

Subject: March 2025 Monthly Bulletin

DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE CONVENTION: Once again we are at the Embassy Suites Nashville-SE, Murfreesboro, June 14-15, 2025. We suggest reserving your room prior to May 12, 2025. to receive the discounted rate of \$199; plus, tax, which includes special room rates over convention dates; complimentary parking; complimentary wireless internet in guest rooms and meeting space. For reservations call 1-800-Embassy or use the link found on the Department website landing page.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION – August 21-28, Tampa, FL. We will be housed at the Residence Inn Tampa Downtown. If you intend on becoming a Delegate, delegate election is done at the caucus on Sunday June 15, 2025, at Department Convention, Embassy Suites Nashville-SE. Recommend registering early, delegates get priority, we cannot take reservation after July 18th, 2025. All rooms must be reserved through the Department, rooms are \$131.00. Plus \$17.69 tax and fee for \$148.69 per night. For those driving self-parking is \$25 per night. The registration form is on our website landing page. The registration fee remains \$35 per person.

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ORATORICAL CONTEST: Divisional Oratorical Contests are 8 through 15 March 2025. The Department Oratorical Contest is March 22, 2025, and the Alternate Date will be March 29, 2025. Check Department website Oratorical page for exact dates, times, and locations. First place state scholarship is \$3000.

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AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY: Posts can help celebrate through state commissions. The [America250 Foundation](#), formed in support of the congressionally established U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, is looking for American Legion assistance in coordinating the national observance – on every level – of the United States' 250th birthday in 2026.

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CANDIDATE RESOLUTIONS: Can be found in the Tennessee Legionnaire on the Department website.

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OF THE YEAR: Send nominations for SAL of the Year to Detachment by May 15, 2025.

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AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE: The time is now to start collecting donations so that you can send eligible young men to Boys State. The tuition remains \$425 per student. ***Delegate registration will start in February 2025.*** Once again, Boys State will be on Tennessee Tech University campus starting **Sunday May 25, 2025, with inauguration May 30, 2025.** Everyone is welcome to attend inauguration.

2025 POST DATA REVIEW FORM - It is imperative that each post return their respective Post Data Review Form respond to the 10 specific items as it relates to their post. Importantly, we need the first four items:

- 1) Post's 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. ***Minimum Per Capita \$38.00.***

The remaining items are important as well, so please follow the instructions on the form's reverse side and return -- even if there are no changes -- to Department Headquarters by **April 15, 2025.** These forms are individualized and **are not** available online.

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NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE: The following link to the National website, the 2025 application will appear ***once they become available:*** [American Legion College | The American Legion](#). Please send applications to the Department by Monday, June 9, 2025, so we can interview candidates on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

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TENNESSEE AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE: **September 13&14, 2025**, held at Department Headquarters. Application is available on the Department website in the American Legion Training and Education tab.

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POST AND SQUADRON OFFICER CERTIFICATIONS: The 2025-2026 Officer Certification forms for both the American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion were included with last month's bulletin. Please send completed and signed officer certifications to the Department by June 9, 2025.

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CONSOLIDATED POST REPORTS: Posts should document their activity in their 2025 Consolidated Post Report using myLegion.org. The Department uses this information to track our activity and determine awards, and the National Commander uses it to document the work that The American Legion is doing across the country.

You can fill your report out gradually as you hold events at your post. Just be sure that you choose the Save Draft option rather than the Submit Final option.

Due by May 15, 2025, for Awards Board evaluation.

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TENNESSEE LEGIONNAIRE AND INSTAGRAM: The Tennessee Legionnaire has taken on a new design which lends itself to photos of the things happening around the department. The publication comes out in February, May, August, and November. Email your photos to shannon@tnlegion.org. Also, we've launched an Instagram account for the Department, and you can find it @theamericanlegiontn. Follow us there so we can follow you as well. Instagram is a great way to connect with young veterans.

2025 MID-WINTER APPROVED RESOLUTIONS:

Legion Resolutions: (Constitutional Resolutions will be in the May Tennessee Legionnaire)

Resolution 2025-01; *Amend **Department Constitution** Article V, Section 2*

Resolution 2025-03: *Amend **Department Constitution** Article VII*

Resolution 2025-05: *Recommendation to dissolve SAL Squadron 290 Charter*

Resolution 2025-07: *Dissolution of ALR 100 Charter*

Resolution 2025-09: *Recommendation to merge Milan Post 118 charter with Medina Post 287*

Resolution 2025-10: *Use of American Legion grounds – Post 174 Tiptonville*

Resolution 2025-11: *Dissolution of ALR 202 Charter*

Resolution 2025-12: *Recommendation to dissolve Post 165, Bolivar's charter.*

Intent was approved however the resolved clause was not clearly defined:

Resolution 2025-08: *Remove Membership Requirement in Sponsoring Post from ALR Constitution and Bylaws.*

Tabled until Department Convention: Resolution 2025-06: Tax Credit for Volunteer Hours Worked.

SAL Resolution: Resolution 2025-01: Amend SAL Constitution Article VI, Section 3.

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DEPARTMENT CONVENTION: RE: Department Constitution Article V, Section 2. "At the Department Convention, each chartered Post of The American Legion in the state shall be entitled to five delegates and five alternates; provided the Post has in good standing the fifteen members required for Charter. One additional delegate and alternate is authorized for each additional fifteen members or major fraction thereof. Post membership will be calculated by adding the current paid Post members to those Post 2000 transfers completed during the current renewal year. No delegate shall be seated unless the annual dues have been received by the Department Adjutant prior to Post delegate selection. **Delegates shall be chosen at Post meetings not less than one week before the Department Convention.**"

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FREDRICK BOWLING JROTC CADET OF THE YEAR:

Send recommendations for the Colonel Frederick B. Bowling JROTC Cadet of the Year to the Department by May 15, 2025. The cadet selected as the Colonel Frederick B. Bowling JROTC Cadet of the Year will receive a \$3,000.00 educational scholarship. The recommendation must be signed and certified to be accurate by the senior JROTC Instructor.

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JROTC AWARD MEDALS: Some of the JROTC scholastic and general awards were recently on back order. Advise that posts order these as soon as possible to avoid any disruptions. Catalog # 717.100 for Military Excellence and #717.101 for Scholastic Excellence

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LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR: Send nominations for Legionnaire of the Year to Department by May 15, 2025.

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION: Children, adopted child, or stepchild of U.S. military members who died while on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. Children adopted child or stepchild of post-9/11 veterans having been assigned a combined disability rating of 50 percent or greater by the Department of Veterans Affairs also qualify. Each needs-based scholarship provides up to \$20,000 for children of the fallen, and up to \$5,000 for children of disabled people for undergraduate or post-graduate college. Recipients may reapply for additional annual awards up to six times. The application deadline is Wednesday, **March 26, 2025**. After administrative review and approval, scholarship recipients will be notified of their scholarship award between May 9 and May 19, 2025, via the email addressed placed on the application.

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POST CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: Any Post Constitution and Bylaws prior to the “Legion Act;” July 30, 2019, no longer complies with National or Departmental Constitution and Bylaws and need to be reviewed and updated. Post officers, the Department will review your draft Constitution and Bylaws. Taking advantage of this service could save you time and potentially embarrassment. We are looking for National and Departmental compliance. Please forward drafts as an email attachment to Adjutant@tnlegion.org and mike@tnlegion.org.

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POST WEBSITES: The Department website hosts a page for all the district and post websites in Tennessee to help prospective members find you. If your post has a website that you’d like to include on the page, email shannon@tnlegion.org with the link to your site and we’ll include it on our website.

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NEW SQUADRONS/POSTS: We added Squadrons to both Huntingdon Post 47 and Collegedale Post 257. Additionally, Temporary Post Charter applications have been forwarded to National for Post 293 Signal Mountain and Rutledge Post 294.

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DIGITAL HISTORY CONTEST: Please have all pictures you want to submit for the Digital History Contest to Department Headquarters by May 1, 2025. Entire document cannot exceed 50MB. More instructions forthcoming.

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TRAINING TUESDAY: The American Legion National Headquarters staff offers monthly training aimed at commanders and adjutants. You can watch them live or stream them later. Find them [here](#).

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RISK MANAGEMENT: is the process of identifying, assessing, and controlling financial, legal, strategic and security risks to an organization’s capital and earnings. We have been questioned as to why we are against certain policy changes, if they come to fruition, the question is no longer “if” but “when.”

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“FIRST OF EVERY MONTH IS “BE THE ONE DAY”

MARCH 2025 CALENDAR

8: *Oratorical Contests – East, Middle & West*
12: *Membership Target Date 90%*
22: *Department Oratorical Contests*
26: *Legacy Scholarship Applications Due*

APRIL 2025 CALENDAR

3: *District 4 District Convention*
5: *District 5 District Convention*
9: *Membership Target Date 95%*

APRIL 2025 CALENDAR Continued

10: *District 10 District Convention*

11: *District 8 District Convention*
12: *District 9 District Convention*
15: *Post Data Reports due to Dept HQ*
15: *Boys State Tuition Due*
15: *District 7 District Convention*
17: *District 2 District Convention*
18: *District 3 District Convention*
24-30: *Legionnaire Trust Meetings*