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Calendar of Events

August 28, 2021, Saturday at 11:30 am — National Historian's Luncheon with NADHAL meeting to follow at National Convention at Phoenix, Arizona.

September 15, 2021—History books or certification forms must be at National Headquarters.

October 4-5, 2021 at 8:30 am —Judging of History Books and training in Indianapolis, IN.

October 5, 2021 at 10 am —NADHAL meeting at the American Legion Library in Indianapolis, IN.

From National Historian James "Jim" A. Mariner

American Legion Family Historians and Members,

It is so good to be meeting in person face to face again as we begin opening our communities. American Legion Family Historians and Members worldwide in their communities, states and nation have been wearing masks, social distancing and keeping safe for the last fifteen months that in history a worldwide pandemic like COVID-19 has not occurred since 1918 – 1920 with the flu worldwide pandemic. We want to give our prayers to those who have lost their loved ones due to this pandemic.

Even with the COVID-19 restrictions, our National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford has kept The American Legion communication going to our members



with e-mails, Dispatch, Legion Magazine, Legion On-Line and telephone conferencing to include virtual meetings with our NEC, National Commissions, National Committees, Washington Conference, travel to different locations and National Associations. Here we also need to thank our National Library Director-Curator Howard Trace and Ruth Rankin to include our National Library Staff and our National IT Staff for all they do for our American Legion.

As an example of our National Staff while the national history book contests are going on, Howard Trace a proud

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Sons of The American Legion Member in Indianapolis, Indiana is working with The American Legion Sub-Committee on Resolutions to make sure that the resolutions are in the proper format for our National Executive Committee to vote on. If you get a chance go into our national American Legion website, go into Library and Museum then digital archives where there is a wealth of information on our American Legion. While Ruth Rankin of our National Library Staff is assisting with our National History Book Contests.

The guest speakers at our National Historian's Luncheon at the National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona will be Past National Commander Denise Rohan speaking about being the first female National Commander and Cathi M. Taylor, Archivist at The American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana. Check out The American Legion Auxiliary website and go into history to view some history of The American Legion Auxiliary. It was interesting talking with Cathi on the phone talking about The American Legion Auxiliary getting ready for The American Legion National Convention in 1919 where there were many women at typewriters getting ready for the convention. The American Legion Auxiliary was birthed at The American Legion National Convention on November 10, 1919. Cathi will be bringing her 91-year-old mother with her to the National Historians Luncheon.

Here in New Mexico, we held our first Department-State Convention in October 1919 where Mrs. M. E. Roberts of Fort Bayard, New Mexico was the only female veteran attending this convention and was elected to attend the first American Legion National Convention in the United States in November of 1919.

In NADHAL, we have talked for years about adding an electronic history contest to our Narrative and Yearbook National Contests. Here we need to

make sure that our National Library has the resources to judge an electronic contest. We have the guidelines for the Narrative History Book and the Yearbook History Book in the most current Officer's Guide, but we need to develop guidelines for an electronic history book along with the judging criteria. Currently if submitting a disk and/or flash/thumb drive the book would need to be printed using the guidelines in our most current Officer's Guide for judging.

In closing I am looking forward to seeing everyone at The American Legion, 2021 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona and at our National Historian's Luncheon. Have safe travels.

James "Jim" A. Mariner,
The American Legion
National Historian

From NADHAL President Robin Shingleton



I hope everyone is safe and well. Covid-19 has changed or touched all our lives in one way or another. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

I would like to say thank you to David Yoder and Ian Schneider from National IT Department; they took time to do a dry run on the 10 April 2021 to ensure everyone could get into Zoom plus

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informed us how to navigate while in the program. Also, they helped monitor and guide us during the actual meeting. I would also like to thank the National Library and Museum Director Howard Trace; he ensured all NADHAL members were included in the meeting and received an electronic invitation. NADHAL had its first virtual meeting via Zoom on the 17th of April 2021; it was interesting to say-the-least. The methods for a virtual versus an in-person meeting varies some, for example, when a person stands up for what they normally do in an in-person meeting, the only thing on the screen is the design of one's shirt. It was a learning experience for most NADHAL members. Thanks to everyone who helped keep the meeting on track and gave their inputs.

The History and Narrative books certification forms, only for 2020, should have been sent to National by May 1, 2021; they would not be judged; however, the books submitted will be returned and all books and certification forms received will receive a certificate. The submission deadline to National for the History and Narrative books for 2021 is 15 September 2021. Please let me know if you have any questions.

If you haven't paid your NADHAL dues; please mail your dues and NADHAL pin requests to Lynne Rollins at 9685 Reinhardt College Pkwy, Waleska, GA 30182. The dues are \$5.00 per year or life time membership is \$100.00. The NADHAL pins are \$7.00 each. If you have any questions, please contact Lynne at 770-479-4613 or lynnerollins1@yahoo.com.

The next events will be the National Convention August 27-September 2, 2021; where the National Historian James A. Mariner will be hosting a luncheon. Please keep your eyes out for an invitation. I hope to see you there. I may be contacted via email at rshingleton@students.salem.edu or phone at 304-641-6343.

Take Care of One Another
Robin T. Shingleton
NADHAL President

Honorary NADHAL Life Members

2007 *Delfo Barabani and
*Roy Mahoney
2008 Joseph Hovish
2009 *Barbara Stuvengen
2010 *Helen Jacobs
2011 No nominations
2012 No nominations
2013 *Carl Wipperman
2014 JoEllen Gazvoda
2015 Denise Rohan
2016 Brett Reistad
2017 Martha Arling
2018 Lynda Lydick
2019 No nominations
2020 No nomination, no meeting
*Deceased members

NADHAL Membership

NADHAL membership is from 1 Jan to 31 Dec. Dues are \$5 per year and can be made out to NADHAL and mailed to Lynne Rollins, 9685 Reinhardt College Pkwy, Waleska, GA 30183. Her email address is: lynnerollins1@yahoo.com phone: home 770-479-4613 and cell 770-548-4300. You must be or have been a Department Historian or National Historian to be eligible to join.

Post Everlasting

Those past historians going on to Post Everlasting recently are Andrew Barylski Jr, George Boddie, Robert Bowen, Stephen German, George Hall, Darrel Haskell, Raymond St John Sr, and H David Smith.

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The price of freedom
is eternal vigilance.**