



# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## "Veterans Serving Veterans"

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### American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. Incentive Program

100% Per Capita Banner Program: The Foundation is continuing the incentive program for the award year 2011-2012.

Each post, unit or squadron donating at least one dollar for each member during the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's award year will receive a beautiful banner/streamer which is suitable for display in your meeting room.

With your help, the Foundation will continue working "for the betterment of all children." See attached Banner Request Form.

### Are You A Snowbird?

Does your post have one or more members who move between two different addresses each year? Did you know that National could automatically change their address so that they never miss an issue of their magazine, renewal notices or any other publications from the Legion?

Complete your snowbird form today and don't miss a thing! Form is attached and also found online at: [www.michiganlegion.org/forms](http://www.michiganlegion.org/forms)

### Delegate Strength

As a reminder to posts, as of June 2011, your delegate strength is based on "Each Post having 15 or more paid up members at the Department Headquarters 30 days prior to the opening date of the PRIOR YEARS Convention shall have representation at the annual Convention on the basis of one Delegate for such Post, who shall be the newly elected Commander and one additional Delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof".

So as you build your post membership and look into the future, your 2012 numbers will count toward your 2013 delegate strength and so on.

And as always, you will receive your delegate sheet, 2012 officer list, bond and audit information in early spring. Keep an eye out for them. And as always, they can be found on our website too.

### National Commanders Banquet/Winter Meeting

National Commander Fang Wong to attend American Legion Winter Conference at Holiday Inn Gateway Centre Flint, Michigan February 17-19, 2012. The National Commander Banquet honoring Commander Wong is scheduled for Friday, February 17th: Social hour 6:00PM, and dinner 7:00 PM.

Banquet reservation form is due to Headquarters by February 13, 2012. No refunds after February 13 either. Winter meeting registration form is due to Genesee County Convention Corp. by January 20, 2012. Both forms are available on the website at [www.michiganlegion.org/fyi](http://www.michiganlegion.org/fyi)

### 2012 Membership Information

**2012 80% membership target date is January 17, 2012 to Department H.Q.** Review roster, update information and report deceased members using [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) or membership forms are available online at [www.michiganlegion.org](http://www.michiganlegion.org) under forms and applications.

### American Legion Youth Programs

Applications/Brochures/Other Information online at [www.michiganlegion.org](http://www.michiganlegion.org)

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For promoting and finding students to participate in our youth programs, keep in mind the following deadlines:

Brewer/Wilson Scholarships - deadline for applications to District Commanders is January 16th.

Eagle Scout of the Year - deadline for applications to Department is March 1st.

Boys State Program - deadline for applications to Department is June 4th (registration fee per student \$310).

Student Trooper Program - deadline for applications to Department is 1st School - June 4th and for 2nd School - July 2nd (registration fee per student \$350).

## District Meetings

### 1st District

Spring 3/5/12 - 7PM Joe Louis Post #375

### 2nd District

January 8th 2011 William B. Lutz Post #322 (Saline) at 2 pm

### 3rd District

January 8, 2012- Hillsdale Post No. 53 at 1:00

### 4th District

January 8th, 2012 Stevenson Post 568

### 5th District

January 12th, 2012 Wyoming Post 154 Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

### 7th District

January 8th, 2012 Unionville #421 2pm

### 8th District

January 8th, 2012 Belding Post 203

### District 9th

March 10, 2012 Manistee Post 10  
Schedule remains: Executive Committee Meeting at Noon; Service Officer info at 12:30 p.m.; Lunch 1:00 p.m.; General Membership Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

### District 10

January 7, 2012 Oscoda

### District 16

Meeting starts at 7:30pm  
January 10, 2012 Stitt Post 232 313-274-9177

### District 17

January 18, 2012 Meeting start at 7pm Plymouth Post 391, Hosted by Post 391 Knights of Columbus Hall 150 Fair St, Plymouth, MI.

### District 18

January 8th, 2012 Farmington Post 346

### District 19

March 11th, 2012 12 p..m. Harbor Springs Post

## Calendar of Future Events

Law Officer of the Year applications due - Jan.2

Economic Awards to Department Economic Chairman  
Deadline January 3

4th Zone Leadership College - January 14 - Post 165  
Midland

4th Zone Leadership College - January 15 - Post 458  
Gaylord

Brewer/Wilson Scholarship Deadline to District Committee -  
January 16

3rd Zone Leadership College - January 28 - Post 149 Holly

Brewer/Wilson Scholarship Deadline to Dept. H.Q.  
February 13

Winter Meeting in Flint/National Cmdrs Banquet - Feb.17

Eagle Scout of the Year due to Headquarters - March 1

Membership Round Up - March 10 - 11\*

*\*details to follow*

### Show the State What You've Done!

Does your post have pictures of your latest community projects? Get them published on our website and newspaper. Email them with the who, what, when & where to [info@michiganlegion.org](mailto:info@michiganlegion.org)

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