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CALL TO THE 90TH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

FEBRUARY 22, 2008 –PLEASE NOTE:

ALL MEETINGS, REGISTRATION, PACKET PICK-UP AND EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER, 1101 LINCOLN STREET, COLUMBIA, SC 29201

THE 90TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA, IS HEREBY CALLED TO BEGIN ON FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2008 AND ENDS WITH THE RELIGIOUS SERVICE BREAKFAST POST EVERLASTING ON SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2008. CONFORMING TO THE ACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, IT WILL BE HELD AT THE **COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER, 1101 LINCOLN STREET, COLUMBIA, SC 29201.**

HOUSING: *THERE IS NOT A CONVENTION HOTEL. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH LEGIONNAIRE TO MAKE HIS/HER OWN RESERVATIONS WITH A HOTEL OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING. A SHORT LIST OF HOTELS IS ATTACHED. THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST, THERE ARE MORE IN THE SURROUNDING AREA THAT YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM.*

PURPOSE: THE CONVENTION IS CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES; ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION; ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR; AND TRANSACTING ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE IT.

REPRESENTATION: REPRESENTATION ON THE CONVENTION FLOOR WILL BE BY POSTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XII, SECTION 10 OF THE DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION: **“EACH LOCAL POST SHALL AT SOME DULY PUBLISHED TIME ELECT NOT LESS THAN THREE (3) DELEGATES TO THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION, AND ONE ADDITIONAL DELEGATE FOR EACH TWENTY-FIVE (25) MEMBERS OR MAJOR FRACTIONAL PART THEREOF, AND EACH DULY REGISTERED DELEGATE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE. THE TOTAL DELEGATE VOTE COUNT OF EACH POST WILL BE DETERMINED BY THEIR MEMBERSHIP TOTALS. ONE OR MORE REGISTERED DELEGATES PRESENT WILL BE PERMITTED TO CAST ALL VOTES FOR WHICH THE POST IS ENTITLED DUE TO ITS MEMBERSHIP COUNT. A REGISTERED DELEGATE IS ONE WHO HAS RECEIVED THEIR CREDENTIALS.**

AND AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE XII, SECTION 11: **“ALL PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS AND ANY CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT, AS LONG AS THEY ARE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SHALL HAVE ONE (1) ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL VOTE. THEIR VOTES ARE COUNTED ONLY WHEN THE AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS ARE PRESENT AND CAST THEIR VOTE WITH THE POST THAT THEY ARE MEMBERS.”**

THE DELEGATE STRENGTH WILL BE BASED UPON MEMBERSHIP FULLY PAID TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AS OF **MAY 28, 2008**. POSTS HAVING LESS THAN 15 MEMBERS AS OF **MAY 28, 2008** WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY VOTING REPRESENTATION AT THE CONVENTION. POSTS WILL FILE A LIST OF DELEGATES WITH DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY **MAY 28, 2008**. THE FORM FOR LISTING DELEGATES IS ENCLOSED.

EACH POST IS REMINDED THAT ALL CREDITS AND DEBITS MUST BE RECONCILED 30 DAYS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.

ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS: THE ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN, NATIONAL ALTERNATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN, DEPARTMENT FOURTH VICE COMMANDER, DEPARTMENT THIRD VICE COMMANDER, DEPARTMENT SECOND VICE COMMANDER, DEPARTMENT FIRST VICE COMMANDER AND

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILL BE HELD DURING THE FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION ON **SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2008**. THE SESSION WILL OPEN AT 2:00 P.M. IN BALLROOM A OF THE COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER.

BUSINESS SESSIONS: THE OPENING SESSION WILL BE HELD IN BALLROOM A AT 9:30 A.M., FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2008. THE SECOND SESSION WILL OPEN THAT AFTERNOON AT 2:30 P.M.

THE THIRD BUSINESS SESSION WILL OPEN AT 9:30 A.M. IN BALLROOM A ON SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2008. THE FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION WILL OPEN AT 2:00 P.M. SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

THE AMERICAN LEGION AND AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY WILL HOST AN AWARDS LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2008 TO HONOR THE FOLLOWING RECIPIENTS:

**LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR
TEACHER OF THE YEAR
FIREMAN OF THE YEAR
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR
BOY SCOUT OF THE YEAR
EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR**

**DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD WINNER
POST COMMANDER OF THE YEAR
POST ADJUTANT OF THE YEAR
DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE YEAR
ZONE COMMANDER OF THE YEAR**

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY WILL HONOR THEIR **UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR AND THE GOLD STAR MOTHERS**. TICKETS ARE \$20.00 PER PERSON.

THE LUNCHEON MENU WILL INCLUDE:

A FRESH GARLIC & HERB-ROASTED TOP SIRLOIN OF ANGUS BEEF, AGED WISCONSIN CHEDDAR, THINLY SLICED RED ONIONS, TOMATOES AND LEAF LETTUCE ON A FRESH KAISER ROLL, WITH SALAD OR SLAW, CHIPS, DESSERT AND FRUIT AND BEVERAGES.

THE RELIGIOUS SERVICE BREAKFAST AND POST EVERLASTING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2008. TICKETS FOR THE BREAKFAST ARE \$21.00 PER PERSON. THE BUFFET MENU WILL INCLUDE OF:

ASSORTED FRUIT JUICES, SLICED FRESH SEASONAL FRUIT TRAY, FLUFFY CAROLINA SCRAMBLED EGGS, ZESTY SAUSAGE PATTIES AND CRISP, SMOKED APPLEWOOD BACON, CREAMY SOUTHERN GRITS, FRESHLY BAKED BUTTERMILK & SWEET POTATO BISCUITS, FRUIT PRESERVES WITH SWEET BUTTER & HONEY BUTTER.

REGISTRATION: THE PRE-REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION IS \$15.00.

REGISTRATION AND PACKET PICK-UP BEGINS ON **FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2008 AT 8:00 A.M.** AT THE **COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER** IN THE PRE-FUNCTION AREA AND RE-OPENS ON **SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2008 AT 8:00 A.M.** A PRE-REGISTRATION FORM IS ENCLOSED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

PLEASE RETURN THE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS **NO LATER** THAN **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008**. **ANYONE REGISTERING AT THE CONVENTION WILL PAY A FEE OF \$20.00 AND WILL NOT RECEIVE A PRE-PRINTED NAME TAG OR GUARANTEED A REGISTRATION PACKET.**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EACH OF YOU AT THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,

JIM HAWK
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

Additional Information is available at www.scarolinalegion.org under the Conventions and Meetings link