



The Alabama Legionnaire

August 2016

American Legion, Department of Alabama

www.legional.org (334) 262-6638 or (800) 234-5544

2016 Leadership Training

*Scheduled for September 30 –
October 1, 2016*

Please call Embassy Suites of Montgomery, Alabama at 334-369-5055 and make your reservations by September 2, 2016. Room rates are \$115.00 plus tax. Check in is 4:00 pm and check out is 11:00 am.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Department Headquarters at 800-234-5544 or 334-262-6638.

Your 2016-2017 Department Officers

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1st Division Commander Jeff McNair

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3rd Division Commander Willie Rogers

Adjutant Greg Akers

NEC Willis Frazier

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Attention!

2017 Membership Goal

19,000

Commander's Corner



The American Legion Family,

National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana.....

The Department of Alabama Membership Commission chaired by Past Department Commander Wayne Stacey, Post 44 Gulf Shores presented Alabama's 5 year strategic plan to the National Commander. The professionally prepared presentation was the result of the Membership Commissioners dedicated effort and many long hours of research and analysis. National Commander Charles E. Schmidt complimented Alabama for an excellent job and dedication.

A hand salute for excellence to the Commission Members who traveled to Indianapolis and excelled: Bobby Browne, Commander 15th District Post 155 Bynum, Barry Blount Vice Commander 23rd District Post 555 Pelham, Greg Akers Department Adjutant Post 133 Millbrook, Willis Frazier National Executive Committee Post 327, Northport, Freddie Jones Department Sargent-at-Arms Post 338 Bessemer, Crystal Jones Post 338 Bessemer, Jeff McNair, 1st Division Commander Post 155 Bynum.

The TEAM was advised that National Commander Schmidt advised the Commanders and Adjutants of the other 54 Departments to use "The Alabama Model" for their departments. This recognition by the National Commander is a tribute to all the Alabama American Legion Family and is a testimony to you for your pursuit of excellence in the principles of the 4 Pillars.

Special Recognitions/Announcements:

Greg Akers, Adjutant, Post 133 Millbrook, has been selected by National as a facilitator/Instructor at The American Legion College in October. This is a singular honor awarded to a select few who are considered the best from a talent pool of 2.5 million members.

Willie Rogers, 3rd Vice Commander Post 122 Prattville is the Department Oratorical Commission Chair and has been selected by National to attend the oratorical conference in Indianapolis at Headquarters. Willie's exceptional organizational skills are recognized by all.

August Thoughts:

"Never confuse a single defeat with a final defeat." F. Scott Fitzgerald

"Action is character." F. Scott Fitzgerald

"Don't assume anybody knows anything unless you tell them yourself." COL J.C. Hardee USMC

Respectfully,

Jim Jeffries
Commander
The American Legion
Department of Alabama

MEMO FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

“Ability is what you’re capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.” Lou Holtz, legendary college football coach.

The new Legion year brings several new tasks to achieve for the year. Post commanders, it isn’t too late to get your 2016 Consolidated Post Report submitted. We need to close out one year before preceding to next year. If you are a new commander, then perhaps you and the out-going commander can complete the task together. I’d be glad to help. Just call.

We just completed another successful veterans retreat. I feel this was a great blessing to those that attended. I was blessed to attend and witness their success in taming some of their demons. We were proud to host our leading candidate for national commander in 2017, Denise Rohan, at this event. The Legion magazine staff was also in attendance. You should see an article in the October issue.

We have an ambitious membership goal for this year. However, we also have an ambitious plan. I’m sure the membership chairman will present some details. We’re excited about growing. Business as usual operations will not get us in the position to help veterans, which is our passion. We will start this month with revitalization programs in Districts 21 and 15. Next month is District 34. We need to be bold, be passionate, and support the district revitalization programs. Make it special for your area to get the veterans out and informed. Participate in events and activities when possible.

Posts and Districts should have developed plans for Patriots Day on Sunday, September 11. Montgomery has a tower run and Mobile has a tunnel run. What’s happening in your post or community?

Also, on Friday, September 16 is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Department of Alabama partners with the city of Montgomery and other VSOs to hold a ceremony on the lawn of the capital on Saturday, September 17 at 10 am. We need to have Legion members in attendance. We usually get great support from our American Legion Riders for this event. Perhaps you can plan a Legacy Ride for that day to depart your local area, ride to Montgomery, attend ceremony and return home for PARTY/CELEBRATION. If not, then please try to send a representative or two from your post. Let’s rally to NEVER FORGET.

I look forward to seeing you this month at the Veterans’ reunion in Tuscaloosa on August 26 through 28. We will have a booth set up for program and membership information. Volunteers are needed. This is a growing event in the state. I feel that our support will only improve the success. All attendees are asked to register online at www.alabamaveteransreunion.com.

Let me know how I can help you and your posts grow.

Act to Inspire,

Donna K. Stacey

Results Not Excuses



Department of Alabama

Greetings Comrades,

Our year is off and running, August is shaping up to be a busy month as always. Every American Legion Post has a band of sisters and brothers in the twilight of their lives, which hold fast to memories. They look out for one another. They talk about family, citizenship, patriotism, Americanism, and their dreams. Dreams like being the Veteran of The Year, Recruiter of The Year, The Best Post, and District of The Year. Our time here isn't permanent. We can pass through this world but once; as we pass along, let us make the most of life. Let us help all of the Veterans, and Veteran's family, children and youth, and run all of the community program that we can. The work to which we are called to do does not require wealth or social position or great ability. It requires a kindly, self-sacrificing spirit and steadfast purpose. Our sphere of influence may seem narrow, our ability small, and our opportunities few, yet wonderful possibilities are ours through a faithful use of the opportunities at your own post. Despite the many challenges we face as members of the American Legion Department of Alabama, we must stand on the principles of our nation and our own mission which is to intensively reach out to our communities with public activities that get extensive media coverage and touch the lives of citizens of all ages. As we involve children, their parents will become aware of not only youth programs, and some of them will likely be Veterans themselves who will join your post if you ask them.

The American Legion is rich with tradition and accomplishments, which were laid by the men and women who came before us. Our generation can now set the stage to further motivate and generate greater interest and responsibilities for the programs, as we approach our 100th year Anniversary.

Leroy Davis Jr.
Jr. Vice Commander
Department of Alabama
For God and Country

ADJUTANT'S ALLEY

Comrades we are off to an excellent start this year. Posts, Districts, and Divisions are hard at work. Membership growth is the focus for this year. Do not be happy with maintaining set goals higher than the minimum and work hard to achieve them. Once you reach your goal celebrate it, get it in the newspaper, and shout it from the mountain top. The days of not “tooting” your horn are over. With communication set the way of today we need to tell everyone the benefits of being a Legionnaire. All the post commanders have received the update Constitution and Bylaws, The Retention Plan of Action, and the notice of dues increase. I know that the dues increase is a topic of tense discussion. I at first was in avid opposition of a dues increase, however after many discussions and statistical analysis I seen the need for the increase. The main reason I supported the increase at convention was the establishment of a veterans’ assistance line within our yearly budget. I have had to turn countless veterans away or point them to posts simply because they do not meet criteria established in our current financial assistance programs. When veterans call the Department HQ they are often at their last option for help. The staff here works tirelessly to help any veteran that calls but we are unable to help many. Those that we can’t help often are in areas where the post is unable to help as well. This was the primary reason for me swapping camps on support. Membership does have its’ benefits and still with Department dues being on average \$45 this is still low comparative to other Departments. If you utilize two of the discounts provided with membership or sign up for the free accidental death and dismemberment policy from www.thelit.com you have recovered your dues amount.

The membership committee returned this past week from the National Membership workshop. All who attended found motivation and inspiration. With Commander Jeffries goal of 19,000 members and a post goal of 110% should make for a very good year of growth for the Department. Growth is the key, The American Legion at a national level is reaching critical mass if we do not grow we are in danger of dying. Ask yourselves and your members can veterans afford for The American Legion to disappear? My answer is absolutely not! The Montgomery GI Bill, The Post 911 GI Bill, the Veterans Administration, Children and Youth programs, and our communities are just some of the areas that would not be here if not for The American Legion. It’s not about what we’ve done in the past it’s about what we will do in the future and we cannot do any of this without members. I’ve been asked “why so many fundraisers?” among many other questions concerning funds but we are operating at a bare minimum here at Department if things are not done to offset the decline of membership we cannot support the 183 Posts in the state nor advocate for any issues regarding the four pillars. So please make membership a goal for this year. Place challenges upon your members and I know you will be surprised at the outcome. Just think if the approximately 20,000 of us brought in 1 new member we would double over night. No goal is unachievable unless you defeat yourself before the deployment. We are at war comrades and the battle can only be won at the post level, charge that hill and let’s make 2016-2017 the best year for The Department of Alabama yet.

Please remember that PCI is conducting a fundraiser and updating our membership rosters. Pass this along to the members and advise them it is a strictly volunteer program.

NO VETERAN LEFT BEHIND!



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Membership renewals have been rolling in!! We are off to a good start, but need to keep the momentum going. As of August 4th, the Department was at 27.4% -- but remember our goal is at least 50% in early September. Renewals are coming in, so get them submitted at least weekly -- do not hold them!!

Our membership focus **at this time of the year should be on renewals and reinstatements**. If needed, call your members who have not yet renewed -- all of us need a nudge sometimes! Keep reminding them to renew before the \$5.00 dues increase goes into effect in January 2017. We always want to be recruiting new members, but this should not replace the focus on renewals. Now is also a good time to contact Post 1983 members in your area for transfer to your Post -- if they have not yet paid their 2017 dues and pay them upon transfer to you, their membership counts for your Post this year.

We have our first of 14 District revitalizations August 11 - 13 in District 22, followed by District 15 August 18 - 20. I know a lot of preparation has gone into these 2 Districts to make their revitalization a success. All other Districts should be planning theirs at this time so adequate publicity can take place in their areas. Press releases should be provided Jim Johnson, Department Public Relations Officer, at least 45 days in advance of your revitalization. You may also want to contact the District Commanders of Districts 22 and 15 after their events to get some "lessons learned". Remember that volunteers are the key to success of these efforts -- get them motivated! If you have any questions about the revitalization efforts, please give me a call or send email.

Some of you may have been receiving notice from National that an active Legionnaire has moved into your area -- contact them about transferring to your Post. This is a separate notification from the Post 1983 notice.

Please remember that **growing our membership is essential to our American Legion**. Membership provides us the manpower and financial resources necessary to support our veterans, their families, our communities, and conduct American Legion programs.

**"GREAT RESULTS COME FROM OUTSTANDING PLANNING, COMMITMENT,
EXECUTION AND TEAMWORK"**

RETAIN -- REINSTATE -- RECRUIT

Wayne Stacey, Membership Commission Chair

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Chaplain's Comments

From The Chapel

Shipmates—

As I share this with you, one political convention is over and one is under way and, as I watch and listen to the news coverage of the networks I am reminded again and again of the words of Abraham Lincoln when he said : "All too often I am driven to my knees simply because I have no other place to go."

I find myself in the same mind-set as President Lincoln as I keep waiting for someone to speak about our country healing and coming together but, it would seem that the only interest is fighting and dividing. I fear my country is destroying itself from within and I cannot understand why any one of our government officials will not address this.

On August 13th at the Alabama National Cemetery we will once again have our annual service "Keep The Spirit Of Forty-Five Alive " This is recognizing the national spirit and effort of The United States in coming together fighting and winning World War Two. In again doing the invocation at the beginning. My prayer will include the fact that we first must-- "find it" then--"awaken it"--then--"nourish it"--"strengthen it"-to bring it back to life.

I again ask all of us in the American Legion to pray for our country. And-I again thank you all for your service then-and-now. God bless you.

Philippians 1:3

Duke



From the Public Relations and Marketing Committee Chair Jim Johnson

American Legion National Headquarters supplies books, flyers, brochures, CDs and DVDs to help Posts with Public Relations and Marketing efforts. Remember, it all goes to membership! Strong membership means strong service to veterans, strong programs, and strong service to your community. You can order these materials directly from the national website at legion.org or contact your Department of Alabama Public Relations and Marketing Committee Chair at jjohn0307@aol.com.

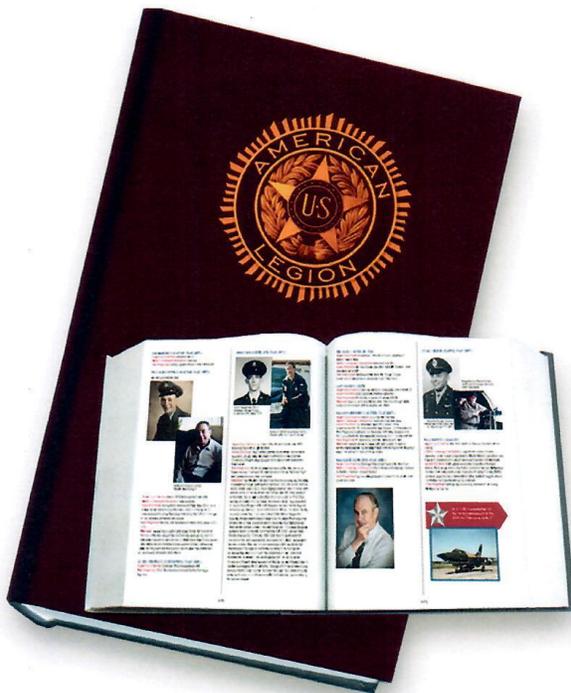
In next months newsletter I'll discuss several objectives set for state this year by Department Jim Jeffries. I urge every legionnaire to take those objectives and your Public Relations and Marketing programs seriously as we head to the goal of 4.5 million members by 2019, the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion.

Thank you.

Jim Johnson
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The American Legion Department
of Alabama Publication Project
is about to begin!



Starting soon, Publishing
Concepts (PCI) will be
contacting you via mail, phone,
and email to request that you
update your information.

We understand security and
privacy are concerns, but please
know that PCI is a trusted
partner of the American Legion
Department of Alabama. Don't
miss out on the opportunity to
be included!

PCI not the big company

www.publishingconcepts.com

Frequently Asked Questions By members

1. I received an email/postcard/phone call from a company asking for my personal information. They said they were working on a directory for The American Legion Department of Alabama. Is this a legitimate project, or is it a scam?

We have partnered with PCI (also known as Publishing Concepts) to produce our new members directory. PCI is a company located in Dallas, TX that publishes directories for educational institutions, fraternities, sororities and military organizations across the nation. This project allows The American Legion Department of Alabama to receive important updates to our database so we know more about our members and how we can better serve you and future members.

2. How do I know my information will only be used for directory purposes?

The American Legion Department of Alabama has a contractual agreement with PCI that states:

a. The names, addresses and information provided to PCI by The American Legion Department of Alabama for the publication of the Directory will be held confidential by PCI, except to the extent that they are utilized in, or in the preparation of, the Directory and except as required by court order or law.

b. The Directory will be made available only to members of The American Legion Department of Alabama. Upon completion of the project, PCI will return to The American Legion Department of Alabama any and all electronic files that have been supplied by The American Legion Department of Alabama or produced by PCI in connection with the production of the Directory.

3. I would like to verify and update my information. How may I do this?

If you have received a postcard or an email with a telephone number, you may call the number to speak with a dedicated representative for The American Legion Department of Alabama project. The representative will verify all the information we have on file for you and make any updates where needed. One of the numbers for The American Legion Department of Alabama members is **TBA**.

If you have received an email with an embedded link, you may go to the online site to review your information. If you have questions, you may call PCI's customer service desk at 1.800.982.1590.

4. Can anyone purchase a directory?

The American Legion Department of Alabama members Directory is available for sale only to The American Legion Department of Alabama members.

5. When will I receive my directory?

The total duration of the directory project is about 12 months. Since we began the project in June 2016, the directories will be distributed in June 2017.

6. I ordered a package containing the Discounted Companion Airline Certificate, but I haven't received the post card requesting verification of my address.

For those who purchase a package containing the Discounted Companion Airline Certificate, they will receive a postcard within 2 -3 weeks and will direct them to go to the PCI website to initiate the certificate process by entering their ID # and order # (shown on the postcard) and verify their mailing address. Alternatively, the buyer can call a toll free number (also shown on the postcard) and leave a voicemail to initiate the certificate process.

You will receive a business envelope that contains the guidelines, terms and conditions, as well as the certified voucher from Award Headquarters so you can begin to make your travel arrangements.

- Basics of the certificate program:
 - The Discounted Companion Airline Certificate allows the holder to purchase two round trip tickets for a bundled rate.
- The Certificate is:
 - 200 US Destinations (continental US)
 - NO BLACKOUT DATES
 - 40 Plus Airline Carriers
 - 24/7 Online Booking
 - 7-Day Advance Purchase
 - Frequent Flier Miles for Both Passengers
 - Low Price Guarantee
 - Fully Transferrable

7. Can I choose some or all of my information not to be printed in the directory?

When you call to update your information, you can tell the representative what information you would prefer to have excluded. You may also communicate this information to the PCI customer service desk (1.800.982.1590) or to the Legion.

8. I ordered a directory/package over the phone and would like to cancel my order. How do I do this?

Call the PCI customer service help desk at 1.800.982.1590, and they will take care of this for you

Dates for Upcoming Retention Team Visits

District 22	August 11-13, 2016
District 15	August 18-20, 2016
District 34	September 22-24, 2016
District 11	October 20-22, 2016
District 14	November 17-19, 2016
District 24	December 1-3, 2016
District 13	December 8-9, 2016
District 23	January 26-28, 2017
District 35	February 9-11, 2017
District 21	February 23-25, 2017
District 32	March 9-11, 2017
District 31	March 23-25, 2017
District 33	April 6-8, 2017
District 12	April 20-22, 2017
B/U	May 18-20, 2017

Exciting Announcement about Your No-Cost LegionCare Coverage

If you enrolled in the Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) **LegionCare No-Cost AD&D Program** prior to 1/1/2015, your coverage was set to expire on August 31, 2016. We know that many of you have not re-upped for the program. **LegionCare is such an important benefit that we couldn't have you lose it through overlooking this.**

The Legionnaire Insurance Trust took action to make sure this wouldn't happen. We negotiated with the insurance company and are pleased to announce that if you signed up for LegionCare coverage and remain a member of the Legion Family, you will no longer have to worry about any expiration. Your coverage is now one and done.

If you have never signed up, you still need to do so. When you do, you'll never have to sign up again.

Here's a brief review of LegionCare. All dues-paying Legion Family members have the opportunity to enroll in LegionCare, a complimentary NO COST accidental death benefit provided to you by the Legionnaire Insurance Trust.

LegionCare provides you with:

- \$5,000 in Accidental Death Coverage for covered accidents that occur if you are traveling on official Legion business. *
- \$1,000 for all other covered accidents.
- 24/7 protection that covers members at home, at work and while they are travelling away from home.

Plus, LegionCare is now available to all members of the Legion Family including the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion members 18 years and older.

You are guaranteed this NO COST benefit with no health questions, no hidden qualifications as long as you sign up one time. There is no reason for you or your members to pass up your opportunity for this important benefit.

If you haven't signed up for LegionCare at all yet, you can enroll now on www.TheLIT.com. Don't miss out on this valuable benefit provided to you by the Legionnaire Insurance Trust.

**To Enroll, visit www.TheLIT.com
or call 1-800-235-6943.**

* For purposes of the Legionnaire Insurance Trust, a member of the Legion Family, with current year's dues paid, could be eligible for the \$5,000.00 Accidental Death benefit if he/she is traveling to, attending, or returning from an official function at which the he/she represents his/her Post, District, Department, Unit, Squadron or National Organization in an official capacity. Bonus benefit for Legion business travel is not available in MN and NH.

**FANTASTIC JOB!!! NATIONAL SAL HAS
REACHED 100% MEMBERSHIP!!!!**

Tue, Aug 2, 2016

Gentlemen,

I truly want to thank each and every Member of The Sons of The American Legion for the hard work that has been done this year on Membership!

Since Membership is everyone's responsibility it is only fitting that the congratulations for being over 100%, this far before National Convention, goes to you all!

THANK YOU!

For God and Country,

George Flasinski (PA)
National Membership Chairman
Sons of The American Legion

Great Job Alabama, we are at 96.7% at National for 2016. Everyone is doing a great job on getting there 2017 membership turned in. Please remember, we still have members who have not renewed for 2016. **Help us get to 100%**; we only need **56 renewals** to get there. I know there are some at my Squadron I will be personally contacting to remind them. I am asking all Squadrons to make some kind of effort to reach out to your members who have not paid for 2016.

Thank you for your support,

Andy

For God and Country,

Andrew Cherry, Adjutant/Finance Officer
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Tickets - \$5.00 each or 6 for \$20.00

See any SAL Detachment Officer for tickets

Drawing to be held at the 2017 Mid Winter Conference
Proceeds to benefit SAL Charities

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To: American Legion
 P.O. Box 1069
 Montgomery, AL 36101

From: _____ (Fill out Completely)

Transmittal Number: _____ Date: _____

Only those paying members will be included in your totals on the Membership Report.

_____	Paid Renewals	@	\$10.00	=	\$	_____
_____	Paid Transfers	@	\$10.00	=	\$	_____
	Need Membership Card and MDF before we can process					
_____	Paid New Members	@	\$10.00	=	\$	_____
_____	Non-Paying					
Transfers	@	\$00.00	=	\$	NONE	
	We need just the MDF on this member to process					
_____	Total Enclosed				\$	_____

For Office Use Only

Total Renewals	_____	Renewals to Date	_____
Total New Members	_____	Total	_____
		New to Date	_____
Total Renewing	_____	Transfers	_____
		Total Renewing to Date	_____
Total Nonpaying	_____	Transfers	_____
		Total Nonpaying to Date	_____

How will you pay for expenses that Medicare doesn't cover?

With the high cost of healthcare today, Medicare Supplement insurance is becoming a necessity for more and more Americans. That's why it's good to know that you now have a choice of competitive Standardized Medicare Supplement plans, offered to members like you. And, all plans are underwritten by a company known for its prompt, personal, responsive service.

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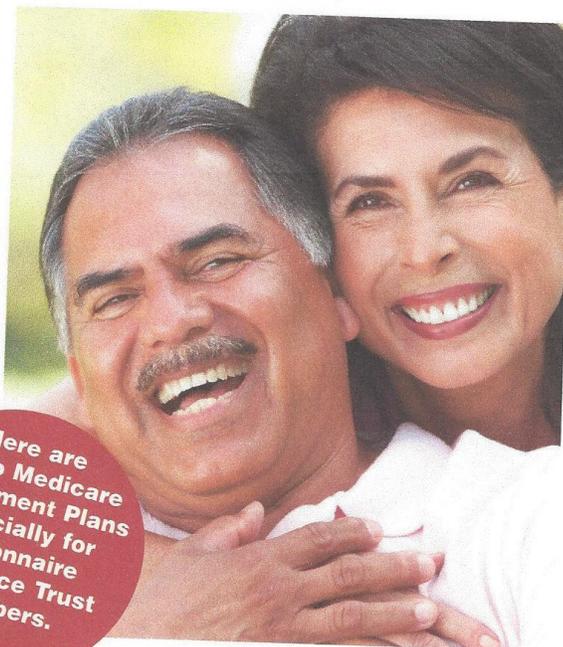
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Your Department of
The American Legion

You are eligible for LegionCare; \$5,000.00 in Accidental Death Insurance at NO COST TO YOU if a covered accident occurs while traveling on official Legion business*, or \$1,000.00 at NO COST TO YOU for all other covered accidents. This has been arranged on

your behalf by Your Department of The American Legion.

As soon as your enrollment is received, LegionCare will take effect, and will continue through August 31, 2021. Your acceptance is guaranteed, so mail your coupon today.

For immediate coverage, enroll online at www.TheLIT.com/No-Cost-LegionCare

Cut out this section and mail it in today to enroll in LegionCare.

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DATE OF BIRTH / / _____

AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP CARD NO. _____

DEPARTMENT _____

EMAIL _____

*MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE
YOUR DATE OF BIRTH*

X

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Cut it out

Have you filled out *all* the above information?

Please mail to: **Legionnaire Insurance Trust • P.O. Box 26720 • Phoenix, AZ 85068-6720**

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*For Purposes of the Legionnaire Insurance Trust, a member of The American Legion, with current year's dues paid, could be eligible for the \$5,000 Accidental Death benefit if he/she is traveling to, attending, or returning from an official function at which the Legionnaire represents his/her Post, District, Department, or National Organization in an official capacity.