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PORTLAND, ORE.—(ALNS)—The finest of American Legion sponsored Senior and Junior Drum and Bugle Corps will compete for the 1970 American Legion national championships in the Parade of Champions set for 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 30, in Portland Civic Stadium here.

A combination of 12 Senior and Junior Corps are scheduled to participate in the performance at the stadium as determined by preliminary competition on Sunday morning, and will compete for the national championships in their respective divisions in the Parade of Champions.

Always an American Legion National Convention highlight, the Parade of Champions produces one of the most stirring patriotic performances by precision marching and maneuvering musical units to be seen anywhere in the land.

Preliminary communications received by the Legion's Contest Coordinator indicate that most of the defending national champions in the several areas of competition will come to this Convention City to defend their crowns.

The Yankee Rebels, of Post 20, Baltimore, Md., are the defending American Legion National Championship Senior Corps, and the Cavaliers, of Post 985, Chicago, Ill., are the defending champion Junior Corps.

The Parade of Champions is the only event of The American Legion National Convention open to the general public for which there is an admission charge. Reserved seats for this thrilling performance are \$2.50 and general admission is \$2. On all orders received prior to Aug. 15, there will be a 50¢ discount. Checks should be made payable to The American Legion 1970 National Convention Corporation of Oregon, and directed to the Convention Corporation office at 1119 S.W. Park Ave., Portland, Ore. 97205.

Preliminary competition of Junior and Senior Drum and Bugle Corps events will be conducted at Marshall High School, 3905 S.E. 91st Ave., with the Juniors Corps starting the program on Sunday morning and the Seniors scheduled immediately on completion of the Junior competition.

Conventioneers, guests and the general public are welcome to attend the preliminary events for which there is no admission charge.

Contest officials expect a large turnout of Junior Corps, particularly from the Northwest, due to the Convention dates scheduled prior to the start of the school year.

The Seagrams Posts of The American Legion again will provide four new Ford automobiles which will be awarded to eligible members of The American Legion or the American Legion Auxiliary during the evenings proceedings.

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All of the uniformed groups which compete in the Parade of Champions and other areas of convention competition such as preliminary contests, will participate in the giant American Legion National Convention parade on Monday, Aug. 31.

Contesting for American Legion National Championships in other areas of competition will be: Junior and Senior Color Guards, Junior and Senior Bands, Firing Squads, Motorcycle Drill Teams, and Choruses and Quartets.

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PORTLAND, ORE.--(ALNS)--Mrs. R. Michael Howard of Oklahoma City, Okla., who, as 17-year-old Patricia Ann Turner, won the 1962 American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest, will make a return speaking engagement for the Legion.

Mrs. Howard will be a featured speaker before the Legion's National Americanism Commission sessions at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 29, during the Legion's 52nd National Convention here.

While much of Mrs. Howard's time is taken up these days by her young son, Rick, born Oct. 8, 1968, she still manages to find time for a heavy schedule of civic activities.

She has just completed a year's term as president of Kappa Alpha Theta Junior Alumnae Group. She is a member of the Woman's Committee of the Oklahoma City Symphony, Lyric Theatre Guild, Oklahoma City Panhellenic Council and the American Legion Auxiliary (in her hometown of Muskogee, Okla.).

The Howards, who are both graduates of the University of Oklahoma, hope to get their masters degree next year. Her husband, Mike, is an IBM marketing representative

After completing OU with a major in radio-television speech, Mrs. Howard worked for a brief time as operations manager with KWTU in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Howard won the 1962 Oratorical events in Salt Lake City, Utah, and a \$4,000 college scholarship on the 17th anniversary of the loss of her father in Japan during World War II. Lt. Col. Doyne L. Turner, a B-29 squadron commander, died when his plane was shot down on a mission over Japan.

Mrs. Howard is one of only two girl winners in the 33 years the national contest has been held.

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INDIANAPOLIS--(ALNS)--Robert M. McCurdy, former American Legion National Rehabilitation Commission Chairman, has been admitted to the Wadsworth VA Hospital, Los Angeles, according to Lewis S. Sloneker, Director of Rehabilitation for the Legion's Department of Calif.

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"Wonder is the child's special gift, his way of viewing the world. The adult who seeks to have a meaningful dialogue with the child must himself know how to wonder and delight in the world around him." -- Vicki Klaras and Richard Mowsesian.

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PORTLAND, ORE.--(ALNS)--The Santa Clara Vanguard of American Legion Post 564, Santa Clara, Calif., captured the national championship crown of junior color guards during the Legion's 52nd National Convention here.

Scoring 92.70 points in the junior color guard contest of the convention's uniformed groups competition, the Santa Clara Vanguard edged out, by .10 point, the Imperials of American Legion Post 185, Seattle, Wash. The Imperials compiled a score of 92.60.

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	Santa Clara Vanguard	564	Santa Clara, Calif.	92.70
2	Imperials	186	Seattle, Wash.	92.60
3	Americanettes	225	Bellflower, Calif.	92.15
4	Velvet Knights	354	Buena Park, Calif.	91.45
5	Cascades	227	Seattle, Wash.	88.95
6	Flamingo "A"	136	Salem, Ore.	87.30
7	Royal Lancers	1	Portland, Ore.	87.00
8	Cascade Cadets	227	Seattle, Wash.	85.35
9	Glendale Chinese	127	Glendale, Calif.	84.60
10	Flamingo Cadet	136	Salem, Ore.	83.80
11	Titans Black	68	Bremerton, Wash.	83.55
12	Thunderbirds	124	Seattle, Wash.	81.95
13	La Senorita's	112	Seattle, Wash.	81.65
14	Titans Turquoise	68	Bremerton, Wash.	78.75
15	Rangers of Eastern Ore.	23	Fendleton, Ore.	75.10
16	Imperial Cadets	146	Portland, Ore.	75.05
17	Hilburnettes (Auxiliary Unit)	11	Douglas, Ariz.	64.40



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PORTLAND, ORE.--(ALNS)--The Yankee Rebels of Post 20, Baltimore, Md., retained the championship of the Senior Drum and Bugle Corps competition, with a score of 80.20, at the 52nd National Convention of The American Legion here.

Displaying "precision plus" control in marching and maneuvering, along with expert drumming and bugling, the Yankee Rebels thrilled an appreciative crowd of some 20,000 in Portland Civic Stadium.

Placing second were the Laidlaw's Brass, Inc., Post 208, Minneapolis, Minn., followed by the Harvey W. Seeds Legion of Brass, Post 29, Miami, Fla.

Santa Clara Vanguard of Post 564, Santa Clara, Calif., captured the Junior Drum and Bugle Corps crown during the finals competition with a score of 80.40.

Complete **unofficial results** of the Drum and Bugle Corps final contest follow:

Senior Drum & Bugle Corps

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>POST NO.</u>	<u>CITY & STATE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1	Yankee Rebels (Defending Champions)	20	Baltimore, Md.	80.20
2	Laidlaw's Brass, Inc.	208	Minneapolis, Minn.	47.40
3	Harvey W. Seeds Legion of Brass	29	Miami, Fla.	45.35

Junior Drum & Bugle Corps

1	Santa Clara Vanguard	564	Santa Clara, Calif.	80.40
2	Kingsmen 29th District,	291	Newport Beach, Calif.	76.65
3	Velvet Knights	354	Buena Park, Calif.	68.10
4	Imperials	186	Seattle, Wash.	65.90
5	Commodores	789	Stockton, Calif.	63.05
6	Appleton Americanos	38	Appleton, Wis.	60.65
7	Glendale Chinese	127	Glendale, Calif.	57.25
8	Seattle Shamrocks	160	Seattle, Wash.	56.05
9	Hawks	14	Vancouver, Wash.	53.00



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PORTLAND, ORE.--(ALNS)--Here are the champions of the various uniformed groups competition at The American Legion's 1970 National Convention:

Senior Drum and Bugle Corps - Yankee Rebels, Post 20, Baltimore, Md. (second successive year);

Junior Drum and Bugle Corps - Santa Clara Vanguard, Post 564, Santa Clara, Calif.

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

Junior Color Guard - Santa Clara Vanguard, Post 564, Santa Clara, Calif.;

Senior Band - A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.;

Junior Band - Los Angeles Police, Post 381, Los Angeles, Calif.;

Motorcycle Drill Team - Indianapolis Police, Post 56, Indianapolis, Ind.;

Firing Squad - Little Bills, Post 118, Chicago, Ill.;

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

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

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PORTLAND, ORE.--(ALNS)--The Singing Legionnaires of Post 15, Sioux Falls, S.D., with a score of 99.38, regained the title of national champion chorus at The American Legion's 52nd National Convention here. The unit was champion in 1967.

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PORTLAND, ORE.--(ALNS)--Scoring 96.75 points, The Sioux Falls Legion of Post 15, Sioux Falls, S.D., is the new national champions in quartet competition at The American Legion's 52nd National Convention here.

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PORTLAND, ORE.--(ALNS)--Four new 1970 Ford automobiles have been presented to American Legionnaires during the 24th annual Seagrams Posts Ford Awards at The American Legion's 52nd National Convention here. Recipients of the new cars are: Earl H. Multog, Post 483, Homewood, Ill.; Charles J. Catholdi, Post 227, Newark, N.J.; Harold P. Sleeman, Post 275 (Lisbon, Ohio), Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Aaron S. Frederick, Post 262, Wilson, Kansas.

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