

NEWS & VIEWS

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ Congratulations to 3rd District Commander Dickey Arnold, the 2007-2008 Alcee Legendre Award Winner. In close second place was 7th District and then 6th District.
- ◆ Mid-Winter Conference, Best Western Inn & Suites, Alexandria, January 18-20, 2008.

FROM THE COMMANDER

Legionnaires;

From our beginning, The American Legion has realized a need to care for and supply direction to the youth of this Nation. As your Department Commander, I am asking all Legionnaires to join with me this year in making The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation our special focus.

Not all children "grow up" inside the comfortable definition of "normal childhood development." Some kids need special care and the milestones of achievement taken for granted by many are for them by pain, challenge, prayer and perseverance. These children and their parents need help to get past these obstacles. They need our help.

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's purpose is twofold: To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs

of children and youth through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and their programs and to make wider, more effective use of the knowledge already possessed by well-established organizations to the end that such information will benefit youth and be more adequately used by society.

The needs are great. The children of this nation are looking to us for help. They are entrusting us with THEIR FUTURE. Our charitable gifts support the grants which make a difference in the lives of all children.

Please send in your contributions today to **The American Legion, Department of Louisiana, 1885 Wooddale Boulevard, Suite 1110, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.** Remember....100% of your contribution goes directly to

helping children.

If you have any questions, please contact Department Commander Ed Grow, 985-384-3278 or 985-518-0315 cell; email eagsew@juno.com.

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I PAID MY POST DUES—WHY AM I GETTING ANOTHER DUES RENEWAL NOTICE?

Well, Department Headquarters has received numerous call regarding members getting renewal notices after they have paid their Post dues. Therefore, I thought we should spend a few moments examining this issue and trying to resolve any misunderstandings relative to Department's receipt of membership dues. Please remember that our dues process has several steps (time based) once a member pays his/her dues at the local Post. Everyone has to complete their responsibilities for the process to work.

First, it's important for everyone to understand that

a member's dues are not officially paid until the dues are received and processed at National Headquarters in Indianapolis.

Currently, Louisiana has five (5) renewal notices mailed out to our members - July 1st, October 1st, January 3rd, March 3rd, and May 1st. If you (the member) pay your dues in a timely manner, but the Post delays mailing your dues to Department Headquarters in a timely manner, you will receive another renewal notice.

Example: A member receives his/her dues notice on July 1st. He/she pays the Post on July 15th, but the

Post doesn't mail the member's dues to Department until September 15th. The Department receives and processes the dues and mails the dues to National in Indianapolis by September 22nd. Process done—no more renewal notices, right? Wrong!!!

"Why does the member get another dues renewal notice on October 1st, when his/her dues are paid?"

Answer: In order to avoid receiving another renewal notice your dues must be received in Indianapolis by a certain time frame—it's called the cut-off date. **Continued on Page 3, Column 1.**