



**MORRIS COUNTY COMMITTEE  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY**

**CONSTITUTION**

**PREAMBLE**

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: "To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations during the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity; the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

**Section 1:** The name of this organization shall be "Morris County Committee, American Legion, Department of New Jersey."

**Section 2:** The Headquarters of Morris County Committee of the American Legion Department of New Jersey is located at 2 Legion Place, Dover, New Jersey 07801. The agent upon whom process may be served is the Commander of William Hedges Baker Post #27, The American Legion PO Box 0588, Dover, New Jersey 07802-0588.

**ARTICLE II**

**Nature**

**Section 1:** The AMERICAN LEGION is a civilian organization; membership therein does not affect nor increase liability for military or police service. Rank does not exist in the Legion; no member shall be addressed by his military or naval title in any convention or meeting of the Legion.

**Section 2:** THE AMERICAN LEGION shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles or for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

**Section 3:** The powers and authority of the Committee shall be such as may be given it under the National Constitution and By-Laws, the Department of New Jersey American Legion Constitution and By-Laws, and the powers vested in non-profit organizations of the State of New Jersey, and such powers as are necessary to carry out its objectives.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Objective**

The objectives for which this Committee was formed are: To promote and control county activities of the American Legion and advise subordinate organizations in Morris County; to buy, sell, mortgage and hold real and personal property for the use and benefit of the Morris County American Legion.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Eligibility/Membership**

**Section 1:** In accordance with the National Constitution and Bylaws.

**Section 2:** There shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership, and dues shall be paid annually or for life.

**Section 3:** No person may be a member at any time of more than one (1) Post.

**Section 4:** Under no circumstance will discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color or religion be tolerated.

**Section 5:** No person, who has been expelled by a Post, shall be admitted to membership in another Post without the consent of the expelling Post, except that where such consent has been asked for and denied by such Post, he/she may appeal to the Executive Committee of the Department of the expelling Post for permission to be admitted to membership in another Post, and shall be ineligible for membership until such permission is granted through The Morris County Committee.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **Executive Committee**

**Section 1:** There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of all County Officers and Post Commanders.

**Section 2:** All Past County Commanders in good standing with their Posts shall be members for life **with** vote.

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **Officers**

**Section 1:** The officers of this Committee shall consist of the elected and appointed officers.

**1a:** Elected Officers shall be: The Commander, Vice Commanders, Finance Officer and Organization Officer.

**1b:** Appointed Officers shall be the Adjutant, Chaplain, Service Officer, Historian, Judge Advocate and Master-At-Arms.

**Section 2:** Said officers shall assume their duties at the close of the Department Convention.

### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **County Convention**

**Section 1:** The County Convention shall be held on the second Saturday in May each year for the purpose of conducting general business, to present guests, awards and scholarships.

**Section 2:** The installation of the newly elected officers and any other business that may properly come before the convention.

**Section 3:** Delegates- Each Post in Morris County shall be represented by one (1) delegate, who shall be the Post Commander, and one (1) additional delegate for every fifty (50) paid up members or major fraction thereof, provided however, that no Post shall have less than two (2) delegates. The number of delegates from each Post shall be based upon paid up membership of the Post for the preceding calendar year. Delegates shall be selected according to the By-laws of the Post represented by such delegates. The number of delegates of new Posts shall be

based upon the paid up membership of the Post or Posts shown on the first issue of the Department Monthly Membership Bulletin showing their membership thereon following the granting of the Post Charter.

**Section 4:** All Morris County Past Commanders of the Morris County Committee of the American Legion shall automatically become Delegates-At-Large of the Morris County Committee with vote upon the conclusion of their term as Commander. **Provision:** Said Past Commander must be a paid up member of a Morris County Post in good standing and shall remain a Delegate-At-Large. His/her vote will be in addition to the normal delegate strength of his/her respective Post, providing registration fees are paid.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **American Legion Auxiliary**

**Section 1:** The American Legion recognizes an auxiliary organization within Morris County known as The Morris County American Legion Auxiliary, Inc.

**Section 2:** The Auxiliary shall be governed in each Department of The American Legion by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National Executive Committee and there after approved by such Department of the American Legion.

**Section 3:** The American Legion has no jurisdiction over an Auxiliary as they are separately chartered and have their own Constitution and By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Amendments**

**Section 1:** This Constitution is adopted subject to the provision of the National Constitution and By-Laws of the American Legion, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Department of New Jersey The American Legion. Any amendment to said National or Department Constitution and By-Laws which is in conflict with any provision hereof, or the By-Laws to carry out this Constitution, shall be regarded as automatically amending the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws adopted under it, in a conformity with such Department or National amendment.

**Section 2:** This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of this Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the next preceding regular meeting of this Committee, and provided further a copy of the proposed amendment shall be sent to each Post in Morris County, with, or prior to sending of the notice of the meeting at which proposed amendment is to be submitted.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Parliamentary Authority**

The Morris County Committee shall be governed by its Constitution and By-Laws, provided they do not conflict with the Department of New Jersey or National Constitution and By-Laws of the American Legion. Points not covered by this Constitution and By-Laws shall be governed by the "Current Edition of Robert's Rules of Order."



## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Organization**

The Morris County Committee of The American Legion Department of New Jersey shall be organized into duly chartered Posts two (2) or more.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Executive Committee**

**Section 1:** The Executive Committee shall be composed of all County Officers and Post Commanders.

**Section 2:** All Past County Commanders in good standing within their respective Posts shall be members for life of the Executive Committee **with** vote.

**Section 3:** Upon dissolution of this organization all assets will be distributed to the American Legion Department of New Jersey a 501c(19) organization.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Meetings**

**Section 1:** There will be eight (8) scheduled meetings to be held on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Friday of each month beginning in August and ending in April (skipping December). These are to be scheduled at the beginning of the year by the County Commander.

**Section 2:** There shall be a meeting held on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Friday of July usually at the Post of the County Commander for the purpose of reorganization. The organization books and Vice Commander assignments will also be given.

**Section 3:** **QUORUM**: A quorum shall exist in any meeting that has at least 25% of the Posts of Morris County Committee represented.

**Section 4:** **SPECIAL MEETING**: The Commander may call a special meeting and shall state the purpose of such meeting in the notice to the Posts. Upon the written request of three (3) Post Commanders, the County Commander shall call a special meeting provided the purpose of said meeting is disclosed in the request, and the reason must be set forth in the notice sent to the Posts. Notice of special meeting shall be mailed to each Post of the County at least 10 DAYS prior to the meeting, and state the purpose of said meeting.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Nominations/Elections**

**Section 1:** All those running for an elective position must have their letters of endorsement from his/her respective Post and a copy of their **DD214** to the Nominating Committee Chairman before the February Meeting.

**Section 2:** Elections shall be held at the County Convention unless otherwise directed by the Committee.

**Section 3:** Nominations may be made for elective officers on the floor of the meeting after the Nominating Committee report. Nominations are opened to the floor and at such time before balloting for office begins. The nomination shall be made by delegates from no less than two (2) Posts.

**Section 4:** In the event of death, resignation or incapacitation of any officer, the vacancy shall be filled by the next officer with the exception of Commander.

**Section 5:** In the event of a vacancy in the office of Commander the Vice-Commanders will themselves select a candidate from those currently in Vice Commander status and will bring their selection to the floor for final approval.

**Section 6:** In order to participate in the election of County Officers a Post shall have paid its full per-capita tax of the current fiscal year within which the election is held and in any event at least two (2) weeks prior to the election.

**Section 7:** Any Delegate in good standing with their Post shall be allowed to vote if they are in attendance at the time of the election. In their absence their respective Alternate may vote in their place.

**Section 8:** Post in Morris County shall be represented by one (1) delegate, who shall be the Post Commander, and one (1) additional delegate for every fifty (50) paid up members or major fraction thereof, provided however, that no Post shall have less than two (2) delegates. The Delegates from each Post shall be based upon their paid membership from the preceding years paid up membership. **Section 9:** In the event of a contested election, voting shall be by ballot. However, in the event there is only one (1) person nominated for an office, he/she shall be declared elected to that office by the Presiding Officer. Ballots used in a contested election in no way shall be numbered or identifiable.

**Section 10:** Any Officer, Trustee or Committee Chairman of the Morris County Committee may be removed by this Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Term of Office**

**Section 1:** All officers shall assume the duties of their respective office upon their installation and shall serve until their successor is installed or their term of office otherwise terminates. The date of installation shall be the second Saturday in May. Officially, all officers take over their positions at the close of the Department Convention (after the parade). However, it has been the policy of Morris County Committee that all officers effectively take over their positions as soon as they are installed at the County Convention.

**Section 2:** No Vice-Commander shall serve in that capacity for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

**Section 3:** All officers shall serve a one (1) year term and shall serve until their term of office otherwise terminates.

**Section 4:** All Committee members, except for the Department Executive Committeeman, Veteran's Foundation Committee members shall serve a one (1) year term until their successor is confirmed or their term of office otherwise terminates.

**Section 5:** The Department Executive Committeeman shall serve a three (3) year term and shall serve until his/her successor is installed or their term of office otherwise terminates.

**Section 6:** Veteran's Foundation Committee members shall serve a five (5) year term and shall serve until his/her successor is installed or their term of office otherwise terminates. The first year they shall serve as the Committee Chairman.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Committees/Trustees and Department Executive Committee Man/Woman**

**Section 1:** COMMITTEES: There shall be a Committee on Committees and a Resolutions Committee. The Commander shall appoint such other Committees, as he/she shall see fit to carry out the functions of the Committee (refer to Appendix B).

**Section 2:** TRUSTEES: The Board of Trustees shall consist of the County Commander, County Adjutant, County Finance Officer and the Commanders of all Posts in Morris County. The Board of Trustees shall have such powers as are delegated to it by the Morris County Committee and such other powers as are provided by law.

**Section 3:** DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN: A representative known as the Department Executive Committeeman (DEC), to the Department Executive Committee, shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. The DEC acts as the liaison between the Morris County Committee and the Department Organization. The County Commander shall act as alternate for the DEC. The Duties of the DEC are not limited to, but include the following:

1. Attends all Department meetings and represents Morris County at the Department Level.
2. Attends all County meetings to inform the delegates on issues involving the Department Organization.
3. Acts as liaison between Morris County and all other county organizations.
4. Makes recommendations to the County on all Department Committee appointments, except Committee Chairmen and Vice Chairmen. The DEC handles all recommendations for Department Committee Chair and Vice Chair.
5. Handles all introductions and protocol issues involving visitors from outside Morris County.
6. Acts as the floor Chairman at the Department Convention.
7. Is responsible for dealing with all questions and problems between Morris County and the Department Organization.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Post Administration**

**Section 1:** GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION: The government and administration of The American Legion Posts in Morris County shall be in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by such Posts, provided, however that nothing contained therein shall conflict with the National, Department or County Constitution and By-Laws.

**Section 2:** CHARGES: Should a Post violate the Constitution or By-Laws of this Committee, or the National or Department of New Jersey, or become inactive, or fail to fulfill the obligations imposed by the granting of a charter in The American Legion, charges may be preferred by not less than five (5) members of The American Legion, in writing to this Committee. Such charges shall be heard by the Committee and the findings, after a fair hearing, shall be referred to the Department Executive Committee for final action.

**Section 3:** RESOLUTIONS: All Posts within the County shall submit to the County Committee any and all Resolutions approved by the Post if said Resolutions may affect territory beyond its own Community jurisdiction.

**Section 4:** QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS: Each Post shall be the judge of the qualifications of its members and shall have authority to expel or suspend any member for conduct prejudicial to the interest of The American Legion, subject to his/her right of appeal in writing within thirty (30) days to this Committee. The findings of this Committee after a fair trial and hearing shall be referred to the Department Executive Committee for final action.

**Section 5:** CONFLICT OF INTEREST: No trustee, officer or member shall vote on an issue that could personally benefit that trustee, officer or member or a related family member of that

trustee, officer or member. This provision includes entering into a contract on behalf of the Post where a conflict of interest could exist, unless, voted on and approved by the remaining trustees and officers and determined to be in the best interests of the organization.

## **ARTICLE VIII** **Post Duties**

**Section 1:** DELEGATES: Each Post shall keep the County Adjutant informed at all times of the names and addresses of the Post Commander, Post Adjutant and Post Delegates. Failure to keep the County Adjutant so informed shall relieve the County Adjutant of any responsibility of giving proper notice to such officers and delegates.

**Section 2:** DUES: Dues shall be payable to the County Committee on or before January 31<sup>st</sup> and delinquent after March 31<sup>st</sup>. New Posts dues shall be payable on or before thirty (30) days after date of Department Membership Bulletin determining delegate strength and delinquent ninety (90) days after such date.

**Section 3:** DELINQUENT: Any Post delinquent in the payment of dues (per capita tax) assessed against it shall be barred from participating in the business of the County Committee until such dues (per capita tax) are paid.

**Section 4:** DUES (PER CAPITA TAX): Dues (per capita tax) shall be assessed at the rate deemed necessary to run the county committee and county programs. This rate can be adjusted at any county committee meeting. New Posts shall be assessed proportionately based on Department Membership Bulletin determining delegate strength.

## **ARTICLE IX** **Conventions**

**Section 1:** CONVENTIONS: Conventions may be arranged for the business and social purposes of The American Legion, the election and installing of County Officers, and to carry out such other business as may pertain to the Convention.

**Section 2:** ORDER OF BUSINESS: The regular business of the County Committee may be transacted at the Convention upon the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present.

**Section 3:** DURATION: The duration of the County Convention will be left to the discretion of the Convention Committee or until all pertinent business has been conducted.

**Section 4:** REGISTRATION: A list of Delegates and/or their Alternates shall be forwarded to the registrar of the County Convention Committee with one dollar (\$1.00) registration in order that the (Posts) may be entitled to vote for the candidates of their choice and on any other questions that may come before the Convention.

**Section 5:** BALLOTING: Balloting for Candidates of an Elected Office will be by a closed ballot unless there is only one candidate running then he/she will be declared the winner.

**Section 6:** CONVENTION PROCEDURE & MEETINGS: The annual County Convention will be held on the Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Saturday in May. Registration will begin at 8:30am with Convention beginning promptly at 9 am. The purpose of business is the Nomination, Election and Installation of new officers and Committee Chairmen. Introduction of winners of County Contests and introduction of Distinguished Guests will also be done at the County Convention.

## **ARTICLE X** **Amendments**

**Section 1:** AMENDMENT: These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of this Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total authorized representation there at, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the next preceding regular meeting of this Committee, and provided further that a copy of the proposed amendment shall be sent to each Post in Morris County, with, or prior to the sending of the

notice of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be submitted. Points not covered by this Constitution & Bylaws shall be governed by "the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order."

**Section 2:** These Bylaws shall be amended automatically to conform to the National and Department Constitution & Bylaws of The American Legion.

**Section 3:** These Bylaws shall never be suspended for any reason.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Duties of Officers**

**ALL OFFICERS:** Assist the Commander in the operation of all Executive Committee activities. Maintaining orderly and proper operation of the Committee is the primary responsibility. Attend meetings and Legion functions in which the Committee is involved or committed. Familiarize himself/herself with Committee objectives on a Post, County, Department and National level. Assist, advise and direct Post Counterpart in his/her duties at the Post level.

### **Specific Officers**

**COUNTY COMMANDER:** The County Commander's duties shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- (a) Selects all Appointed County Officers.
- (b) Selects all County Committee Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, and committee members (if he/she desires). These appointments must be approved by the Committee on Committees. Approval is normally done at the County Convention.
- (c) Selects the Chairman of the Morris County Veteran's Foundation. This individual serves for five (5) years, but only one (1) year as Chairman as per the Veteran's Foundation By-Laws.
- (d) Schedules and conducts eight (8) County Meetings, beginning in August and ending in April (skipping December).
- (e) Conducts the County Convention in May at the close of his/her year.
- (f) Acts as convention floor chairman at his/her outgoing Department Convention.
- (g) Attends all Department meetings and whatever special Department or National events he/she is able to attend. The County Commander is the DEC's alternate.
- (h) Makes official visits to each Post in Morris County.
- (i) Attends Locustwood Ceremonies (usually in early June). Provides a color guard to carry the Morris County colors.
- (j) Attends High Point Ceremonies (usually in late June). Provides a color guard to carry the Morris County colors.
- (k) Arranges an official visit by the Ladies Auxiliary to one of the Morris County Meetings. Upon an invitation from the Ladies Auxiliary, makes an official visit to one of the Ladies Auxiliary Meetings.
- (l) Arranges for an official visit by the Department Commander and his/her staff at the March County Meeting. A letter should be sent to Department Headquarters as soon after the Department Convention as possible, requesting the Department Commander make his/her official visit to Morris County in March of the following year. A membership contest is run to determine which Post will host that meeting.
- (m) Represents Morris County at the invitation of as many of the surrounding counties as possible.
- (n) Assigns the Vice Commanders to their posts and insure that they make their visitations.
- (o) Establishes a special Morris County Commander's Project(s)
- (p) Serves as one of the three (3) trustees of the Morris County Committee. Bears legal and financial responsibility for the county organization.

- (q) Puts together the official County Organization Book. This book lists all the county officers, committees, auxiliary officers, and department officers. It also should contain the list of post officers from each post in the county, plus any other useful information (county meetings, department meetings, list of county commanders, etc.). The organization book should be ready for the first county meeting.
- (r) Responsible for providing invitations for the Morris County Party at the Department Convention. They must be ready before the convention so they can be handed out to Department officers, other counties, the Auxiliary, etc.

**FINANCE OFFICER:** Keep an accurate record of all money, collected, spent or donated and make a report to the Committee at each County meeting. Present the financial records for audit at least once each year at the close of his/her term or upon request of the Morris County Committee. The following is some but not limited to the following job description:

- (a) The Finance Officer should prepare signature cards for all accounts, listing the County Commander, the Finance Officer, and the Adjutant as being able to sign on the accounts.
- (b) Arrange for the Budget Committee to meet as soon as possible after the County Convention. They should lay out a realistic budget based on the income and the expenses of the previous year and the projected expenses for the coming year. The budget should be ready for the September meeting.
- (c) Provide the Audit Committee with all the material they need to begin audit work on the previous year's financial records at the January meeting.

**CHAPLAIN:** Be prepared to offer prayer as prescribed in the manual, recite names of deceased comrades at meetings, attend and officiate at funerals and religious functions to which the Committee is committed. He/she will be responsible for conducting the 10pm ritual at all County meetings.

**MASTER-AT-ARMS:** Care of the County colors. See that they are properly displayed at meetings or other functions to which the Committee is committed. Instruct Post counterparts in the proper display of colors.

**ADJUTANT:** Keep an accurate record of minutes of all Committee meetings. Present all notices, bills and correspondence as directed by Committee members or Commander. Send notices to members as directed. Attend to other administrative requirements of the Committee as directed. Fills out a County Officer's Report Form and a County Committee Chairman's Report Form and send them into Department. The forms can be obtained from Department Headquarters.

**ORGANIZATION OFFICER:** Work with the Commander on the table of organization of the County. Attend to and implement any new Post activity.

**SERVICE OFFICER:** Attend to all Service and Rehabilitation requirements under the direction of the Department Service Officer. Instruct counterparts in Post.

**HISTORIAN:** The primary task of the Historian is to document by pictures and written material the events of the County Commander's term of office. The material can include news articles, event programs, minutes, and other documentation.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE**: The primary duty of the Judge Advocate is to supply professional advice in the conduct of the County Committee business by interpreting the Constitution and By-Laws.

**VICE COMMANDER**: Vice Commanders are the voice of the Committee at the Post level and through you the Committee becomes aware in part of the Post activities and problems. The Vice Commanders must be able to offer assistance to the Post on Legion programs, policies, objectives and traditions.

Vice Commanders must visit Posts assigned to them at least once during their term of office. These visits are to be made at the regular business meetings of the Post. The Post Commander is the host and superior while he/she is presiding at his/her meeting. As a member of the Executive Committee a Vice Commander is an honored and welcome guest. The Post members will expect to find a Vice Commander well informed and able to answer questions on Legion activities. Stress the importance of membership, do not preach it. It is important because of the prestige and show of strength it gives our legislative groups when they speak to our Legislators in favor of enactment of legislation in our favor. It has many benefits to the Posts, financially and in help on programs. Vice Commanders are expected to attend all County meetings and as many Department meetings in Trenton as possible.

## **APPENDIX B**

### **Duties of Committees**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC)**: This committee is charged with the responsibility for monitoring all existing and proposed state and local regulations involving Alcoholic Beverage Control. This committee shall advise all posts regarding any ABC issues.

**AMERICANISM**: It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and follow through to execution an education program whereby the general public and youth of Morris County are apprised of the endeavor of the American Legion to promote patriotism and respect for law and order. Citizenship classes, flag instructions, and speakers on patriotic programs should be arranged. This committee shall act in an advisory capacity for all inter Post activities.

**AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL**: This committee is charged with the promotion of American Legion Baseball and to coordinate the program throughout the County.

**AUDIT**: This committee shall have the responsibility for the audit of the Morris County Committee Financial Records at least one a year and audit to be completed by the end of May of the given year. The Audit Committee shall meet with the Finance Officer and the Finance Officer will have all the financial records available for the audit. The Audit Committee shall report at the Annual Meeting.

**BUDGET**: This Committee shall prepare a budget of income and expenditures, based on the previous year's expenditures, for the approval of the County Committee at the September County meeting.

**BOYS STATE**: This committee is charged with the promotion of American Legion Boys State Program and to coordinate the program throughout every High School in the county.

**BOY SCOUTS**: This committee will promote the Boy Scout movement and help the Posts in Morris County sponsor a unit of Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and/or Senior Scouts.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH:** This committee will study and advise as to the best method of cooperating with the Department and National Children and Youth Programs regarding health and well being of all children. This committee will sponsor conferences and invite representatives from all Posts in the County to attend.

**CEREMONIALS:** Master-at-Arms shall be responsible for all County ceremonies and the County Colors.

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:** This committee is charged with the responsibility of studying proposed changes in the Morris County Committee Constitution and By-Laws and recommending proper action to the County Committee.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:** This committee is responsible for conformation of members and chairman to serve on the various county committees. A report on all recommended appointments will be submitted to the Morris County Committee for approval at its annual convention.

**COMMANDER'S PROJECT:** This committee is responsible for planning, organizing and executing a project to raise funds for a charitable project(s) chosen by the County Commander.

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE:** This committee is responsible for planning and executing the County Convention. The chairman shall be appointed by the County Commander and all Vice Commanders shall serve on this committee.

**GREYSTONE HOSPITAL AND LYONS HOSPITAL:** It shall be the function of these committees to provide, within authorized limits, the general social welfare of veterans who shall be patients of the above two hospitals.

**LEGION COLLEGE:** This committee should coordinate the attendance of as many Post members to the New Jersey American Legion College as possible.

**LEGISLATION:** Chairman shall attend Department Legislation Meetings when called, and report back to the County Committee.

**MEMBERSHIP:** This committee is charged with the responsibility of supervising and encouraging all Posts to secure prompt enrollment of all members. It shall plan to execute membership drives and round-ups as required. It shall recommend to the Awards and Contests Committee, for consideration, types of membership citations and awards. Chairman shall provide, when required, official membership position throughout the County.

**NATIONAL SECURITY:** This committee shall be charged with the formulation of a general defense policy, the establishment of a general defense program, and with the coordination and general supervision of all defense activities of the County. This committee is also responsible for keeping before the American People, the plight of all POWs and MIAs from all wars. They shall plan events and foster the remembrance of those who are still unaccounted for from all conflicts of the United States of America.

**NEW POST COMMITTEE:** This committee shall actively encourage the formation of new posts in the various towns and townships of Morris County.

**NOMINATING**: This Committee is responsible for assuring that there is a complete slate of elective officers for the coming year. They shall also insure that the candidates have the proper credentials. There shall be a chairman and two committee members so there are no ties in the selection process.

**ORATORICAL**: This committee will promote and coordinate the Oratorical Contest Program at the County and Post levels.

**PUBLICITY**: This committee shall provide the news media with press releases of all County Legion activities.

**RESOLUTIONS**: This committee shall meet when called upon for the purpose of studying and acting upon all resolutions submitted for consideration. It shall recommend to the county committee the action thereon that they deem advisable.

**REHABILITATION**: This committee shall be responsible for providing financial and manpower support for all Veteran's Rehabilitation projects of the County Committees.

**SAFETY ESSAY/POSTER**: This committee shall supervise, direct and encourage studies on safety. It shall assist the various schools in setting up and conducting contests pertaining to safety.

**SCHOLARSHIP**: This committee oversees the Morris County Scholarship contest. It creates the application form, distributes the form to the Posts, verifies the applications and draws the winner.

**SICK CALL**: This committee monitors whether any Committee members are ill and notifies the Commander and the Chaplain with the pertinent information.

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**: This is a program of the American Legion and shall duly conform to the regulations set forth by National, Department of New Jersey and Post Constitutional Bylaws.

**POLICY**: This committee shall meet, when called upon for the purpose of studying and acting upon all matters referred to them by the County Committee.

**TESTIMONIAL DINNER**: This committee plans and executes a testimonial dinner for the County Commander. The dinner shall be at the digression of the honored County Commander and the availability of the Department Officer's schedule.

**VETERANS FOUNDATION**: This committee is responsible for providing temporary assistance to needy Morris County Veterans and their families. The Chairman of the Morris County Veteran's Foundation is appointed by the incoming County Commander. This individual serves for five years, but only serves the first year as Chairman.