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## THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE THE AMERICAN LEGION

**TO MY LEGION FAMILY:**



### 2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION

National Convention is upon us and for those Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion going to Cincinnati Ohio to represent this Department, I wish you safe travels and for a good convention. If you have not submitted for housing by now it is to late as well as getting credentials for entry into the convention area.

I will be sending out packages to those going with the information I have which will also be available on the website. I will be in Cincinnati by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August to get things ready for our delegation and make last minute arrangements. I will make myself available to those that need assistance throughout the convention.

If you have questions, feel free to take a look at the website, as well as give me a call if you need immediate assistance.

### DEPARTMENT COMMANDER NOTES

To all,

Due to the recent resignation of the Department Inter-Post Activities Committee Chairman and Department Golf Vice-chair, the 10 Sep 2016 Department Fall golf tournament to be held at Lochmere Country Club, 360 Laconia Road, Tilton, NH is cancelled. All entry fees received by Headquarters will be returned.

Thank you

Tom Wiley, Department Commander

### VA OFFICE HOURS AT PEASE AND INFO

FYI INFO ONLY

Just a reminder, the Manchester VA OEF/OIF/OND case management team will continue their regular visits to Pease Air National Guard Base. The focus of these visits will be to provide our Airmen/Veterans/Retirees with better access to the VA services.

Date: Tuesday, 9 August 2016

Who: Current serving service members, retirees and veterans

Location: Airman & Family Readiness Program Office, Building 145, 2nd floor (Airman & Family Readiness/Chaplains area).

Times: Individual appointments will be made. Please email [bonnie.l.rice.civ@mail.mil](mailto:bonnie.l.rice.civ@mail.mil) to schedule an appointment

What: Transitioning from deployment or the military can present challenges to Service Member/ Veteran and the people closest to them. Many resources are available to you to help make your transition as smooth as possible. The VA OEF/OIF/OND case management team job is to assist you with this process and in navigating the VA system. They can assist you with registering with the VA, establishing initial appointments, answering questions and addressing any concerns about VA services. They can also work with you to identify community or VA services that could assist you based on your needs. Some examples could be:

- \* Employment resources
- \* Financial resources
- \* Housing resources/programs
- \* Care Coordination
- \* Readjustment concerns
- \* Mental Health appointments
- \* Dental exam (if eligible)
- \* Coordination with Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA) related to claims for illness or injuries related to your service.
  
- \* Other inquiries - just ask! If we don't have the answer we will find it.

If you are not sure if you need this service, come talk to the VA Representative and you can figure it out together.

## PHONE SCAM SEEKS DONATIONS IN NAME OF WOUNDED-VETERANS GROUP

The Military Order of the Purple Heart — a congressionally chartered service organization for active-duty and combat-wounded veterans — is warning about a telephone scam being conducted in its name. Unknown individuals have been cold-calling people across the United States, often from 315-516-2512, and requesting donations for the upcoming presidential election. The callers say they're doing so on behalf of MORPH and mention the name of the group's national commander, Robert Puskar.

"The public should be informed that these calls are a hoax," a MORPH statement said. "MORPH remains an apolitical organization and, as such, 'shall not contribute to or otherwise support or assist any political party of candidate for public office.'"

The statement asks people to contact local authorities if they receive such calls.

MORPH was formed in 1932 "for the protection and mutual interest of all combat wounded veterans and active-duty men and women who have received a Purple Heart, the statement said. The group also helps with Veterans Administration claims, homelessness and employment assistance. (*Jon Anderson, August 2, 2016, Stars and Stripes Publishing*)

## Exciting Announcement about Your No-Cost LegionCare Coverage

If you enrolled in the Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) **LegionCare No-Cost AD&D Program** prior to 1/1/2015, your coverage was set to expire on August 31, 2016. We know that many of you have not re-upped for the program. **LegionCare is such an important benefit that we couldn't have you lose it through overlooking this.**

The Legionnaire Insurance Trust took action to make sure this wouldn't happen. We negotiated with the insurance company and are pleased to announce that if you signed up for LegionCare coverage and remain a member of the Legion Family, you will no longer have to worry about any expiration. Your coverage is now one and done.

If you have never signed up, you still need to do so. When you do, you'll never have to sign up again.

**Here's a brief review of LegionCare.** All dues-paying Legion Family members have the opportunity to enroll in LegionCare, a complimentary NO COST accidental death benefit provided to you by the Legionnaire Insurance Trust.

LegionCare provides you with:

- \$5,000 in Accidental Death Coverage for covered accidents that occur if you are traveling on official Legion business. \*
- \$1,000 for all other covered accidents.
- 24/7 protection that covers members at home, at work and while they are travelling away from home.

Plus, LegionCare is now available to all members of the Legion Family including the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion members 18 years and older.

You are guaranteed this NO COST benefit with no health questions, no hidden qualifications as long as you sign up one time. There is no reason for you or your members to pass up your opportunity for this important benefit.

If you haven't signed up for LegionCare at all yet, you can enroll now on [www.TheLIT.com](http://www.TheLIT.com). Don't miss out on this valuable benefit provided to you by the Legionnaire Insurance Trust.

**To Enroll, visit [www.TheLIT.com](http://www.TheLIT.com)  
or call 1-800-235-6943.**

\* For purposes of the Legionnaire Insurance Trust, a member of the Legion Family, with current year's dues paid, could be eligible for the \$5,000.00 Accidental Death benefit if he/she is traveling to, attending, or returning from an official function at which the he/she represents his/her Post, District, Department, Unit, Squadron or National Organization in an official capacity. Bonus benefit for Legion business travel in not available in MN and NH.

### **Brief Notes**

You may not be aware of an extensive archive of resolutions, digests and magazine articles readily accessible on line. [www.archive.legion.org](http://www.archive.legion.org). I commend it to you.

The Department of New Hampshire membership goal for 2017 is set at 17,050. Goals for individual Posts will be out soon. But to put this number in perspective the 2017 goal is 4030 members short of what our membership actually was in 2012 of 20,080. In 5 years we have lost over 4000 members in this Department. This averages to about 800 members a year or more. The question needs to be what will be the number in the next 5 years? Something to think about!

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