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# SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS LINE

For the good of all veterans everywhere.

## Item Found

A past Post Commander lapel pin was found at the Clarion after Adjutant Hawk's luncheon and has just been returned to Department. If you lost your pin, please contact Department.

## Mid-Winter Conference

The annual Mid-Winter Conference will be held Jan. 17-19, 2014 at the Myrtle Beach Hilton, Myrtle Beach, S.C. There will be various training given to those attending and it promises to be another great training weekend for all. We hope as many as can be possible to attend such meetings as there is a lot of information given out and everyone should be aware of it. Everyone is invited to attend and get the latest information pertaining to our organization and how it is to operate. It also is a time to see old acquaintances and to make new ones. Cut off date for Legion room rate is **December 16, 2013**.

## Post Officer Listings

For those posts that have not submitted their current Post Officer listings, please do so as soon as possible. This means also that even though you may have the same officers in the same positions for the 2013-2014 year, you

should also submit a listing to department. Also, for those that have email addresses, please indicate that on the listing. Your assistance and attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

### **Fraud Alert**

**FRAUD ALERT:** Veterans should be aware of a marketing scam targeting callers trying to reach the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Call Center or GI Bill Call Center. A marketing company has established two fraudulent numbers that differ from the two official VA call center numbers by one digit. If the fraudulent number is dialed by mistake, the answering party will offer a gift card and try to obtain personal and financial information, including credit card information, from the caller. The answering party may even transfer the caller to the VA after the caller's information is obtained. Note that VA will never ask you for a credit card number or banking information over the phone. Before giving personal sensitive information over the phone make sure you know who you are taking to.

The numbers to be avoided are:

800-872-1000 (the VA National Call Center number is 800-827-1000)

888-442-4511 (the VA GI Bill Call Center number is 888-442-4551)

VA has notified law enforcement authorities to address this situation. Please pass this information along and post on your websites.

### **District Meetings**

#### **December Meetings**

**District 18** - 12/7 12 noon Post 1, Florence

### **Current Events**

If your post or district is having an event that you would like to put into this newsletter, please forward it to me at the department office and I will see that it is listed. I ask that you submit the notice two weeks ahead of the event date. That way we can be ready when it is to be listed.

### **Sick Call**

If one of your past post commanders or district commanders or present post or district commanders is listed on sick call then also please let me know.

### **Condolences**

This would also be specific to past post, district or department commanders and/or spouses of those individuals.

## THE SOUTH CAROLINA TAPS COLUMN

**To:** The Department of South Carolina  
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**Note: Members submitted for the Taps Column are not automatically removed from a Post Roster. You must still submit a Member Data Form reporting the member as deceased.**

The following member(s) have joined the Post Everlasting.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>I.D. #</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Conflict:</u>

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Post Adjutant

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

This form should be sent to the department on a monthly basis. Do not send in names of members who have been deceased over two months.

**THIS FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED**