

ENTERING THE COMPETITION

If you are interested in entering the yearbook or narrative competition, the rules you must follow are in the “Officers Guide and Manual of Ceremonies.” The “Histories are Important” section of the manual explains in detail how to create a Post Narratives and a Post Yearbook. A copy of the manual is included in the post packets handed out during Department Convention. You can purchase additional copies from American Legion Emblem Sales, or, retrieve the information from the National American Legion’s website: www.legion.org and search for the key word “histories.”

For the purpose of competition, the book must be at Headquarters in Portage by 3:00 on the second Friday in June. **Make sure you identify your book as Narrative or Yearbook.** The Department currently has awards for Post and District books, there is not a competition for County Histories, but you are encouraged to keep County Council records.

Department awards are presented during Department Convention. The Department winner of the Post Narrative and the winner of the Post Yearbook will be forwarded to National Headquarters in Indianapolis for judging in October. Judging at National is done by members of the National Association of Department Historians, The American Legion (NADHAL). (Only National and Department Historians are eligible to join NADHAL.)

History books will be on display during Department Convention and must be picked up by noon Sunday, the last day of Convention. Books not picked up Sunday will be taken back to Department Headquarters in Portage; you will then need to make arrangements to retrieve the books yourself.

Traditionally, Historian Workshops are conducted by the Department Historian during Department Convention and Midwinter; watch the Historian’s column in the Badger Legionnaire for more detail. Help will be available during this workshop and time will be allotted to network with other Historians.

Historians are encouraged to join the Wisconsin Historians Association (WHA). Information about this organization will be available during Convention and Midwinter.

You can contact the Department of Wisconsin Historian through Department Headquarters at P.O. Box 388 Portage, WI 53901 or by Email info@wilegion.org and the message will be forwarded.

Other sources of information include:

- National Headquarters Website www.legion.org (NADHAL is in the process of adding a link from this site.)
- American Legion Emblem Sales www.emblem.legion.org
- Department of Wisconsin www.wilegion.org

The Department Historian can use your help also. If the Department Commander visits your posts please send picture or other documentation regarding the event to the Historian’s attention at Department Headquarters. Good Luck!