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Dear Colleague:

It is my pleasure to announce that the guidelines for the 2025 Department History Contest and Post Showcase are available for download at <https://legionhistoryshowcase.omeka.net/> under “2025 History Contest and Showcase.”

Please keep in mind as you read through the guidelines there are several substantial changes including (1) only Department yearbooks will be judged as part of the national contest, and (2) there will not be a separate category for narratives and picture yearbooks. Both styles of books will be accepted and judged using one standard. I will be drafting new guidance and training for judges to ensure they are judging the books equally and consistently.

For the 2025 contest and showcase, departments will be able to submit:

- 1 **digital** Department history, covering one year (these entries will be judged and showcased on the online exhibit);
- 1 **digital** Post history, covering one year (these entries will be showcased on the online exhibit); and
- 1 **hard-copy** Post history, covering one year (these entries will be showcased at National Convention).

Submission details for the history and showcase will be provided directly to Department Adjutants via communication from me next year.

These guidelines can be used by departments who want to host their own contest. They can also be used by county, area and district historians throughout The American Legion for the development of a well-rounded history, whether they enter their work into a department-sponsored contest or not. Ultimately, developing an American Legion history at any level is more than just about entering a contest – it is about providing future generations with a tangible resource to help them remember what was done in the past and remain inspired to continue moving The American Legion forward.

Sincerely,

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