



For God and Country

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MEMO TO: National Officers and National Executive Committeemen
Department Commanders and Department Adjutants
Department Historians
National Association of Department Historians (Officers)
Department and Post History Contest Entrants

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The noting of current and past history is used as a tool for those who are to follow. Accurate information put down in a legible and factual manner is the foremost responsibility of the Post, District, Department and National Historian.

The old adage of history belongs to those who write it is true to a certain extent. Checks and balances in the form of history guidelines are in place in the rear of the officer's manual. With these guidelines the District and Department historians are able to sift through entries and select the most worthy ones to send forward.

Those histories that reach this National level are the best of the best. It is a formidable task for any one person to do an appropriate job in selecting this or that. I have enlisted the team of the National Association of Department Historians of The American Legion who assisted me in the judging. Their experience and professionalism has ensured that those histories that are truly the best entered, have been the ones that were selected as the winners of the contest.

Those selected histories have been forwarded to me for review and approval. After thorough review of NADHAL's hard work, I have approved the following winning selections.

For the next contest rules, I am making a small change to the score sheet, reducing the Index Section possible total points from 13 to ten, and then adding those three points to the possible total points for the Name/Address of the Compiler.

Also, I will change the requirement that Departments must have the history books in to National Headquarters by a deadline of September 15. But there will remain the requirement for the deadline of the certification to be in by September 15. Those Department Adjutants or Department Historians who want to hand-carry in the histories **after** that date can do so, if they so wish. The certification being submitted by September 15 ensures that the necessary administrative paperwork and registration can be completed in time for the National Historians Contest during the NEC week.

Commander Morin, members of the NEC, I thank you for your trust in me. It is an honor not only for me and my loved ones to serve as an officer at the National level, but also for the Department of Pennsylvania, my District and Post. God bless all of you.

Comrades, this concludes my report and I submit it for your approval

Now for the results of the 2006 National Contest:

The results of the One-Year Department Narrative History Contest are:

First Award, plaque, Department of Texas
Second Award, plaque, Department of South Dakota

The results of the One-Year Department Yearbook History Contest are:

First Award, plaque, Department of Wisconsin
Second Award, plaque, Department of South Dakota
Third Award, plaque, Department of Ohio

Certificates of Participation are awarded to Departments:

Department of North Carolina
Department of Massachusetts
Department of Missouri
Department of Washington
Department of Pennsylvania

The results of the One-Year Post Narrative History Contest are:

First Award Plaque, Battlefield Post 214, Rossville, GA
Second Award Plaque, Marion Mays Post 455, Somerville, TX
Third Award Plaque, Ibell-Jacobson-Smith Post 61, Deep River, CT

Certificates of Participation are awarded to Posts:

George A. Whiteman Memorial Post 642, Sedalia, MO
Bicentennial Post 1976, Annandale, VA
Dwight Cowles Post 370, Overland Park, KS
Frank B. Bartlett Post 7, Buckhannon, WV
Williston Post 144, Williston Park, NY
No-Vel Post 159, Venice, FL
Gahanna Post 797, Gahanna, OH
John T. Alexander Post 17, Gallatin, TN
De Smet Post 138, De Smet, SD

The results of the One-Year Post Yearbook History Contest are:

First Award Plaque, Alois Dreikosen Post 469, Marathon, WI
Second Award Plaque, Thomas M. Brady Post 45, Canton, GA
Third Award Plaque, Raleigh Post 1, Raleigh, NC

Certificates of Participation are awarded to Posts:

B. W. Howell Post 171, Birmingham, AL
John Ratliff Post 164, Grundy, VA
Earl Collier Post 153, Olathe, KS
Zach Wheat Post 624, Sunrise Beach, MO
Rockaway Township Post 344, Rockaway Township, NJ
Gensi-Viola Post 36, Windsor Locks, CT
Aurora American Legion Post 1992, Aurora, CO
Ceredo-Kenova Post 93, Kenova, WV
Henry P. Smith Post 24, Rome, NY
New Smyrna Post 17, New Smyrna Beach, FL
Rosetown Memorial Post 542, Roseville, MN
Ontario Post 67, Ontario, OR
Goose Creek Post 166, Goose Creek, SC
Sidney Post 217, Sidney, OH
John T. Alexander Post 17, Gallatin, TN
Julius L. Shryer Post 430, Durant, IA
Carroll Me Donald Post 246, Wall, SD
Emerson and Lane Post 132, Richmond, ME
Bryan Mudgett Post 7, Carlsbad, NM
Bothell Post 127, Bothell, WA
Earl Graham Post 159, Bryan, TX

There were 46 entries this Year.

Those members participating as judges were:

Virgil Arling (OH); Delfo Barabani (MA); Paul Bennett (MO)
Jeffery Bevan (FL); W. Frazier Brinley (CT); John Burrell, (PA);
Fae Casper (GA); Roy Cooley (IA); Jim Copher (MN);
Thomas Conner (WA); Nellie De Baker (WI); Charemon Dunham (SD);
Joe Johnston (KS); Woody W. Jones (ID); Conrad Lawrence (LA);
James A. Mariner (NM); Francis McDonald (MA); William R. Moore (TX);
Wayne Morgan (CT); Don Nagle (NY); Denise Rohan (WI); Lynne Rollins (GA);
Larry Rozier (NC); Don Simons (TX); Raymond St. John (VT);
Lyle Stevenson (WA); Maxine Thompson (MA); Joseph Thompson (MA);
Dan Watrous (OH); Carl Wipperman (WA)