

2018 FALL CONFERENCE HOUSING

October 26-28, 2018

Capitol Plaza Hotel, 415 W. McCarty
Jefferson City, MO 65101 800-338-8088

Make reservations using credit card for confirmation. Be sure to mention you are The American Legion.

\$83.00 + tax Check in time after 3:00 p.m.

(DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS 9/25/2018)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

Friday, October 26

12:00-4:00 p.m.	Baseball	Truman A
12:00-7:00 p.m.	VA&R	Carnegies
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Sub-committee	Truman C
4:00-5:00 p.m.	100th Anniversary Comm.	Truman C
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Membership	Missouri
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Foundation	Joplin
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Economics Commission	Joplin
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Chaplains Workshop (AL Family)	Truman A
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Distinguished Legionnaire	Truman C
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	ALR Executive Committee Meeting	Truman B

Saturday, October 27

8:00-10:00 a.m.	Finance Commission	Truman A
8:00 - 9:00	Convention Committee	Truman B
7:30 - 9:00: a.m.	ALR General Meeting	Lincoln
8:00-8:30 a.m.	Leadership Training	Truman C
10:00 a.m.	LEGION GENERAL SESSION	Missouri/Capitol
9:00-11:30 a.m.	SAL General Session	Truman C
12:00-1:15 p.m.	Distinguished Guest Luncheon	Lincoln
1:30- 3:00 p.m.	LEGION GENERAL SESSION	Missouri/Capitol
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	SAL General Session	Truman C
3:00 -5:00 p.m.	Membership & Revitalization Training	Missouri/Capitol
5:00 p.m.	Catholic Services	TBA
	Protestant Services	Lincoln
5:00-5:30p.m.	Past Post Commanders	Truman B
	County Government Committee	Truman A
5:00- 6:00 p.m.	Children & Youth Commission	Truman C
5:30 -6:30 p.m.	Oratorical Workshop	Missouri/Capitol
5:30 -7:30 p.m.	History Book Training	Joplin
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Scholarship Committee	Truman B
6:00 -7:00 p.m.	POW/MIA	Truman C
6:00 -7:00 p.m.	Distinguished Service	Carnegies
6:30-7:00 p.m.	Junior Shooting Sport	Truman A

Sunday, October 28

7:30 a.m.	Past District Cdr's Breakfast	Lincoln
8:30 a.m.	DEC Member Pictures	MO/Capitol
9:00 a.m.	Final Session	MO/Capitol
	D.E.C. following Final Session	Truman Rooms

ALL MEETINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Updated 10/05/2018

ARTICLES WANTED!!!!



Legionnaire Article submission Deadlines:

Paper Published Month	Article Due Date
December 2018	November 19, 2018
March 2019	March 2, 2019
June 2019	May 30, 2019

Criteria for article submission:

-) All Articles are to be submitted in Microsoft word format via email to services@missourilegion.org
-) All picture submitted should be in jpeg format. Picture that contain visible alcoholic beverages or inappropriate acts or wardrobe
-) Please make sure you proofread your articles
-) If you have questions please call the Department Headquarters at 573-893-2353

2019 Membership Recruiter

This form is to be completed by the Post Adjutant or Post Membership Chairman to submit names for Membership Recruiter Awards. Send to Department Headquarters at P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65102, no later than **May 10, 2019**.

Post # _____ District _____

Please Mail Pins To:

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Friends of the Military:



My name is Rich Bauer. I am retired from the US Air Force. Since 2010, my volunteers and I have held a party during the Christmas holidays for those who reside at the Missouri Veterans Home in St. Louis.

Some of these Veterans have no living family and many more receive few or no visitors. I'm asking for your help to make sure these heroes are not forgotten during the season of love and giving at Christmastime.

You can help make the holidays brighter for them in two important ways:

- By sending emails expressing your thanks and gratitude to STLtributetothetroops@hotmail.com to be printed and shared with the Veterans.
- By donating care and comfort items, small gifts, or gift cards so they can purchase things they need. Visit <https://stltributetothetroops.wordpress.com/donation-ideas/> for a list of suggested items.
- "Every day H.E.R.O.E.S. Care receive many, many requests from military families in genuine need. Families facing evictions and the disconnection of utilities. Military Moms needing food, so their kids don't go hungry. Veterans struggling with the seen and unseen wounds of war. Visit www.heroescare.org/donate to learn more and see what your gift can do."

We are an all-volunteer group. In fact, all expenses are paid out of our own pockets. We receive no compensation other than the satisfaction we feel through our efforts in remembering and honoring those often-forgotten ones who have honorably served our Nation.

Someone once said you may forget what others say and do, but you will never forget how they make you feel. I hope you feel as we do and will join us in honoring those to whom we owe a debt of gratitude we can never properly repay.

Items can be mailed to the address below. Donors in the greater St. Louis area can call me to arrange for pick-up.

To learn more about what we do and how you can help, visit www.STLtributetothetroops.wordpress.com, or contact me at richardbauer02@hotmail.com or by phone at 314-939-5574.

May I ask you a favor? Will you share this opportunity with those you know? Thank you so much.

Wishing you and yours all the joys and blessings of the holiday season.

Rich Bauer
Master Sergeant – US Air Force (ret.)
2726 Sedan Drive
St. Louis. MO 63125-4054

St Louis 'TRIBUTE TO THE TROOPS'

www.STLtributetothetroops.wordpress.com

supported by www.Heroescare.org

Presents the Ninth annual

Military Veteran's Christmas Party

Missouri Veteran Home

10600 Lewis & Clark Rd

18 December 2018, 6:00-8:00pm

For outstanding support to a program that honors those veterans that have served our country so gallantly.

The veterans are the forgotten heroes. Many military members are forgotten or taken for granted.

"St Louis Tribute to the Troops, Inc.' does not forget these heroes and we show we care!!

In association with local and national businesses, donated items are given to each veteran at an annual Christmas party.

National Commander's Pin Incentive Program

American Legion National Commander Brett P. Reistad will award his national commander "Membership Excellence: Team 100" incentive pin to any Legion Family member who obtains three new members into The American Legion.

A new member is any eligible person joining for the 2019 membership year who was not a member of The American Legion during the 2018 membership year.

Each member listed must be eligible for membership in The American Legion. Forward names of Sons of The American Legion members or Auxiliary members to your detachment or unit for use in their respective incentive programs.

Only one pin will be awarded per individual. Upon receipt, national membership staff will confirm the names and mail the pin directly to the person who earned it. Commander Reistad's pin incentive program will end June 30, 2019, or when supplies are exhausted.



Post Excellence Award

The American Legion's Post Excellence Awarded has added new criteria. To now qualify for the Post Excellence Award, a post is required to achieve excellence in four areas: membership, submission of the Consolidated Post Report (CPR), sharing of post history, and community activity.

The purposes of this award is membership growth, exposure of American Legion values to the youth of the community, and increased visibility of the American Legion Family through service projects. A post achieving this qualification will have had numerous post members involved in planning and achieving these goals. Many posts are most likely already active in these areas and will qualify without extra effort. Others, however, will need to increase their efforts in one or more areas to qualify for the award.

The standard to be achieved in each area is as follows:

-)] **Membership.** Post membership must be at least one member greater than the previous year. At least one post officer attends district meetings.
-)] **Consolidated Post Report.** CPRs must be submitted by July 1. The American Legion's federal charter requires the submission of an annual report to Congress on activities for the year. MyLegion.org has made it simple for a post to submit its CPR in a timely manner.
-)] **Sharing of post history:** The American Legion's Centennial web page (www.legion.org/centennial) allows posts to convey its legacy by sharing historical photos, videos and print material. For instructions on how to create a post profile, click here <https://www.legion.org/dispatch/217282/share-your-posts-legacy>.
-)] **Community activity.** The post must conduct an event that connects the local community with The American Legion post. The objective is to open your doors, welcome the community in, and educate them on what The American Legion is all about and how the post is an asset to the community. Posts do not need to have a physical building to accomplish this. This activity can be held in a park, a community center, or anywhere the post can welcome and interact with the local community.

The district commander responsible for the post will certify a post as having achieved the four specified criteria. The district commander will submit a list of posts meeting the criteria to department headquarters. That list should include the post name, phone number, address and commander's name. If possible, accompany the last two criteria with copies of press releases submitted to the local media about the projects to show that the projects were not only accomplished but that an attempt was made to enhance the image of The American Legion through local media. The copy submitted should include a date and time stamp showing receipt by the media outlet.

The department adjutant will transmit information to National Headquarters as posts qualify.

NATIONAL COMMANDER BRETT P. REISTAD
2019 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PIN
Certification Form
(3) New Members

Please make sure that the address, phone number and email address provided is for the recruiter and not the post.

Date: _____

Recruiter's Name: _____

Membership ID Number: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Send to Post ☐

Send to Recruiter ☐

TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO RECRUIT (3) NEW MEMBERS INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION. (A NEW MEMBER IS DEFINED AS ANY ELIGIBLE PERSON JOINING FOR THE 2019 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DURING THE 2018 MEMBERSHIP YEAR).

PLEASE NOTE: EACH NEW MEMBER LISTED MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN LEGION. PLEASE FORWARD THE NAMES OF NEW SAL MEMBERS OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO YOUR SQUADRON OR UNIT FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.

(3) NEW MEMBERS:
(Include full name, department, post)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

All requested information is mandatory. Please ensure form is filled out completely before submission. Please allow up to 2 weeks for processing.

Return completed forms to:
The American Legion
National Internal Affairs & Membership Division
PO Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Fax: 317-630-1413

Email: ksingleton@legion.org



MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Category I -- Legionnaire to recruit **3 New Members** by **May 10, 2019** will receive the Department Commander Membership Pin and entered in the \$50.00 drawing.

Category II -- Legionnaire to recruit **5 New Members** by **May 10, 2019** will receive a Certificate, Department Commander Membership Pin and entered in the \$100.00 drawing.

Category III -- Legionnaire to recruit **10 New Members** by **May 10, 2019** will receive a Plaque, Department Commander Membership Pin and entered in the \$150.00 drawing.

Category IV -- Legionnaire to recruit **25 New Members** by **May 10, 2019** will receive a Plaque, Department Commander Membership Pin and entered in the \$200.00 drawing.

Category V -- Legionnaire to recruit **50 New Members** by **May 10, 2019** will receive a Plaque, Department Commander Membership Pin and entered in the \$250.00 drawing.

Legion Post -- The Post with the highest percentage of its **2019** membership goal will be awarded \$100.00. Membership must be received at Department Headquarters by **July 1, 2019. (Postmarked not honored)**

Auxiliary Members -- Any Auxiliary member to recruit **2 New Legion Members** for **2019** by **May 10, 2019** will receive the Department Commander Membership Pin and entered in a drawing for \$50.00. The Auxiliary member who recruits the most Legion Members will receive a certificate of recognition.

Recruiters Name should only be submitted once. This form should not be submitted to Department Headquarters before **May 10, 2019 to ensure proper credit is given to the recruiter. New Members names will be verified at Department. This form must be returned to Department no later than **May 10, 2019**.**

Recruiters Name _____ Post No. _____

New Members Names:	Post No.	New Members Names:	Post No.
1 _____		2 _____	
3 _____		4 _____	
5 _____		6 _____	
7 _____		8 _____	
9 _____		10 _____	

Emergency Transportation (Ambulance)

If you believe your life or health is in danger, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room (ER) right away. During a medical emergency, Veterans should immediately seek medical care. A medical emergency is an injury, illness or symptom so severe that without immediate treatment, you believe your life or health is in danger.

Veterans **do not** need to check with VA before calling for an ambulance or going to an ER. However, **promptly notifying the nearest VA medical facility** of the emergency care and transportation is very important in VA being able to potentially reimburse costs.

When the nearest VA medical facility is notified of the emergency transportation, more information will be known of the Veterans medical condition, the availability of VA for transfer (if Veteran is stable), and other information to assist them in receiving the necessary medical care.

VA Payments for Emergency Transportation

VA can pay for emergency transportation provided by a community provider for a Veteran's service-connected condition and nonservice-connected condition, but there are **specific requirements that must be met** before VA can reimburse these costs*.

1. Prior Authorization and/or Prompt Notification.

VA must authorize transportation in advance, but in medical emergencies this may not be reasonable. As a result, promptly notifying the nearest VA medical facility of the emergency transportation can satisfy the prior authorization requirement. VA may be able to consider prompt notification of ambulance transportation, subject to the following requirements (a-c):

- a. Veteran (or someone on their behalf) notifies VA within 72-hours; **and**
- b. A VA or other Federal facility was not reasonably available to the Veteran; **and**



- c. The care the Veteran received was for a medical emergency related to a **service-connected** condition.

2. Emergency Transportation for nonservice-connected condition.

Along with the requirements above in 1(a) and 1(b), VA can pay for emergency transportation for a Veteran's nonservice-connected condition, subject to the additional following requirements (a-c):

- a. VA must receive and adjudicate a claim for the emergency care received as part of the emergency transportation (the administrative eligibility for payment of nonservice-connected emergency care can be reviewed [here](#)). If no claim is received for the associated treatment, VA cannot pay for the emergency transportation **unless the following two exceptions are met**:
 - i. Other health insurance or a third party paid for the emergency treatment (leaving no liability for the treatment) excluding the emergency transportation itself; **or**
 - ii. Death occurred during transportation to receive emergency care.

If VA cannot pay for emergency care outside of the above two exceptions, then it generally cannot pay for the associated emergency transportation.



- b. Veteran must be liable to the provider of the emergency transportation; **and**
- c. If the emergency condition was caused by an accident or work-related injury, the Veteran must first attempt to obtain reimbursement from a liable third party (i.e. employer, insurance, etc). If the Veteran's efforts to obtain reimbursement from a liable third party are denied or otherwise unsuccessful, VA may be able to pay for the emergency transportation costs.

Unless the above requirements are met, VA in general cannot pay for the emergency transportation for a Veteran's nonservice-connected condition.

*By law, VA cannot pay costs associated with a Veteran's health insurance deductibles, copayments, coinsurance or similar payments a Veteran may owe to the provider as required by their OHI

Support

- For additional information, please reach out to the nearest VA medical center responsible for processing the claims.
- Visit www.va.gov/communitycare