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PORTLAND, Ore. --- (ALNS) The Little Bills of Commonwealth Edison Post 118 of The American Legion, Chicago, Ill., have retaken the championship senior color guard title during the Legion's 47th National Convention, Aug. 20-26, here.

Scoring 91.80 points in the senior color guard contest of the convention's uniformed groups competition, the Little Bills edged out, by .95 point, last year's champion unit from the First National Bank of Chicago Post 985, which wound up with a total of 90.85 points.

Complete **unofficial results** of the senior color guard competition are as follows:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POST NO.</u>	<u>CITY & STATE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1	Little Bills	118	Chicago, Ill.	91.80
2	First National Bank of Chicago	985	Chicago, Ill.	90.85
3	Coachmen	394	Detroit, Mich.	86.95
4	Rogers Rangers	18	Bloomington, Ind.	85.55
5	Lake Region Post	703	Fox Lake, Ill.	85.05
6	Leathernecks	169	Portland, Ore.	83.45

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PORTLAND, Ore.---(ALNS)---The Little Bills of Commonwealth Edison Post 118 of Chicago, Ill., have taken top honors in The American Legion's firing squad competition during the 47th National Convention, Aug. 20-26 here.

PORTLAND, Ore.---(ALNS)---The Singing Legionnaires of Post 15, Sioux Falls, S. D., have retained their title as the national champion chorus by scoring 95.92 points out of a possible 100 during the Legion's 47th National Convention here in the city of Roses, Aug. 20-26.

Top honors in the male quartet competition also went to American Legion Post 15. The quartet scored 89.75 in the contest conducted at the Hilton Hotel in Portland on Aug. 22.

PORTLAND, Ore.---(ALNS)---Here are the uniformed groups champions as the result of the various contests staged during the 47th National Convention of The American Legion, Aug. 20-26, here:

Senior Drum and Bugle Corps - Gray Knight Post Crusaders, Post 952, Monroe, N.Y.

Junior Drum and Bugle Corps - Royal Aires, Post 96, Cicero, Ill.

Senior Color Guard - Little Bills, Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago, Ill.

Junior Color Guard - Muchachos, Post 199, Hawthorne, N. J.

Firing Squad - Little Bills, Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago, Ill.

Senior Band - Harwood Post Memorial Band, Post 5, Joliet, Ill.

Junior Band - Lake Band, Post 180, Milwaukee, Wis.

Chorus - The Singing Legionnaires, Post 15, Sioux Falls, S. D.

Quartet - Sioux Falls Male Quartet, Post 15, Sioux Falls, S. D.

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PORTLAND, Ore. ---(ALNS)--- The Machachos of American Legion Post 199, Hawthorne, N. J., have captured the national championship crown of junior color guards during the Legion's 47th National Convention, Aug. 20-26, here. The snappy color guard unit from the Garden State posted a score of 85.70 to top 18 other competitors.

Complete **unofficial results** of the junior color guard competition are as follows:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POST NO.</u>	<u>CITY AND STATE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1.	Machachos	199	Hawthorne, N. J.	85.70
2.	Thunderbirds	124	Seattle, Wash.	84.90
3.	Americanettes	225	Bellflower, Calif.	84.70
4.	Trooper Cadets	2	Casper, Wyo.	84.40
5.	Shamrocks	11	Seattle, Wash.	83.60
6.	Magicians	19	Muncie, Ind.	83.25
7.	Northernairs	11	Fairbanks, Alaska	80.60
8.	Highlanders	144	Opa Locka, Fla.	80.30
9.	Anaheim Angels	72	Anaheim, Calif.	80.05
10. (Tie)	Blue Angels	2	Newton, Kan.	79.90
11. (Tie)	Royal Lancers	1	Portland, Oregon	79.90
12.	Thunderbird Cadets	124	Seattle, Wash.	79.80
13.	Blue Angels	78	Auburn, Wash.	79.65
14.	La Sabers	9	Salem, Ore.	77.90
15.	Rock Springs Police Cadets	24	Rock Springs, Wyo.	77.30
16.	Flamingos	136	Salem, Ore.	77.25
17.	Legionettes	27	Long Beach, Calif.	77.00
18.	Los Angeles Police Post	381	Los Angeles, Calif.	76.60
19.	Multnomada	30	Portland, Ore.	75.30

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PORTLAND, Ore. ---(ALNS)--- Two new stars have burst into view in the galaxy of American Legion pageantry with the crowning of new junior and senior drum and bugle corps champions during the Legion's 47th National Convention, Aug. 20-26, here. The top senior corps for 1965 is the Grey Knight Post Crusaders of Post 952, Monroe, N. Y.; the champion junior unit is the Royal Aires, sponsored by Post 96, Cicero, Ill.

An appreciative crowd of some 15,000 in Multnomah Stadium thrilled to the spectacle of the intensified competition which saw the Crusaders take the crown from the Hawthorne Caballeros, Post 199, Hawthorne, N. J., who had held the coveted title for seven consecutive years. The battle was a close one. The victor's margin was by only .08 point.

In the junior corps competition, the newcomer Royal Aires, displaying flawless control in dynamics and spectacular precision in marching and maneuvering, took the title from the defending champion, The Garfield Cadets, sponsored by Post 255, Garfield, N. J. The Royal Aires' success story was given further flavor by the handicap they faced by arriving after a 72-hour bus trip, just before the Sunday morning elimination preliminaries with no more time available than to get into uniform and into competition.

The victory of the junior drum and bugle corps from Illinois marked the first time since 1947 that the championship has gone to other than a New Jersey unit.

The enthusiastic crowd showed little favoritism toward any of the ten competing units, giving all contestants a hearty roar of approval as they painted a continuing series of geometric patterns in the brilliant colors of their uniforms and banners. Many a foot in the stadium audience was tapping to the syncopated rhythms of such popular favorites as "Birth of the Blues," "Yellow Bird," "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Perfidia," "Poinciana," and several themes from "My Fair Lady."

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Complete **unofficial results** of the national finals, junior and senior drum and bugle corps, are as follows:

Senior Drum & Bugle Corps

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POST NO.</u>	<u>CITY & STATE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1	Grey Knight Post Crusaders	952	Monroe, N. Y.	83.66
2	Hawthorne Caballeros	199	Hawthorne, N. J.	83.58
3	Joaquin Caballeros	16	Stockton, Calif.	63.88
4	Hamm's Indians	501	Ransey, Minn.	61.18
5	Leathernecks	169	Milwaukie, Ore.	46.41

Junior Drum & Bugle Corps

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POST NO.</u>	<u>CITY & STATE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1	Royal Aires	96	Cicero, Ill.	84.51
2	Garfield Cadets	255	Garfield, N. J.	82.15
3	Muchachos	199	Hawthorne, N. J.	73.8
4	Argonne Rebels	180	Great Bend, Kan.	69.21
5	Shasrocks	11	Seattle, Wash.	57.9

PORTLAND, Ore. --- (ALNS)--- An added treat for the drowd attending the drum and bugle corps finals and "Parade of Champions" during The American Legion's 47th National Convention, Aug. 20-26, here, was a spectacular fireworks display at the close of the competition.

The pyrotechnic display, presented by Red Devil Fireworks Company, included not only colorful serial features but also ground displays saluting The American Legion, National Commander Donald E. Johnson, the doughboy of World War I and the GI of World War II, and a memorial to the many servicemen who have made the supreme sacrifice.
