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Bulletin No. 5 Department Headquarters will re-open Monday May 11, 2020 April 15, 2020

PLEASE MAIL MEMBERSHIPS AND PAYMENTS TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. Mail is processed daily, along with American Legion and Sons of The American Legion Memberships

2020 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 102nd Annual Department Convention will be held at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown, West Virginia, July 9-11, 2020. Posts wishing to host a hospitality room at the 2020 Department Convention in Morgantown must submit their request in writing, as soon as possible. Room Rates will be \$91, plus tax. The Department Convention pre-registration form is enclosed in this bulletin. Advanced registration is \$25 and \$30 at the door. It is suggested that you pre-register your delegates. Each post is encouraged to place an ad in the Department Convention Program. Advertising rates make it possible for every post to participate. Enclosed please find the Department Convention Advertising Form. Deadline for ads is June 14, 2020. We would like to have an advertisement from every post in the state with rates, as low as \$25. If the State Convention would have to be canceled, then your advertisement would be printed in the 2021 Mid-Winter Conference Program Booklet with no additional fee.

2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2020 National Convention has been canceled, due to COVID-19 virus.

YOUR POST'S CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT IS IMPORTANT

The 2020 Consolidated Post Report Form has been mailed to your post mailing address. It is to be returned to Department Headquarters, no later than **June 5, 2020**. Please take the time to submit a report. Do not underestimate its importance. For example, your National Legislative Division in the Legion's DC office uses the final totals from this report to support American Legion Testimony, before appropriate Congressional Committees concerning such matter as nonprofit postal rates, income tax exemption, copyright exemption, state tax breaks, etc. Such Testimony has led to millions of dollars in savings in recent years alone.

Spring District Conventions Rescheduled Dates

- 2nd District Spring Convention June 6, 2020- Barbour County Post 44 Reg. 9 Meet 10
- 4th District Spring Convention June 13, 2020- Williamstown Post 159 (Reg. 9 Meet 10)
- 8th District Spring Convention June 20, 2020-Charleston Post 20 (Reg. 9 Meet 10
- 9th District Spring Convention June 20, 2020 Belington Post 96 (Reg. 9:30 Meet 10:30
- 10th District Spring Convention June 20, 2020 -Berkeley Springs Post 60 (Reg. 9 Meet 10)
- 1st District Spring Convention June 21, 2020 Cameron Post 18 (Reg. 9) (Meet 10)

INSTALLATION OF 2020-2021 POST OFFICERS DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE X. SECTION 3"A Post Officer shall be elected and installed, no later than ten (10) days, before the ensuing Annual Department Convention and shall assume their official duties immediately, after their installation." ARTICLE X, SECTION 6"Those authorized by the Department Executive Committee, The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., to install Post Officers are the incumbent Department Commander, all incumbent other elective Department Officers, all incumbent District Commanders and all Past Department Commanders and installation of Post Officers by any other person shall only be authorization of the incumbent Department Commander."

ATTENTION POST ADJUTANT!

Please contact Department Headquarters if your post has not received the Post Packet, which includes the Consolidated Post Report and all State Convention Committee Forms. 2020 reports forms:

2019-2020	Post Rehabilitation Report Form
2020	Blue Cap Legionnaire of The Year Award Form
2020	Distinguished Service Medal Award Report Form
2020	Dr. Ben I Golden Report Form
2020	Educator of The Year Report Form
2019-2020	Americanism Post Narrative Report Form
2019-2020	Civic Affairs Report Form
2019-2020	Children & Youth Post Narrative Report Form
2019-2020	Education & Scholarship Report Form
2019-2020	Religious Emphasis Activity Report Form
2019-2020	Special Olympics Report Form
2020	Fireman of the Year Award
2020	Police Officer of the Year Award
2019-2020	Scrapbook Report Form
IRS 8822B	IRS 8822-B Form to report responsible officer of post
2020-2021	Officers Information Report Form
2020-2021	Mandatory Certifications of Post Officers
2020-2021	Certificate of Service Record Form
2020-2021	Post Information Report Form
2019-2020	Legion Riders Award- Rider of the Year
2019-2020	Legion Riders Award – Homefront Service Award

Post Commanders/Post Adjutants: Please go through your rosters and make one last phone call to those members who have expired membership status. Do not lose those members who have fallen behind in dues. Encourage them to renew their membership.

NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE

The National American Legion College will be held November 3 – November 8, 2020 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Please contact department headquarters for Application, or you may download application on-line www.legion.org. The focus of this week-long course is designed to familiarize up and coming members with American Legion best practices using problem solving scenarios, facilitation, leadership development and creating a mission and vision for our posts and districts. Additionally, National will be providing training on how to integrate with current department practices to best be of service upon your return. New qualification for attendees: Able to develop, present, coordinate and/or facilitate American Legion training at department through post levels.

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Membership Bulletin 5-May-20



2020 Membership Year

2020 Department Goal - 14,982

Target May 13th - 95% 14,232 102 Chartered Posts

Total Membership Including DMS: 12,979 (86.63%)

Pure Membership: 11,721

Includes 2020 PUFL Members - 1,510



Headquarters Post 200 - 76 (Pufl)
DMS Headquarter Post 200 Renewals - 1,258

First District Richard Crum	2020 Members	Target 100%	2020 Goal	2019 Members
Wheeling 1	274	96%	285	279
Moundsville 3	335	77%	436	400
McMechen 5	15	54%	28	16
Weirton 10	266	94%	283	277
Cameron 18	154	88%	176	159
New Martinsville 28	186	91%	205	187
Wellsburg 34	64	81%	79	66
Follansbee 45	84	87%	97	95
Benwood 46	125	84%	149	135
Pine Grove 81	62	86%	72	71
Paden City 86	66	80%	82	75
Wheeling 89	23	82%	28	27
Newell 114	54	74%	73	55
Hundred 120	63	68%	92	78
Chester 121	175	80%	219	200
Totals	1,946	84%	2,304	2,120

Third District Charlie Straley	2020 Members	Target	2020 Goal	2019 Members
Weston 4	64	89%	72	70
Buckhannon 7	191	92%	207	203
Clarksburg 13	134	73%	183	179
West Union 25	48	83%	58	55
Shinnston 31	312	91%	341	334
Sutton 33	82	112%	73	71
Glenville 42	15	68%	22	16
Bridgeport 68	170	104%	164	161
Jane Lew 166	41	68%	60	55
Totals	1,057	90%	1,180	1,144

Second District	2020	Target	2020	2019
Kenneth Satterfield	Members	100%	Goal	Members
Morgantown 2	24	62 %	39	26
Grafton 12	63	102%	62	59
Fairmont 17	143	98%	146	126
Mannington 40	42	75%	56	49
Philippi 44	70	75%	93	81
Kingwood 56	2	6%	36	12
Morgantown 174	122	130%	94	92
Totals	466	89%	526	445

Fourth District	2020	Target 100%	2020 Goal	2019 Members
Robert Schoolcraft	Members			883
Parkersburg 15	862	93%	930	
Spencer 21	76	85%	89	88
Pt. Pleasant 23	328	85%	385	384
Middlebourne 48	33	79%	42	41
Elizabeth 55	8	47%	17	14
Sistersville 67	86	75%	115	113
Saint Marys 79	15	88%	17	16
Pennsboro 83	30	81%	37	32
Ripley 107	92	82%	112	110
Ravenswood 118	12	80%	15	11
New Haven 140	180	87 %	207	189
Williamstown 159	134	72 %	185	140
Totals	1,856	86%	2,151	2,021

Fifth District	2020	Target	2020	2019	Ninth District	2020	Target	2020	2019
Shannon Harshbarger	Members	100%	Goal	Members	Donnie Lambert	Members	100%	Goal	Members
Huntington 16	285	81%	353	329	Thomas 22	5	28%	18	16
Logan 19	70	75%	93	81	Ronceverte 26	40	73%	55	49
Huntington 47	3	27%	11	3	Elkins 29	411	87%	470	461
Williamson 49	6	21%	28	6	Marlinton 50	19	63%	30	23
Whitesville 75	35	81%	43	30	Cowen 62	55	87%	63	60
	58	92%	63	62	Lewisburg 69	69	81%	85	78
Madison 87	583	86%	678	668	Belington 96	108	91%	119	109
Kenova 93		100%	64	63	Richwood 97	35	92%	38	37
Chapmanville 103	64	81%	156	148	Durbin 117	82	92%	89	87
Hamlin 111	126			159	Pickens 122	41	77%	53	42
Milton 139	156	89%	176		Summersville 131	48	83%	58	49
Barboursville 177	264	87%	303	284		913	85%	1,078	1,011
Totals	1,650	84%	1,968	1,833	Totals	913	00 /0	1,070	.,011

Sixth District	2020	Target	2020 Goal	2019 Members
Brian Krabbe	Members	100%		
Welch 8	102	78 %	130	108
Bluefield 9	185	76%	245	240
Beckley 32	294	107%	274	263
Kimball 36	5	45%	11	7
Gary 38	15	63 %	24	18
Princeton 54	6	55%	11	7
Union 100	12	67%	18	14
Mullens 106	58	87%	67	58
Peterstown 145	26	63%	41	30
Fayetteville 149	115	79%	146	131
Bradshaw 175	40	85%	47	46
Totals	858	85%	1,014	922

	Tenth District	2020	Target	2020	2019
	Bob Speaks	Members	100%	Goal	Members
	Martinsburg 14	342	85%	404	355
	Franklin 30	67	87%	77	69
	Keyser 41	189	91%	208	204
	Piedmont 52	41	45%	92	54
	Berkeley Springs 60	323	94%	345	338
	Moorefield 64	175	73%	240	216
	Charles Town 71	349	73%	476	467
	Petersburg 78	198	86%	231	226
<u> </u>	Romney 91	184	80%	230	207
=	Charles Town 102	22	79%	28	19
	Paw Paw 128	59	87%	68	62
	Kirby 134	20	74%	27	23
	Ridgely 136	94	91%	103	101
	Capon Bridge 137	197	88%	223	219
	Keyser 152	11	85%	13	11
	Riverton 183	31	107%	29	28
rs	Totals	2,302	82%	2,794	2,599

Eighth District Kenny Bright	2020 Members	Target 100%	2020 Goal	2019 Members
Charleston 20	114	74%	154	128
Dunbar 27	13	59 %	22	16
Charleston 57	12	63%	19	15
Clendenin 61	72	85%	85	75
Charleston 65	4	36%	11	7
Saint Albans 73	116	74%	156	133
South Charleston 94	57	88%	65	62
All State Police 112	28	72 %	39	31
Marmet 130	3	27%	11	6
Winfield 187	254	98%	258	269
Totals	673	82%	820	742

The WV Dept. American Legion

Membership Newsletter

WV Department Commander

Barbara Burdette



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This Newsletter is to be copied and distributed to your Post Members!

Normal will return. District Meetings will resume. Posts will have their regular meetings and the American Legion will continue to be the largest number one veterans organization in the world. Always remember our moto. Veterans serving Veterans.



Now For the Rest of the Story

To all Legion Posts and Squadrons:

Due to the Coronavirus this year we will suspend our By-Laws, regarding nominations and elections.

When quarantines are lifted, we will have a Department Convention. We realize that all of the one-time changes will have to be worked out as time goes by.

This has been approved by Department Judge Advocate and the Department Commander. We hope we will all be back together, as soon as possible. Thank you.

Barbara Burdette, Department Commander

Due to Governor Justice Stay-at-home mandate we will be working from our homes. If you need anything, please contact us:

Department Commander, Barbara Burdette – 304-661-4979 Miles Epling, State Adjutant 304-675-0631 Rick Davison, Judge Advocate 724-428-3339

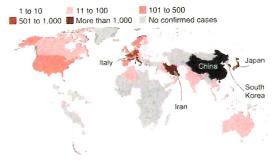
Lois E. Moles, Executive Secretary 304-881-9940

This is, in part, message was sent to each post within our Department. Each member of the American Legion and their families have felt the impact of this

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World Wide pandemic. It is the sincere hope that all members and their families stay well and stav safe. Observe all the precautions and follow them diligently. Don't let down your guard. Fight this as you did when called upon to be on guard duty while in the military. Make no mistake, this is a war, a true World War. The enemy is elusive, covert, and you can't know when you might be attacked, so stay cautious and vigilant. Listen for the all clear but don't let down your guard. Don't be a statistical KIA number.

Cases of coronavirus outside China



Source: WHO, health ministries. Updated: 7 Mar 10:00 GMT



Pray daily this will never be the new norm. Ask for your and your families protection.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 432









CAMBRIA. CA

If your post would like to exchange license plates with Cambria, California post following is contact information: P.O. Box 697, Cambria, California 93428 – 805-927-5010; www.legionpost432.org E-mail:

CambriaLegion42@gmail.com

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No Cost Legion Care

\$1,000 Accidental Death Protection for all covered accidents

Legion Care Overview

LEGIONCARE NO COST TO YOU ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE PROTECTION GUARANTEED** TO LEGIONNAIRES

As a member of the Legion Family, you're eligible for up to \$5,000.00 in NO COST To You coverage. But your Confirmation is REQUIRED for activation.

\$5,000.00 ACCIDENTAL DEATH PROTECTION MEMBER-ONLY BENEFIT:

Your beneficiary will receive a check for \$5,000.00 if you suffer a fatal covered accident while you are traveling to or from or participating in any covered event conducted for Legion business, or \$1,000.00 for all other fatal covered accidents. You pay nothing for this coverage.

Your Department of The American Legion endorses this coverage to stand by your family with up to \$1,000.00 cash benefits paid straight to your beneficiary, if you suffer a fatal covered accident at home, on the job, in your car, on vacation, while traveling, wherever you are.

**The product for Members living in WA differs from the above. Please visit www.thelit.com for a full description. SIGN UP NOW

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Process Membership

Renew

Add new members

Transfer-in existing members from other Posts

NOTE: Posts can only transfer-in members that dues are being paid.

Utilizes electronic payment (ACH).

Eliminates the need for Post Officers to send the National/Department portion of the (3-part) membership cards and paper-checks to the Department Headquarters Office.

7 business day processing time

How to Process Membership

Step 1 – Set up Payment Method

Step 2 - Click Edit to add renewals and/or new members to an "Open" batch.

Step 3 – Submit Batch for Processing

TAKE NOTE: Open transmittals should be submitted, within 14 days to decrease the likelihood of duplicate payments (online), and people complaining about getting renewal notices when they have paid.

If an open batch is not submitted, within 14 days the batch will be deleted.

This process eliminates the need for Post Officers to send the National/Department portion of the (3 part) membership cards and paper checks to the Department Headquarters Office.

Post that would like to submit dues directly to National Headquarters, please contact department headquarters and our office can provide a step by step guide for membership processing, directly to National Headquarters.



THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE WEST VIRGINIA'S PREMIERE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

April 14, 2020

Friends of The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State,

It is with a heavy heart, we write to inform you that The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State has been cancelled for 2020. This decision has been the hardest decision to make during one of the hardest times of our lives. Please know this decision was made after thorough deliberation with our program's senior leadership and based on the current national and state-wide effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The American Legion Auxiliary Rhododendron Girls State, The American Legion Boys Nation, The American Legion National Oratorical Finals, American Legion Baseball World Series, and Junior Shooting Sports Competitions have also been cancelled for 2020. As of the date of this letter, 37 other states have also cancelled their Boys State programs for this summer.

Since 1936, The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State has been West Virginia's Premier Leadership Academy, and this is officially the 3rd time in her history that the program has been cancelled. It hasn't been since the food rationing of WWII that she has stepped aside for the safety of West Virginia's youth. This would have been the 83rd American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.

The health, safety and security of our citizens, staff and many volunteers remain our primary consideration. Throughout West Virginia, educators are working diligently to continue to engage students through unplanned and unprecedented distance learning opportunities, it seemed unfair to ask them to continue with the nomination and selection process. American Legion Posts are closed, recruitment and fund-raising activities are also suspended. Many of our sponsors throughout the state are also closed or are temporarily out of work due to being under our state's stay-at-home order. We appreciate all our volunteers, alumni, veterans and sponsors and encourage you to continue to remain safe and follow the guidance of your local health officials.

We thank you for your support of our program and only feel it appropriate to return your sponsorship for a submitted 2020 Application. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State is truly blessed with your support and we look forward to working with you as we immediately begin planning for the 2021 session.

If you have immediate questions that need to be answered, please contact us via email at <u>almbs@wvboysstate.org</u>. The American Legion Department of West Virginia Headquarters is currently closed to the public and operating remotely with limited resources at this time. We will respond as quickly as possible.

Sincerely, Jim Davis, Director Robbie Robinson, Assistant Director

BUY A CHANCE TO WIN A KIMBER AEGIS ELITE CUSTOM .45AC WITH VENOM RED LASER

Drawing will be held Saturday July 11, 2020

State Convention, Morgantown

Tickets are \$10 each

Complete ticket stub below and mail, along with payment to:

The American Legion
Department of West Virginia
P.O. Box 3191
Charleston, West Virginia 25332

Any questions, please contact our office toll-free 1-888-534-4667. Thank you.

1-888-534-4667



Name: _____

Phone

Ticket No.

\$10 TICKET - KIMBER AEGIS ELITE .45 WITH RED LASER BUY A CHANCE TO WIN A KIMBER AEGIS ELITE CUSTOM .45AC WITH VENOM RED LASER AND HALO SCOPE

American Legion, Dept. of West Virginia

Phone: 888-534-4667

\$10 TICKET Drawing Saturday July 11, 2020

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Winner must comply with all State and Federal laws. Made in USA Winner responsible for transfer fees — Must claim prize and pick up, within 30 days of drawing.

102nd Annual State Convention 2020 ADVERTISING FORM

The American Legion Department of West Virginia, Inc.

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Ad and Payment Deadline is June 14, 2020. No Deviation

CANCELLATION MUST BE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO RECEIVE REFUND

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 102nd ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

JULY 9, 10, 11, 2020

LAKEVIEW RESORT MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

ADVANCED REGISTRATION - \$25.00 AT DOOR REGISTRATION - \$30.00

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

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CHARLESTON WV 25332

PO BOX 3191

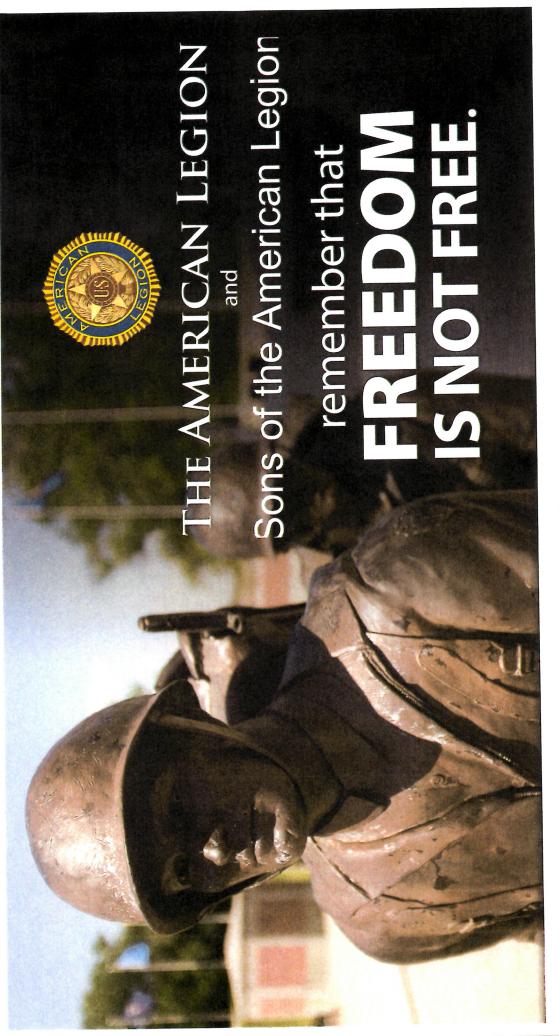
2020 DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONRESERVATION FORM

July 9-11, 2020 Lakeview Resort One Lakeview Drive Morgantown, WV 26508

\$91.00 per night room rate (plus 12% tax)

Name	***************************************		
Address			
Phone #			
E-mail			
Arrival Date	AM	PM	Departure Date
Room Type: (circle one) Dou	bles	King	(Additional charge of \$10 for a King)
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This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Lakeview Resort. (No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)
PLEASE RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY- THANKS!
CANCELLATION, BEFORE 48 HOURS, PRIOR TO ARRIVAL, OR FORFEIT 100% OF THE TOTAL



MEMORIAL DAY

The American Legion - Veterans Still Serving America



MAY 2020



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
All Meetings Held in Indianapolis, IN		,			1	S.A.L. Spring NEC Auxiliary Department Leadership National Conference
Unless Otherwise Stated					Child Welfare Foundation Grant Application Available	Committee on Youth Education Meeting
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Committee on Youth Education Meeting	•	SPRING M	NG MEETINGS	↑		
Child Welfare Foundation Board of Directors Meeting	Commission & Committee Meetings	mittee Meetings	National Executive Committee Meetings	committee Meetings		
10 MOTHER'S DAY	11	12	13	14	15 PEACE OFFICERS'	16 ARMED FORCES
National Law Enforcement Week	Department Headquarters will re-Open		100% Membership Target Date		MEMORIAL DAY	DAY
17	18	19	20	21	22 MARITIME DAY	23
					National Poppy Day	
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY Office	26	27	28	29	30
End of Child Welfare Foundation Award Year	Closed					