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THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
THE AMERICAN LEGION

TO MY LEGION FAMILY:



DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE MEETING

APRIL 22, 2017 @ 10:00 AM

SWEENEY POST 2, MANCHESTER NH

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

I am leaving the following information for the convention in this month's issue of my newsletter in case you missed it last month. Time is going by fast and deadlines are going to come and go. Make note of them otherwise you may miss something.

I am also including the deadline for submitting Memorial Service names of deceased from your Post which is **MAY 1ST**. Our Chaplin is working hard this year to make this service a success which as many know was not the case last year. There were many names missing last year because Posts did not take the time to respect those members deceased in the last 12 months to submit those names to us. We do not have the time or ability to research deceased members and we count on Posts to submit those names on all its deceased members to include Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL. Names should be submitted to Department Chaplin Mike Pollitt, email: littmich@yahoo.com. Or to Department Headquarters, attention of Lisa or myself and we will get them to the Chaplin.

Please do not forget those members that have dedicated their lives to this great organization and to the service of our veterans.

The 99th Department Convention, being held in Lincoln NH, May 19 – 22, 2017, is fast approaching. The costs of the Ad book have been posted.

**ADVERTISE YOUR POST, UNIT OR SQUADRON
IN THE
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AD BOOK**

PRICE LIST

| | BLACK & WHITE | | BOTH (business and Post) |
|---------------|---------------|----------|--------------------------|
| | POST | BUSINESS | COLOR |
| Full Page | \$175 | \$250 | * \$400 |
| ½ Page | \$125 | \$175 | \$250 |
| ¼ Page | \$100 | \$125 | \$100 |
| BUSINESS CARD | | \$ 75 | \$100 |

*note: \$500 inside back and front covers

The Ad Forms can be found on the website, www.legionnh.org/page/content/members/department-convention-information.

*****AT THIS TIME WE CANNOT ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS*****
SEND YOUR CHECK, YOUR AD, AND THIS FORM TO:

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NH
121 SOUTH FRUIT ST STE 103
CONCORD, NH 03301

Ads and payment must be at Department by May 1

The following is information on the banquet:

CONVENTION BANQUET

The Convention Banquet will be held at the INDIAN HEAD HOTEL, in LINCOLN, NH on Saturday May 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Social hour will be at 6:00 pm. All American Legion Family members are welcome to attend.

The cost of the ticket is \$30.00 per dinner with a choice of Beef or Fish

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND SEND IT TO:

VERNON LEIGHTON
374 Hayward St
Manchester, NH 03103

Forms for the Banquet can be found on the website at www.legionnh.org/view/document/convention_banquet_2017.pdf

**DEADLINE: MAY 5, 2017 CONTACT PERSON VERN
LEIGHTON 785-9622**

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 99th National Convention will be held in **Reno Nevada, August 18 – 24, 2017**. The Department of New Hampshire will be staying in the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino Hotel, 2500 East Second Street, Reno, NV 89595. I recommend to those of you wishing to go to this convention this year that you start making plans now.
<https://www.grandsierraresort.com/>

The cost per night is \$115.00 + 13% tax + \$2.00 Tourism Tax = \$132.00 a night. I have King and Queen rooms available. Right now I have 23 rooms assigned to this Department. However the Keene Band from Post 4 has decided to join us this year and will also be competing in the National Band Competition along with joining us in the parade.

There is free parking and valet parking available at the hotel. This particular Hotel has a lot of amenities available within the hotel to include many restaurants, activities for the family, and of course gambling.

A copy of the housing form, along with other information is on the website which needs to be back to me with a one night deposit by **July 1, 2017**, www.legionh.org/page/content/members/national-convention-information. Even though the deadline is July 1st, I would like to have names to me of those that know they are going for sure now. I need to get a idea of how many rooms I might have left because I need to set up the Keene Band this year too and may have to request more rooms beyond the 24 I have now. I appreciate any assistance in this since the hotel we are going to has 17 departments staying in it.

The banquet tickets this year will be \$47.00 a piece. I need people to get back with me as soon as possible on how many tickets they might want. I originally will order 30 tickets, but if there is more that want to go, I need those numbers before national sells out. After that it is first come first serve for any tickets that departments might have left over.

I will be updating the national convention page as I get information. So please take a look when you get a chance. Just to give you an idea and round trip ticket to Reno is costing between \$1000 to \$1500 for 2 people depending on what airline you want to take and how many stops there are.

AMERICAN LEGION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

For the second time in a row, this Department has had its Department Law Enforcement Officer of the Year be selected as the Northeast Regional Winner as well. He was selected from Law Enforcement Officers from 9 different states in the northeast region. This year's winner is Officer Justin Pearse, from the Nashua Police Department. Officer Pearse now will be considered for National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for the American Legion to be announced later.

I would to thanks Officer Jeremy Charron Law Enforcement Post 122 for researching and selecting Officer Pearse for this award and he will be receiving his state and regional's awards at Department Convention this year. We wish you the best of luck in the National selection process.

LEGION MEMBERSHIP AND UPSIDE DOWN POSTS

In years past it was an acceptable practice to keep dues at a lower rate than the national recommendation in order to keep members happy, and hopefully reinforce the amount of members staying in the Post and moving elsewhere or just ending their memberships completely. National calls this Posts that have a Zero and Negative Post Per Capita, which means the Post losses money on every membership that comes into the Post to include renewals.

Some of our older and smaller Posts feel that because their expenses are not great because they either have no building or limited expenses for the month do not need to charge enough dues that would bring money into the Post regardless of the amount. Additionally Posts have not raised their dues for years for whatever reason and in some cases are losing upwards of \$8.00 dollars a member because they do not charge enough money in dues to cover the Department and Nation per-capita requirements, which stands at \$26.50 for both. This per-capita must be paid no matter how much a Post charges for dues or loses in dues itself. If not paid the Post runs the chance of losing its charter for non-payment of per-capita dues to Department and National organizations.

Whether these Posts have not changed the amount of their dues to at least match per-capita requirements because of their membership or because they just have so few members it does not matter and the loss is acceptable. The point is that it is highly recommended that if your Post is upside down in their dues they need to change that in order to not affect the future of the Post and or its membership.

Currently we have 7 Posts in this Department that are upside down and charge less than 26.50 a year in membership dues. District Commanders need to identify these Posts as well and work with them in order to get the correct amount of dues reported at the time the Post installation occurs.



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