

Historian

The work of post historian is cumulative. It is wise to leave it in the hands of one person as long as it's being handled well. The office is a suitable position for a past post commander.

There should be close cooperation between the post adjutant and the historian. The former works with the records on matters of current interest, the latter on matters of historical interest. The post historian should also keep in touch with the department historian and be prompt in answering inquiries. An annual report should be made to the department historian just before the department convention.

Copies of whatever is printed concerning the post should be deposited in local and state libraries, as well as in the post and department archives. This will prevent complete loss of valuable records through fire or other calamity, as well as provide material for those looking for information about the Legion. An outline for a one year post narrative history and yearbook is provided in the appendix (see pages 147-156).

The post historian should attend department conventions and make a point of knowing what historians of neighboring posts are doing. The department historian can advise post historians on department and national post history contests, historians associations, and materials that will assist in doing a better job.