**National Convention**

**August 25-31**

**Charlotte, NC**

**See attached Reservation Form**

**All Hotel Reservations at the Convention Rate must be made through the Legion Department Headquarters**

**Room rates are $171 per night.**

**\*\*\*\*Correction Registration Fee is $35**

**1. Make check payable to American Legion Department of North Carolina.**

**2. Mail form and check to: American Legion Department of North Carolina**

PO Box 26657

Raleigh NC 27611

**Must be Received by July 15, 2021**

**Please see attachments for Convention information**

**Tentative Schedule**

**Scooter and Shuttle Information**

**Campground Information**

**Medical Services Information**



**Independence Day**

The Continental Congress voted on July 2nd, 1776, to break ties with Great Britian. Two days later the delegates from 13 of those colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence. This document written by Thomas Jefferson declares our independence from Great Britian. The Declaration of Independence was really a declaration of war. If you have never read it, I encourage you to do so. It is a short document that list all the grievances that the colonist had with Great Britian. No matter how you choose to celebrate and yes this is a holiday to celebrate the greatest nation in the world and all the freedoms that we have as Americans. Remember those freedoms were not free from the beginning. Colonist gave their lives fighting for them. Take time to remember those who served and those serving now to keep us save and free. God Bless the United States. Happy Independence Day.

**Membership 2023-2024**

 To hold or not hold Dues is the Question? The answer is simple. Don’t hold membership dues. We can all think of reasons to wait for a few more to come in. It can be expensive and time consuming to mail in one membership. Please don’t hold membership. If this is a problem in your unit you could encourage members to pay online, or the unit could apply for full access to ALAMIS. The downside on either of the options is that the unit and or department would have to wait on their portion of the payment.

I hope you saw the blog form National on this topic that was posted on social media June 26th. If you missed it check it out at alaforvetearns.org.



ALL Aboard

This is going to be another exciting year for membership. Our Conductor, Toni Reale, Department of North CarolinaVice President/ Membership Chair is going to take us on a wonderful membership journey across this beautiful state from the mountains to the coast. All Aboard the North Carolina Express. Conductor Toni’s goal is to retain, recruit and rejoin. This year’s membership team is certain to revive our units.

Look for more information from Conductor Toni as we begin the new membership year. She is sure to have many exciting adventures for us as we wind our way down the tracks

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