

AMERICAN LEGION

Good of the Legion

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

Detroit Veterans Day Parade Set For November 6, 2022

Join us on November 6th in Corktown in downtown Detroit for our 17th Annual Veteran's Day Parade. Step off is at 11:11a.m. If you plan on joining the parade be sure to register online at www.mdvcmi.org by November 1st. If you have any questions contact Past Department Commander Dick Chatman at 313-204-7227 or email armservicesalute@gmail.com



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SUNDAY NOV 6 DETROIT MI - CORKTOWN 11AM

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High School Oratorical Contest: \$1,000- \$25,000 Scholarships Available

Since 1938, the Oratorical Contest has developed knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Participants in the American Legion Oratorical Contest develop leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and are better prepared to accept the duties and responsibilities, rights, and privileges of American citizenship.

Post, District, and State competition will be upon us soon, which will allow the youth of your community to earn scholarships. On your next Post meeting agenda plan to discuss setting up a competition in your community.

Here are a few ways you can promote the program:

- Visit high schools at the beginning of the year and bring Oratorical Contest flyers or brochures (available from Department HQ) to history, English, and speech educators. Discuss the scholarship money students can earn through participating in the contest. Department awards a total of \$6,500 in scholarships. The national competition awards over \$203,000 in scholarships.
- Introduce yourself to the school principal, counselors, and JROTC instructors.
- Invite educators to your post oratorical competition. They get to see it live which will get them interested and they will then become your spokesperson at the high school level and get more interested in it,
- Advertise in the school newspaper and the local paper and radio.
- Attend PTA meetings to share with parents the scholarship benefits of the oratorical program.
- Invite oratorical winners to speak about their experience with the program at your post. Use them as your best sales representatives at the schools that they come from. No one will be more enthusiastic than they are to tell their friends and other students what this meant to them.
- Invite other civic organizations to your post to meet oratorical winners and disseminate program information. Or take your oratorical winner to other organizations to speak.
- Use social media to promote the program.
- Attend eighth-grade graduations where parents will be to speak about the program so they are aware of it as their child prepares for high school.
- Ask high schools to read a quick blurb about the oratorical program during morning announcements to generate more interest.

Students can sign up to participate in our Department Contest by visiting www.michiganlegion.org/oratorical.

This is YOUR American Legion program, invest in it, and it will grow.

Department Contest Scholarship Amounts:

1st place - \$2,000
2nd place - \$1,500
3rd place - \$1,000
4th place- \$1,000
5th place- \$1,000

National Contest Scholarships Amounts:

1st place - \$25,000
2nd place - \$22,500
3rd place - \$20,000

**For more information, contact Department HQ:
legion@michiganlegion.org or visit
www.michiganlegion.org/oratorical**

\$500 Department Scholarships: The Brewer and Wilson High School Scholarships

The American Legion, Department of Michigan is offering twenty (20) scholarships to be awarded in the spring of 2023. There will be five (5) William D. and Jewell Brewer Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each and fifteen (15) Guy M. Wilson Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. Criteria for the two scholarships differ and will be available only to students who meet the eligibility requirements for that scholarship. Selections are based upon academic performance, leadership quality, and basis of need.

The William D. & Jewell Brewer \$500 Scholarship is available to high school seniors or college students (with no bachelor's degree) planning to or are attending any nationally accredited college, university, or trade school in the Fall of 2023.

The Guy M. Wilson \$500 Scholarship is available only to high school seniors who are plan to attend any Michigan accredited college, university, or trade school in the Fall of 2023.

The following qualifications apply to both scholarships:

- Applicant must be a Michigan resident.
- Must be a direct descendant (child, step-child, grandchild or great-grandchild) of an honorably discharged veteran or active duty service member. Applicant must provide a copy of parent's, grandparent's, or great grandparent's discharge papers (DD-214 or equivalent) showing entry and discharge dates from honorable active military service. Eligible service dates are December 7, 1941 to present date. Please black out any social security number on the discharge papers. For descendants of active duty military servicemembers, a copy of the servicemembers current military identification card is required.
- Applicant is required to have a G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher and must provide a copy of their most recent transcript of grades signed by a school official. (A school official can be a teacher, counselor, or principal).
- Applicant must have a financial need for the scholarship. Applicant is required to provide a copy of the parent's most recently filed Federal Tax Form 1040 (both sides of the form are needed showing adjusted gross income and signature). If the applicant filed a Federal Tax Form 1040 and is 100% independent from parent's income, the applicant needs to provide a copy of their own Federal Tax Form 1040. Please black out any social security number on required tax forms.

Both scholarships are a one-time award and are not renewable.

Students may apply for either one or both of the scholarships, however, only one scholarship will be awarded per applicant.

The completed application and accompanying documents must be received at Department Headquarters by 5:00 p.m. on January 3, 2023 (not post marked by).

Applications are available online at www.michiganlegion.org/scholarships

Law and Order Program: Nominate A Local Law Officer and Firefighter

What is Law and Order?

In the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution, we pledge ourselves to ten purposes. Among them are:

- Uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.
- Maintain Law and Order
- Foster and perpetuate 100% Americanism.
- Inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation.
- Promote peace and goodwill on earth.
- To this end, we strive to maintain law and order in our homes, Posts, and communities.

We honor the “unsung heroes” of our lives - the paid and unpaid Law Officers, Firefighters, EMT, and Paramedics - who give unselfishly of themselves every day so that we might have freedom and protection from harm. The hours that they give are often “above and beyond the call of duty.”

National Firefighter and Law Officer of The Year Awards

All nominations that are submitted to Department must be a Michigan certified Firefighter, EMT, Paramedic, or Law Enforcement Officer. The winner of Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter of the Year for the Department level will be submitted to the National level.

Judging Criteria for Competition

Judges will be looking for someone who:

- Is well rounded.
- Exceeds, above and beyond, the duty requirements of his/her position.
- Exemplifies the virtues of professionalism and dedication.
- Demonstrates a distinct pattern of community service, on-duty or off-duty.
- Proves his/her personal dedication to societal security and protection.

The maximum points allowed are as follows:

- Community Service - 5 points
- Professional Career - 40 points
- Heroism - 20 points
- Letters of recognition, documentation, news clippings, etc. - 5 points

What Paperwork is Required for Competition?

To be eligible for competition, all Posts submitting a nomination for the Department

level competition must have the following information sent to the Department Headquarters by January 3, 2023.

- Completed Cover Sheet.
- 5 x 7 photograph.
- Narrative:
- No more than 6 pages (including letters of recommendation).
- One-sided.
- Describes his/her outstanding service.
- Backup documentation:
- One-sided.
- No more than 12 pages.
- Must include his/her state or federal certification.
- Examples: Letters of support from city, county, and state officials, newspaper articles; other letters of commendation; citations, certificates of training, etc.

What can your Post do to support the Law and Order Program?

Each Post should hold an Awards Ceremony (and Dinner, if possible) to honor the Law Enforcement, Firefighter, EMT, and Paramedic personnel, and their families, who live and work in your community. These professionals may be paid or volunteer employees. If there are several Posts in the area, consider having a joint ceremony. You can give a certificate to each honoree or ask the Chief or co-workers of each agency to select their outstanding professional to receive your certificate, plaque, or other awards.

If your Post already holds a ceremony for a local Law or Firefighter of the Year please pass their nomination on to Department!

Nomination forms are available now for both Law Officer and Firefighter of the Year. Visit www.legion.org/lawofficer or www.legion.org/firefighter to obtain a copy.

Eagle Scout of the Year: Up to \$10,000 Scholarship!

American Legion, Department of Michigan Scouting program sponsors over 65 troops, packs, and crews in our American Legion posts. The Legion's support for Boy Scouts of America began at the Legion's first national convention in 1919. This is natural for Legionnaires, who bring their service-learned skills and experiences as veterans to help build character and positive traits in our country's youth. Few other post activities generate more goodwill from the community.

Eagle Scout of the Year: Applications Due March 1, 2023

The American Legion, Department of Michigan honors the Eagle Scout of the Year at the department convention. The winner of the competition receives a \$1,000 scholarship and is advanced to the national competition.

The American Legion annually honors the Eagle Scout of the Year at the national convention. The winner of the competition receives a \$10,000 scholarship, and the three runners-up are each awarded \$2,500 scholarships.

Eagle Scout of the Year application and eligibility requirements can be found at www.michiganlegion.org/scouting.

American Legion Square Knot Award: Award for Legion Family Members

The American Legion Square Knot award is given to American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion members who volunteer for their post-scouting program. More information and application can be found at www.legion.org/scouting/award

This award is designed to recognize American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion members who are actively involved in the Scouting program. This award is not meant to be a selective or limited award, but one that is available to any American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion member who completes the requirements for the award. The award is meant to recognize dedication and work required by an American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion member to assist in furthering the Scouting program in The American Legion.

Requirements are as follows: You must submit appropriate documentation (membership card, photocopies of course completion certificates, a narrative of accomplishments, etc.) in order to fully document the attainment of the requirements as outlined in sections A, B, C, and D of the checklist found on our website. Any application that is missing a requirement will be returned to the sender for correction and re-submission.

Documentation may be sent at any time, awards are given upon approval of the documentation submitted.

To learn more about our scouting program, please email: legion@michiganlegion.org or visit www.michiganlegion.org/scouting

\$500 Teacher of the Year Award: Nominate A Local Teacher By April 3, 2023

K-12 Teachers are a national treasure; the job they have to educate our youth is at times challenging but very rewarding. Teachers help shape the future of our country by the lessons and principles they teach to the youth who sit day after day in their classroom. The American Legion knows some teachers teach about patriotism, Americanism, and the founding principles of the United States of America. We recognize that teachers spend their own money in the classroom and on their kids to make learning more enjoyable or easier to comprehend. Every year in The American Legion, the Department of Michigan recognizes five teachers working hard to impart those lessons to the children entrusted to them. We realize this is only a small gesture in the grand scheme of things, but we want to recognize them for their work.

Posts are asked to work with their local schools to help locate a teacher that fits the criteria to be nominated for this award. Nomination forms are available on our website and are due by April 3, 2023. Contact the Programs Coordinator, legion@michiganlegion.org, if you have any questions or need a hard copy of the nomination form mailed to you.

Tentative Program Dates for the 2022-2023 Program Year:

November 2022

November 18th - Oratorical Registration deadline

December 2022

December 14th - JSSP First round postal match competition target set sales and registration closes.

January 2023

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

January 3rd - Brewer/Wilson Scholarship submission deadline.

January 3rd - Law Officer of the Year submission deadline

January 3rd - Firefighter of the Year submission deadline

January 22nd - District Oratorical Contests deadline

February 2023

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 8th - Zone Oratorical Contests deadline.

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

March 2023

March 1st - Eagle Scout of the Year Award submission deadline

March 4th - Oratorical State Contest at location TBD

April 2023

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

April 3rd - Teacher of the Year submission deadline

April 10th - Student Trooper Application submission deadline

April 21st - 23rd - National Oratorical Contest in Indianapolis, IN

May 2023

May 1st - Boys State Application submission deadline

May 15th - Baseball insurance purchase deadline

June 2023

June 1st - Final day for Baseball teams to register

June 11th - 16th - Student Trooper Program

June 18th - 24th - Boys State at Grand Valley State University-Allendale Campus

July 2023

July 1st - Robert Turner Baseball Scholarship submission deadline

July TBD - JSSP American Legion National Championship (Individual Tournament)

July TBD - Senior Baseball State Tournament

July TBD - Junior Baseball State Tournament

(* Student Trooper dates are tentative and are subject to change)

(**baseball dates will be established in December 2022)

Department Program Mailings Via USPS and Email

All dates are approximate

October 10th - Post/SAL Mailing of all program materials for 2022-23 program year.

October 10th - USPS mailing of program materials to Michigan School administrators.

November 1st - Email to Law and Fire agencies regarding Law and Firefighter of the Year nominations.

December 1st - Email to Michigan School Admins about scholarship deadline and Teacher of the Year Nominations.

January 3rd - 6th, 2023 - School and Post/SAL Mailing with information on Boys State, Student Trooper, Eagle Scout, and Teacher of the Year.

February 1st - Email to school administrators with Boys State and Student Trooper deadline reminder.

March 1st - Email to school administrators with Boys State, Student Trooper, and Teacher of the Year deadline reminder.

April 3rd - Final email reminder to School Admins, Post/SAL Commander and Adjutants regarding Boys State and Student Trooper deadline.

Each Good of the Legion will have Program information included in it, this is just a list of planned mailings/emails that will go out during the year.



**The American Legion Department of Michigan
Winter Meeting 2023**

February 10th – 12th, 2023

Hosted by the American Legion Lansing Convention Corporation

Winter Meeting Registration Form

**Crowne Plaza
925 Creys 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: \$127,00 for 1 —4 guests. There are NO suites available for this event.

Deadline: January 10, 2023

The American Legion requires each person attending to register with the corporation and be issued proper credentials to attend any meeting, session or event in connection with the Winter Meeting.

Registration is \$15.00 per person

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name

Check or Circle one*

_____ ☐ TAL ☐ ALA ☐ SAL ☐ ALR

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Cell 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](mailto:dbates2368@aol.com)

Contact: with any questions. Dale Bates 517-749-3703

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