



# DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT'S NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2018

### Help Help Help

Membership: We may NOT meet the 80% National Target Date on January 18, 2018.

**We need 600 renewals.**

The Department next National Membership Target Date is February 14 85%.

**We need 2954 .**

## Boys State

27 May, 2018 thru 2 June, 2018 at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, GA

Have you worked with the schools in your local area for the boys that your Post are sending to Boys State? Remember by not working this program you could be depriving a young boy of a great future. Don't let him down.

Boys State is giving our future leaders an opportunity to begin developing their potential.

Remember:

**A WEEK THAT SHAPES A LIFETIME**

### Department Commander, Auxiliary President, Commander of the Sons of The American; and Director of the Legion Riders Joint Special Project:

Commander Pizzo will be accepting your donations on Friday morning at the Spring Conference.

Remember our hospitalized Veterans. Last year with your donations we had a great year - let's make this year even greater.



## The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

It is not too late to organize an **ORATORICAL CONTEST** for your Post. We have students seeking a local Post contest to enter. If your Post is conducting a contest, please notify your District Chairman.

District Chairman notify the Department Chairman of the date, time and place of your Post contest.

Following are the dates by which Georgia's 2018 contests must be completed:

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**Post/Local- February 4, 2018**  
**District- -- February 18, 2018**  
**Area ----- February 25, 2018**  
**Department-- March 11, 2018**

If you need additional information please contact the Department Oratorical Contest Chairman Tina Burney at 229-317-6992.



## **Spring Conference**

### **2018: March 23- 27, 2018**

Enclosed is the housing information for the Spring Conference. Please pass this information to the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, S.A.L. and Legion Rider members of your Post and encourage them to make their reservations early. Make extra copies and distribute as required.

Also, information enclosed on the Department Commander, Auxiliary President, S.A.L. Detachment Commander, and Legion Riders Director's Homecoming Banquet at the Spring Conference on Saturday evening. We need to support and honor our top officers of the Georgia

Department of The American Legion, make your reservation.  
**Remember NO tickets will be SOLD at the Conference.**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

2018 Washington Conference	Feb 25-28	Washington, DC
2018 Department Spring Conference	Mar23-25	Duluth, GA Arrive Mar 22
2018 National Commander's visit	Apr 19-22	
2018 National Spring Meetings	May 7 - 10	Indianapolis, IN
2018 Department Convention	Jun 22 - 24	Duluth, GA <b>Arrive Jun 21</b>
<b>2018 100th Annual National Convention</b>	<b>Aug24-30</b>	<b>Minneapolis, MN</b>
2018 National Fall Meetings	Oct 15 -18	Indianapolis, IN
2018 Department Fall Conference	Oct 26 -27	Duluth, GA <b>Arrive Oct 25</b>

For God and Country,

*Charlie R. Knox*

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 Department Adjutant

## **2018 Department Sweepstakes**

Legionnaires, you should have received your 2018 Sweepstakes letter with the numbered tickets attached. The drawing for the winners will be on Saturday night, March 24, 2018, after the Homecoming Banquet at the Spring Conference. We encourage you to return the

Sweepstakes tickets to Department as soon as possible. Deadline: March 20, 2018.



**SPRING CONFERENCE and  
GEORGIA AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE  
March 23 – 27, 2018**

**Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta  
1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, GA 30096  
770-923-1775**

**Guest Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel Information:** The Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta Hotel is a NON-SMOKING HOTEL!

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People in Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check One:  King (one bed) \$112.83  Double: (two beds) \$112.83

Do you require a handicap accessible room? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Name(s) of other(s) sharing room: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information (Checks must be made out to the Hotel)**

Check enclosed: (payable to: Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta Hotel for one-night deposit of \$112.83) OR

Guarantee by credit card:  Visa  MasterCard  Amex  Other

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ MO/YR

(Credit card will not be billed until you have checked in)

Please complete this form in full and return to: The American Legion, Department of Georgia  
3035 Mt. Zion Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281

**DEADLINE: March 1, 2018**



# H O M E C O M I N G

**Department Commander, Auxiliary President,  
S. A. L. Detachment Commander and  
Legion Riders Director  
Saturday, March 24, 2018**

Place: Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta  
1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, GA 30096  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Cost: \$41.00 per person - Make check payable to  
The American Legion, Department of Georgia

**Registration for Spring Conference is \$5.00 per person,  
please include this in your check and furnish names.**

RSVP: Reservations must be made **NO LATER** than March 16, 2018  
Reserve tables for 10 or more. Banquet tickets will not be  
available at the Conference.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S, AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S, & S.A.L DETACHMENT COMMAND-  
ER'S and LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR'S HOMECOMING

**Please Print**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Post / Unit / SQ \_\_\_\_\_

Others in your party:  
\_\_\_\_\_

TO: American Legion, Department of GA  
3035 Mt. Zion Road  
Stockbridge , GA 30281

NUMBER IN PARTY \_\_\_\_\_  
COST \$41.00 EACH \_\_\_\_\_  
AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

**SPRING CONFERENCE**  
**Friday, March 23, 2018**  
**Duluth, Georgia**

**GEORGIA BALLROOM SALON 4-5 (350)**

8:30 – 10:00 AM	OPENING SESSION	Commander Pizzo
10:00 – Noon	MEMBERSHIP/NEW POSTS/ RECONNECT	SR Vice John Franklin

**GEORGIA BALLROOM SALON 4 (125)**

1:00 - 1:30 PM	AMERICAN LEGION FEMALE ACCESS	Vickie Dikes
1:30 -	COMMUNICATION/PR	Charles Dowick
- 2:30	GEORGIA PRESS ASSOCIATION	Charles Dowick
2:30 - 3:30 PM	HISTORIAN	Tommy Hatton

**GEORGIA BALLROOM SALON 5 (150)**

1:00 – 3:00 PM	VA/REHAB	Philip Hillesheim/Ed Kent/Veda Brooks
3:00 – 4:00 PM	JUDGE ADVOCATE/ADJUTANT	Joe Sims/Charles Knox

**GEORGIA BALLROOM SALON 7-8 (50)**

1:00 – 1:30 PM	RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS	Dan Cravey
1:30 - 2:00 PM	CHILDREN AND YOUTH	Hazel Taylor
2:00 - 3:00 PM	ORATORICAL	Tina Burney
3:00 – 4:00 PM	POW/MIA	Thomas Cannon

**GEORGIA BALLROOM SALON 3 (30)**

1:00 – 1:30 PM	SCHOOL AWARDS	Carmen Streit-Smith
1:30 – 2:00 PM	ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE	Bill Payton
2:00 - 2:30 PM	BLOOD DONOR	Ken Buechel
2:30 - 3:30 PM	BASEBALL	Richard McCown

**GEORGIA BALLROOM SALON 2 (50)**

1:00 - 1:30 PM	LEGISLATIVE	Roger Tingler
1:30 – 2:00 PM	MEDICAL RESEARCH	Mark Shreve
2:00 – 3:00 PM	BOYS STATE	Phil Youngblood

**CENTENNIAL ROOM A-B \* (100)**

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION	Commander Abrokn
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**ATHENS BALLROOM \* (50)**

1:00 – 1:30 PM	NATL /HOMELAND SECURITY	Larry Diehl
1:30 --2:00 PM	EMPLOYMENT	Sam Perry
2:00 – 2:30 PM	SCOUTING	Deana Rowe
2:30 - 3:00 PM	SHOOTING SPORTS	Richard Wyckstandt

**INDEPENDENCE BALLROOM (275)**

10:00 – 4:00 PM	AUXILIARY	Anitia Owens/Patty Hawkins
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**SATURDAY, 24 MARCH 2018**

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM	LEGION COLLEGE	
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	AUXILIARY COLLEGE	
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM	SAL COLLEGE	
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	JR. AUXILIARY	(30)
1:30 AM – 3:00 PM	AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS	
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	HOME COMING	
	(Sweepstakes Drawing 10:00 pm)	

**Georgia Ballroom**  
**Independence Ballroom**  
**Centennial Room**  
**Athens**  
**Centennial Room**  
**Georgia Ballroom**

**SUNDAY, 26 MARCH 2017 (300)**

**INDEPENDENCE BALLROOM**

8:30 – 8:45 AM	MEMORIAL SERVICE	Dan Cravey
9:00 – NOON	COLLEGE RECONVENES	Commander Pizzo