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Nominations Open for '74 Scout of Year

AMERICAN LEGION POSTS and Auxiliary Units which sponsor Boy Scout troops are urged to nominate a Scout to be The American Legion Boy Scout of the Year for 1974. A nomination form is contained as Pages 5 through 8 of this issue of **ADVANCE**.

The Boy Scout who best meets the qualifications outlined in the Nomination Application will be selected as the 1974 American Legion Boy Scout of the Year by the National Americanism Commission. He will join the Youth Champion delegation and participate in the 56th National Convention of The American Legion, Aug. 16-22, 1974, at Miami Beach, Fla.

Complete eligibility requirements for the Boy Scout nominee are listed in the application form.

Nominations are to be submitted to the respective district commander (county commander in New Jersey and New York) by no later than Feb. 1, 1974. A district (or county) selection committee, appointed by the commander, will review each nomination and rate it in comparison to all nominations submitted—1st of (number submitted), 2nd of (number submitted), etc. Ties



TOP SCOUT AMONG YOUTH CHAMPIONS: Carl C. Wilkinson III, far left, 1973 American Legion Boy Scout of the Year, is presented along with three other Legion youth champions to the 55th National Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii.

are not permitted.

The rated nominations, all related materials, and a list of the selection committee members' names must then be forwarded to the department adjutant, arriving at department headquarters by no later than March 15, 1974.

A department selection committee, appointed by the department commander, will review only the first place nominations from among all applications for-

warded from the district (county) selection committee, and rate each nomination application in comparison to all first place nominations as submitted by the district (county) selection committees. Again, all ratings will follow the pattern as set forth for the district (county) selection committees: 1st of (number submitted), 2nd of (number submitted), etc. In this case, the "number submitted" would be the number of first place entries. Ties are not permitted.

The nomination applications rated by the department committees must be forwarded to the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division, The American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206. Nominations must be received at National Headquarters by no later than April 20, 1974.

In addition to the nomination applications rated by the various department selection committees, all nominations and related material, as well as the names of all selection committee members must be forwarded to the above address.

A special judging panel, named by the National Americanism Commission, will review all department nominations and select the 1974 American Legion Boy Scout of the Year. The selection will be announced in the Commission's report to the National Executive Committee, May 1-2, 1974.

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Legion Program Seeks Further Development Of Quality Education

FROM THAT TIME 53 years ago when The American Legion joined with the National Education Association to co-sponsor American Education Week, the Legion's interests and activities have continued to expand as we seek to develop programs which will insure quality education in America.

In order that The American Legion may successfully continue to contribute toward strengthening our educational processes, Legionnaires must know what the Legion has to offer and wishes to accomplish. Therefore, it is important that each post's education and scholarship chairman carefully review and become familiar with the Legion's objectives, policies, and goals in education.

Printed materials available to assist the education and scholarship chairman include the following:

The American Legion Policy on Education
Americanism and Youth brochures prepared by the joint committee of the NEA and Legion.

Need A Lift?, a career and scholarship handbook (now in its 23rd edition)

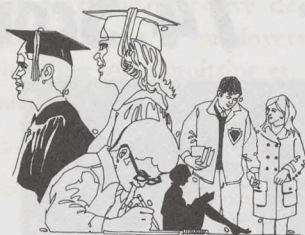
A Guide for Parents and Students, a folder recommended for distribution to each high school student to share with parents in planning education beyond high school.

Legion Fact Sheets contain current information about the Vietnam GI Bill, the Junior GI Bill, and extension benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act. The amount of financial assistance available through these sources exceeds that of all scholarships available from all other sources in the United States.

The above materials are available through either your department headquarters or the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division, The American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

After the education and scholarship chairman has become familiar with the information about the Legion's interest in education, he will find that schools and libraries will be interested in what your Legion Post can offer in such material.

Before your education and scholarship chairman visits your local schools, let him have time at a post meeting to inform your members about the excellent program he represents.



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COMMANDER'S CALENDAR

November

- 1 Enrollment deadline for 28th term of American Legion Extension Institute.
- 1-3 Western Area Conference on Children & Youth, Reno, Nev.
- 11 Fifty-fifth anniversary of World War I Armistice, 1918. Veterans Day (in some states).
- 13-14 Annual Conference of Department Chaplains, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 15-17 Southern Area Conference on Children & Youth, Nashville, Tenn.
- 22 Thanksgiving Day.
- 29- New England Area Conference on Children & Youth, Hartford, Conn.
- Dec. 1

December

- 7 Pearl Harbor Day. Opening date of Holiday Blood Donor Drive.
- 15 Bill of Rights Day.
- 25 Christmas Day.
- 31 New Year's Eve. Deadline for premium payment for Legionnaires insured under American Legion Life Insurance Plan.

January, 1974

- 1 New Year's Day.
- 7 Closing date of Holiday Blood Donor Drive.
- 10-12 Middle Atlantic Area Conference on Children & Youth, Wilmington, Del.
- 24-26 Midwestern Area Conference on Children & Youth, Bismarck, N. D.
- 27 First anniversary of cease-fire date in Vietnam, 1973.

Promo Items Boost 'Be Counted Again'

WITH NATIONAL COMMANDER Robert E. L. Eaton's theme—"Be Counted Again"—gathering momentum, Post Commanders are urged to take specific action to assure even greater effectiveness for the program.

Promotional materials in many forms are available and should be utilized as rapidly as possible.

For example, the National Public Relations Division of The American Legion has distributed to each local radio station a tape recording of a series of six one-minute spot announcements designed for public service usage. These spots feature a new song around which the "Be Counted Again" theme is centered.

Local Material Can Be Used

Four of these spots are complete, but two have "open middles" of 11 and 19 seconds, respectively. These two variations of the spot announcements are designed to accommodate public service spots developed by the post, district, department. You can provide your own announcement materials developed for public service time to the station and ask that they be read by the station's announcer in the blank spaces provided in one of the "open middle" spots.

The 11-second "open middle" will accommodate a

Constitutional Amendment Affects Dues Transmittal

BY ACTION OF THE 55th National Convention, Article X, Section 3 of the National Constitution of The American Legion has been amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. The annual dues shall be collected by each post and transmitted promptly through the department to the national treasurer. Departments are designated agents for collection for The American Legion with respect to such annual dues and upon receipt thereof shall remit them promptly to The American Legion. In no event shall the period transpiring between the receipt of such annual dues by a department and the remittance thereof to The American Legion exceed thirty (30) days."

The new language of the foregoing section is in italics.

Under the National Constitution and By-Laws, each department has full authority to enforce the requirement of prompt transmittal by the post to the department.

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maximum of 28 words, and the 19-second one will take a maximum of 42 words.

If your local radio station has not received the tape, please advise National Public Relations Division, The American Legion, 1608 K St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, and a tape will be provided.

In addition to the tape, there are other promotional materials available.

Newspaper Ads

Newspaper advertising materials in either mat or reproduction proof form are available free of charge through the Public Relations Division. The ads are designed in one-, two, and three-column sizes, carrying the "Be Counted Again" slogan with the toll-free number that can be contacted by readers interested in obtaining more information about The American Legion.

Arrangements as to the financing of the advertising space, of course, are a local responsibility and can be handled in a number of ways. The post could buy the space. Local merchants and businessmen might be solicited to help with the project on a cooperative advertising basis. In some instances, the local paper may provide the space without charge.

Other Promotional Items

A number of "Be Counted Again" promotional items are now available through National Emblem Sales. Such items include bumper stickers; 3-inch decals for car, store, or home windows; stand-up posters for window and counter display; 2-inch white, campaign type buttons with the words "Be Counted Again" in red and the Legion Emblem in blue.

Each post received the price list on these items in a recent mailing from National Headquarters. Further information can be obtained by writing National Emblem Sales, The American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

The promotional materials are ready to go to work for your post and The American Legion, Mr. Post Commander. Now, it's up to you to get moving early and make the "Be Counted Again" theme count for you and your post.

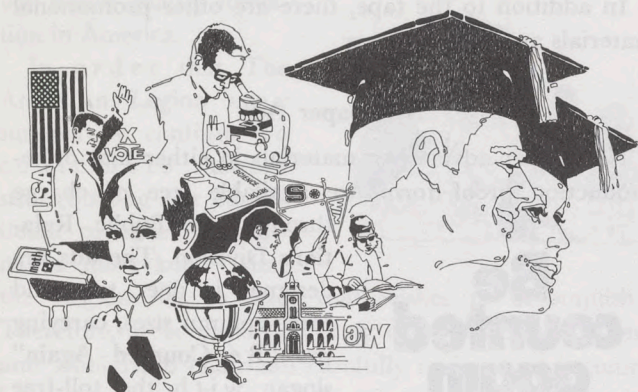
**Be
counted
again**

JOIN THE
AMERICAN LEGION
CALL TOLL FREE
800-424-8834

Schools Awards Honor Young Leaders

YOUR POST CAN "Be Counted Again" by providing proper recognition of the young leaders in your community through participation in The American Legion's School Medal Award program.

An overwhelming majority of the young people in every community of America are eagerly learning the ways and means of becoming conscientious, law-abiding citi-



zens. Among these youths are outstanding boys and girls displaying leadership qualities who deserve to be saluted. The School Medal Award program provides the means by which your post can advance the concept of positive Americanism.

Objectives

This awards program has three major objectives:

1. To place emphasis on the development of the qualities of Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship and Service.
2. To develop among young people those ideals of Americanism which will make them citizens of the highest type.
3. To give recognition through the award of American Legion Medals to the boy and the girl who have demonstrated the high qualities of citizenship and true Americanism.

Appoint Committee

Each Post Commander should appoint a committee to contact appropriate school authorities. Through them a friendly cooperation on the part of the faculty and students should be established.

The committee should arrange for Legionnaires to address various classes of the schools served by the post. Perhaps the school has a regularly scheduled assembly period which would be an excellent opportunity to speak on the importance of the qualities which form the basis for the award's presentation.

Arrangements and details concerning the method of selection of recipients should be made well in advance of any elections. The National Americanism and Chil-

dren & Youth Division of The American Legion, which administers the School Medal Awards program, points out that members of the graduating class and faculty are to cast secret ballots to determine the boy and girl to receive the awards.

Honors to Graduates

Awards shall be made to the boy and the girl of the graduating class of elementary and secondary schools and colleges. Awards are limited to members of the graduating classes because of their position on the threshold of either a more extensive period of education or the labor market.

Illustrated here are the School Award plaque, which maintains a permanent record of recipients of the medals, and the design which appears on the medal. Further details and prices can be found in the current Emblem Catalog.



The American Legion School Award medal which is presented by posts to a vast number of boys and girls in graduating classes of public and private schools can be purchased from National Emblem Sales. For complete details on medals, plaques and certificates, see your current Emblem Catalog.

Posts wishing to participate in this valuable community service program can obtain further information and assistance contained in a brochure available from their respective department headquarters. The brochure details qualifications for selection of the recipients and contains a suggested address for Legionnaire speakers plus the outline for a suggested presentation program.

Contact Schools Early

If your post wishes to establish the program of School Medal Award presentations, you should be contacting your local school officials as early as possible. School calendars become very crowded toward the end of the school year, so make your arrangements promptly for those appearances of Legion representatives to explain the merits of the program.



THE AMERICAN LEGION BOY SCOUT OF THE YEAR NOMINATION APPLICATION



POSITION PLACEMENT (To Be Completed By The American Legion)

DISTRICT NO. _____ PLACE OF _____ SUBMITTED _____
DEPARTMENT OF _____ PLACE OF _____ SUBMITTED _____
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS _____ PLACE OF _____ SUBMITTED _____

NOMINEE'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

(Day)

(Month)

(Year)

HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____

FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST
SPONSORING YOUR SCOUT TROOP

(Name)

(Post #)

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Commander's Name)

PLACE CURRENT
BLACK & WHITE
HEAD & SHOULDERS
PHOTOGRAPH IN
UNIFORM HERE

(Quality Suitable for
Reproduction)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

THE NOMINEE MUST:

- ☐ Be a registered, active, member of an American Legion Post or Auxiliary Unit sponsored Scout Troop;
- ☐ Have received the Eagle Award;
- ☐ Be an active member of his religious institution;
- ☐ Have rendered outstanding service to his religious institution, school, and community;
- ☐ Have received appropriate denominational Religious Award;
- ☐ Have demonstrated practical citizenship at church, school, scouting, and community; i.e., Student Council President or Representative, Local Teen Club Chairman, or Leader in Community-wide Service Projects, Sports, Senior Patrol Leader, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, etc.;
- ☐ Have reached his 15th birthday, but not his 18th, by April 15.
- ☐ Submit letters of recommendation and testimony with Nomination Application; there must be four — one from each of these groups: Religious, School, Community, and Scouting Leaders.

QUALIFICATIONS

HIGH SCHOOL RECORD

GRADE _____ NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____ IN UPPER _____ PERCENT OF CLASS _____

HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS, TEAMS
AND ORGANIZATIONS _____

HONORS, LETTERS, OR OFFICES
HELD _____

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION RECORD

ORGANIZATION _____

OFFICES _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTICIPATION _____

RELIGIOUS RECORD

DENOMINATION _____

NAME OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION _____

RELIGIOUS YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS _____

HONORS AND/OR OFFICES HELD _____

RELIGIOUS EMBLEM (AWARD) RECEIVED _____

	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>UNIT NO.</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
CUB SCOUT	_____	_____	_____
BOY SCOUT	_____	_____	_____

EAGLE AWARD RECEIVED _____ PALMS _____

CUB PACK _____

SCOUT TROOP _____

CAMP STAFF _____

OTHER _____

OTHER ACTIVITIES (Jamborees, Order of the Arrow Conference, etc.)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | <input type="checkbox"/> Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School | <input type="checkbox"/> Scouting |

AUTHORIZATION

CERTIFICATION BY SCOUT

I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts. If selected, I will be free to travel (expenses paid) to The American Legion National Convention and participate as a member of the Youth Champion Delegation, representing The American Legion and Boy Scouts of America.

DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF
BOY SCOUT _____

PARENT'S CONSENT

We hereby certify that the information on this application pertaining to our son's age and grade in school is correct. We are willing and desirous that he become The American Legion Boy Scout of the Year. In consideration of the benefits derived from this honor, if selected, we hereby voluntarily waive any claim against The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America totally and all representatives thereof.

DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF
FATHER, MOTHER
OR GUARDIAN _____

ENDORSEMENTS

UNIT LEADER:

The above named applicant is qualified in every respect to represent The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America and has our recommendation.

DATE _____ UNIT LEADER _____
UNIT COM. CHM. _____

POST:

The above named applicant is approved by Post Number _____ as qualified for nomination of The American Legion Boy Scout of the Year.

DATE _____ POST COMMANDER _____

SELECTION COMMITTEE APPROVAL

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN
SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN
SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

NATIONAL SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

VAVS Program Offers Rewarding Activity to Legionnaire Volunteer

VOLUNTEER.

At some time during the life of most Legionnaires, "volunteer" was a no-no. Who doesn't remember that old axiom from days in service: "Don't volunteer for nuthin'?"

But, somewhere along the way, at some time in the intervening years, we have experienced the fulfillment which accompanies volunteer service. And that fulfillment is at its greatest for the Legionnaire who has directed his efforts into volunteer hospital service.

Not 'Woman's Work'

There was a time when the average Legionnaire felt that volunteer hospital work belonged to the ladies. For a long time, the bulk of our volunteer hospital work was performed by members of the American Legion Auxiliary. However, in recent years, more and more Legionnaires have found volunteer hospital work to be a most rewarding activity.

The properly oriented American Legion volunteer brings to the veteran patient a special talent and understanding which bridges the gap between the hospital and community, aids the patient in his rehabilitation, and speeds his return to productive community living.

VAVS Organized in 1946

The Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (VAVS) program was organized in 1946 with The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary as two of the four organizations that helped the VA get the project off the ground. The key to the entire program, of course, is the *volunteer*.

Ranging from teenagers to octogenarians, the volunteers in veterans hospitals are warmhearted men and women of the community who are serving those who served. Each volunteer is prized for his own particular contribution. Assets of VAVS include the buoyancy of youth, along side the know-how and wisdom of older persons. The special care and personal services contributed by the women are equally valued with the occupational skills and hobbies brought by the men.

Every VA hospital has a VAVS advisory committee made up of representatives from participating organizations such as The American Legion. Every hospital has openings for new volunteers. Legionnaires wishing to become involved in hospital volunteer work should contact their hospital VAVS representative.

A handbook for volunteer hospital workers is published by The American Legion and is available through the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, The American Legion, 1608 K St., N. W., Washing-

ton, D. C. 20006. Each Hospital Representative and Deputy Representative has a copy, but if additional copies are needed, they may be obtained through the foregoing address.

For the volunteer hospital worker there are several items of recognition insignia and awards:

Embroidered patch "Hospital Volunteer" for cap.

Service Stars—blue for each 100 hours and gold for each 500 hours.

Arm band with "Hospital Volunteer" embroidered above American Legion Emblem.

Identification card for the Legionnaire's wallet.

Pocket-sized certificates.

Veterans Administration certificates for 100, 300, 500, and 1,000 hours of service.

VA Pins—Bronze (1,750 hours), Silver (2,500 hours), and Gold (5,000 hours)

VA Plaque for 7,500 hours of volunteer service.

VA Silver Bowl "Honor Award" for 10,000 hours.

VA Golden Medallion "Exceptional Honor" Award for 15,000 hours.

VA Silver Tray Award for 20,000 hours.

The American Legion awards the "Volunteer Hospital Worker" pin to Legionnaires who have devoted 1,000 hours of service. A bar for attachment to the pin is awarded for each additional 1,000 hours of service.

VolunTeens

And for the youngsters there is the program of the VolunTeens, youth volunteers, age 15 to 18, sponsored by The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. They approach their duties as volunteer workers with much the same attitude as do the senior volunteers. They are fully integrated into the voluntary service program and participate successfully with senior volunteers in the accomplishment of meaningful work under the supervision of VA staff members.

"STARS AND STRIPES" WANTS TO KNOW

The editors of *Stars and Stripes*—*The National Tribune* are interested in devoting space to the volunteer program and the various VA hospitals. Photographs of volunteers in action in the various hospitals accompanied by captions and stories should be sent to: Kenneth R. Hubbs, Stars and Stripes, P. O. Box 1803, Washington, D. C. 20013.

Develop, Support Youth Service Bureaus

ALTHOUGH MINORS ARE ENTITLED to the same constitutional protection as adults, more than half of the cases referred to juvenile and family courts concern incorrigibility, stubbornness, truancy, and other similar types of behavior which would not bring an adult to trial.

As early as 1940, The American Legion urged states to adopt adequate standards for the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency, including juvenile court administration, juvenile detention homes, and juvenile correctional care.

In 1967, the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice suggested the establishment of Youth Service Bureaus (YSB) as a promising step toward delinquency prevention. These bureaus are intended to divert from the justice system (1) children who have not committed criminal acts but whose problems at *home*, in *school*, or in the *community* may lead them to do so if they receive no help, and (2) minor offenders whose behavior is rooted in similar problems.

Service to Community

The lack of agency coordination geared to youth needs is a major difficulty in linking youth to available services. Consequently, many social agencies tend to overlook the troubled youth who has become entangled in the justice system. The YSB is designed to correct such situations to the benefit of not only the youth of the community but also the agencies and individuals concerned with youth:

1. The Court. The YSB provides a relief from many "nuisance cases" and also serves as a source of follow-up for cases referred by the court.

2. The Probation Officer. YSB provides a reduction in many of the time-consuming cases which are more effectively handled outside an authoritative framework.

3. The Police Officer. YSB gives the officer an alternative to detention and court referral, when, in his judgment, release with warning is insufficient, but arrest and detention is not needed.

4. The Public Schools. In handling truancy cases, and other behavior difficulties, YSB provides a link with the appropriate agencies for a more effective approach to the solution to these problems.

5. The Citizen Volunteer. YSB provides an opportunity for the concerned citizen to turn his frustration about juvenile delinquency to more constructive efforts on behalf of youth and youth-serving agencies.

6. The Private Social Agency. YSB provides an extension of youth services through citizens' action.

7. The Welfare Department. YSB acts as an advocate for troubled youth and will support needed protective services that should be available to young children.

8. The Youth. YSB provides a listening ear and serves as a resource that can cut "red tape" in an effort to solve their problems.

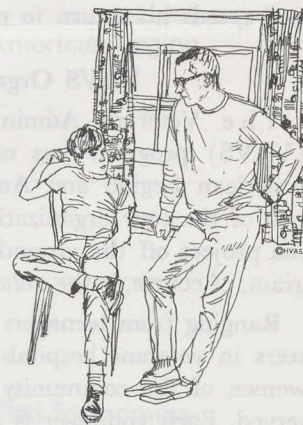
9. The Community. YSB gives each community an opportunity to accept its responsibility for assisting its troubled youth by coordinating already existing agencies on their behalf rather than relying on court authority.

Posts Urged to Cooperate

By action of the National Executive Committee at its meeting in May this year, The American Legion "supports the Youth Service Bureau concept and encourages all posts to cooperate with other concerned community organizations in the development of Youth Service Bureaus to the ultimate end that young people are provided the necessary community services thereby hopefully preventing them from being labeled as juvenile delinquents."

The National Americanism and Children & Youth Divisions has developed a pamphlet—*Youth Service Bureau*—which gives a brief description of how these bureaus function and how they serve the community. Also included are suggested guidelines for Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit involvement. These pamphlets have been shipped to the various department headquarters for distribution.

Further insight to the organization, operation, and function of the Youth Service Bureaus will be provided at each of the five Area Children & Youth Conferences. A guest speaker at each Conference will be representing the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) which set forth the guidelines for the establishment of Youth Service Bureaus throughout the country. These speakers will be discussing the function of YSB and the possible role of an American Legion Post or American Legion Auxiliary Unit in supporting or establishing such a bureau in its community.



14 National Cemeteries Under VA Jurisdiction

AMERICAN LEGION Post Service Officers are reminded that, with the passage of the National Cemetery Act of 1973, there are 14 cemeteries open to the burial of veterans. These cemeteries, currently under the jurisdiction of the Veterans Administration, are located as follows:

Arizona (Prescott)
California (Los Angeles)
Colorado (Fort Lyon)
Illinois (Danville)
Indiana (Marion)
Kansas (Wadsworth)
Mississippi (Biloxi)

New York (Bath)
Ohio (Dayton)
Oregon (Roseburg)
Oregon (White City)
Tennessee (Mountain Home)
Texas (Houston)
Wisconsin (Wood)

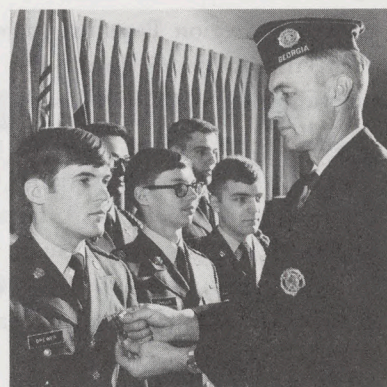
The following persons are now eligible for burial in any open cemetery in the National Cemetery System under the VA's jurisdiction:

- a. Any veteran (this includes a person who died in the active military, naval, or air service).
- b. Any member of a Reserve component of the Armed Forces, and any member of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard, whose death occurs under honorable conditions while he is hospitalized or undergoing treatment, at the expense of the United States, for injury or disease contracted or incurred under honorable conditions while he is performing active duty for training, inactive duty training, or undergoing that hospitalization or treatment at the expense of the United States.
- c. Any member of the ROTC of the Army, Navy, or Air Force whose death occurs under honorable conditions while he is—
 - 1) attending an authorized training camp or on an authorized practice cruise;
 - 2) performing authorized travel to or from that camp or cruise; or
 - 3) hospitalized or undergoing treatment, at the expense of the United States, for injury or disease contracted or incurred under honorable conditions while he is—
 - a) attending that camp or on that cruise;
 - b) performing that travel; or
 - c) undergoing that hospitalization or treatment at the expense of the United States.
- d. Any citizen of the United States who, during any war in which the United States is or has been engaged, served in the Armed Forces of any government allied with the United States during that war, and whose last service terminated honorably.
- e. The wife, husband, surviving spouse, minor child, and, in the discretion of the VA Administrator, unmarried adult child of any of the persons listed in paragraphs a through d.
- f. Such other persons or classes of persons as may be designated by the VA Administrator.

Awards Program Supports ROTC

YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST can put even greater meaning to your endeavors to "Be Counted Again" through the sponsorship of The American Legion's ROTC Medals program.

The recognition of outstanding ROTC cadets in the high schools, colleges, and universities is a sound investment in America's future. Such recognition is richly deserved by the young men and women who are willing to be counted in this vital leadership training program.



Here are some guidelines on how to get your post's ROTC Medals program "off the ground" and keep it flying:

1. Establish contact with the professor of military science (Army), navy science (Navy), or aerospace studies (Air Force) at the high school, college, or university in your community which hosts an ROTC or Junior ROTC unit. In the recently revised American Legion ROTC Awards brochure, ROTC unit heads were urged to contact their local American Legion Posts. If the appropriate ROTC official has not contacted you, take the initiative and contact him.
2. At your first meeting with the ROTC professor, familiarize him with the awards program sponsored by The American Legion and confirm your post's willingness to present medals at the annual awards day ceremonies. Also, offer any other assistance your post can provide in general support of the ROTC unit.
3. Obtain the medals early from National Emblem Sales. Right now is not too early. See your current issue of the Emblem Sales Catalog for description and prices. A handy order form is provided in the new ROTC Awards brochure available from National Security-Foreign Relations Division, The American Legion, 1608 K St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.
4. Have an official of your post actually present the awards at the annual ROTC ceremony, usually conducted in May or June.
5. Continue your liaison with the local ROTC unit. Express your willingness to award the medals every year and not just on a "one-shot" basis.

Posts Asked to Support Savings Bond Program

BY ACTION of the 1973 National Convention, The American Legion has pledged "to continue support of the United States Saving Bond program, utilizing the Legion's individual and group efforts, imagination, and experience to further the success of the program."

American Legion Posts are urged to devote at least one meeting program during the 1973-74 year to the promotion of U. S. Savings Bonds.

Materials for such a meeting program can be obtained by writing to the National Organizations Office, Savings Bond Division, U. S. Department of Treasury, Washington, D. C. 20006. Such materials which will help prepare an informative and entertaining program include films, posters, leaflets, sample speeches, a n-nouncements, etc.

Many members of The American Legion have enjoyed the personal benefits from participation in the Savings Bond Program. Whether it's been money for retirement, children's education, gifts, or whatever, it's been comforting to have the extra income which has resulted from this patriotic program of thrift.



An impressive "Avenue of Flags" program has been established by Konocti Post 437 of The American Legion, Department of California. This commemorative activity calls for the display of the burial flags of deceased veterans on **Memorial Day and Veterans Day** each year. Each flag bears the registration number, name, birthdate, and date of death of the veteran for easy identification. The flags are flown from poles spaced around the drives of a cemetery in the post's community of Clearlake Highlands (Lake County), Calif. The plan calls for each flag to be flown at the same location on each occasion in order that friends and relatives can easily find it.

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Highland Post 201 of The American Legion, Department of Kentucky, has presented a check for \$38,168 to the Council for Retarded Children of Jefferson County. The check represents the proceeds of the post's 21st annual Child Welfare Carnival.



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