Thanksgiving falls on November 27, marking not only a time to give thanks but also a moment to reflect on the resilience of communities like those in western North Carolina, where, one year ago, Hurricane Helene left a trail of destruction. Despite such challenges, the American spirit remains unbreakable, embodying a commitment to rebuilding, supporting one another, and cherishing the values that define the American way of life.

The History of Thanksgiving in America

The story of Thanksgiving is often traced back to 1621 in Plymouth, Massachusetts, when the Pilgrims, a group of English Separatists, and the Wampanoag people shared a three-day harvest feast. This event, described by Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow, celebrated a successful corn harvest made possible through the Wampanoag's agricultural guidance. While romanticized as the "First Thanksgiving," the feast was not a formal holiday but a moment of communal rejoicing, distinct from the Pilgrims' religious days of fasting and prayer. The Wampanoag, led by sachem Ousamequin (Massasoit), brought deer and joined the celebration, which likely included local seafood, pumpkins, and cornmeal dishes rather than the modern turkey-centric spread.

However, the narrative of peaceful harmony is incomplete. The Wampanoag's alliance with the Pilgrims was strategic, aimed at countering rival tribes like the Narragansetts. Within a generation, tensions escalated into King Philip's War (1675–1676), which devastated the Wampanoag and shifted power to European settlers. For many Native Americans today, Thanksgiving evokes not celebration but mourning, as it marks the beginning of land loss, cultural erasure, and violence. Since 1970, the National Day of Mourning in Plymouth has honored Native ancestors and highlighted ongoing struggles.

Thanksgiving-like celebrations predate Plymouth. Spanish settlers in St. Augustine, Florida, held a Mass of Thanksgiving in 1565, sharing a meal with the Seloy tribe. In 1619, Berkeley Hundred settlers in Virginia observed a day of thanks per their charter, though violence soon followed. Native tribes, too, had long-standing harvest festivals, such as the Cherokee's Green Corn Dance, emphasizing gratitude for the land's bounty.

The holiday's national status emerged later. In 1789, President George Washington proclaimed a day of thanksgiving for the new Constitution, though it was not annual. Thomas Jefferson, wary of mixing church and state, avoided such proclamations. It was Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of Godey's Lady's Book, who campaigned from 1827 to 1863 for a unified national holiday. Her efforts succeeded during the Civil War, when President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national observance on the last Thursday of November 1863, aiming to foster unity amid division. In 1941, Congress formalized the fourth Thursday in November as the federal holiday, resolving debates sparked by Franklin D. Roosevelt's earlier date shift to boost commerce.

One Year After Helene: The Unbreakable American Spirit

In September 2024, Hurricane Helene ravaged western North Carolina, destroying homes, businesses, and infrastructure in communities like those served by Post 77 of the American Legion. The storm's impact was catastrophic, with flooding and landslides wiping out entire neighborhoods. Yet, one year later, the region's recovery embodies the resilience at the heart of the American spirit. Volunteers, neighbors, and organizations like Post 77 have rallied to rebuild, distribute aid, and restore hope. This collective effort reflects a core American value: standing together in adversity.

The American spirit is not just about enduring hardship but about transforming it into opportunity. In the wake of Helene, communities have rebuilt stronger, with new infrastructure and renewed bonds. This resilience echoes the Pilgrims' perseverance through their first harsh winter and the nation's ability to heal after events like the Civil War. It is a testament to the belief that no challenge is too great when met with determination and unity.

The True Meaning of Thanksgiving: The American Way of Life

Thanksgiving is more than a historical commemoration or a feast; it is a celebration of the American way of life, rooted in gratitude, freedom, and community. The holiday invites reflection on the blessings of liberty, opportunity, and the ability to pursue happiness—values enshrined in the nation's founding. As Benjamin Franklin described it, Thanksgiving is a day of “public Felicity,” where Americans give thanks for civil and religious freedoms.

The American way of life is also about gratitude for the land and its stewards. Native American traditions of giving thanks for the harvest, as seen in ceremonies like the Strawberry Thanksgiving, remind us to honor the earth's abundance responsibly. Today, many Americans incorporate indigenous-inspired dishes, such as corn or wild rice, to acknowledge this heritage.

Moreover, Thanksgiving underscores the importance of community. Whether gathering around a table laden with turkey and stuffing or volunteering at a shelter, Americans use this day to strengthen bonds and support those in need. In 2025, this spirit is especially poignant in places like western North Carolina, where communities have shown that gratitude is not just for what is received but for the chance to give back.

Conclusion

As we celebrate Thanksgiving on November 27, 2025, let us honor its complex history, from the 1621 feast to its evolution into a national holiday. Let us remember the resilience of communities rebuilding after Hurricane Helene, a powerful reminder of the unbreakable American spirit. Above all, let us give thanks for the American way of life—freedom, opportunity, and the enduring commitment to stand together. In doing so, we embody the true meaning of Thanksgiving: a shared gratitude that binds us as a nation.

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4,715

Minimum number of American Legion posts that led Flag Day activities in their communities nationwide in 2023-24

Modernize U.S. Flag Code

The American Legion led national conferences in 1923 and 1924 that established the first rules of U.S. flag respect for the nation. Those guidelines laid the groundwork for what would be passed as U.S. Flag Code in 1942. Modern practices at massive public events, such as professional sports contests, frequently run counter to the code, and The American Legion calls for an amendment to modernize the guidelines that would make exceptions for common patriotic expressions of that magnitude that may include, for instance, displaying the flag in a horizontal position.

The American Legion's Grassroots Advocacy

148,517

Actions taken through The American Legion's online Grassroots Action Center on legislative topics in 2024

786,654

American Legion Grassroots Action Center participants as of Jan. 1, 2025



585

Members of The American Legion National Legislative Council, who work with lawmakers in their home districts

24,936

Messages sent through The American Legion's Government Action Center online platform in Congress, seeking passage of the Sen. Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act, which was signed into law Jan. 2, 2025

LEGISLATIVE

Americanism

The American Legion's Americanism Commission oversees programs and services that elevate pride, education and awareness of the United States and its identity. Included are Boys State/Boys Nation, which mentor young people to learn and serve in the American democracy; Oratorical Contests that offer scholarships at the local, state and national levels for students who learn to speak fluently on the U.S. Constitution; and, emphatically, respect for the U.S. flag under which U.S. military men and women have served and sacrificed since the founding of the nation.

Top priorities for the 119th Congress, in support of The American Legion's Americanism pillar value include:

Protection of the U.S. flag

Since a 1949 5-4 Supreme Court decision defined deliberate acts of U.S. flag desecration as free speech protected under the First Amendment, The American Legion has led efforts to return to the states their ability to legally prohibit such acts. The American Legion has come within one Senate vote in previous efforts to obtain the needed supermajority for a constitutional amendment that would restore the ability for states to enact and enforce laws that prohibit deliberate acts of desecration against the flag. The American Legion renews its vow to continue fighting to give Congress "power to prohibit physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

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Operation Comfort Warriors represents the Legion's expression of gratitude to those who sacrificed to protect our freedoms.



HOW RECIPIENTS BENEFIT

Today, wounded warriors need a variety of items to help in their recovery. Some patients require loose-fitting sweatsuits to cover their healing wounds without adding pressure to burns sustained in combat. Others use fitness equipment to rebuild strength in their muscles. Still others enjoy the camaraderie and fresh air that come from a fishing trip, thanks to donated gear.

Some gifts have included sports equipment for the adaptive therapy program at Fort Jackson, gift cards to patients at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and fishing and kayak gear at Fort Drum.

The success of the program relies entirely on donations, which are used to purchase items for U.S. servicemembers.

To make a donation, go to legion.org/ocw.

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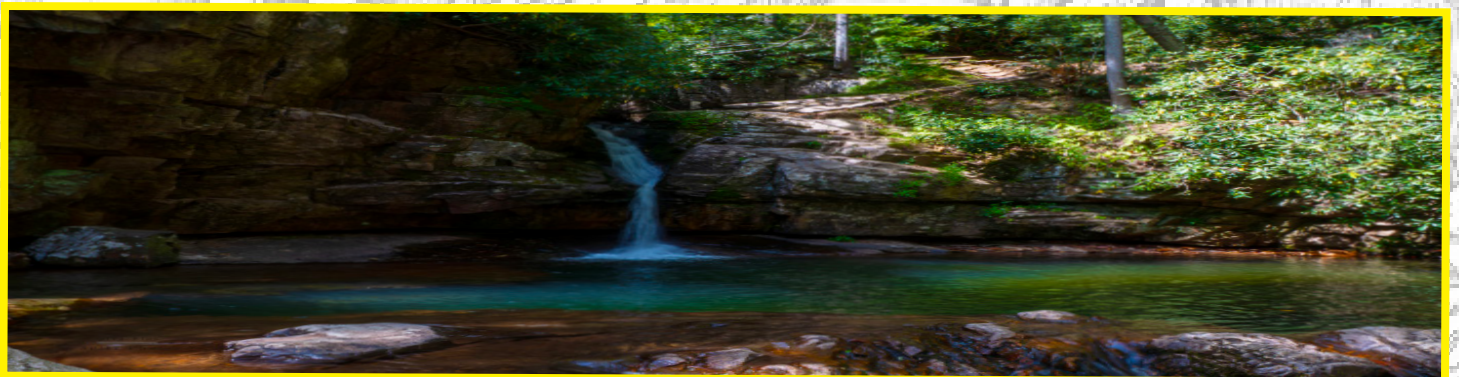
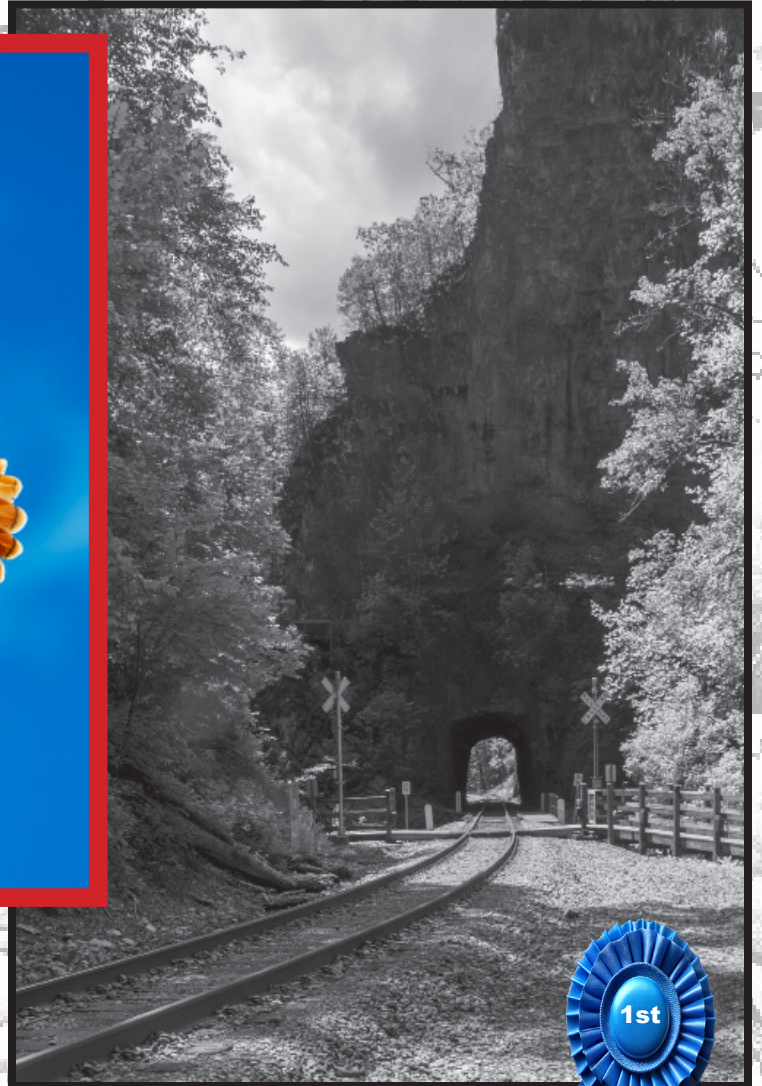
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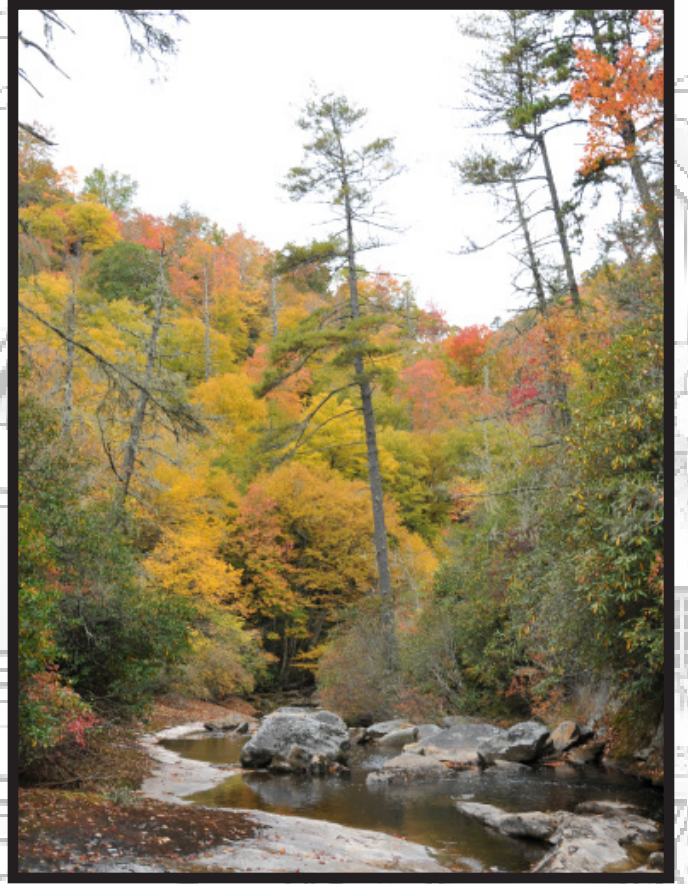
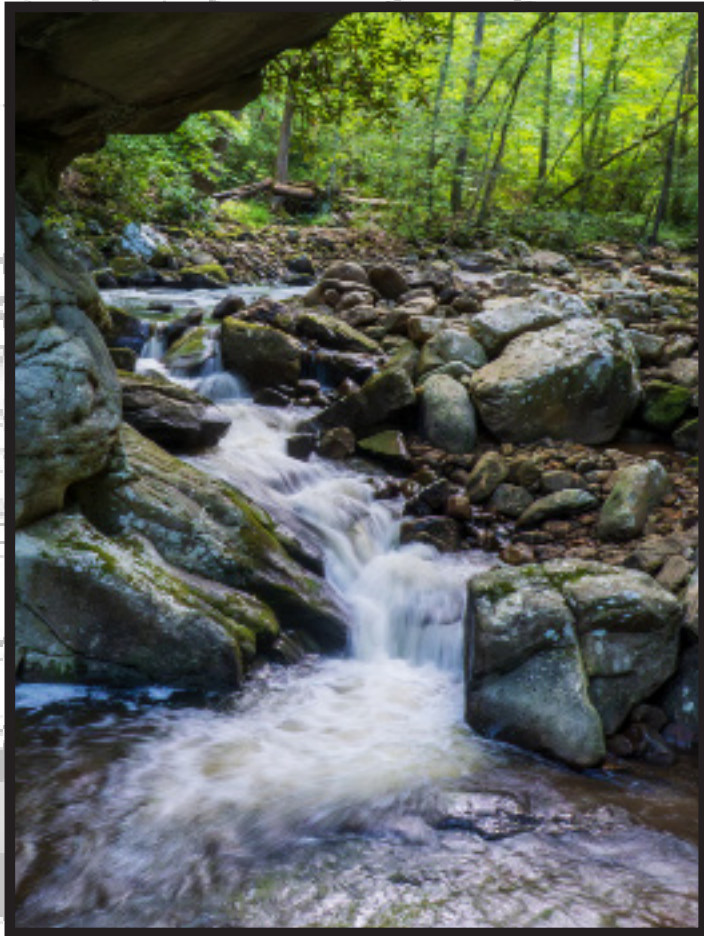
Because we care

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5745 Lee Road
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Greg's Photos







Devell "Bo" Durham Jr. - North Carolina Department Commander added to the album: **2025 Fall Conference** — with **David Slammer Sammons**.

October 24 at 9:56 PM · ⚙

October 24, Your mindset is your most valuable tool. Today's conference was more than a conference gathering it was a sharpening ground. Legionnaires from every corner of The North State came together with purpose and clarity. The atmosphere across committee rooms and commission halls became a crucible for thought: collectively screening, interrupting, extracting, and replacing old assumptions with shared wisdom and renewed conviction.

From Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation to National Security, Children & Youth, Legislative, and Internal Affairs, each meeting was a moment to refine our mission and strengthen our IENCWIN mission. Committee chairs and Commission leaders didn't just engaged they inspired.

Simply put: today was Legionnaire business at its finest. A day of mindset, mission, and momentum.



AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Be a part of the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students.

"A WEEK THAT SHAPES A LIFETIME"

Founded in 1935, American Legion Boys State and Boys Nation are a highly respected, hands-on programs where high school juniors learn about local, state, and federal government by running mock governments and participating in debate activities.

Two participants from each Boys State are chosen to attend Boys Nation in Washington, D.C., where they take part in a weeklong deep dive into federal government by acting as U.S. senators. Boys Nation includes mock legislative sessions, political party conventions, and visits to national landmarks, and many alumni have gone on to hold public office or work in politics.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Boys State and **Boys Nation** are designed for students who show leadership, character, academic excellence, and a commitment to their school and community. High school students who haven't attended the program before are eligible to apply for Boys State, and must participate in Boys State to be eligible for Boys Nation. Selection is based on merit and may vary slightly from state to state.

All programs follow federal disability guidelines, and most require a consent form signed by a parent or guardian and a licensed physician.

In most cases, schools recommend students to their local American Legion post, which then interviews and selects the delegates who will attend.

[CONTACT YOUR STATE TO LEARN MORE](#)

The logo for the American Legion Family. It features a stylized American flag with three horizontal stripes to the left of the text "AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY". The text is in a bold, sans-serif font, with "AMERICAN" and "FAMILY" in a smaller size than "LEGION".

PROMINENT ALUMNI

"A week that shapes a lifetime" are the simple, yet powerful, words that illustrate the significant value of The American Legion Boys State and Boys Nation programs. For the past 78 years, these six words have positively affected the lives of more than a million high school boys, including famous alumni Tom Brokaw, Bill Clinton, Neil Armstrong, Michael Jordan and many more.

The Legion Bulletin



OCTOBER 2025

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Fall Conference

The annual Fall Conference will be held October 23-25, 2025 at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC. There will be quite a few awards chosen during the Committee meetings. Be sure your Post and its dedicated Legionnaires are represented and possibly awarded by submitting nominations for the many awards available. See an outline of the awards in the following articles. If you have trouble getting a room reservation, please contact this office before going to another hotel.

-  Post Commander and Adjutant Awards
-  Boy Scout Leader and Troop Awards
-  Baseball Hall of Fame
-  Post Newsletter Awards
-  Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
-  Fireman & EMS of the Year
-  Employer Awards (several classes)
-  Colon Furr Scholarship

Award nominees must be submitted by **October 10, 2025 unless otherwise noted on form**. If you need forms for any of the above, please call Department. Headquarters or email drose@nclegion.org.

Jr Shooting Sports Reminder

Junior shooting sports reminder - First round postal match competition target sales and registration opened 1 September, the deadline for team registration and to purchase the official target sets is December 15th, 2025 with the first round of targets due to CMP by Feb 2, 2026. (See 2025-2026 Official Match Program) For more information go to <https://register.legion.org/jssp-club-registration>



Oratorical Contest

The time for Oratorical Contests is right around the corner. Oratorical information, including videos, is available at the website, [Oratorical Contest Resources The American Legion](#). The department information will be ready as soon as the District and Division Commanders get their chairs to the Department. Be sure to have your Post Oratorical Chairman get in touch with school officials as early as possible to ensure every student who would like to participate has the opportunity. The State Oratorical Contest, has not been scheduled at this time.

To All Conference Attendees

It is very important that all attendees register and pay their **\$10.00** registration fee. Your attendance and participation will ensure the success of the conference. It's most important for all Committee/Commission members to attend their meetings and be involved in the business required of their Legion program. If you are on a committee/commission and will not be able to attend your assigned meeting, please contact Headquarters prior to the meeting time and date, so that a note of your excused absence can be placed in your chairman's folder. The day before the conferences and convention the staff will be out of the office at the hotel getting set up. Chairmen requiring anything for their meeting other than their folder, please contact the office in advance to give us time to acquire the items that you will need to carry on your meeting.

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Proper Paperwork

Please encourage all of your members to get their military records and information in order, so when the time comes, the proper honors that they have earned and deserve, will be carried out. Be sure to write down their desires and along with their discharge papers, store in a safe place and advise your relatives where they can be found. These need to be turned over to the appropriate funeral director and they will handle everything from the honor guard to the military head stone.

Membership Transmittals

-  Double check the amount of your check with the number of renewals you are transmitting. There should be \$37.50 included for each renewal. Do not send the 2 part cards for your online renewals, you can dispose of them. We get the renewal update from national and do not need them. The same rule applies, "no money – no card."
-  It is important to fill out the information on the right side of the transmittal form so if there is a question or issue, we can call the phone number or mail out information to reach the right person. If you are not transmitting dues for the transfer member, please do not include a membership card. When submitting transfers, just remember this quote, "no money – no card". If you aren't sending money, don't send a card.
-  National maintains control of the members joining thru the DMS program. Please provide mailing addresses for members transferring from another state or from AD 1981.
-  Any member account changes, ie. Address, DOB, email, phone number, deceased status or any other personal information can be emailed or included on the returned member card. If emailing, please include the name and member ID number. Email to lmiller@nclegion.org.

Veterans Service Fund

The following request is still in place. We are asking each member of the Department of NC to donate \$.50 to the Veterans Service Fund and \$.50 for the Veterans and Childrens Fund. Each post is requested to send \$1.00 total for each member assigned to the post membership goal for 2026.



The Legion Act

Remember The Legion Act when asking veterans to join. In a significant legislative victory for The American Legion, President Trump signed a bill July 30, 2019 that declares the United States has been in a state of war since Dec. 7, 1941.

The American Legion sought the declaration to honor approximately 1,600 U.S. servicemembers who were killed or wounded during previously undeclared periods of war. The Act also opens the door for approximately 6 million veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible.

Now that the legislation has been signed, The American Legion's eligibility criteria immediately changed from seven war eras to two: April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941 to a time later determined by the federal government. No other restrictions to American Legion membership are changed.

Ronald McDonald House

Drop off for Pull Tabs are no longer be available at our conferences and convention. The Department will continue to receive tabs from individuals and small businesses. Posts, please drop off your pulltabs to a recycle center. Where to take your pull tabs sheet included with this mailing.

Your efforts assist families when their children are receiving catastrophic medical care as the result of cancer. Please collect the aluminum pull tabs in your community. **Thanks!**

Meeting Cancellations

District and Division Commanders: If you must cancel or postpone a meeting, please call Department Headquarters, the Department Commander and the Membership Chairman. Travel plans, especially for the Commander and Chairman are booked weeks in advance and we would hate for them to get to a Post only to find the meeting has been cancelled. Commander Durham's email durhambo@hotmail.com and Membership Chairman Jim Zajc's email jim.zajc@gmail.com











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Thank you so much to Terry & Glenn Caudle for clearing out our upper flower bed this Saturday. They took out two trees, rose bushes and laid out new mulch for us. It looks amazing! 🇺🇸 We are so thankful for our membership who volunteer to help make the post better!



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