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Legion Emblem Use

There appears to be some misunderstanding within the department regarding the use and authorization of The American Legion's name and emblem. Some believe that the post commander can use the title and emblem as they might see fit and to promote any event or other group as an endorsement process. This could be far from the truth. The title and emblem are copyrighted by the National organization and to use them in endorsing an event or other organization is in violation of the copyright laws and could very well be prosecuted for doing such. Before any post uses the name or emblem for endorsement of other groups or events, other than the posts' own event, permission must be secured from the national organization. The written request should state exactly what, when, where and for what purpose the use will be then sent to the department. Once received at department then the request will be forwarded to national for whatever action they deem appropriate.

Mid-Winter Conference 2014

The annual Mid-Winter Conference was held Jan. 17-19, 2014 at the Myrtle Beach Hilton, and was well attended. It is hoped that more of the posts and post membership will attend more of these very important training sessions as well as the Department Convention. The department attempts to bring as much training to the department as possible and attempts to utilize the various training sessions provided by National in order to enhance the knowledge of our members. There were various trainings given to those attending and proved to be another great training weekend for all. It also was a time to see old acquaintances and to make new ones.

PUFL Info

Below is the latest information that has just recently been received at department pertaining to the Paid-Up-For-Life membership program.

- Members can apply for Paid-Up-For-Life online at www.legion.org/join/PUFL or they can also choose to print an application and mail it directly to National with a check or credit card information. The website will calculate the member's fee then give them the option to apply online or print an application.
- Attached below is a copy of the simplified pricing rate chart being used for members whose Post dues are \$41.00 or less. You'll see that the age bands have been increased to 10 year increments...and the pricing is based on age only.
- Members who belong to Posts with annual dues more than \$41.00 will continue to be processed at the rates that were effective 10/2009 and based on both age and Post dues. (Analysis has shown that the majority of members will be eligible for the simplified pricing rate chart.)
- Regardless of which calculation method applies, the current offer is...if the member pays in full, they will get a \$100.00 automatic discount applied at the time of application. They can still choose the 12-month Time Payment option, but they don't get the discount and they're required to pay by credit card, which we will bill monthly in equal payments.
- We will continue to process any Paid-Up-For-Life applications received from the member/Post/Department/National method.
- As always, there are generally no refunds made once an application is processed. See more detail below:
 - **No refund of payment(s) will be made if the member chooses to 1) cancel his membership or 2) discontinue participation in the Time Payment Plan or 3) if National must close a Time Payment account due to delinquency.**
 - **If a member chooses the Time Payment option and then cancels or defaults, the member will not be eligible to participate in the Time Payment Plan in the future but may re-submit an application with full payment at any time. (Any funds previously submitted on the cancelled account will not be credited to the new application.)**
 - **Should a Paid-Up-For-Life member hold membership in a Post whose charter has been canceled and no other Post is available to accept a transfer, then the unused portion of the original fee, if any, will be refunded. The same rule will apply in the in the event that the member is expelled from membership by action of his Post or Department Headquarters. Except as stated, no refund of any portion of Paid-Up-For-Life membership fees paid to National will be made at any time.**
- The February issue of the magazine contains a small article regarding the Paid-Up-For-Life program at the bottom of page 52. The next issue of *Dispatch* will also contain the article.
- Once an application is received and processed at National (whether online or by mail), we will notify the member's Post and allow them up to 30 days to challenge the application. Departments will be copied on the notification.
- The Full-Pay and Time Payment Agreements that appear on the web site will answer a lot of the member's questions, so feel free to refer them. More information will be forthcoming as soon as it is received.

2013 Enhancements

Just a note to remind all that the 2013 enhancements are due in department no later than April 30, 2014 in order for the post to be considered in good standing and to participate in the 2014 Department Convention and any of the programs of the Department of South Carolina. At this time there are only 14 posts that need to pay the 2012 enhancement. Please check to see if your post has paid on the 2013 amount due and encourage the responsible officers to do such. It will be greatly appreciated.

What's Happening

January 25, Saturday – District 2 @ 10 a.m. Charleston Post #179, 1747 Ashley Hall Rd. Please RSVP phone or email by 1/23 to Cmdr Joe Lysaght, 843-813-4048 or jlysaght@charlestoncounty.org.

January 25, Saturday – District 4 @ 1:00 p.m. Post Commanders and Adjutant's Meeting Myrtle Beach Post #40, 5311 Creek Side Dr. Meal at 12 noon.

February 1, Saturday – District 6 @ 10 a.m. 204 Butter Rd., Bonneau Civic Club, Bonneau, S.C.

February 8, Saturday – District 1 @ 10 a.m. Cayce Post #130, 402 Naples Ave., Cayce.

February 15, Saturday – All Quadrant Oratorical Contests be held in various locations. Contact the Vice Commanders and see the website <http://www.scarolinalegion.org/page/contest/programs/hw-dare-maness-high-school-oratorical-contest> for more information.

Sick Call

If one of your past post commanders, district commanders, present post or district commanders is listed on sick call then also please let me know. This is provided for our membership knowledge and will not be published if the individual or their family requests that it not be published.

Condolences

This would also be specific to past post, district or department commanders and/or spouses of those individuals. Past department officers and present officers are included here as well.

Post Officer Listings

District Commanders Please Note: 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. The following is a listing of the posts. If they are in your district, please contact them and request they submit the information as soon as possible. This information is as of today, 12/19/2013.

District #1 – Posts #90, #142, #174, #217

District #2 – Posts #136, #145,

District #3 – Post #231

District #6 – Post #126

District #8 – Posts #21, #105, #128

District #10 – Posts #24, #70

District #11 – Post #63

District #12 – Posts #60, #74, #80, #92, #213 (The blank form is on the website to be used if needed.)

District #13 – Posts #51, #67, #113

District #14 – Post #100

District #15 – Posts #77, #153, #154, #168, #169, #232

District #17 – Posts #35, #202

District #18 – Posts #47, #118, #266

District #19 – Posts #8, #114

District #20 – Posts #64, #78, #156

Auxiliary Corner

The American Legion Auxiliary is celebrating our 95th Anniversary this year and our National President's theme is "Pass it On".

Since the conception of our organization, our purpose has always been "to contribute to the accomplishments of the aims and purposes of the American Legion." Through the years we have committed ourselves to the four founding principles of Justice, "Freedom, Democracy and Loyalty. We have served our veterans, their families and the community.

Today, however, we face a dilemma! Our organization is not growing. We ask how can we encourage the retention of members as well as gain new members. New members mean new volunteers to help with our veteran programs as well as serving the communities we live in. In the words of our new American Legion Adjutant for the Department of South Carolina, "If a Post has an active Auxiliary the Post is active; if the Auxiliary is not active, then the Post is not active."

I have been challenged to reach out to all eligible women in our great state of South Carolina to explain who we are, what we do and what the benefits are of being an Auxiliary member. In order to meet this challenge, I need your help. Why? Because these eligible women are the women who are associated with your Post. They are the wives, daughters, granddaughters and mothers of your members. There are many Posts in South Carolina that do not have an Auxiliary Unit and yet many women are eligible. If your Post does not have an Auxiliary and would be interested in forming one, please contact me and we will work together to enlarge the Legion family. My contact information is listed below.

Thank you for your service to our country.

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