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Items to share with your post members at your next post meeting or to display on the bulletin board.

REMINDER: Nominate an Outstanding Law Officer and Firefighter!

Each year The American Legion Department of Michigan awards a Department Firefighter and Law Officer of the Year award, and we are looking to you for help in identifying one of each. Nominations are due by January 10, 2022, and evaluated by our Law and Order Chairperson. The firefighter and law officer chosen by the chairperson will be invited to the 2022 Annual Department Convention in Kalamazoo in June to receive their awards.

The Department selections will then be sent to The American Legion National Headquarters for consideration to receive the National Firefighter of the Year Award and the National Law Officer of the Year Award.

The American Legion supports our first responders; the last year and a half has been challenging for everyone, especially our first responders. This is a small way to say thank you and recognize a well-rounded Michigan Firefighter and Law Officer, who has exceeded, above and beyond, the duty requirements expected of their position and has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service, or heroism, coupled with professional achievement over the past year.

Nominations forms can be found online at www.michiganlegion.org/firefighter or www.michiganlegion.org/lawofficer. Questions regarding these awards can be send to legion@michiganlegion.org or call 517-220-2754.

Department Training Workshops:

TOPICS COVERED: Leadership, Protocol & Procedures, Programs, Technology, Membership and Post recruiting, Parliamentary Procedures, Duties of Officers, Resolutions, and Bylaws.

Upcoming training dates:

Sunday, December 12, 2021 Department HQ in Lansing at 10am - 4pm

Saturday, January 29, 2022 Frankenmuth Post 150 9am - 3pm - This is also Snowfest Weekend & hotels fill up.

Lunches will be provided for all in attendance.

****Please pre-register BY EMAIL: kim@michiganlegion.org or call 517-220-2753****

Special Notice: Department Holiday Schedule

Department headquarters will be closed December 24th, 2021 through January 2nd, 2022. Staff will return to regular business hours on January 3rd, 2022. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mission Blue Grant - Post Assistance Program Update

Could your Post use an additional \$1000 to \$2000? The Mission Blue post assistance program is here to help your post with a financial need. Posts that have qualified in the past can submit another application for an additional \$1000 as well!

For Posts that have never filed an application, you can request up to \$2000 now. The National organization has authorized new limits with different guidelines. To get an application go to www.michiganlegion.org and click on Mission Blue application. Send this application to Kim at 212 N. Verlinden Ave Lansing, MI 48915 or email kim@michiganlegion.org

Mission Blue UPDATE - if a post has already received a grant, they can reapply for an additional \$1,000. Only need an application. No other documents required.

Posts who have not submitted and meet all of the qualifications on the application, they can receive up to \$2,000.

If a post has met all of the qualifications on the application, except for the insurance requirement and/or the CPR requirement, the post can receive up to \$1,000.

Scholarships for High School Students Are Available:

William D. & Jewell Brewer Scholarship - \$500 Award: Application due January 3, 2022.

Available to only Michigan residents who are high school seniors or college students – without a bachelor's degree, who are a son, daughter, grandchild or great-grandchild of a war-time veteran planning to or are attending any nationally accredited college or university or trade school. Selection is based on a student's G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher, financial need, parent's or grandparent's honorable active war-time military service, goals, and intentions. Scholarships are \$500 and non-renewable.

Guy M. Wilson Scholarship - \$500 Award: Application due January 3, 2022.

Available to only Michigan residents who are high school seniors and are a son, daughter, grandchild or great-grandchild of a war-time veteran planning to or are attending any Michigan accredited college or university or trade school. Selection is based on a student's G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher, financial need, parent's or grandparent's honorable active war-time military service, goals, and intentions. Scholarships are \$500 and non-renewable.

The application for the Brewer and Wilson Scholarships can be found online at www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships. You can also request a copy be mailed/e-mailed to you by contacting Ashley, Programs Coordinator, at legion@michiganlegion.org or calling 517-220-2754.

Eagle Scout of the Year- \$1,000 Award: Applications due March 1st, 2022

Boy scouts who are members of an American Legion, Department of Michigan post troop and have obtained the level of eagle scout or are the descendant of American Legion members may apply. The winner at the department level receives a \$1,000 scholarship and is advanced to the national level for consideration for Eagle Scout of the Year and a \$10,000 scholarship. Application is available online at www.michiganlegion.org/scouting.

Important dates for 2021-2022 American Legion Programs

December 2021

December 15th - JSSP First round postal match competition target set sales and registration closes.

January 2022

January 1st - Baseball registration opens on baseball.legion.org

January 3rd - Brewer and Wilson Scholarship submission deadline.

January 10th - Law Officer of the Year submission deadline

January 10th - Firefighter of the Year submission deadline

January 24th - District Oratorical Contests deadline

February 2022

February 1st - JSSP Targets due to the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) - must be postmarked on or before Feb. 1 to be eligible for scoring.

February 2022 Cont.

February 7th - Zone Oratorical Contests deadline.

February 15th - JSSP Second round postal match competition targets mailed out by the CMP.

March 2022

March 1st - Eagle Scout of the Year Award submission deadline (applications available November 1, 2021)

March 5th - Oratorical State Contest at location TBD

April 2022

April 1st - End of 2nd round postal match competition. Targets due to the CMP - must be postmarked on or before April 1st to be eligible for scoring.

April 4th - Teacher of the Year submission deadline

April 22nd - 24th - National Oratorical Contest in Indianapolis, IN

May 2022

May 9th - Boys State Application submission deadline

May 15th - Baseball insurance purchase deadline

May 16th - Student Trooper Application submission deadline

June 2022

June 1st - Final day for Baseball teams to register

June 12th - 18th - Boys State Program at Grand Valley State University-Allendale Campus

July 2022

July 1st - Robert Turner Baseball Scholarship submission deadline

*July TBD** - Student Trooper Program

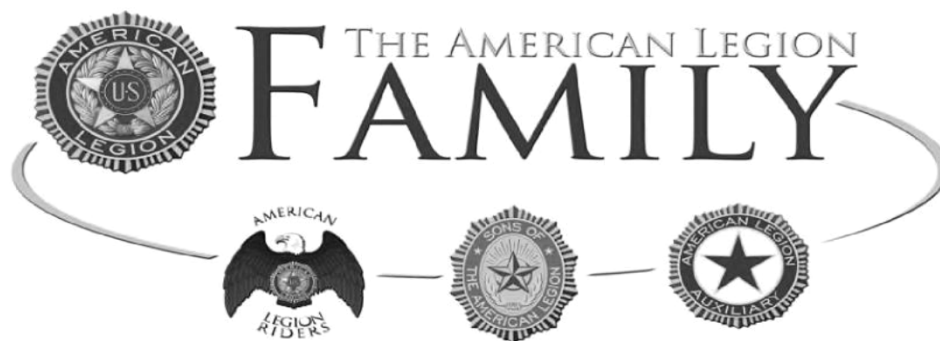
July 20-23 - JSSP American Legion National Championship (Individual Tournament)

*July TBD*** - Class AA Baseball State Tournament in Petoskey.

*July TBD*** - Class A Baseball State Tournament in Trenton.

(* Student Trooper dates are pending from MSP Trooper (baseball dates will be established in December 2021))





2022 AMERICANISM BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lansing, MI

FRIDAY, February 11, 2022

Social: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

NAME(s): _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Please select type of dinner and quantity of each

NOTE: \$35 for beef / \$30 for other entrée choices

BEEF (\$35) _____ / CHICKEN (\$30) _____ / FISH (\$30) _____ / VEG (\$30) _____

Credit Card: _____ Exp _____ CVV _____

Make checks payable and send to:

The American Legion, Department of Michigan
212 N Verlinden Ave
Lansing, MI 48915
Attn: Kim

Questions: Contact Kim at kim@michiganlegion.org or 517.220.2753

Deadline for reservations is Monday, January 17, 2022. No refunds after this date



The American Legion Department of Michigan

Winter Meeting 2022

February 11 – 13, 2022

Hosted by the American Legion Lansing Convention Corporation

Winter Meeting Registration Form

**Crowne Plaza
925 Creyts Road
Lansing MI 48917**

Reservations will be made directly with the hotel at: 517.323.7100, when making them mention The American Legion to receive the special room rate: \$125.00 for 1 – 4 guests. There are NO suites available for this event. Deadline: **January 11, 2022.**

The American Legion requires each person attending register with the corporation and be issued proper credentials to attend any meeting, session or event in connection with the meeting. **Registration is \$15.00 per person.**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name

Circle one*

_____ TAL ALA SAL ALR

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Additional registrants covered under same payment

Name: _____ TAL ALA SAL ALR

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Total number of registrations _____ times (x) \$15.00= _____

Checks should be made payable to: American Legion Lansing Convention Corporation

And mailed to: 2368 Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing MI 48823

Confirmation of registration being received will be emailed from: dbates2368@aol.com

Contact: with any questions. Dale Bates 517.351.8955

*TAL=The American Legion ALA= American Legion Auxiliary SAL=Sons of the American Legion ALR=American Legion Riders

Important numbers:

Don't Face the VA Alone! Use an American Legion accredited Veteran Service Officer. Find one near you by calling 313-964-6641.

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency: 800– mich-vet (642-4883)

Veteran Suicide Hotline—800– 273-8255

VA Veteran Homeless resources—877-424-3838

Department of Michigan Headquarters: 517-371-4720

Get the New 2021-2022 Commander

Commander Richard T. Dubay would like to help assist with ending Veteran homelessness. Your contribution will go towards our program aimed at helping veterans with homelessness in Michigan. A \$20 donation for each coin is requested. Use the order form below or visit www.michiganlegion.org to order online through the PayPal link at the bottom of the homepage. Thank you for your support!



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2021-2022 Commanders Coin Order Form

YES! I want to Support Commander Dubay's project: Reaching Out to Veterans

Please send me _____ at each \$20 donation to the following address:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed is my check/money order for qty: _____ x \$20 donation Total: _____

Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. Make check to Michigan American Legion Memo; Commanders Coin. Send to Michigan American Legion Attn: Commanders Coin 212 N. Verlinden Ave. Lansing, MI 48915 Price includes shipping/handling/taxes.